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County sets April debate on Confederate statue's future



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Lt. Eric Lindley of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, left, chats with residents Rick Griffin and Bill Clark as they stood near the Chatham County Historic Courthouse Monday. Sheriff's deputies erected barriers around the area after rumors of a planned protest over Pittsboro's Confederate soldier statue at the site.

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — As a rumored protest fizzled just outside the walls of the meeting room, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners set aside a date and time to hear public concerns and comments about the “Our Confederate Heroes” statue in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro.

The commissioners’ next meeting, slated for 6 p.m. on April 15, will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center to allow for presentations and suggestions about whether the statue should remain where it is.

That didn’t stop multiple residents on both sides of the issue from speaking during the public comments period at Monday’s county board meeting, even though the monument wasn’t a

topic on the night’s agenda.

Chatham resident Steve Roberts, donning a T-shirt with the image of a monument similar to the Chatham statue, ended his remarks with “God bless the South” as he argued that the Civil War, or at least those in Chatham County who fought for the Confederacy, was not about slavery but about people defending their homeland.

“We have become a people that are offended by anything and everything,” Roberts said. “How in the world can a statue that has stood for 112 years all of a sudden make people shudder with fear? If the statue is removed, does that mean we will have peace and everyone will be happy? I think not.”

Another speaker was Elizabeth Haddix, co-director of the Julius L. Chambers Center for

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IN CHATHAM PARK

Tree protection work session yields some changes

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A work session scheduled specifically so Pittsboro Commissioners could focus on Chatham Park’s proposed tree protection plan yielded a few changes Monday — and some frustration on the part of some commissioners and Chatham Park.

The plan, part of the 7,000 acres “additional elements” to Chatham Park’s already-approved master plan, was first introduced in 2016. In numerous board of commissioners’ meetings since, the town has received public comments and held discussions about the plan, making changes along the way.

The purpose of Monday’s discussion, as stated by Pittsboro Planning Director Jeff Jones, was to provide feedback on the plan to Chatham Park to Chuck Smith, the Vice President of Planning and Development for Preston Development overseeing the development of Chatham Park. Much, though not all, of the discussion, was focused on areas of confusion and requests for clarity.

The discussion, which lasted three hours, languished at points as commissioners spent long stretches of the work session in silence. Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry

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Restored Model A catches eyes, snags trophies



Staff photo by Randall Riggsbee

At age 72, James ‘Peanut’ Collins has owned somewhere close to 500 cars; but his favorite is the 1931 Model A Ford he bought in 2016 and lovingly restored.

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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PITTSBORO — Between October 1927 and March 1932, the Ford Motor Company produced more than four million Model A automobiles.

Once ubiquitous on roadways throughout the United States, the Model A was available in several incarnations: coupe, sedan, station wagon and truck, with variations including three- and five-window models.

Model A sightings are, understandably, much rarer on contemporary roadways. But around Pittsboro, you stand a good chance of seeing one. And if you do, it’s likely you’ll find James “Peanut” Collins behind the vintage steering wheel.

Collins — who has maintained a lasting association with cars, as a professional and as a hobbyist — realized a longtime goal in 2016 when

he purchased a 1931 Model A coupe from a seller in Sanford. He spent the next few months restoring it.

On a recent morning, the venerable vehicle was parked in a clearing at the summit of Collins’ steep, tree-lined gravel driveway in Chatham County’s hilly midsection, a few miles east of Pittsboro off U.S. 64 via Hadley Mill Road. But the car, not just a prized showpiece, doesn’t sit idle for long. Despite its 88 years, the antique car sees a lot of road action.

“I drive it just about every day,” Collins said.

The 72-year-old car enthusiast purchased his Model A from its previous owner at a price he was very happy with — “I didn’t argue with him one bit,” Collins said — and immediately began investing hundreds of hours working on it at his home shop. He re-sanded it, re-primed it,



Staff photo by David Bradley

James ‘Peanut’ Collins carefully cleans the chrome in the engine compartment of his Model A.

and painted it, spending eight months on the project. His wife Faye helped with the upholstery work on the car’s original seat.

“I built the motor, the chassis,” he said. “I did a lot of welding and drilling and mea-

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Hindu temple headed for banks of Deep River

Moncure to be home of facility, 155-foot statue of deity Murugan

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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MONCURE — Moncure may soon be home to a Hindu temple with a very tall monument.

According to its website, the Carolina Murugan Temple will be located, along with “the tallest statue of Lord Murugan in the world” and multiple other buildings, on the bank of the Deep River on the Chatham side of the Chatham County-Lee County line. The listed address is 272 First Road, Moncure, which is near U.S. 1.

The temple’s organizers have purchased more than 130 acres for the facility, which would include a 155-foot statue of Murugan, the Hindu god of war.

“The Carolina Murugan Temple will provide an experience of Tamil spiritual heritage and language to the international community in North Carolina,” the website states. “It also promotes economic

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• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will have its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on March 25 at Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

• The **Southwest Chatham Community Watch Meeting** will be held at 7 p.m. ON March 21 at Edward Hill Friends Church located at 92 Ed Leonard Road. A short class on the "Basic First Aid Skills" will be presented. Refreshments will be served. All area residents are invited.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

• It is National Poison Prevention Week and Safe Kids Chatham and the Sheriff's Office are collaborating to bring **Operation Medicine Drop** back just in time for spring cleaning! So clean out your medicine cabinets and get rid of expired or no longer needed medication and bring them to the Siler

City Walmart between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on March 23, or to a permanent drop box at any of the Chatham County law enforcement agencies or UNC Hospital during regular business hours.

• **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.

• 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.

SUNDAY

• **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.

• **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, co-workers, 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://thelocalchurchpb.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

• **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 Taner 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.

• Be a part of the **SPRING AG FEST** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 30 celebrating Chatham County Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, 1192 US 64 W Business, Pittsboro. The event offers something for all ages. Activities include livestock, exhibits, demonstrations, food trucks, and more. Come be part of the fun.

• The **Temple Theatre** presents Big River, Taste the Sweetest Taste of Freedom, adventures of Huckleberry Finn, through March 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.

• 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@chathamcoa.org.

• **Chatham Gravel, Driveway and Repair, LLC** will celebrate with a Ribbon Cutting at 11 a.m. on April 1 at their new location, 7688 US Hwy 64, Pittsboro. The Open House will continue to 3 p.m. They have relocated their existing business to a "brick and mortar" location. You are invited to be part of the celebration.

• 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 **Liberty Showcase Theatre** will present an original comedy production, *Moon Over Posterior*, April 25 and 26 at 8 p.m., April 27 at 2 and 8 p.m., and April 28 at 2 p.m., presented by Starr Productions. The story of a quiet country town, the day of the revered Sheriff's funeral, his casket missing, and he's disappeared too. A revealing photo of him may blow the town wide open!!! Tickets available at thelibertyshowcase.com.

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

terly meetings for May 2, August 1, and Nov. 7. The meeting sites for the year will be the Chatham County Detention Center, the new Mountaire Farms facility in Siler City, and the county's Emergency Operations Center in Pittsboro. Specific details for each meeting will be made known via media notification, county E-Notify, Facebook, and Twitter at least two weeks prior to the respective meeting dates. For information concerning hazardous material facilities in Chatham County or the LEPC in general, contact Emergency Management at 919-545-8163.

ALSO HAPPENING

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

• **Chatham County Council on Aging** presents their 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 2ndBloomVols@gmail.com.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Signs of Spring

Spring ephemerals are woodland perennial plants that emerge quickly in early spring before the leaves on woodland trees have filled out. They flower, produce seed, then go dormant for the rest of the growing season. They are here, but are fleeting. Liverwort, botanically known as *Hepatica americana*, was used as a tea leaf in folk and Native American medicine for treatment of liver ailments.

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Meet your 'new' county manager

Dan LaMontagne: hard work and perseverance pay off

BY CASEY MANN
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For nearly a decade, Dan LaMontagne has worked for Chatham County, first as its Solid Waste Director, then Environmental Quality Director, then Public Works Director, and then Assistant County Manager. With each promotion, he noted, he continued to perform duties from the previous position.

"Each time, Charlie [Horne, Paschal's predecessor] would say, 'Well you can just do the other stuff too, right?' and I'd say, 'Sure I can,'" LaMontagne said.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners officially selected LaMontagne for the position of County Manager on Monday, a role he has been performing as interim since October 1, 2018, after the retirement of Renee Paschal.

The motion to select LaMontagne during the Board of Commissioners meeting was made by Commissioner Jim Crawford.

"It is with great pleasure that I would like to put in the form of a motion that we make formal the relationship that the county has with our current county manager Dan LaMontagne," Crawford said. "I believe his record and the way that he's handled the job so far speaks for itself. So I'm very pleased to do this at this time."

Commissioner Walter Petty, who was unable to make the meeting, submitted a written statement to be read into the record.

"I am confident in the decision made to select Dan to this position," Petty wrote. "I have had the opportunity to watch him perform his duty over the last 10 years as a commissioner. He has had responsibilities in several departments and has led them with impressive management skills. His track record clearly speaks to his leadership skills. Additionally, I'd like to publicly thank Dan for his dedication and service to the citizens of Chatham County, and I look forward to your leadership as county manager."

LaMontagne's success was born from hard work and perseverance, though it's a journey he may not have expected. He admits that when he attended UNCW after high school, working was not necessarily his first thought.



DAN LAMONTAGNE

"I got an 'A' in sailboarding," he said. "It's the only 'A' I got. I ended up dropping out before they kicked me out for my grades."

After that, LaMontagne worked — a lot — at jobs that were decidedly physical in nature.

"I did nothing but manual labor," LaMontagne said.

He worked as a roofer, in a warehouse (becoming warehouse manager), and eventually worked in hazardous waste disposal and emergency response, deploying for train and truck wrecks and cleaning up hazardous waste.

"You know those guys in the moon suits?" LaMontagne asked. "Yeah, that was me."

After working so hard for many years, LaMontagne decided it was time to go back to school, deciding he wanted to earn an engineering degree from N.C. State.

"They laughed at me," he said, thinking about his previous academic record. "So I asked them what do I need to do to get in. I went to Wake Tech for two quarters and got straight A's."

N.C. State then asked LaMontagne to take Calculus I & II during two summer sessions, two hard classes during a truncated summer semester. He got straight A's in those as well, finally earning a spot in N.C. State's prestigious engineering program. He would

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DAN LAMONTAGNE, *Chatham County manager*

graduate Magma Cum Laude in only three and a half years, and now has his "PE" designation — that of Professional Engineer.

"If I hadn't been dedicated and committed to what I wanted to do, I never would have succeeded," he said.

With his environmental engineering degree, LaMontagne first worked with a private engineering firm, then moved to N.C. DENR's Division of Waste Management. In three years he was promoted three times. He eventually moved to positions at other local governments and even ran a landfill.

"I was on an excavator when I accepted the job at Chatham County," LaMontagne said.

LaMontagne says he's not afraid to put in the work. During his time at Chatham County, he built departments, negotiated agreements, and managed a variety of responsibilities. At one point, he had two different offices because of the diversity of his responsibilities required management at different locations.

"Being a leader is getting and keeping good people," he said. "I have built strong departments and trained really good department heads. I'm proud of what I've done here."

LaMontagne is looking forward to his new position and continuing to work with his staff and Chatham County leadership.

"I think it's the challenge," he said. "I like being challenged. I like the people. We have a really talented staff. They've been great to work with. We're like family."

His goals include "maintaining the talented staff that we have, continue to build relationships in the region," including municipalities in Chatham as well as the surrounding counties.

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TEMPLE: Will include yoga, meditation centers for community use

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growth and will bring social and charitable programs for residents of North Carolina...Our objective is to retain the traditional culture and rituals performed by Tamils for thousands of years and will follow 'Lord Muruga's Tamizh Vazhipaattu Murai' in all ceremonies and celebrations."

Amy Allocco, an associate professor of religious studies at Elon University, studied abroad in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, the home of the Tamils, as an undergrad and regularly visits the state for research as a professor. She said Muruga is a "warrior god" with "real significance" for Tamils.

"And so wherever Tamil people live outside of India, Muruga is popular," she said.

The website lists 27 donors, most of them from the Research Triangle Park area. One of those donors, Radha Ravi Varma, told the News + Record that the group chose Chatham County because of its proximity to RTP and availability of

land.

"Research Triangle Park is a melting pot for people from various countries and diverse cultures," Varma said. "Tamils are among them. The Tamil people not only in the RTP area but also in other parts of the world are well-educated professionals who contribute significantly toward their (home) economically and socially."

Allocco said temples like the proposed facility are significant for Hindus who don't live in India.

"In places where Hindus are the minority, like North Carolina, temples take on important community functions," she said. "They become community centers in important ways. If you're a young Hindu kid in North Carolina, you might go there to learn about the deities and the language and the history of your religion."

Varma said the site will feature the temple and statue, as well as soccer fields, an "open wedding area" and yoga and meditation centers that "will also be used by the local communi-

ty."

The initial site plan was submitted to the Chatham County Appearance Commission at its Dec. 19, 2018, meeting. According to minutes from the meeting, the commission voted unanimously for the project to proceed as stated.

The site drawings showed 60-foot buffers, "which are more than required," according to the minutes. Additionally, the minutes state, regarding the statute, "As the site is quite large, it did not present an appearance concern. The Owners reported that the statue has been officially cleared for interference with aircraft."

The land is zoned R-1 Residential. So the temple, like other places of worship like Christian churches or Jewish synagogues, does not require site plan approval from the county's Planning Board or Board of Commissioners under county ordinances.

Jason Sullivan, the county's planning director, told the News + Record that the planning staff initially expressed concerns



Submitted photo

The proposed Carolina Murugan Temple, slated for Moncure just east of U.S. Highway 1, includes a 155-foot statue of the Hindu god Murugan to be placed on the shores of the Deep River.

This place will reflect ancient South Indian architecture and sculptures. We hope everyone (will) experience and enjoy the art, sculpture and the environment of the temple.

RADHA RAVI VARMA, *organizer, Carolina Murugan Temple in Moncure*

about the statue. County zoning regulations state buildings can be no higher than 60 feet in residential areas. However, according to section 8.8 of Chatham zoning ordinances, height limitations do

not apply to monuments. Other exceptions include public buildings "not intended for residential purposes" and communications towers.

The statue's total height would reach 190

feet, since it would rest on a 35-foot pedestal.

Sullivan said there were multiple structures in the county that would be taller than the statue, including cell towers that reach 300 feet in height.

He added that its owners would still have to apply for building permits, which would trigger an official planning staff review of the site.

"There are a number of other permitting-related activities that would have to occur," Sullivan said. "From a planning department perspective, as the ordinances stand right now ... at this point it looks like everything would be approved."

He also said the statue could not be built first.

"You have to have the principal use established before accessory items are allowed," Sullivan said.

Varma told the News + Record that there is no set date for constructing the temple, that it might take "five to ten years to start the construction." In the meantime, he said his organization believes the statue and the facility "would not disturb anyone who lives nearby" due to the large size of the plot of land and mass of trees surrounding it.

"This temple will be a very quiet and unique place," he said. "This place will reflect ancient South Indian architecture and sculptures. We hope everyone (will) experience and enjoy the art, sculpture and the environment of the temple."

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How should we handle the Confederate statue discussion? With perspective

Rumors of a protest over Chatham County's "Our Confederate Heroes" monument in Pittsboro ramped up last week and eventually spread like butter melting over a piping hot ear of corn — person to person, on social media, in phone calls to neighbors and friends and conversations on the street.

A long-time Chatham County resident stopped in the offices of the News + Record on Friday morning to say he'd heard organizers were busing in protestors to Pittsboro from out of town; meanwhile, chatter on Facebook hinted at possible clashes between those bent on taking the statue down and those determined for it not to be "Silent Sam'd" away.

But instead of a large-scale demonstration, onlookers who gathered prior to Monday's meeting of the Chatham County commissioners were treated to nothing else but the sight of other onlookers, clustered in

small groups here and there as if waiting for an overdue bus or a pizza to be delivered.

By sunset, hours after having initially gathered, a handful of them remained adjacent to the monument, staving off the pre-spring chill with hands thrust in pockets.

Tuesday dawned with the statue in place, intact.

It was around mid-morning Monday that deputies from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office set up metal barriers at the old courthouse area, around the statue and the traffic circle. It was done "to help facilitate pedestrian foot traffic" in the area, officials said, in advance of two public meetings — one of which, a scheduled meeting of the Chatham County Commissioners, was speculated to have discussion about the statue on its agenda.

It wasn't on the agenda, but it begged the question: Why the barriers? A deputy was asked

about the statue and whether the rumors of a protest were true as he moved barriers into place.

"There's always something about the statue," he replied.

Chatham's monument, one of 100 or so Confederate soldier statues around the state, was dedicated back in 1907, and in 2019 — given what's happened to civil war-era/themed monuments up the road in Chapel Hill, over in Durham and westward in Winston-Salem recently — its latest chapter is being written. At Monday's commissioners meeting, officials declared the future of the monument would be a topic of discussion at the board's April meeting, scheduled for the 15th and to be held far from the monument — at Chatham's Agricultural Center.

Rest assured that Monday's non-event was a preamble to what could be a long — and let's face it, ugly — chapter in Chatham County's history.

Wherever and whenever the book closes, and whether the statue remains in place or is somehow moved, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. That happens when two sides are so diametrically opposed on an issue that even an ant can't find room enough to traverse the middle ground.

Some protestors in the coming weeks and months will say the Confederate statue is a paean to slavery and White Supremacy. It has to go, you'll hear them say, because it promotes racism.

Others will talk of history and heritage and say it doesn't represent what you think it does; instead, it honors the sacrifice of brave men who fought to protect their homes and liberties.

We don't know of any group on record officially seeking to remove or destroy the statue. And no buses showed up Monday night. But given the

political and social climate, this discussion was inevitable.

Our knowledge of our own history is woefully inadequate; meanwhile, our role in shaping our future demands perspective and wisdom as we think about the past. It also suggests that we decide now to have constructive, pragmatic and balanced conversations as we move forward. Think dialogue, not monologue — meaning there's room in the discussion for many voices, but no space for a bullhorn. As one speaker at Monday's commissioners' meeting said, as he spoke about the need for civil discourse, "We have an opportunity here to set a good example for our children and for outsiders."

Regardless of how you feel about the statue, we can't rewrite history. But what's said, and what's done, in the coming weeks and months will be a part of Chatham's history. Let's vow not to stain it.

The questionable influence of 'Instagram influencers'

Of all the things I can lay legitimate claim to being, an "Instagram influencer" isn't one of them.



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

My modest Instagram account isn't over-burdened with followers, and that's OK. Just about everyone who might want to see the pictures I post of my cat, or my dog, or the occasional pretty sunset at which I aim my smartphone is probably already following me on the social media platform.

I'm not reaching a wide audience on Instagram, though I'd always welcome more people into the fold; but it never occurred to me that I could, or should, "influence" the fewer than 60 people who follow my Instagram feed.

So imagine my surprise — or was it disgust? — when I learned there is such a thing as an Instagram influencer.

I might have forever remained unaware of the term — is it an actual job? — had actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin, along with dozens of other people whose faces haven't graced our television screens, not been charged last week in the massive college admissions cheating scandal.

Loughlin, the nominally-famous star of "Full House" and "Fuller House" (I'd make a joke here about the "big house" if it wasn't so obvious), is accused, along with her fashion designer husband, of paying \$500,000 in bribes to get their two daughters enrolled at the University of Southern California.

I'm not picking on Loughlin — my disgust with the rich and/or famous cheating their children's way into institutes of higher learning is bigger than that — but news accounts of the scandal casually, and without further explanation, referred to one of Loughlin's daughters, Olivia Jade, as an Instagram influencer, which left me wondering: What is an Instagram influencer?

I Googled the term and this is what came up: "Influencers are Instagram users who have an established credibility and audience; who can persuade others by virtue of their trustworthiness and authenticity. Your brand's influencers are users that employ your brand hashtag who have the largest number of followers."

The Google search also revealed the existence of several websites aimed at helping guide fledgling influencers to success, as well as an online article inviting readers to "Meet the Top 25 Instagram Influencers of our time." Since Instagram has existed only since 2010, the "of our time" clarification seemed unnecessary, but that's quibbling.

My next online stop was Instagram itself, where I visited Olivia Jade's account — she has 1.3 million followers — to see for myself the work of a bona fide influencer.

To my surprise, I wasn't as put-off as I thought I'd be. Basically, Jade — no doubt thanks to her mom and dad's celebrity — is a paid endorser for some companies. She has her own line of cosmetics with Sephora and it appears she decorated her college dorm room with the essential help of Amazon.

She's not what I'd call a celebrity. Like college educations, I still believe one must earn celebrity status. But in an era when the Kardashians make careers out of being themselves, and their half-sister Kylie Jenner not only becomes a celebrity by virtue of birthright or osmosis but is also, according to Forbes Magazine, the world's youngest billionaire, success — and celebrity — is defined in different terms than I'm accustomed to.

Though I still believe in the virtues of hard work and honesty, I'm not so out-of-touch that I begrudge Olivia Jade, or the slew of other young people who've risen to fame on Instagram or Youtube, their success as commercial pitchmen via these most 21st century means.

But "influencer" somehow has a sinister sound to it, to me; and the enormous influence many of these Instagramers and You Tubers have isn't always merely as commercial pitchmen.

How many of Olivia Jade's million-plus followers, for instance, have been influenced not just to buy from Sephora but also to embrace her vapid ideas about school, which she shared in a now widely-derided Instagram post in which she opined about the things she likes (partying) and the things she doesn't (school itself) about the college experience she's enjoying at the expense of another, more deserving student whose place her parents stole?

The problem with "influencers" isn't the products they push, but their sometimes questionable or objectionable values.

Is there room in the vastness of the Internet for positive people who lead, who create, who contribute, and who inspire us to reach higher and do better, and not just to preen and purchase? Let's hope so.

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Loss of interest gumming up life

There was a story in a recent Sunday paper that hurt my heart.



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

Seems, according to that piece, a bit of America is on the way out. It also went on to say that the movement had been going on for quite awhile.

So what hurt my feelings was not only that it was happening but that I had missed out on realizing it. All this news came from a large manufacturing firm — Mars Inc. They're not an outer space exploration company but rather the folks who make Milky Way candy bars and other similar basic food groups. Unbeknownst to yours truly, they also own Wrigley, who are the folks who not only gave us where the Cubs play baseball but also make chewing gum, such as the Doublemint and Spearmint flavors.

It seems, the story went on to say, that since peaking in 2009 U.S. gum sales have dropped 11 per cent — down to a paltry \$3.71 billion last year. Math and economics were never my strong point but that seems like more than just pocket change to me but maybe it's not enough for the company and is an indicator of dark days and bad times.

The story also mentioned that such a poor record was achieved over the same period of time that overall candy sales — which included gum, chocolate, mints and licorice — were up 10 percent to \$31.53 billion. Furthermore it pointed out that an additional drop of gum sales is expected — 4 percent — this year, bringing sales down to

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\$3.56 billion.

At this point, I'm in over my head so I'm going to leave the dollars and cents to sharper individuals and instead dwell on something else about gum, namely the question is all this a reflection of a change in our culture. If it is, I don't like it.

Where would this great country of ours be without gum? What would baseball be like without it? When speakers stand to speak or preach or teach what would the audience or congregation look like without some open mouth gum chompers?

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Chewing gum, especially in school, occupies a large part of my childhood memory. You weren't supposed to do it in class; it could get you sent to the principal's office. That's why when Mrs. Sears would say, "Bob, are you chewing gum?" that I would swallow it and thereby not lie to her.

As a smooth young teen, a pack of chewing gum always occupied a place in my pants pocket. That way you could

whip out a piece to give your sweet patooty when you wanted to impress her. Even when it got up to a dime a pack, Spearmint was still worth it; ditto for when it went to a quarter.

Gum made its way into larger parts of society. In 1975's movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," the heretofore silent Chief Bromden doesn't speak until given a stick of gum and says, "Mmmm...Juicy Fruit." That's the same brand my Uncle Frank gave me every time I left his house...that and a shiny new dime.

Maybe economics is the reason for the decline — the price keeps going up. I must admit that at our house we still have packs of gum — the traditional five-stick pack lying here and there. Same as in the car and trucks. But it's getting harder and harder to find those small packs because the 15-20 stick size now occupies most of the space near the check out and it gets harder and harder to shell out two bucks for a nickel pack of gum.

The folks who study such tell us that part of the decline is not only price but the habits of the twenty-something segment of society. Those folks are more into Altoids and fruit snacks are their thing.

For the life of me, however, I can't see my favorite pitcher chewing away on a thin mint or fruity chew.

Do your part, America. Go out and buy some gum.

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VIEWPOINTS

Real barbecue and small towns: enjoy them while you can

Is it just one more small-town business that has closed its doors?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Or is there more to it? For North Carolina barbecue lovers, last week's closure of Wilber's in Goldsboro was like the loss of a family member.

Wilber's has been on my list of favorite eateries for many years. And it would be in the top two or three barbecue restaurants in this state on a list made by any barbecue expert. There are lots of reasons. First, Wilber's and its owner, Wilber Shirley, had been in business since 1962 when he bought Hill's Barbecue. Second, and arguably most important, he still cooked the old-fashioned way, over pits with wood coals and all night slowly, carefully cooking whole hogs. The real

barbecue experts say this makes all the difference. In his classic book, "Tar Heel Barbecue," Jim Early opined, "The name Wilber's and Eastern North Carolina barbecue are synonymous."

Another contributor to Wilber's long-time success was his location on U.S. 70, right on the pathway of vacationers traveling to the coast. But in 2016 the opening of a bypass around Goldsboro changed that. It certainly made a big difference. As Wilber told local television back then, "Well of course, it's something nobody like a businessman would be jumping up and down about."

Then he added, "It's something we can't help, so we face the issue and whatever comes."

We hoped that Wilber's commitment to the careful and grueling process of old-fashioned cooking over wood coals would still draw customers off the new highway bypass.

Wilber's pitmasters were legendary. In his book, "North Carolina Barbecue: Flavored by

Time," Bob Garner described how pitmaster Ike Green "would build a fire of stacked oak logs in the fireplace. He let the fire burn down to coals for an hour or so as he trundled a wheelbarrow between the pit house and the restaurant building, loading the forty or fifty half-pigs he would cook that night onto the pits, where they would slow-roast for nine hours."

Wilber's and other classic barbecue houses have always attracted political gatherings. Visiting politicians, if they were smart, called on Wilber Shirley. Sometimes he was active in supporting some candidates. In 1984, he was serving as treasurer for Rufus Edmisten's campaign for governor. One morning Wilber read that Rufus had told reporters he was through with barbecue. Rufus says his first call about his unfortunate comment came from Wilbur.

John Shelton Reed, co-author of "Holy Smoke: The Big Book of North Carolina Barbecue" and champion of slow cooking

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over wood coals mourned, "Another of the greats is gone. Real North Carolina barbecue was already an endangered species. Soon it may be just a memory."

There is something else we are losing. Wilber's was a community-gathering place where friendships were enhanced and great memories created, treasured memories similar to those shared by Gov. Roy Cooper at last week's Main Street Conference in Salisbury. Cooper remembered riding his bike downtown in Nashville (N.C.) for visits to the barbershop, drugstore, and with the people who packed the then thriving downtown. He said, "Our small towns and rural communities are wonderful places to live, work and raise a family."

But as Scott Huler sadly

points out in his new book "A Delicious Country: Rediscovering the Carolinas along the Route of John Lawson's 1700 Expedition," our state's rural and small town landscapes are struggling, "littered with empty manufacturing plants, corporate farms and forests, empty main streets and deserted houses."

Real barbecue restaurants and small towns: Do all you can to preserve them and do not miss any opportunity to enjoy them now before they are gone.

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

Cooper budget uses excessive debt

RALEIGH — American states and localities are, on the whole, administered more responsibly than the federal government is. Their superiority has nothing to do with the qualities of individuals involved.



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

Indeed, many federal politicians were once state or local politicians.

The difference is institutional. It's about rules. Most states and localities are required to balance their operating budgets. The federal government isn't. Balanced-budget rules discipline behavior and choices of political actors.

Compare the current conditions of the federal government and North Carolina's state government. Washington is full of politicians who profess to care about fiscal responsibility but do nothing of consequence about it. According to the latest estimates, we will see well over \$10 trillion in federal deficits over the next decade. If President Trump's recent budget proposal somehow became law, we'd still run \$8 trillion in deficit during the period. And these scenarios assume no significant recessions.

I think the recent federal tax bill was a good one. It reduced the double-taxation of savings and investment, boosting both short-term and long-term economic growth. It also expanded the freedom of Americans by letting them keep and spend more of what they earn.

But its fiscal impact should have been offset by large reductions in federal spending, both short-term and long-term. Although growth will be faster, broader, and deeper because of tax reform, the resulting increase in federal revenue will fall far short of closing the deficit. Tough decisions are inevitable.

In North Carolina, by contrast, state government has run small to moderate surpluses every year since the end of the Great Recession. Its operating budget cannot, legally, run a deficit. Moreover, state lawmakers and governors have wisely chosen not to spend all the surpluses, but instead to build up the largest cash reserves in modern North Carolina history.

These reserves came in handy when the hurricanes hit. They'll come in handy when the next economic recession hits. They will protect taxpayers (by reducing the political pressure to raise taxes during future crises) as well as the state's long-term spending priorities (fiscal panic is often inconsistent with sound budgeting).

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interest of tomorrow's residents. These constraints can be uncomfortable. Leaders are compelled to make tough decisions. That produces better decisions — and, actually, better leaders.

The exceptions prove the rule. Consider two hot-button issues in North Carolina politics right now: Medicaid expansion and public debt. Gov. Roy Cooper and legislative Democrats recognize that the state doesn't have nearly enough revenue coming in to finance the operating expenditures they believe are needed. But most also (correctly) believe that North Carolinians don't consider themselves undertaxed. Despite the forlorn hopes of progressive activists, Cooper was never going to propose large-scale tax increases on personal or corporate income.

Instead, the governor's budget proposes to expand Medicaid and to issue \$3.9 billion in bonds to fund capital projects for schools, colleges, universities, and local utilities. Both use borrowed money to skirt North Carolina's balanced-budget rule — federal debt in the first case and state debt in the second.

The Medicaid gambit is more egregious, since Medicaid is inherently an operating expense. But even when it comes to capital spending, North Carolina has traditionally employed debt conservatively, not expansively. While borrowing does make financial sense in some cases, pay-as-you-go has its own benefits and ought to remain a significant part of the mix.

More importantly, North Carolina has already been evading its balanced-budget rule for decades by promising pension and retiree-health benefits to public employees without setting aside enough money to cover the cost. We should have tightened the rule to stop that, by requiring accrual rather than cash accounting. But we didn't — and now we have tens of billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities. That's a real debt that effectively reduces the state's capacity to issue bonds.

Washington's unfunded liabilities are enormously larger, of course. States are better run, no question. But they aren't perfectly run. Time to clean up the mess — and to avoid making bigger ones.

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Are there best ways for using debt?

Two news items motivated me to write this week's column about debt. One is a debate in the North Carolina General Assembly over state funding for new educational facilities, such as school buildings.



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

The other is a new study on how households pay off debt, and whether they use economic logic. There are some surprising results from the study.

There are two competing plans for state financing help with school buildings and related facilities. One would have the state borrow a large amount of money, use the funds to construct the structures and retire the debt over a long period of time — likely decades.

This is the standard approach to financing large public projects, including roads. Businesses use the same technique, and even households follow this process when they purchase "big ticket" items like homes.

In fact, let me demonstrate the logic of the "borrow now, pay later" approach to financing with the example of buying a home. Say a couple wants to purchase a home for themselves and their two young children. They have decided that raising a family in a dwelling they own rather than rent would give them more privacy and control over their lives. With the average price of a home in North Carolina now almost \$200,000, the couple doesn't have the cash available to buy a house outright.

If the couple could borrow the \$200,000 with a home mortgage charging four percent interest and allowing repayment over 30 years, they could have the home now as long as they can afford a \$955 monthly mortgage payment. Borrowing now and paying later allows the couple to enjoy the home while paying for it.

The same logic can be applied to public projects like roads and schools. These projects last many decades

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and will be used by multiple generations of state residents. Borrowing the money to construct the projects now allows current and future generations to both use the projects as well as pay for them.

The biggest downside to "borrow now, pay later" is the interest charges paid on the borrowed funds. In the \$200,000 mortgage example, over the course of 30 years not only will the \$200,000 loan be repaid, but almost \$144,000 in interest will also be paid.

Avoiding borrowing and interest payments are the advantages of the second proposal for funding school infrastructure. The "pay as you spend" plan would allocate money directly from the state budget for building schools and other educational structures. No borrowing would be involved.

On the surface, "pay as you spend" sounds more frugal and inexpensive. After all, there are no interest charges, and the state presumably would only spend what it could afford.

Still, there's a downside to "pay as you spend," and to illustrate it let's return to the home purchase example. Let's say our couple can exactly afford the amount of the monthly mortgage payment — \$955 — for shelter each month. This equates to \$11,460 for the year. Using "pay as you spend," the couple would initially only be able to afford a home worth \$11,460. Next year they could spend another \$11,460 expanding the size of their home, and they could do this in each subsequent year. At this rate it would take the couple 17 and a half years to give them the equivalent of a \$200,000 home.

The bottom line is, borrowing allows homebuyers — as well as governments — to get more now, but at a higher long-run cost. Therefore, one key question our legislators will have to address is, how fast do we need to

build school buildings? Stated another way, what are the relative benefits and costs of taking longer or shorter periods of time to upgrade our state's educational infrastructure?

Shifting gears to the second debt issue, a new study examined how households allocate payments across several debts they owe. For example, let's say Mike has three debts: a \$10,000 debt on which he pays 15 percent interest, a \$30,000 debt charging a 10 percent interest rate, and a \$50,000 debt carrying a five percent interest rate.

Economic logic says any extra money Mike has to pay down debt should be allocated to the \$10,000 loan because it charges the highest interest rate. Lowering this debt more rapidly will save Mike the most in interest charges. Once this debt is gone, Mike should move on to paying down the \$30,000 loan because it has the next highest interest rate.

A new study shows people don't do this! With any extra money to reduce debts, people allocate most of it to the debt with the highest balance, not the highest interest rate. They may think they're saving themselves the most money doing this, but they aren't.

So I've given you a "twofer" in today's column. First, you decide the best approach for the state to financially support educational infrastructure improvements. Second, also decide if you've followed the best logic for paying down on personal debts. This is a lot on your plate!

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Work continues to address flooding at Siler City shopping center

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

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SILER CITY — Flooding in Siler City's Loves Creek watershed isn't a new problem, but ongoing efforts — in both the public and private sectors — are aimed at mitigating issues associated with the urban watershed.

A dozen representatives of organizations including the Town of Siler City, N.C. State, the Piedmont Conservation Council and Biocenosis, all sharing the common goal of addressing Loves Creek flooding, convened Monday morning around a large table in downtown Siler City's Peppercorn Restaurant to discuss their progress and the next steps in working to resolve the decades-old issue.

Early in the discussion, a copy of an article from a 1970 edition of *The Chatham News* with the headline "Shopping center seeks relief from flooding" was circulated among the group. Nearly 50 years old now, the article noted concerns from residents and business owners that as areas west of Park Shopping Center off Raleigh Street were developed, the shopping

center was bearing the brunt. One business owner quoted in the 1970 article said he wasn't so concerned about flooding "last week" or the next, but about larger problems looming in the more distant future.

"Unless something is done soon," Siler City business owner Grady Renn said at the time, "we will eventually lose our buildings."

More recent history — like the condition of the Park Shopping Center parking lot in the aftermath of heavy rain left by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 — proves those concerns weren't unfounded.

Jack Meadows, the Town of Siler City's planning director, said the lot, with its broken chunks of asphalt that once were parking spaces, looks like a "war zone."

To address the parking lot's needs, work crews last week began, at the expense of the shopping center's owner, to remove not only the damaged asphalt but also to replace an old, now-compromised culvert with a new four-foot culvert that should better facilitate stormwater drainage in the highly flood-prone area.

Shahnaz Ahmed, who owns the shopping center, is footing the expense for the improvements with what Meadows called "a substantial investment."

The entire Loves Creek watershed, which lies within the Rocky River watershed, encompasses eight square miles and comprises approximately 400 acres. Downtown Siler City lies completely within the Loves Creek watershed.

"We're not looking at a huge area here," said Grace Messinger of Piedmont Conservation Council, one of the groups working to resolve Loves Creek issues.

But rain is "going to keep coming," she said, "and it's not going to get better on its own."

While Park Shopping Center is the epicenter for flood waters in the Loves Creek watershed, efforts to address the watershed-wide problem should ideally involve numerous approaches to the problem, even at the residential level, members of the group agreed.

"There are quite a few things all of us can do," Meadows said.

To help reduce flooding and protect the watershed, those things include

reducing building within floodplains, conserving water, capturing runoff in cisterns or rain barrels, and avoiding dumping anything (used auto oil, for example) down storm drains.

Moving forward, the group known as the Loves Creek Watershed Stewards is continuing to seek more grant funds and address problems within the watershed in a variety of ways and through various projects.

They include recent improvements at Boling Lane Park, across the street from and nearby Park Shopping Center, which has two stormwater wetlands and a creek buffer to help reduce flooding and provide a habitat for plants and animals. The group is also working on restoring the urban tributary of Loves Creek and its floodplain, creating downtown green-space.

An April 13 stream clean-up is planned within the watershed area, particularly around Park Shopping Center. The event is organized by the Loves Creek Watershed Stewards as part of the N.C. Department of Transportation's annual Litter Sweep event.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Flooding has been a continual issue in the Maxway parking lot for decades. New culverts are being installed and the parking lot will be repaved at the shopping center owner's expense.



Staff photo by David Bradley

A steel tube will be installed, replacing a worn-out culvert, to better manage stormwater flow at the Maxway parking lot. Stormwater in the Loves Creek Watershed has been flooding the lot — and nearby businesses — for decades.

CCS under contract for new Internet services

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — After working with three separate Internet providers over recent years, Chatham County Schools is working toward just one, with the possibility of shaping the county's wi-fi future.

The Chatham County Board of Education approved a contract earlier this month with Charlotte-based Conterra Ultimate Broadband to lay 88 miles of fiber optic broadband throughout the

county, connecting to all of the district's 19 current locations and two future spots.

Keith Medlin, Chatham County Schools' director of technology and communications, said at the meeting it would provide better service for the schools and that the county government may be able to take advantage too.

"This gives us a long-term contract and speeds that won't have prices that change," Medlin said. "This is a core part of the first step we can take to help attract a vendor to lay this much fiber within Chatham County. It will give the

county an opportunity to do a separate negotiation."

County Manager Dan LaMontagne said the county is anticipating a few facilities being connected to the fiber, and sees the whole line as infrastructure laid for a service provider in the future.

The fiber line will cost \$3,790,059, but the school district will pay nothing. The state will cover 10 percent of the cost and the federal government another 10 percent, with the final 80 percent handled by a discount from the county's relationship with E-Rate. The

program provides discounts to schools and libraries throughout the country to obtain Internet access.

The district's budget will be affected by a monthly \$7,056 charge for the services, requiring no extra funds.

According to the agenda item, "the district has a transition plan for all schools to move to the Conterra managed network as fiber builds are completed."

The contract has to be approved by the board's attorney before it is finalized.

Event planners have a new place to party

BY DAVID BRADLEY

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Event planners will have an easier task in Siler City's Agricultural-Residential zoned areas after Siler City's Town Board approved an amendment to the Siler City's zoning ordinance this week.

Before Monday's action by the board, event venues were only allowed in areas zoned for commercial use.

By adding a new name and definition, commissioners are adding new permitting zones to the table of permitted uses.

The new classification "Event Center Limited" refers to a venue for public and/or private special events of fewer than 500 people, and it has two permitting sections. The acreage of the venue will determine what permitting process is required by the city.

If the lot size is less than five acres, the property owner must obtain a special use permit approved by the planning board.

If the size of the space is greater than five acres, it will be permitted through a much easier process. It is "permitted by right," said Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Thompson, meaning that the property owner's use of their property is consistent with permitted uses in the zone.

Commissioner Lewis Fadely inquired of Jack Meadows, Siler City's Director of Planning and Community Development, about the reason for the five-acre or larger site in the amendment. Meadows responded that large lots are found in the large, rural areas, but not in subdivisions.

Commissioner Thom-

as K. Price III, said that you could have fewer than five acres and still have 500 people. Parking would be a "nightmare" if you had 400 cars, and changes the use of the property, he said.

No matter what size the venue may be, the property owner must still follow all procedures required, such as a site improvements plan, parking, landscaping, and other building codes.

The planning board must approve the permit before it may be issued, by using the data given by the owner. The additional steps for a permit for the smaller space are because of extra issues such as parking for a large crowd in a small space. A smaller event location could cause traffic difficulties.

The facilities for these centers have been single family homes converted into use by the owners. Meadows said that if it's obviously being used for events on a recurring basis, then permits will be required. If a home is just to be used one time for a wedding or other single-occurrence event, a permit is not needed.

Other items on the board's agenda included discussion of a human relations task force developed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in 2018. There were five focus groups in the county working to involve the community and their leadership around the ideas of human relations, and the new task force is presenting its findings. Cecil Wilson, a representative of the task force, presented the group's eventual plan to create a new structured organization to make certain that community needs are met and barriers in the system are

reduced.

In addition, the committee suggests the use of a collective impact framework. This program would allow organizations to change their planning for one goal, to adopt and use a common goal with other organizations.

The idea behind this is based on the concept that no single government, business or policy can solve the complex issues in our ever-changing society. Adopting common goals aligns organizations together.

In another zoning matter, the board also defined "structure, completely or fully enclosed," and "vehicle storage" in the town's zoning ordinance. A "structure, completely/fully enclosed," is defined as a building that has a full roof supported by connecting walls. It is secured, lockable, and provides visual screening.

Vehicle storage as defined, means, but is not limited to, facilities for trailers or cars that have been in need of repair for seven or more days, can't move on their own, and are stored in a disorderly fashion.

In other business:

- The town has solicited requests for qualifications as part of its bid for a Community Development Block Grant for wastewater treatment plant improvements. The engineering firm McGill Associates was the only bidder for the project, and all requested requirements were met. Siler City now must negotiate compensation for the work needed.

- Approved an amendment to the annual general budget ordinance for airport renovations currently taking place. The addition of \$6,609 to the general fund will fund required equipment to the taxiway.



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Jeremy Isom (second from right), registered forestry consultant with GFR Forestry, talks with Lee County Forestry Association field tour participants about the benefits of a well-thought-out program of forest management using best management practices (BMP).

Chatham farm hosts forestry field tour

CN+R STAFF REPORT

Two area forestry professionals led members of the Lee County Forestry Association on a forestry field tour of two Chatham County tree farms owned by Charles and Martha Oldham.

Leading the recent tour were Lee County Forestry Association President and former Lee County forest ranger Mark Luellen and registered forestry consultant Jeremy Isom, who works with GFR Forestry.

On the tour, Luellen and Isom demonstrated the use of an increment borer for determining the age of a tree, the Biltmore stick to estimate tree trunk diameter at breast height (DBH), and the total height and merchantable tree height. Merchantable tree height is measured from the stump height to the point at which the tree is no longer useable. Clinometers are also used to determine tree

height.

Tour participants discussed timber cruise techniques, which is taking a sample measurement of a stand used to estimate the amount of standing timber the forest contains. The technique was also demonstrated for participants to observe.

These measurements are collected at sample locations called plots. The GPS system is increasingly being used in conducting cruises long with hand-held computing devices for recording, storing and transmitting timber cruise data.

Forestry Best Management Practices (BMP) were discussed, with special emphasis on the construction of water bars on forest harvest roads to prevent soil erosion and stream impairment.

The field tour participants made a visit to a critical habitat known as an ephemeral pool. Also called vernal pools or seasonal wetlands, ephemeral pools can

occur naturally in the Piedmont uplands with the right combination of topography and hard-pan soil. They are fed by rainwater, not by streams. Ephemeral pools are larger and more persistent than a puddle, but smaller and more transient than a pond. They generally dry up at some point every year, which means they don't support fish. This lack of predators makes them especially valuable as breeding grounds for amphibians, species that reproduce in water but live primarily on dry ground, including frogs, toads and salamanders.

Lee County Forest Rangers Sam Buchanan and Zach Prevette and Chatham County Forest Rangers Brandon Szilvay also assisted with the tour. Minda Daughtry, Lee County Extension agent specializing in agriculture and horticulture, provided, and drove, the Extension van so the tour participants could travel as a group.

School district budget calls for 4.26 percent increase in local funding

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education is asking the county government for more funds this year as state and federal funding decreases.

The board approved a 4.26 percent increase request in local funding — totaling \$35,781 million — from last year's budget, further making Chatham one of the top districts in the state in relying on county funding.

According to district CFO Tony Messer, Chatham County is currently sixth in the state in county funding per pupil at \$3,510, compared to 86th in state funding and 99th in federal funding out of 116 districts. Additionally, the district is projecting county-level funding will make up 35 percent of its budget, up from 33 percent in each of the last four years.

Because state funding, outside for teacher salaries, has been "flat the last couple years," Messer said, having an increase in county funding has been crucial.

"It's obvious that Chatham County supports its schools," Messer said. "The commissioners believe in what we're doing over here at the public school system. If we weren't funded at this level, considering our federal funding and our state funding, then there are a lot of resources that would not be available for the students of the Chatham County Schools."

The lion's share of the increase is an \$825,000 jump in employee salary supplements as the county shifts supplement pay from a flat rate to a percentage. Another large increase is in classroom teacher pay — \$132,723, for a 3.36 percent jump — as part of more than 50 teachers that are paid entirely from local funds.

When the budget was presented at the March 11 school board meeting, both Messer and Superintendent Derrick Jordan said this would likely not be the final version of the district's budget. Since the N.C. General Assembly has not yet passed a spending plan, the district will revisit the budget in the fall as part of a reconciliation process.

"The timing of this makes it a bit of a challenge when you consider there are so many unknowns," Jordan said. "The General Assembly has not yet rolled out its budget, and it can be a quick process or an extended process. Dependent on what the final budget is from the state of North Carolina, there certainly could be some proposed changes."

Among other changes are increases for utility payments (2.99 percent), non-instructional support personnel (1.91 percent), charter school subsidies (4.35 percent) and school building administration (3.77 percent).

Most of the small increases, Messer said, were recommended by the state Department of Public Instruction, and nearby school districts will likely have similar increases in most areas.

Numbers to Know

in Chatham County Schools' 2019-2020 budget proposal

\$35.781 million

in county funding

(4.3% increase over 2018-2019)

\$4.088 million

for classroom teachers

(3.3% increase over 2018-2019)

\$6.457 million

for local employee salary supplement

(14.7% increase over 2018-2019)

\$3.195 million

for non-instructional support personnel

(1.9% increase over 2018-2019)

\$3.6 million

for charter schools

(4.4% increase over 2018-2019)

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The Bodacious Theatre Company cast of 'Love, Loss and What I Wore' includes (front row, from left) Karen Smith, Susie Whorley, Kerstin Lindgren and Jane Andrews; (middle row, from left) Whitney Schmidt, Drew Lasater, Fonda McSwain and Arianna Tysinger; (back row, from left) Andie Erkelens, Nora Burmeister, Jessi Augustine and Carrie Overgaard. Cast members not pictured include Jennifer Gillis, Brenda Linton and Sheila Fleming. The play will benefit Second Bloom of Chatham and survivors of domestic violence. Submitted photo

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CN+R STAFF REPORT

The newest Bodacious Theatre show has been planned to help victims of domestic violence.

Women know this — what one wears to a funeral, wedding or divorce proceeding can become the thing that sticks in your mind most of all. That dress, those jeans, will always evoke the powerful feelings of that life event, whether happy or sad.

A local cast of 17 women acts and sings its way through this phenomenon in a series of monologues and vignettes that comprise the play "Love, Loss and What I Wore," by sisters Nora and Delia Ephron, based on the 1995

book of the same name by Ilene Beckerman. Nora Ephron wrote that the play "is not about fashion; it is about what clothes really are to us, those moments when we are constantly trying to find our identity through them."

The play is being put on by The Bodacious Theatre Company of Chatham, directed by Ellen Bland. All proceeds from the production benefit Second Bloom of Chatham Inc., a nonprofit that aids victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Tickets are \$20, not including online service charges. Three shows during the last week of March give several opportunities for audiences in Chatham and Lee counties to enjoy an evening that helps Second Bloom provide services to people in domestic violence situations.

Shows will be held:

- 8 p.m. on March 28 at Fearrington Barn, 500 Fearrington Village Center, Pittsboro
- 8 p.m. on March 30 at The Mann Center, 507 N Steele St. #10, Sanford

To get tickets, go to Bodacious Theater Company of Chatham on Facebook, click on Shop Now and choose the show you want to attend. Due to mature content, recommended audience age is 13+.

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Boys & Girls Clubs' bus gets new paint

Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina Wren Family Center and employees from Basic Machinery Company gather in front of a freshly painted club bus. Basic Machinery Company provided the Wren Family Center with the much-needed upgrade for two of the organization's buses. Paint was donated to the company through a supplier, and employees provided their services free of charge. Basic Machinery Company Plant Manager Billy Scott said, "The fellows were excited to have a project like this to work on. They were very proud of how their hard work turned out. They sincerely hope that their paint job will last many years to serve the young people of the Wren Family Center Boys and Girls Club located here in Siler City." Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina serves more than 1,440 youth annually across Lee and Chatham counties.

Main Street Pittsboro making moves

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Main Street Pittsboro is a committee of business leaders, residents, town staff and elected officials who work together to ensure that Pittsboro's historic downtown is preserved as a vibrant community center.

And the group has a new challenge: it recently learned that N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper has \$1 million appropriated to the program in his proposed budget.

Main Street's chairman, Maria Parker-Lewis, who owns Pittsboro General Store and Roadhouse and 39 West Catering with her husband Greg Lewis, says the group is working to keep Pittsboro vibrant.

"The overall goal of Main Street Pittsboro is to nurture an economically vital, vibrant downtown which showcases our unique and historic character," Parker-Lewis said. "You know, so many places use the words 'live, work, play,' and I hesitate to repeat them, but that is exactly what our historic downtowns were and that is what Pittsboro still is today. This is a town where you can settle in, get involved with your community, engage with or own a local business, raise a family and/or retire. The work of Main Street Pittsboro is to preserve this way of life by strengthening our business district through beautification efforts, advocacy, promotion, preservation and celebration."

The group has met regularly since it was accepted into the N.C. Dept. of Commerce's North Carolina Main Street program in 2011. According to the Department of Commerce's website, the program is the Main Street America coordinating program for the state. The program's staff "facilitate downtown economic development" in designated communities. This includes strategic downtown economic development planning and technical assistance, Main Street program guidance, and downtown development education and training. N.C. Main Street held its annual three-day conference in Salisbury last week, which Parker-Lewis attended.

"We are, each of us — businesses, residents, town staff, elected officials — working hard and making great strides in strengthening our economic center, inviting visitors in to shop, dine and celebrate with us," she said. "It is vital that we offer a beautiful, inviting and SAFE environment for these visitors and, also, for ourselves."

Parker-Lewis notes that the town staff, Pittsboro Police Department and the town's Board of Commis-

sioners have supportive of their efforts.

"They are as enthusiastic as we are about cultivating an environment that is safe, beautiful, vibrant and inviting," she said, "one that supports our businesses and residents and attracts visitors to our community."

The group has made a lot of progress downtown. Recently it installed handrails to help people more safely navigate uneven steps. The group also replaced the faded "Historic Pittsboro" boulevard banners with new, vibrant ones and banners that provide a "festive feel and promote shopping and dining." Additional trash receptacles have been installed, including new recycling containers. The group has hosted informational meetings concerning major projects and have advocated on behalf of local businesses as they navigate through permitting procedures and fees. In addition, the Façade Grant Program has helped many business and property owners enhance their building's appearance.

"The biggest effort we are working towards is the improvement of the sidewalks on Hillsboro," Parker-Lewis said. "We have been working with Liz Parham at the N.C. Main Street Center to get funding to help with this much needed project."

The group is also working with other downtown organizations to expand and create events while advocating for policies that support that effort.

"Events are a great way to promote an area, establish it as a destination location and, also, instill a sense of community," Parker-Lewis said. "Our work includes promotion and celebration. This does not necessarily mean that we organize the events ourselves, but that we work to create an environment that enables organizations to more easily host their downtown activities that will draw people into the heart of our community."

Parker-Lewis noted the Pittsboro Business Association's efforts in organizing the fourth Summer Fest this year and the fifth Tree Lighting Celebration.

"Pittsboro is very fortunate to have a large group of engaged business owners who make up The Pittsboro Business Association," she said. "Main Street Pittsboro recognizes the value of these celebrations and has been a major sponsor each year. We have also advocated on their behalf for street closure and necessities like extra trash cans and port-a-johns."

The group is also working on the ability for organizers to offer alcohol throughout their special



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Main Street Pittsboro is a sponsor and supporter of downtown events such as Summerfest. Main Street also coordinates with the town while advocating for policies that support those activities.

outdoor celebrations. The town's Board of Commissioners has already approved amending the local ordinances to permit it. The permit allowing alcohol is a quintessential piece of an event the group is organizing for May 19 called Local on Main: PBO's Farm and Arts Dinner. The event will be a fundraising event to benefit Main Street Pittsboro so it can continue the work of supporting the

local business community. "This will be an open-air feast right in the middle of Hillsboro Street," Parker-Lewis said. "We will be showcasing local musicians, local chefs, local farms and local artists. Have I said, 'local' enough? I can't help it. That's what we are, what we believe in and what we support. Local beer and alcohol vendors are an important component of this tasting focused affair."

"I am just so excited that we have this opportunity to highlight the best that Pittsboro has to offer," she said. "These very things are part of what causes people to want to come to Pittsboro and stay here." While at the N.C. Main Street Conference last week, Parker-Lewis learned that Gov. Cooper is including Pittsboro in his proposed budget. "He is suggesting an amount of \$1,000,000 to be

dedicated to Pittsboro's downtown streetscapes," Parker-Lewis said. "We are excited to receive his vote of confidence in our vision and appreciate that he recognizes the immediate necessity of this project. The budget still needs to pass the House and Senate, so we urge everyone to contact Senator Valerie Foushee and Representative Robert Reives and encourage them to support this line item."

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Gov. Roy Cooper announced at the annual Main Street Conference in Sanford last week that in his proposed budget, Pittsboro's Main Street program would receive \$1 million. From left to right: Maria Lewis-Parker, Greg Lewis, Gov. Roy Cooper and Pittsboro Commissioner Michael Fiocco.

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District's students secure four Governor's School slots

FROM CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

SILER CITY — Bella Ocampo, immigration lawyer.

Well, not yet. But someday... "It's something that's very personal to me," Ocampo said.

The Chatham School of Science and Engineering junior aims to make inroads toward that career during Governor's School of North Carolina, a five-and-a-half week summer residential program for the state's intellectually gifted high school students. It's both the first and oldest program of its kind in the nation.

Northwood High School junior Ava Sorgman and Jordan-Matthews High School juniors Lindley Andrew and Harrison Brewer join Ocampo in the 2019 Chatham County Schools (CCS) cohort for Governor's School. From June 16 to July 24, they'll be among 670 of the

state's juniors and seniors exploring cutting-edge



Andrews

concepts in academic disciplines and in the arts. It's a big deal. "This is fantastic news and more students than we have had for several years," said Susan Southern, the lead teacher for advanced learners in CCS.

Governor's School has two sites: Sorgman and Ocampo will live and learn at Meredith College in Raleigh. Andrew and Brewer will settle in at Salem College in Winston-Salem. They and their Governor's School peers were nominated by superintendents of their school systems or directors of their charter schools and private schools. Nominations were open to rising se-

niors with exceptions for rising juniors in selected



Sorgman

areas: English, foreign language (French or Spanish), mathematics, natural science, social science, visual art, choral music, instrumental music, theater and dance.

Andrew believes her penchant for foreign language will take her places.

"What I'm looking forward to most about going to Governor's School is the opportunity to practice and improve my Spanish language skills," Andrew said.

Math's the thing for Sorgman.

"I wanted to apply to Governor's School

because I felt like it would help prepare me for college," Sorgman said.



Ocampo

It's back to the lab for Brewer. "I anticipate this program will benefit me by exposing me to new ideas, challenges and practices that constitute the natural sciences and develop a keener understanding of the methodologies that accompany them," he said.

Ocampo, the budding lawyer, said, "Governor's School will benefit me because it will challenge me to think outside of the box."

Nearly 1,700 students were nominated for this 57th installment of Governor's School, putting the quartet from CCS in elite company. They won't take any tests

or otherwise receive formal grades or credit



Brewer

for what they do during Governor's School, where the faculty will include distinguished teachers and professionals from public and private schools, colleges and universities across the country. No, at Governor's School, students cash in the theoretical currency for practical application.

The exchange rate is rather high, Davidson College freshman Keelan Bailey said.

A 2018 Jordan-Matthews graduate, Bailey, from Siler City, said his college workload is no joke.

"I read a lot more," he said. "Write a lot more."

The classroom interactions in college are more

intense, the discussions heavier, yet, Bailey said, he'd already been there and done that sort of thing — back in 2017 at Governor's School.

"[Governor's] School taught me how to think intuitively and creatively, but not be arrogant about it," Bailey said.

In other words, kids from all over North Carolina descend on Governor's School with all manner of ideas and ideals, and some conversation pieces that might go unchecked in, say, Siler City could get questioned during those elite summer sessions, Bailey explained. So it behooves everyone to disagree agreeably and to understand that his or her opinion is just that, he said.

Ultimately, students get out of Governor's School what they put into it, the instructors there to facilitate the learning, "and that just correlates to college," Bailey said.

Chatham's job numbers higher than pre-recession

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Chatham County appears to have rebounded smoothly from the recession of 2008, at least when it comes to job numbers.

According to a report released last week from the N.C. Budget & Tax Center, the county has seen higher-than-state-average numbers in terms of job growth, labor force participation and share of the population with a job.

Chatham County's unemployment rate has

consistently been lower than the state's and saw a higher increase in labor force participation (1.9 percent) and employed persons (2.4 percent) than North Carolina as a whole over the past year.

Labor force participation is defined as the number of working-age people who have a job or are actively looking for work.

The county also has 131 less people unemployed and 3,103 more people in the labor force than before the 2008 recession. The state overall has less people employed and less people

in the work force since that time.

A news release associated with the report stated that while North Carolina "continues to add jobs," the pace of growth over the last few months "has been slower than at any time since 2011."

"We keep hearing that the economy is roaring along, but the data tell a decidedly different story," said Patrick McHugh, senior policy analyst with the Budget & Tax Center, a project of the N.C. Justice Center. "North Carolina has never gotten back to the level

of employment that existed before the Great Recession, and if the recent pace of growth persists, we won't get there before the next recession comes along."

Prior to the recession, 62.1 percent of North Carolinians were working and 65.3 percent were in the labor force. As of January, 58.6 percent are working and 61 percent are in the labor force. The report did not make any statements regarding potential reasons for the statewide dip, something that has not affected Chatham County.

Compared to pre-2008 recession, Chatham County has...

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fewer people unemployed.

3,103

more people in the labor force.

Source: N.C. Budget & Tax Center



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OBITUARIES

DONALD R. JUDD



Donald R. Judd passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at the Fay Boswell Hospice in Burlington, North Carolina. He was 94.

Mr. Judd, who went by "Don", was born to Lawrence and Mildred (Smith) Judd in Binghamton, New York on November 9, 1924. He grew up in Binghamton and had a brother Arthur (now deceased). After graduation from Binghamton High School in 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and upon completion of training, he was assigned to the 36th Infantry Division as a mortarman. He eventually rose from private to sergeant in charge of his mortar battery. In 1943 his division was sent to North Africa to train for the invasion of Italy. He participated in the invasion of Salerno, the Rapido, and Monte Cassino campaigns, the invasion of Anzio and the liberation of Rome. His division then landed in Southern France and fought its way through France, Germany, and into Austria. Mr. Judd was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's badge among other decorations. He was also awarded the Legion of Honor by the French government for his participation in the Colmar Pocket campaign.

Upon his return to the United States in 1946, he started his career with I.B.M. He worked in various locations for I.B.M. during his career as an engineer, retiring in 1982. After retirement he moved to North Carolina, residing first in Fearington Village and then at the Twin Lakes Community.

Don was very active in community activities such as the Lions Club, V.F.W. and the I.B.M. Quarter Century Club. He loved to play golf, read, sing, travel and he enjoyed other social and community activities.

Don is survived by his wife Shirley; daughters, Tama and Shawn; his step-daughter, Cheryl Murray; grandsons, Michael Aniff and Josh Ponsano; two great-granddaughters and his nephew Jeff (Diane) Judd. His extended family includes four step-grandchildren, one great-grandson and all of the Murray family.

Don was a kind and gentle man despite the terrible experiences he went through defending this great country and his gentle ways will be sorely missed.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

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BRET KELLY



Mr. Bret Kelly, 57, passed away Friday evening, March 15, 2019 at the VA Hospital in Durham, NC.

A native of Dallas Texas, Bret was born July 27, 1961 to Diana Woodcock and the late Daniel Kelly.

Bret was a decorated combat medic with the 82nd Airborne division in wartime and in peace. He was a member of the 187th in peace time. He served his country honorably from 1980 until medically retired in 1988. He worked in IT with Accounting Machine Systems and the Chatham County government. Then he became a successful farrier. Bret had numerous achievements. He was a Master Mason and a past Master of Columbus Lodge 102 in Pittsboro; he was a past Commander of Chapter 91 of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of Col. David Fanning's NC Loyalist Militia, a Revolutionary War Reenacting unit; and he was also known as Asbjorn Berbeinn, in the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Bret is survived by his wife of 29 years, Donna Kelly; his mother and stepfather, Diana and Warren Woodcock; his sister and her husband, Laura and Keith Haas; his niece and her husband, Renee and Tom Callens; nephew, Rion Ridley; great-nephew, Merritt Lloyd Callens; father- and mother-in-law, Don and Irmgard Ireland; brother- and sister-in-law Gary and Terri Ireland; along with many colleagues, friends and brothers-in-arms.

In addition to his father, Bret was preceded in death by his daughter, Caitlin Erin Kelly.

A service to honor the life and memory of Bret Kelly will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Donaldson Funeral Home, 396 West Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bret's honor to the: Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565, mhc-oxford.org.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

BETTIE MILDRED DARNELL PILKINGTON

Bettie Mildred Darnell Pilkington, 77, of Pittsboro, died Saturday, March 16, 2019 at her home.

Bettie was born in Chatham County, North Carolina on December 1, 1941 to the late Leon Darnell and Zonie Bright Darnell. She was also preceded in death by her sister Wilma Manning.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Pilkington; son, Michael Pilkington and wife Anne of Pittsboro; daughter, Sheila Crowder and husband Rick of Sanford; two grandsons, Caleb Pilkington and Brandon Maness, three great-grandchildren, Kayla, Michael, and Violet; and one brother, Jesse Darnell and wife Katie of Bear Creek.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Antioch Christian Church Cemetery with Rev. Val Chadwick presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to UNC Hospice, P.O. Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com. Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Pilkington family.

MRS. SYLVIA H. CROUSE

Mrs. Sylvia H. Crouse, 69, of Burlington, passed away Friday, March 15, 2019, at Alamance Regional Medical Center.

A native of Chatham County, she was wife of the late Bobby Crouse and daughter of the late Hughes Harris and Margie Isley Harris. She was a retired textile employee and member of Glen Raven Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Michael Emery (Kelli) of Graham; three step-sons, Brian Crouse (Torie), Danny Crouse and Brad Crouse; three grandchildren, Taylor, Kyndall and Joshua; eight step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Darrell Harris (Debbie) of Siler City. She was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Crystal Crouse.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Rich & Thompson Chapel in Burlington with Pastor Tadd Grandstaff officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Vernon Church Cemetery, 3631 Mt. Vernon - Hickory Mtn. Rd., Siler City.

The family will receive friends at Rich & Thompson Funeral Service in Burlington from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening and at Mrs. Crouse's residence on Monday and Tuesday evening.

BARBARA DOLAN MCKAY VARGA



Barbara Dolan McKay Varga, 90, of Moncure, passed peacefully at her home on March 14, 2019.

Barbara was born May 23, 1928 in St. Albans, Vermont. She lived through her high school years in Vermont until she married Conrad McKay in 1948. Conrad McKay was in the Marine Corps and while they were married Barbara lived in many locations including Boston, MA, Atlanta, GA, Quantico, VA, Camp Lejeune, NC, Denver, CO, and Charleston, SC. She had four children, Gregg, Scott, Lanell, and Kimberley. Her husband, Major McKay passed away in 1970 and Barbara and her children returned to live closer to family in Rutland, Vermont. She later married Arthur Varga, of Rutland, in 1975 and they moved to Clarendon, Vermont until relocating to North Carolina in 1998.

Mrs. Varga spent her professional life as an executive assistant, working in a variety of positions including as a secretary at Third Army headquarters and as an assistant to Herbert Philbrik, an undercover FBI agent and author. She assisted him in writing his book "I Led Three Lives" which tells of his time posing undercover in the communist party. She spent over 20 years as an assistant at Siliski and Buzzell, a CPA firm in Rutland before retiring in 1998. Barbara and Arthur spent many years raising and training harness race horses and racing them throughout New England and New York.

After retiring in North Carolina, Barbara enjoyed spending time with her family, her church, and her pets. She enjoyed the weather and opportunity to be outside walking or gardening. Her second husband, Arthur, preceded her in death in 2009.

She will be greatly missed by her family including her children, Gregg McKay and wife, Connie, of Middletown, RI, Scott McKay and wife, Judy of Rutland, VT, Lanell Perkins and husband Lee of Swansboro, NC, Kim Sutton and husband Terry of Moncure, NC; and stepson, Ron Varga and wife Pam of Muskegon, MI; her grandchildren, Shawna McKay Gleason, Kelsey McKay, Ryan McKay, Kyle Perkins, Briana Perkins, Kendall Sutton, and Shane Sutton; and her great-grandchildren, John Gleason and McKay Gleason.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Frances Shepherd and Ms. Joyce Sloan who assisted with her care over the last couple of years.

Visitation was held Monday, March 18th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Donaldson Funeral Home in Pittsboro, NC and funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 19th, at Chatham United Methodist Church, Moncure, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made to either Chatham United Methodist Church - Children's programs (1826 Chatham Church Road, Moncure, NC 27559) to honor her love for the Lord, children, and her church; or to CARE (Chatham Area Rescue & Education, PO Box 610, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or www.chathamanimalrescue.org) to honor her love of all animals.

On condolences may be left at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

SUSIE JANET SPARKS CARROLL

Susie Janet Sparks Carroll, age 74, of Pittsboro, died Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at UNC Hospitals.

Janet was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina on June 28, 1944 to the late James Walter Sparks and Myrtle Marie Sparks. She was also preceded in death by her husband George Carroll, son Chris Carroll, and two brothers, James Floyd Sparks and Roy Lee Sparks.

Surviving relatives include her son, Steve Carroll and wife Sandra of Pittsboro; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ralph Edward Sparks and wife Mary of Sanford and Randy Eugene Quick of Sanford. A memorial service was held Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Chatham United Methodist Church with Rev. Danny Berrier presiding. Committal service followed in the church cemetery. Immediately following the committal service the family received friends in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Janet's memory to Chatham United Methodist Church, 1826 Chatham Church Road, Moncure, NC 27559.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

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Ronnie was born April 20, 1950 to Willard Issac and Lucy Ella Phillips Pugh, who preceded him in death. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 16 years and the U.S. Navy for 4 years.

He is survived by his sister, Lili Ellen Onufryk of Clark Summit, PA; brother, Lanny "Buster" Pugh of Bennett.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bennett Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 91, Bennett, NC 27208.

Condolences may be offered on-line at: www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

VELMA GRACE BULLARD CASTRO

Velma Grace Bullard Castro, 62, of Sanford, passed away Monday, March 11, 2019 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Josh Dickens officiating. Burial followed in Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

She was born in Lee County on October 13, 1956 to the late Calvin Monroe Bullard and Nellie Mae Heath Bullard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Wooten; a sister, Linda Boggs and a brother, Billy Ray Bullard. She worked for Golden Poultry for many years.

She is survived by her husband, David Michael Castro; son, Major James F. Baker, III of Oklahoma; two step-children, David Castro, Jr. of Florida and Deanna Rodeo of Guam; brother, Eddie Monroe Bullard of Sanford; two sisters, Mary Coleen Shipman of Reidsville, Debbie Lynn Smithey of Reidsville; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses, 600 West Main Street, Sanford, NC 27332

or online at: www.funeraldonationapp.com.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

JEAN PRESSLEY SPARROW

Jean Pressley Sparrow, 91, of Chapel Hill passed away Monday, March 11, 2019.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 15, 2019, at noon, at Amity United Methodist Church. Burial was in Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro.

Mrs. Sparrow was born in Asheville, the daughter of the late Mary Pauline Pearson Pressley and Floyd James Pressley, Sr. Over her career, Jean worked at UNC Memorial Hospital and with the Chapel Hill City Schools, but will be remembered by the many teenagers as the director of the Chapel Hill recreation department "teen" program throughout the 1960's. Jean was involved in the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Donald Sparrow, Sr., her sons, Ronald Crabtree, Tim Cummins, brothers Floyd J. Pressley, Jr. and William (Bill) E. Pressley.

Survivors include her sons, Donald Sparrow, Jr. of Annapolis, MD, Russell Sparrow of Surf City, David Sparrow, Richard Sparrow, and Edward Sparrow, all of Chapel Hill; ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Flowers and online memorials may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

WENCESLAO CARLOS GUMUCIO

Wenceslao Carlos Gumucio, 72, of Siler City passed away Thursday, March 14, 2019 at UNC Hospice, Pittsboro.

The family received friends Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home.

Mr. Gumucio was born in La Paz, Bolivia on September 28, 1946. He was the owner and operator of Tienda Diana in Siler City.

He is survived by his wife, Luz (Ruiz) Gumucio; daughters, Angelica Gumucio and Jessica Gumucio; sons, Charles Gumucio, Pierre Gumucio; and three grandchildren.

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

ANDREW LEWIS RIPLEY III

Andrew Lewis Ripley III, 75, of Pittsboro, died Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at his home.

A graveside service was held Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Robert Elmores presiding.

Andrew was born in Durham County on October 28, 1961 to Andrew Lewis Ripley, Jr. and Shirley Gooch Ripley.

He is survived by his life partner, TJ Littleford; brothers; Dana Ripley of Durham, Pat Hayes of Pittsboro, and Tom Hayes of Winston Salem.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 1309 N. Pea Ridge Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

ALICE MAUDE JONES ROSSER

Alice Maude Jones Rosser, 91, of Sanford, passed away Friday, March 15, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2019 at Hillview Christian Assembly Church with Rev. Ray Bodin officiating. Burial followed in Poplar Springs Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Rosser was the daughter of the late Olan and Emma Jones. She retired from Alltell Heins after 38 years, and was a member of Hillview Christian Assembly Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Leon Rosser; sisters, Nell Hoffman, Bernice Bourne and Elizabeth Elvis.

Survivors include daughters, Kayron A. Rosser of Sanford, Sherry L. Wallace of Cameron; one grandson; sisters, Eunice Brown and Azalee Brown, both of Conway, SC.

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS WILLIAM PULLIAM

Thomas William Pulliam, 94, of Madison, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019.

The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. A graveside service followed at 3 p.m. at Jonesboro Cemetery with Keith Knight officiating.

He was born in Ridgeway, Virginia to the late Roy Pulliam and Brooksie Watkins Pulliam. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine Nickens Pulliam; daughter, Lisa Jo Pulliam; brothers, Drewey Pulliam, Johnny Pulliam, Billy Pulliam and Charlie Pulliam; sisters, Gaynell Land, Ann Whitley, Daisy Collins, Mae Knowles and Ada McGlamy. Tom served his country for 27 years in the US Army with tours of duty which included World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War.

Command Sergeant Major Thomas Pulliam served a long, distinguished career in the United States Army. Throughout his years of service, Tom received many accolades and honors, such as the World War II Bronze Star and Purple Heart, WWII Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Army Good Conduct, Army Commendation Medal, Airborne Paratroopers Wings, Army Senior Jump Wings, Jumpmaster Wings, Korean Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Vietnam Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Airborne Regimental, Korean War Service Medal, United Nations Korean Service, Korean Defense Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam War Medal and Ribbon, and Vietnam Service Medal and Ribbon.

Surviving relatives include a brother, Donald Pulliam of Mayodan; sisters, Ellene Manuel and Shirley Boles, both of Mayodan.

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM ANDERSON FARROW

William Anderson Farrow, 65, of Linwood, formerly of Sanford, passed on Monday, March 4, 2019 at Glen A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury.

Announced by Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

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RONNIE PHILLIP PUGH

Mr. Ronnie Phillip Pugh, 68, of Bennett, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at his residence.

A graveside memorial ser-

vice with full military honors provided by the Randolph County Honor Guard was held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Bennett Baptist Church Cemetery.

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LINDA SUZANNE GOODNIGHT HARWARD

Linda Suzanne Goodnight Harward, 69, of Holly Springs, died Sunday, March 17, 2019 at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

Linda was born in Cabarrus County on July 22, 1949 to the late Fred Ransom Goodnight and Mary Ellen Odell Goodnight. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Freddie Goodnight.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Mike Harward; one granddaughter; daughter, Erin Gaines of Knightdale;

stepson, Joey Harward of Apex; step-daughter, Dawn Edwards of Julian; step-son, Rob Edwards of Jacksonville; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 42040, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Harward family.

TONY ROBERT SEYMORE

Tony Robert Seymore, 60, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Liberty Chapel Church in Moncure. Burial followed in

the church cemetery.

CSM TERRY LEE

CSM Terry Lee, 62, of Texarkana, TX, formerly of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX.

Local arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

SAM HARRIS, SR.

Mr. Sam Harris Sr., 67, of Siler City passed away on Friday, March 15, 2019 in Durham.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

SHARON ANN MILLER

Mrs. Sharon Ann Miller, 75, of Cameron, passed on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospitals in Sanford.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

WILLIAM 'DOODLE' CARY FRYE

Mr. William "Doodle" Cry Frye, 65, of Winston-Salem, passed on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Royal Oaks Assisted Living in Sanford.

Services were held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

ANTONIO MELVIN FEASTER

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

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

DWAYNE EVANS BELTON

Dwayne Evans Belton, 57, of

Cameron, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Arrangements by Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

LEON OTHELLA BEAN

Mr. Leon Othello Bean, 73, of Sanford passed on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Visitation was held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Tempting Congregational Church. The funeral followed at 11 a.m. in the church.

WILLIE MORRISON JR.

Willie Morrison Jr., 70 of Cameron, passed Saturday, March 16, 2019 at VA Medical Center, Fayetteville.

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford



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Law Enforcement association receives a flag

Presenting a flag to the Chatham County Law Enforcement Officers Association is Law Enforcement President Mike Koszulinski (left), Woodmen Life Representative Jonathan McCracken and 35-year member and secretary/treasurer of CCLEO Cathy Judge.



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Lawn mower takes a shower

Wayne Rieves cleans his lawn mower on a recent Friday just before taking it in for service. Rieves says that he's lived in Siler City since 1972.



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STATUE: Issue divides residents

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Civil Rights, a nonprofit that, according to its website, is dedicated to “providing low-wealth North Carolina communities with sound legal representation in their efforts to dismantle structural racism.” Haddix, who referred to herself as a “Southerner to (her) core,” called for the statue to come down.

“It is an assault on me as a human and as a civil rights lawyer, as a defender of justice and people’s rights, every time I come around the circle of what is my children’s hometown,” she said. “It can come down without controversy and with great leadership from this board, and I ask that you consider doing just that.”

Parker Stockdale, who said he had ancestors who fought on both sides of the Civil War, commented that he was “concerned that some people in our midst” misunderstood the place of North Carolina in the Confederacy.

“These people need to become familiar with the history of the state they have decided to relocate to,” Stockdale said. “If some people can’t get over their wounded PC sensitivities, find something else to whine about. You can’t rewrite history. Exercise your hard-won freedom and get the hell out of here.”

Howard Fifer, who said he would be among a group presenting at the April meeting, asked community members to pursue a “civil discourse” about the statue. “Fellow Chatham County residents, let’s all meet the challenge of this issue with an open mind,” Fifer said.



Staff photo by Adrienne Cleven

Chatham County resident Peter Long (holding cup) said Monday that Chatham’s Confederate monument didn’t become an issue “before Trump got elected.” Long was among several residents who gathered around the statue Monday afternoon in advance of a Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting.

“That means listening to the initial presentations and making any responses in a thoughtful, respectful way. We have an opportunity here to set a good example for our children and for outsiders.”

The commissioners made no comments on the public speakers.

The meeting came after what can only be termed a “gathering” of individuals outside the courthouse by the statue that started around 4 p.m. Multiple people milled about in the area and talked amongst themselves. The Chatham County Sheriff’s Office had set up partitions around the statue and the brick walkway in front of the Historic Courthouse.

Lt. Sara Pack, the sheriff’s office’s public information officer, told the News + Record that the partitions were designed to “help facilitate pedestrian foot traffic in and around the traffic circle” prior to the commissioners meeting and the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners’ work-

Let’s all meet the challenge of this issue with an open mind. We have an opportunity here to set a good example for our children and for outsiders.

HOWARD FIFER,
Chatham resident

shop covering Chatham Park’s tree protection ordinance at the same time.

“Our intent is to keep pedestrians and motorists safe as groups head to/from these meetings, especially those moving around the traffic circle,” Pack said in an email. “In short, our increased presence is largely to ensure individuals have safe access to these public meetings where they can freely and peacefully express their opinions. As always, our deputies will continue to protect lives, constitutional rights and property on behalf of Chatham County residents.”

RESTORED: ‘It’s his hobby’

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suring.” A glance at the tight, two-seat interior reveals not only the couples’ careful restoration work, but also a number of stickers affixed to the wood-panel dashboard — all of them souvenirs from the wide variety of car shows where Collins has displayed the prized automobile.

For all his work, Collins has been rewarded with numerous trophies and plaques. A wall of his home’s living room is dedicated to a display of the 24 awards he and the restored Model A have won at classic car shows, near and far.

“It’s his hobby,” Faye said.

Retired now for several years, Collins, a native of Saxapahaw — who acquired his nickname at birth courtesy of his grandfather — spent much of his professional life around automobiles. He worked for several years for Ford Motor Company in Burlington and later worked at Cone Mills Corporation in Greensboro before establishing his own business, Peanut’s Detailing Shop, in Siler City, which he operated until his retirement.

He rebuilt his first car at age 14. And for many years, Collins was a fixture every Saturday night at Asheboro’s Caraway Speedway, where he raced cars. A Chevy emblazoned on the sides with his old racing number — 29 — still sits in his yard, now unused, a reminder of the many hours he spent on the Randolph County track.

“I’d just go out there and have fun,” he said of his years as an amateur race driver and one-man



Staff photo by David Bradley

Since his purchase and restoration of his Model A, ‘Peanut’ has collected a number of trophies for his work.

pit crew. “I spent a lot of money and had a lot of fun.”

Whether rebuilding them, repairing them or racing them, Collins has never been far away from cars.

“I couldn’t tell you how many cars I’ve had over the years,” he said.

He came up with an estimate once, figuring that he’s owned, over the course of his life, 485 of them. But that figure is now several years old and he’s owned a few more since. And besides, Faye observed, “he’s probably forgotten several.”

But of those hundreds of cars, old or new, the

striking blue Model A stands apart.

“It’s number one,” Collins said. “I’d been wanting a five-window coupe for a long time.”

After the eight months he worked on it, the car — its license plate reads “P-NUTS31” — is as close to its original condition as possible, he said.

“The body is all steel,” he said. “There’s no fiberglass.”

Among classic cars, he said, his is “different,” partly because of its unique blue exterior.

“Everybody loves it,” he said. “It gets attention. People take pictures of it everywhere I go.”

TREES: Discussion on Chatham Park includes some contentious moments

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began the meeting by suggesting a change in the first section of the tree protection plan, its purpose, from a bulleted list to something similar to a narrative to “set the tone” for the philosophy of the board. The suggestion was made to Chatham Park to make edits for the board’s consideration when the newest draft of the plan comes before them again.

Pittsboro Commissioner Jay Farrell addressed several questions, most of which were rooted in clarifications of the document. For example, Farrell asked about the differences between tree coverage and tree canopy, a topic that came up several times throughout the night. The tree protection plan uses tree coverage requirements, which means the amount of acreage that must contain trees.

Other areas of Chatham Park’s additional elements also include numbers or areas of trees required for parking areas, streetscapes, trees on residential properties and landscapes. The trees required in these elements are not considered “counted” for the tree coverage requirements in the tree protection plan. Smith reminded commissioners that tree coverage area smaller than 25 feet wide or 100 feet long won’t count among the development’s specified tree coverage areas.

Canopy is defined the amount of branch and leafy coverage a tree may provide. Smith noted, as he’s done in previous discussions with commissioners, that conservative estimates show Chatham Park will have 50 percent tree canopy when all the required trees, within all the elements, are considered — meaning that even though certain trees are not counted when considering tree coverage in terms of protection, they are considered when calculating likely canopy. Required canopy is not included in

the tree protection plan as all other elements discuss trees in terms of acreage or space rather than canopy.

Another area of the tree protection plan that generated discussion was that of the “Tree Coverage Planning Area.” The planning areas are tracts of land, larger than a single lot, used when considering tree protection. Smith brought several slides to show how those planning areas are determined. For example, if a developer applies to build a shopping center, that tract will become a planning area as well as a tree coverage planning area which would need to be contiguous. The commissioners requested Chatham Park work on the sections related to describing those areas

to ensure clarity and reduce confusion. Smith noted that his team had already begun the process as questions about those sections had been common.

Pittsboro Commissioner Micheal Fiocco raised concerns that as the board moves to prevent development on larger portions of Chatham Park’s land, the unintended result may be the loss of affordability, a noted concern of the board. Fiocco later noted that “all of this contributes to the cost of a community” and the town “runs the risk you will have an exclusive community.”

Pittsboro Commissioner Bett Wilson Foley said she was not concerned about that because since the town would have a significantly greater tax

base, it would have a greater ability to invest in affordable housing. She also noted that she wanted to make sure Chatham Park would be a place people would be willing to pay for because of the tree protections they were discussing.

There were several contentious moments during the discussion. At one point, Pittsboro Commissioner John Bonitz asked about the tree protection plan’s required tree coverage inventory field report. According to the plan, that report was due in to the planning department at the same time as the development plan. Bonitz asked Pittsboro’s Planning Director Jeff Jones to “have a discussion with Chatham Park” about

the timing of the report. Jones asked if Bonitz wanted the report as part of the pre-submittal process, to which Bonitz replied he wasn’t sure. Jones questioned if the board wanted to comment on future site plans based on the tree inventory. Again, Bonitz said “No,” stating he merely wanted Jones to “have a discussion” with Chatham Park about it.

“What’s the goal?” Jones asked in frustration. “I need direction from you to what the end result is. I need direction from you all and you’re not giving it to me. ... I’m trying to figure out why you want it before the site plan is developed.”

In addition, Bonitz was asked by Smith when he would be ready with

comments on the plan for Chatham Park. “I’m still compiling them,” Bonitz said.

“We’ve been doing this for a year and a half,” Smith said. “How long are we going to be compiling comments?”

Fiocco echoed Smith’s frustration, noting that the work session itself was scheduled to ensure all the commissioners were prepared, a sentiment noted at the board’s previous regular session earlier this month.

The comments the commissioners provided to Chatham Park will be coalesced into a new proposed document for the board to review at a future date once Chatham Park has concluded revising the plan.

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Posse, Northwood sweep Cedar Ridge in Big 8 action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Northwood baseball team continued to roll under the guidance of first-year head coach David Miller with a pair of wins over Cedar Ridge last week in 3A Big Eight Conference action.

The victories improved Northwood to 2-0 in league play and to 5-0 overall on the young season.

On Thursday evening in

Pittsboro, the Chargers put an absolute beat down on the Red Wolves by a 14-2 tally in the friendly confines of Ronald Horton Field.

Northwood plated two runs in the first, four more in the second, six in the third, and two in the fourth to end the game due to the mercy rule after four and a half innings of play.

Cedar Ridge scored its lone runs in the top of the second to tie the game at 2-2, but locals ran off 12 consecutive runs

from that point forward to cruise to the win.

The Chargers were sharp at the plate, collecting just six hits while drawing nine walks.

Michael Posse had a monster day at the plate with a 3-for-3 night that included seven RBI, a run scored, two doubles and a home run.

Dylan Hitt reached base four times on walks and scored three runs while driving in two more while Tyler Johnson was 1-for-3 with three runs,

three RBI, a double and a walk, Landon Johnson 1-for-2 with two runs and a walk, Brandon Crabtree 1-for-2 and reaching after being hit by a pitch, and Luke Popp, Deuce Powell, and Quin Powell drawing a walk each with the latter scoring two runs.

Justin Szczypinski picked up the win on the mound after working 3.1 innings and allowing four hits, two earned runs, a pair of walks, and striking out three.

Popp notched the save after going 1.2 innings and walking two and whiffing four.

Cedar Ridge was led offensively by Jackson Strowd who went 2-for-2 with a run and a double while Tucker Cothran was 1-for-2 with an RBI-double.

On the mound for the Red Wolves, Matthew Hughes went 2.2 innings and allowed three hits, six walks, 10 runs (three earned) and struck out

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Central girls race past competition on track for win



Staff photos by David Bradley

In the 300-meter hurdles, Chatham Central's Brittany Brooks, front, leads Madison Gaines, Sophia Miller (left) and Analise Villanueva in the sprint during the conference track meet.



Chatham Charter distance runners Noah Lambert and Luke Fuller make their way down the track in Tuesday's track and field event at Chatham Central high school.

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — The Chatham Central girls track team captured a 1A Central Tar Heel Conference meet last Monday afternoon.

Chatham Central posted 118 points to get the victory while Raleigh Charter and Research Triangle tied for second with 98 points, Cornerstone Charter took fourth with 85 points, Woods Charter fifth with 45 points, and Chatham Charter sixth with four points.

On the boys side it was Cornerstone grabbing the win with 119 points while Research Triangle was second with 97 points, Woods Charter third with 94 points, Chatham Central fourth with

93 points, Raleigh Charter fifth with 43 points, and Chatham Charter sixth with 16 points.

In girls action, Brittany Brooks of Chatham Central won the 300 Hurdles with a 57.40 while Maddison Gaines took third with 1:01.97, and Sophia Miller of Woods Charter fourth with a 1:00.87.

Brooks also captured first in the 110 Hurdles with a mark of 19:00 while Gaines was second with a 19:84.

Sophie Phillips of Chatham Central notched second in the Triple Jump with a 25'6" while Alexis Allred of Chatham Central took fifth in the Shot with a toss of 19'5", Haley Rakes seventh with an 18'8", and Faith Tysor eighth with a 17'10".

In the High Jump, Madison Gaines

of CC took first place with a leap of 4'2" while Elean Richardson grabbed second with a 4'0".

Hailey Van Horn of CC captured sixth in the discus with a 58'9.5" while Alexis Allred of CC took eighth with a 54'1", and Ashlyn Dunning of Chatham Charter ninth with a 51'7".

The 800 Meter Dash saw Lelia Adams of Woods Charter take fourth with a 3:31.4 while Woods Charter notched second in the 4 x 400 Meter Relay with a 5:27 to edge out Chatham Central who finished third with a 5:47.

Chatham Central also captured second place in the 4x100 Meter Relay.

In the 400 Meter Dash, Sadie Gaines of Chatham Central and Dahlia Kilgore of Woods Charter tied with 1:16.31's, and

Ragan Murray of CC added a 1:24.00, and Elena Ising of Woods Charter a 1:24.93.

Cameron Hughes of CC won the 200 Meter Hurdles with a time of 29.59 while Saddle Gaines of Chatham Central notched second with a 30.00, and Holly Tyler of Woods third with a 32.81.

In the 100 Meter Dash, Taylor Hughes of Chatham Central blew the field away with a 13:96 while Cameron Hughes came in second with a 14:35. Also in the event locally, Molly Tyler of Woods Charter added a 15:51, Analise Villanueva of Woods Charter a 15:75, Leila Adams of Woods Charter a 16:45, and Rakes of Chatham Charter a 21:47.

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Culberson, Wake Tech head to Illinois in search of a national title

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

DANVILLE, Illinois — Siler City native Cade Culberson and the Wake Tech men's basketball team boarded a bus at 8 a.m. Sunday morning to make the more than 700-mile drive to Danville, Illinois.

Danville Area Community College is the host site for the NJCAA, DII National Tournament. This year marks the 26th consecutive year that DACC has welcomed NJCAA DII teams from across the country to compete for the National Championship.

Wake Tech (21-11) played Niagara County Community College (26-8) in the fifth game of the opening round of the NJCAA, DII National Tournament on Tuesday.

Culberson and Wake Tech qualified for the NJCAA DII National Tournament after a dominating performance two weeks ago to win the Region X/District XIV title.

Wake Tech crushed Catawba Valley 87-65 in the quarterfinals before blasting Pitt Community College in the semifinals 91-73.

In the finals Wake Tech cruised past Guilford Tech 108-92.

All the games in the 16-team event can be watched on nj-caatv.com.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

Cade Culberson of Siler City and the Wake Tech men's basketball team is in Danville, Illinois, at the National Junior College Division II Basketball Championships.

Huskies out-run Chargers to 13-11 victory

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RALEIGH — The Northwood boys lacrosse team couldn't climb out of an early deficit here in Raleigh on Wednesday evening as the Chargers dropped a hard fought 13-11 decision to 4A Heritage.

The action was fast and furious the entire night as the talented teams battled to keep any kind of momentum.

Heritage (4-1) built a 3-2 advantage after one period of play before using what would be a decisive 6-3 run in the second to up the lead to 9-5 in favor of the Huskies.

Northwood (1-3) couldn't cut in to the deficit in the third as the teams entered the fourth quarter with Heritage leading 11-7.

In the fourth, the Chargers would close the gap to 13-11 but never could never get all the way back from the early deficit.

Lars Hoeg had a great contest for Northwood as the senior found the net four times while recording three assists, three ground balls,

and two takeaways.

Jake Mann added four goals, an assist, one ground ball and a takeaway for the Chargers in the loss while Quinn Rooze chipped in two goals, Dacota Egnaczak a goal, an assist, a ground ball, and a takeaway, Kade Little two assists, and a ground ball, and Nate Little an assist.

In the field, Austin Egnaczak had two ground balls, three takeaways and an assist, while Sam Kellan had four ground balls and a takeaway, William Lake three ground balls and three takeaways, Troy Arnold a ground ball and two takeaways.

Ryan Cornell was the star of the show for Heritage as the senior torched Northwood for eight goals and an assist while adding four ground balls.

Noah DeLucia chipped in a pair of goals and two assists for the Huskies while Brandon Szczypinski added two goals.

In goal for Heritage, Lain Moede picked up the win by going 48 minutes and making nine saves out of 20 shots attempted by Northwood.

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Wednesday March 20		THURSDAY March 21	Friday March 22	Saturday March 23	Monday March 25	Tuesday March 26
BASEBALL	TENNIS	BASEBALL	BASEBALL	BASEBALL	BASEBALL	BASEBALL
Chatham Central vs River Mill BOYS: 5 p.m. in Burlington	Cornerstone at Chatham Charter BOYS: 4 p.m. in Siler City	Union Pines vs Northwood BOYS: 6 p.m. in Pittsboro	Chatham Central vs Chatham Charter BOYS: 6 p.m. in Siler City	Chatham Central vs Southern Lee BOYS: 3 p.m. in Sanford	Grays Stone Day vs Chatham Charter (DH) BOYS: 5 p.m. in Siler City	Clover Garden vs Chatham Charter BOYS: 6 p.m. in Siler City
SOFTBALL	Clover Garden vs Chatham Central BOYS: 4 p.m. in Bear Creek	LACROSSE	Jordan-Matthews vs Randleman BOYS: 7 p.m. in Randleman	TRACK	Union Pines vs Chatham Central BOYS: 6 p.m. in Bear Creek	River Mill vs Chatham Central BOYS: 7 p.m. in Bear Creek
Jordan-Matthews at Trinity GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Archdale	Jordan-Matthews at Providence Grove BOYS: 4:30 pm in Lineberry	Northwood vs Chapel Hill BOYS: 6 p.m. in Chapel Hill	Hampton vs Northwood BOYS: 6 p.m. in Pittsboro	Chatham Central, Jordan-Matthews, Northwood in Chatham County Meet BOYS AND GIRLS: 12 p.m. in Siler City	TENNIS	Jordan-Matthews vs Trinity BOYS: 6 p.m. in Archdale
Chatham Charter vs River Mill GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Burlington	Northwood vs East Chapel Hill BOYS: 4:30 pm in Chapel Hill	East Chapel Hill vs Northwood GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Pittsboro	SOFTBALL	Wheatmore vs Jordan-Matthews GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Siler City	Jordan-Matthews vs Northwood BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Pittsboro	SOFTBALL
Northwood at Cedar Ridge GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Hillsborough	Woods Charter at Research Triangle BOYS: 4 p.m. in Durham	SOCCER	Chatham Central vs Chatham Charter GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Siler City	Chatham Central vs Chatham Charter GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Siler City	Cornerstone vs Chatham Central BOYS: 4:00 p.m. in Bear Creek	Jordan-Matthews vs Providence Grove GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Lineberry
SOCCER		Northwood vs Cardinal Gibbons GIRLS: 6:30 pm in Raleigh	SOCCER	SOCCER	SOCCER	River Mill vs Chatham Central GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Bear Creek
South Davidson at Northwood GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Pittsboro		Chatham Central vs Jordan-Matthews GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Siler City	SOCCER	Jordan-Matthews vs Northwood GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Pittsboro	SOCCER	Clover Garden vs Chatham Charter GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Siler City
Woods Charter vs Chatham Charter GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Siler City		TENNIS	River Mill vs Chatham Central GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Bear creek	GOLF	Woods Charter, Chatham Charter, Chatham Central at CTH Match Wildwood Green Golf Club BOYS: 3:30 p.m. in Raleigh	LACROSSE
Jordan-Matthews at Trinity GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Archdale		Northwood vs Carrboro BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Carrboro	TENNIS			Athens Drive vs Northwood BOYS: 6:00 p.m. in Pittsboro
		TRACK	Woods Charter vs Raleigh Charter BOYS: 4:15 p.m. in Raleigh			Northwood vs Wake Forest GIRLS: 6:00 p.m. in Wake Forest
		Chatham Central, Woods Charter, Chatham Charter 1A CTH Meet at Jamieson Stadium BOYS AND GIRLS: 4 p.m. in High Point				

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The 1600 Meter Run saw Kilgore of Woods Charter take fourth with a 6:43 while Grace O'Hara of Chatham Charter closed in seventh with an 8:02.

Ember Penney of Woods Charter notched third in the 3200 Meter Run with a 16:35 while O'Hara took fourth with a 17:35.

In boys action, it was Jamieon Degraffenreidt of Chatham Central taking second in the 100 Meter Dash with an 11:19 while Kyle Hawarth of Woods Charter posted a third place mark of 11:87. Brandon Brooks of Chatham Central added a time of 12:44, Keanon Shoffner of Chatham Central chipped in a 12.79, Aymen Youness of Chatham Charter a 13:00, Thomas O'Hara of Chatham Charter a 13:53, and Mac Czynewski of Woods Charter a 13:95.

Nick McNeill of Chatham Charter took third in the 110 Hurdles with a 20.22 while in the 200 Meter Dash it was Malachi Moore of Chatham Central taking third with a 24.88, and William Fulcher of Woods Charter fourth with a 28.18.

Patrick Deegan of Woods Charter grabbed second in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a 0:49.70 while Cutter Bell of Woods Charter took third with a 0:52.72, and Caleb Jackson of Woods Charter fifth with a 0:57.79.

The 400 Meter Dash saw Caleb Hyman of Woods Charter took third overall with a 0:59.96 while McNeill of Chatham Central posted a 1:02.53 to capture fifth overall.

Chatham Central took second in the 4 x 100 Meter Relay with a 50:06 while Woods Charter closed in fifth with a 55:85.

The 4 x 400 Meter Relay was won by Chatham Central with a 4:20 while Woods Charter posted a 4:45, good for second.

The final relay event, the 4 x 800, saw Woods Charter grab fourth with an 11.25.

In the 800 Meter Run it was Wilfred Charbonneau of Woods Charter taking ninth with a 2:32.52 while Noah Fuller of Chatham Charter took tenth with a 300.18,

and Luke Fuller of Charter in 11th with a 3:01.18.

Brandon McKay of Chatham Charter took third with a 5:08 while Brantley Hart of Chatham Central finished in seventh with a 5:36, Czynewski of Woods in eighth with a 5:41, Samuel Drummer of Woods Charter in tenth with a 5:48, Sidney Overacre of Chatham Central in the twelve spot with a 6:03, Frank Wagoner of Woods Charter with a 6:24, and Luke Fuller of Chatham Charter with a 6:50.

The 3200 Meter Run was won by McKay of Chatham Charter with a time of 11:23.34 while Connor Perry of Woods Charter took fifth with a 14:02, Alex Efahla of Chatham Central sixth with a 16:36:15, and Matthew Trott of Woods Charter seventh with a 17:26.

In the field events, things kicked off with the Discus and Chatham Central's Walter Cotton won first place with a strong throw of 81'4". Charbonneau of Woods Charter captured second with a mark of 74'4", Cody Van Horn of Chatham Central took 6th with a 64'6", Wesley Buie of Chatham Central seventh with a 58'11", Logan Cottrell of Woods Charter eighth with a 56'9", and Williams Pearson of Woods Charter a 47'8".

Degraffenreidt of CC captured first in the High Jump with a mark of 5'4" while teammate Jarious Cheek grabbed second with a 5'2", Patrick Deegan of WC fourth with a 4'10".

Deegan (WC) also garnered third in the Long Jump with a 16' while Cutter Bell (WC) took fifth with a 15'1", Perry Conner (WC) sixth with a 14'7".

The Shot Put saw Cotton (CC) win another first place with a 31'3" while teammate Van Horn nabbed third with a 27'9", Pearson of Woods Charter fifth with a 24'8", Peter Ising of Woods Charter sixth with a 24'4.5", Cottrell of Woods Charter seventh with a 21'9", and Youness of Chatham Charter eighth with a 21'7.5".

Closing out the event was Deegan of Woods Charter winning the Triple Jump with a 34'8" while Bell of Woods Charter took second with a 33'2".

Knights' Carter no-hits Jaguars

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BURLINGTON — Noah Carter fired a no-hitter here Tuesday evening to spark Chatham Charter to a 10-0 drubbing of River Mill in five innings in a 1A Central Tar Heel Conference affair.

Chatham Charter (2-0, 2-0) gave Carter plenty of run support with two runs in the first, five more in the second, and three in the third to blow the game wide open.

River Mill (0-1, 1-2), meanwhile, committed three costly errors and managed just one

base runner in a walk to Avery Dorsett. After reaching in the third inning, Dorsett stole second, but pushed his luck too far moments later and was gunned down by Chatham Charter catcher Cameron Kennedy at third base.

Carter worked all five innings and struck out 13 of the 15 batters he faced in a completely dominating performance by the 6-foot-4 junior right-hander.

Offensively, Trevor Golden paced the Chatham Charter effort with a 2-for-3 outing that included three runs scored, two stolen

bases and two RBI.

Carter also went 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI for the Knights while Connor Murphy was 1-for-2 with three runs, an RBI, a walk and two stolen bases.

Chatham Charter also received a 1-for-1 effort from Landon Hussey who scored twice and walked while Jacob Brannon was 1-for-2 with a run, Kennedy 1-for-2 with an RBI-double and a walk, and Jaron Hendrickson 1-for-3 with a two-run double.

Seth Barfield took the loss on the mound for River Mill.

Zion and more



DON BEANE
Sports Editor

The return of Zion Williamson was one of the highlights of the week-

end for me as a college basketball fan.

Not because Duke won the ACC title in Charlotte, but because he came back to play.

That shows how big a competitor the young man is, and what kind of teammate he is.

The consensus opinion around the country was that Williamson would forgo the rest of the season after being injured early in the opening UNC game in February.

Well, he proved the naysayers wrong.

That said, the naysayers have a valid point: Why risk further injury when you are about to be guaranteed millions of dollars in the upcoming NBA Draft?

For old-schoolers like me, it's because he, as it should be, wants to compete, and that is what it's all about. In a day and age of increasing prima donnas in sports, Williamson proved that there are still plenty of hard-nosed competitors out there. I mean, can you imagine Michael Jordan ever skipping a big game?

Now granted, it's time the NBA and NCAA fix this broken system. I'm sorry, if a kid like

Williamson can go out of high school and make millions and set their families up for generations to come, then they certainly should be allowed to. This is still a capitalistic society even though some in this country seem to be dead-set on ending that.

And if players elect to go to college, then they should have to stay two or three years before entering the NBA Draft. Baseball does it, and now its time for the NBA to do it. The players, the college game, the fans, and the coaches will all benefit from a revised system.

But for now, we can watch and enjoy a special player in Williamson again during the NCAA Tournament. It's hard not to like the young man. He has an infectious, kid-like personality like Shaquille O'Neal. And that special combination of personality and talent don't come around that often.

Also this weekend was the NCHSAA State Championships in basketball.

Of special area interest, Pamlico Country proved most of the state wrong in winning the 1A State Championship on the girls side with a 62-55 victory over East Surry.

Pamlico had lost in the title contest the previous two seasons, and the Northwest Conference alone had won 14 straight with most of those coming from the recruiting

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private school juggernaut that is Bishop McGuinness, who has been allowed to play with the public schools.

How good was Pamlico? Just ask Chatham Central. After what they did to the Bears I think a lot of us local fans got the feeling that the Hurricanes may stop this West dominance. And we were right. Pamlico was simply legit, especially Jainaya Jones, who torched East Surry for 39 points.

Now it's time to focus on the NCAA Tournament, which should be wide open this season with no dominant teams.

I will go ahead and throw my predictions out there in what should be an exciting three weeks of action.

My Final Four is UNC, Duke, Tennessee, and Michigan.

UNC is playing about as well as anyone right now and White, Little and Maye are just great players. The Tar Heels are going to be a tough out for anyone.

The same can be said for Duke if they can get healthy. Williamson gives them an obvious boost and that is coming at the right time. Coach K is no dummy.

He allowed Williamson to get some extra recovery time before bringing him back in the ACC Tournament, and it worked like a charm.

Tennessee, well, I'm a Vols fan. They are far from the most talented team, but they come to work and play hard consistently, and Rick Barnes does a great job fundamentally. If Tennessee can hit from the outside, they will be hard to handle because they are very experienced with Grant Williams, Admiral Schofield and Jordan Bone leading the way out of what was a tough South-eastern Conference this season.

Michigan, well I just love the coaching of John Beilein. Fundamentally he's about as good as it gets and his club has been through the battles the past three years.

Next four, Villanova just because of what Jay Wright has built, Kentucky because they are long and loaded with talent, albeit young, and then UVA and Gonzaga, two programs that everyone is waiting to see finally break through.

So fill out your brackets and get ready for some March Madness!

Patriots march past Jets in PAC 7 baseball action

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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LINEBERRY — Providence Grove pounded out 13 hits, including solo home runs by Drew Needham and Zander Smith, against a trio of Jordan-Matthews' left-handers while Jordan Hodges hurled a complete-game three-hitter and helped his own cause by going three-for-four at the plate with two RBIs as the Patriots run-ruled their PAC 7 2A Conference rival 11-1 in six innings Thursday evening on their home field.

Gaining a measure of revenge after being no-hit by the Jets two days earlier, Providence Grove climbed to 2-2 in the league standings and 2-5 for the year while improving to 13-4 in its all-time series with J-M, which dropped to 3-1 in the conference and 4-3 overall.

Becoming the first Patriots' pitcher to go the distance on the mound this season, Hodges was charged with one un-earned run while issuing one walk and fanning seven. The senior right-hander threw a total of 78 pitches, including 51 (65%) for strikes.

Jordan-Matthews' starter Camden Fuquay went three and one-third innings on the hill and absorbed the loss after surrendering five hits and seven runs (six earned) in addition to walking two and whiffing one.

Kevin Cano tossed one and one-third innings in relief, allowing five hits and a pair of earned runs while walking one, before Luke Hinshaw pitched one inning and gave up three hits plus two earned runs besides issuing one free pass and striking out two.

"It was good to see us break out with hits tonight as we've had some returning guys start out slow this season while we have others playing their first year on the varsity," remarked Providence Grove mentor Jerry Kidd.

"I thought we looked pretty solid in the field while Jordan Hodges gave us a great effort on the mound," said Kidd. "His curve ball has really improved while he has good control over several different pitches."

Jets' coach John Will Headen stated this outing was the polar opposite of how his team performed against the Patriots Tuesday night.

"While skunks might stink, we stunk it up pretty bad this evening," said Headen.

"We didn't manage the game well at all on the mound while their pitcher was quite effective," the Jets' coach said. "They came out and hit the ball extremely well while we couldn't produce timely hits, and hopefully we had a little gut-check

tonight."

Providence Grove gave Hodges all the offensive support he would need by tallying four runs in the bottom of the first. Jackson Jones led off the frame with an opposite-field double to left, went to third on a ground-out and came home on a wild pitch. Ben Campbell then reached on a two-out fielder's choice and moved to second on a free pass issued to Smith before Levi Adams drove in Campbell with a base hit to left, and when the ball was misplayed in the outfield Smith came around to score while Adams ended up on third.

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JOHN WILL HEADEN,
Jets coach

Hodges followed by lining a single to center to drive in Adams.

J-M registered its only run in the top of the second

when Chris Rios and Samuel Murchison led off the inning by smacking consecutive base hits to left prior to Rios sprinting home on an infield error.

Hodges then bore down and only permitted one base runner the rest of the way when Thomas Smith notched a two-out opposite-field single to right in the visitors' sixth.

The Patriots picked up a solo run in the home third when Needham led off the frame by belting a 2-0 offering from Fuquay over the fence in straight-away center for his team-leading third homer of the season.

Providence Grove boosted its lead to 7-1 in the bottom of the fourth as Hodges bloomed a leadoff opposite-field base hit to right before courtesy runner Travis Boone stole second. One out later Connor Johnson was hit by a pitch and both runners advanced a base when Luke Thomas drew a two-out walk prior to Needham drilling a two-run single to right.

The winners increased their advantage to 9-2 in the home fifth as Smith led off the frame by launching a 3-1 delivery from Cano over the left field fence for his first career round-tripper.

Adams then followed with a base hit to left, moved to second on a two-out wild pitch and tallied when Will Coltrane slapped a single to left.

The Patriots wrapped up their victory in the bottom of the sixth as Thomas opened the inning with an infield single to deep short, went to second on a passed ball and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

After Needham coaxed a free pass, one-out later Zander Smith grounded an opposite-field base hit to right to drive in Thomas and send courtesy runner Nathan Humble to second, and the latter scored the game's final run when Hodges stroked a two-out single to center.

Lady Chargers hold off Jets

BY DON BEANE
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SILER CITY — Northwood plated four runs in the top of the fifth inning here Wednesday afternoon and fended off a late Jordan-Matthews rally to claim a 7-5 win in area high school softball action.

With the win, Northwood improved to 4-2 on the spring in taking the season sweep of its rivals while Jordan-Matthews dropped to 1-6.

The Chargers struck first in the contest when a single by Allison Coker coupled with a Jets error, and a two-run single by Caroline Dorshimer gave the visitors a 2-0 advantage in the top of the 2nd.

In the 3rd, Northwood extended its lead to 3-0 when another J-M miscue led to Jamie Christensen laying down a sacrifice bunt, and Weigle stroking an RBI-single to right field.

Trailing 3-0, Jordan-Matthews

finally got on the board with three runs in the home half of the fourth to tie the score up at 3-all. Ashlyn Ray ripped a triple to right field to lead off the inning before Avery Headen sacrificed in Ray, while also beating the throw to first.

Emery Moore followed with a single to center before a Northwood error and a fielder's choice by Aubry Wilson led to the final two runs.

Northwood answered in the top of the fourth with four runs to seize the lead back at 7-3. Lauren Davis walked to start things off before Christensen was hit by a pitch one out later, the Jets committed its third error of the game, Coker and Chloe Lineman walked, and Gracie Leonard smacked a two-run double.

Jordan-Matthews would answer with a run in the fifth behind a pair of NW errors and a run in the seventh behind a double from Ray and a sacrifice fly from Davis.

Davis would coax a ground ball

to end the game and clinch the victory on the mound and to pick up the save.

Weigle notched the win on the mound for the Chargers after hurling six innings and scattering five hits, allowing four runs (four earned), no walks, and striking out four.

Offensively, Northwood was led by a 2-for-2 effort with two RBI from Dorshimer while Leonard was 1-for-1 with a double and three RBI, and Weigle 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Ray was a 2-for-4 with three runs, a double and a triple for Jordan-Matthews while Moore was 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI, and Wilson 1-for-3 with an RBI, and LeeAnn Lilly 11-for-3 with a double.

Mitchell suffered the loss on the mound after going all seven innings for the Jets and allowing seven runs (none earned), three walks and fanning a pair.

Northwood student-athletes tabbed 3A Big Eight All-Conference for winter sports season

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Big Eight 3A Conference recently announced its 2018-2019 Winter Sports All-Conference teams, with Northwood having a number of individuals recognized for their athletic achievements in men's and women's basketball, as well as wrestling plus women's swimming.

Deuce Powell (second year in a row) and Aaron Ross were named to the Men's All-Conference basketball team, while Jalen McAfee and Alex Snively were chosen to the Honorable Mention squad.

Northwood concluded the year tied for third in the final league standings with a record of 8-6 and finished 19-10 overall following a third-round

3A state playoff loss to Northern Nash.

Chandler Adams (second year in a row) was selected to the Women's All-Conference basketball team, while Myla Marve received Honorable Mention recognition.

The Lady Chargers ended up tied for fourth in the final league standings with a record of 7-7 and closed out the year with a mark of 14-13 following a first-round 3A state playoff loss to Greensboro Dudley.

Northwood managed to place half a dozen individuals on this year's All-Conference wrestling team, including Ian Katz (126-pound class), Jamison Davis (138), Grant Ray (145 – second year in a row; previously at 132), William Lake (182), Matt Briggs (220 – second year

in a row) and Abraham Pena (285).

The Charger matmen wound up fourth in the final conference standings with a 4-3 ledger while finishing 12-6 overall.

Regarding swim results, the Lady Chargers ended up third in the final league standings, with Madeline Posse chosen as the Female Swimmer of the Year while Sara Graham was named the Female Swim Coach of the Year.

The Lady Chargers' team of Mia Corrado, Suzanne Earnshaw, Maddie Posse and Julia Earnshaw won first place in the conference 200-yard medley relay, while Posse finished first in the 200-yard freestyle.

Suzanne and Julia Earnshaw captured first

and second place, respectively, in the 200-yard IM, whereas Julia took second place in the 100-yard butterfly event.

Posse claimed first place in the 100-yard freestyle, while Corrado won first place in the 500-yard freestyle. Corrado finished second in the 100-yard backstroke, whereas Suzanne Earnshaw finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Last but not least, the team comprised of Posse, Corrado and the two Earnshaws won first place honors in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Congratulations are extended to all these student athletes plus coach Graham for their accomplishments while representing Northwood during the winter sports season.

Central Tar Heel Conference honors county student-athletes

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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The Central Tar Heel 1A Conference has announced its 2018-2019 Winter Sports All-Conference teams, with both Chatham Central, Chatham Charter and Woods Charter having a number of individuals recognized for their athletic achievements in boys and girls basketball as well as wrestling.

Chatham Central's Jameon Degraffenreid and Michael Moore were named to the Boys All-Conference basketball team, as were Chatham Charter's Jordan Hamilton and Connor Murphy, while the Bears' Hayden Nall, the Knights' A.J. Alston, Cole Millholen and Baggio Rodriguez, and Woods Charter's Emi Hutter-Demarco, Jacob Mitchell and Ian Stone were all chosen to the Honorable Mention squad.

Chatham Central and Chatham

Charter tied for second place in the final league standings with an identical record of 11-3. The Bears concluded the season 15-10 following a third-round 1A state playoff loss to Washington County, whereas the Knights finished 27-5 overall after a second-round 1A state playoff setback to Hayesville.

The Chatham Central Lady Bears captured both the regular-season and conference tournament titles while finishing atop the league standings with a record of 12-0, earning Lynda Burke Coach of the Year honors in the CTHC.

Chatham Central ended its season with a final mark of 27-4 following a loss to eventual 1A state champion Pamlico County in the East Regional semifinals.

The Chatham Charter Lady Knights finished in fifth place in the conference with a league record of 3-9 and concluded the year 9-19.

Named to the Women's All-Conference team were Chatham Central's Abby Elkins, Maddy Elkins and Mary Grace Murchison, along with Chatham Charter's Morgan Lineberry.

Those selected to the Honorable Mention team included Chatham Central's Cami Hughes and Taylor Hughes, along with Chatham Charter's Alexis Baldwin and Miranda Griffin.

Four wrestlers were chosen to the All-Conference squad, including Chatham Central's Caden Fields, Cole Armstrong and Gerli Amador, along with Chatham Charter's Chandler Steele.

Congratulations are extended to all these student athletes plus coach Burke for their accomplishments while representing Chatham Central and Chatham Charter during the winter sports season.

Late inning explosion deals Bears defeat

BY DON BEANE
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CAMERON — For five innings here on Wednesday evening it appeared Chatham Central was poised and ready to take down 3A Union Pines in area non-conference baseball action.

Then the unthinkable happened.

Union Pines exploded for 10 runs in the bottom of the sixth to storm back for a 12-5 triumph.

Chatham Central fell to 1-3 on the season with the loss while Union Pines improved to 4-1.

The Bears had a big day at the plate on Wednesday, belting out 10 hits led by Caleb Staley and Drew Cox. Staley went 3-for-4 with an RBI while Cox was also 3-for-4 and scored two runs.

Tyson Measeamer was 1-for-4 with an run scored and an RBI-triple in the top of the third which put Chatham Central in front

3-0 after the Bears had scored to open the game behind a Michael Moore double and subsequent RBI-single from Lofton Dodson. Moore was 1-for-3 in the contest and was hit by a pitch, while Dodson was 1-for-4.

Carter Fuquay was also 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI in the fourth inning that sent the Bears up 4-1, a lead that would be extended to 5-1 in the top of the fifth after an RBI-single from Staley.

Chatham Central also saw Zach Ritter walk and Jackson Gray score a run.

The Bears were scheduled to begin a challenging five games in seven days stretch on Tuesday afternoon by heading to Clover Garden before rolling up to River Mill on Wednesday, making the short trek to Chatham Charter on Friday, traveling Southern Lee on Saturday, and hosting Union Pines on Monday.

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three while Chris Pearce went .1 inings and allowed two hits, four runs (two earned), walked two and fanned one. Hunter Singleton also worked one inning and walked one.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, Northwood traveled to

Hillsborough to take on Cedar Ridge.

The contest saw Tyler Johnson spearhead the Chargers victory by going five innings on the mound and yielding just three hits, no runs, two walks, and striking out four to get the win.

Posse went 1.1 innings and allowed one hit, an earned run in the seventh, while fanning three.

Popp came in and shut the door on the Red Wolves hope at a last

inning rally by getting the final two outs after allowing one hit and striking out one.

Northwood had eight hits in the contest including a pair each by Hitt, Tyler Johnson and Posey in three at-bats. Posse drove in a run in the second with an RBI-double to score Johnson.

Tyler Johnson also added an RBI while Landon Johnson was 1-for-4 with a run, and Beau Weathers 1-for-3.

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Nighthawks own the evening in downing of Chargers

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BROWN SUMMIT — Powerful Northern Guilford used a 9-2 spurt in the third quarter here on Tuesday night to down visiting Northwood 17-9 in non-conference boy's lacrosse action.

Northern Guilford (3-0) pulled in front 3-1 after one period in the books before methodically pushing the advantage to 6-3 at the intermission.

The Nighthawks then used the key 9-2 onslaught in the third to extend the lead to a comfortable 12-3 count entering the fourth before cruising to the 17-9 win.

Lars Hoeg had a strong game for Northwood (1-2) with three goals, three assists and six ground balls in the losing effort.

Quinn Rooze added three goals, two ground balls and a takeaway for the Chargers while Jake Mann chipped in two goals, an assist, two ground balls and an assist, Tristan Rapsky a goal, two ground balls and a takeaway, Sam Kellam five ground balls and three takeaways, William Lake five ground balls and four takeaways, and Kade Little three

ground balls and two takeaways.

Andrew Norman had eight saves for the Chargers while Hunter Klingel added one more.

Brady Mercer had five goals and two assists to pace Northern Guilford while Gavis Cosgrove chipped in four goals and an assist.

The Nighthawks also received three goals and two assists from Will Beyer while Aidan Cosgrove added two goals and an assist, Giacomo Santomauro two goals, and Bryce Johnson a goal.

Cosgrove chipped in seven ground balls while Thomas Henderson added six more while winning 13-of-24 faceoffs.

Jacob Wilkerson took the win in goal and had six saves.

Aimed and ready

A Chatham Central Hunter and Safety team member is aimed and ready to fire on a target in a recent Hunter and Safety competition at the Wildlife Club in Siler City.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

Red Wolves rout Chargers on softball diamond

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

HILLSBOROUGH — Cedar Ridge scored nine runs in the bottom of the first inning on Tuesday evening in Hillsborough enroute to thrashing Northwood 15-5 in six innings.

Northwood (1-1, 3-2) had taken a 1-0 lead in the visiting half of the first behind a base hit from Mayci Springle, a walk to Erika Seils, and an RBI-single from Hannah Weigle.

Cedar Ridge (1-0, 4-1) would counter with nine runs in the bottom of the stanza highlighted by RBI-doubles from Tori Dalehite and Taylor Ruhl, and a two-run homer from Tionna Carter.

The Chargers would close the gap to 10-5 after three innings of play, but the Wolves would plate three runs in the fifth, and two more in the sixth to halt the game and clinch the 15-5 victory.

Northwood was led offensively by a huge game at the plate from Hannah Weigle who went 3-for-4 with a run and four RBI while Springle was 3-for-4.

Adding a 2-for-3 outing for the Chargers was Emma Douglas while Jamie Chris-

tensen was 2-for-2 with two runs, two walks and two stolen bases, Chloe Lineman 1-for-2 with an RBI and a walk, Lauren Davis 1-for-3 with a walk and two stolen bases.

Weigle suffered the loss on the mound after yielding 16 hits, 15 runs (eight earned), walking one and striking out four in six innings of work.

Cedar Ridge was paced at the plate by Carter who went 4-for-4 with three runs, four RBI, a double and a home run while Ruhl was 4-for-5 with three runs, two RBI and a double.

The Red Wolves also saw Dalehite go 3-for-4 with a run, two RBI and two doubles while Taylor Barnes was 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBI, Emma Roby 2-for-4, Ava Lowry 2-for-4 with a run and a stolen base, Stutzer 1-for-3 with a walk, a run, an RBI and a stolen base, and Olivia Aitkin 2-for-1 with a run, an RBI and two stolen bases.

Barnes picked up the win on the mound after going five innings and allowing seven hits, five runs (one earned), four walks and fanning one.

Aitkin hurled the sixth and yielded one hit and one walk.

Chapel Hill pulls away from Jordan-Matthews

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Summoned to the mound in the bottom of the fifth with two Jordan-Matthews runners in scoring position, no outs and his team clinging to a one-run lead, Chapel Hill reliever Matt White proceeded to retire the next three batters in order to work his way out of a jam.

After that, the visitors from Orange County tallied four runs in the top of the seventh to put the game away as the Tigers took advantage of J-M mistakes to claim a 10-4 non-conference victory in diamond action Wednesday night on Jimmy Warford Field.

Raising its overall record to 2-3, Chapel Hill improved to 3-0 all-time against the Jets while Jordan-Matthews fell to 4-2 for the season.

Tigers' starter Porter Lonegan went four innings to get the win, surrendering three hits and one earned run while walking two and striking out four.

Jackson Snider pitched one-third of an inning in relief, giving up one hit plus three earned runs in addition to issuing four free passes and whiffing one prior to White hurling scoreless ball over the final two and two-third frames, allowing two hits while fanning six to pick up a save.

Chris Rios opened on the hill for J-M and was tagged with the loss after yielding a pair of hits and four unearned runs

while walking three and striking out four over two and two-third innings.

Relievers Luke Hinshaw, Seth Moore and Logan Snyder combined to toss the last four and one-third innings for the Jets and collectively gave up four hits and six runs (three earned) besides issuing three bases on balls and fanning three.

"The key to tonight's win was our ability to execute on the mound when we needed to," related Chapel Hill coach Bryan Tuck.

"Porter Lonegan gave us four strong innings before Matt White entered in the fifth and shut the door on a Jordan-Matthews rally while striking out six of the 10 batters he faced. We also were able to manufacture some runs with heads-up base running while capitalizing on J-M errors."

Jets' coach John Will Headen said the game was a lesson for his team in how to handle adversity when somebody puts pressure on you.

"We're not hitting to our potential right now. We booted the ball around tonight and we stranded too many (nine) base runners," noted Headen.

"But," he added, "I thought we showed some fight and grit to battle back from a five-run deficit even though we couldn't quite get over the hump."

The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 advantage in the top of the first as Tyler Tachman drew a leadoff walk, stole second, moved to third on an infield miscue

and scored on Snider's one-out base hit to left.

Chapel Hill increased its lead to 4-0 in the visitors' third as leadoff batter Will Epstein raced all the way to second on a throwing error and one out later went to third when Grant Stough dashed to first on a third-strike wild pitch.

Marlowe Iorio followed with a single to right to score Epstein and send Stough to third, and the latter then came home when Snider lofted a sacrifice fly to right.

Before the inning was over, Iorio stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on an infield throwing error.

The Tigers stretched their advantage to 5-0 in the top of the fourth, filling the bases with one away when Lonegan walked, Trevor Liebe blooped an opposite-field single to right and Epstein reached on an error before Tachman was hit by a pitch to force in Lonegan.

Jordan-Matthews picked up a solo run in the bottom of the fourth as Christopher Morgan poked a one-out opposite-field base hit to right and went to third when Moore singled to center prior to coming in to score on a groundout by Kevin Cano.

The Jets took advantage of Snider's wildness on the hill in home fifth to close the gap to 5-4 as Camden Fuquay and Thomas Smith led off the frame with consecutive free passes before pulling off a successful double steal.

Coming in for a landing

Chatham Central's A'nya Marsh flies into the sand in the long jump during the conference track meet at the Chatham Central High School campus Tuesday. Athletes from high school teams from across the Central Tar Heel conference competed in track and field events.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Sighting the target

A Chatham Central Lady Bear fires on a target in recent Hunter and Safety action out at the Siler City Wildlife Club. Teams from Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews participated in what is becoming an increasingly popular sport in the high school ranks.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

One out later back-to-back walks to Rios and Morgan forced in Fuquay, and Moore followed with a two-run single down the left field line to chase Snider from the mound.

Enter White, who then struck out Cano, Hinshaw and Snyder in succession to put an end to J-M's rally.

Chapel Hill added a lone run in the visitors' sixth to go up 6-4 as Epstein reached on a two-out fielder's choice and came around to score on back-to-back base hits by Tachman and Stough.

The Tigers then batted around their last turn at-bat, pushing across four runs to account for the final margin.

Snider opened the top of the seventh with a double into the left field corner prior to Will Eble being plunked with a pitch. After both runners were sacrificed up a base, Snider scurried home on a wild pitch as Eble moved to third.

Following a walk to White, Solomon Donaldson plated Eble with a fielder's choice and went to second when Epstein reached on an error.

Donaldson and Epstein then pulled off a successful delayed double steal, with the former coming in to score, before the latter sprinted home when Tachman reached on an infield error.

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Riley Shaner repeats as state winner of Rumbaugh Oratory

CN+R STAFF REPORT

For the second year in a row, Riley Shaner from Northwood High School will be going to the finals of the competition for the prestigious Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest.

This national contest is sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and is designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present day America.

The oratory competition provides students with an opportunity to present a persuasive speech which deals with an event, personality or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War that reflects an influence on America today. The contest is open to high school students attending public, private, home, or parochial schools across the country.

On March 9, the General Francis Nash Chapter of the SAR sponsored the regional and state competition at Governors Club where four Northwood High School students competed for the right to represent North Carolina in the National competition to be held in Costa Mesa, California, in July.

YOUTH ORATION MEDAL

Shaner, this year's winner, was awarded \$250 and received the Youth Orator Medal from local SAR Chapter President Chuck Adams. Winners of the North Carolina contest are eligible to compete at the National Contest which is held at the SAR Annual Congress



Submitted photo

Adam Khrais (from left) Meredith Clouse, Anna Pickens, Riley Shaner and Lowell Hoffman pose for a photo after the Rumbaugh Oratory Contest held by the Sons of the American Revolution.

each year. After winning the North Carolina title last year, Riley competed in Houston where she placed 8th in the national competition.

A few years ago, Northwood teacher Jill Jackl's petition for Chatham County Schools administrators to reintroduce Speech as a class at Northwood was successful. Her guidance and efforts have certainly paid off as four of her students from Northwood participated in the Rumbaugh Oratory this year. Jackl previews and coaches the competitors on their presentations but she gives all the credit to the students, who do the research, pick a topic, write the speech, memorize and deliver it.

The speeches must be at least five but no more than six minutes long and must be delivered without notes or lectern. Contestants are judged on the speech's composition, delivery, significance, historical

accuracy and relevance. The subjects the students choose this year were varied and informative. They included:

Riley Shaner: The Path We Walk Together – How Patrick Henry influenced the guiding principles of our country today

Meredith Clouse: From Pistols to Politics – The transition of fighting for our own country to becoming the world leader fighting for justice around the world. Meredith placed second in the competition this year.

Adam Khrais: A Revolution Within a Revolution – The impact and changing role of women in the American Revolution and how it set the groundwork for the women's movement.

Anna Pickens: The Story of Nanyehi (aka Nancy ward) – The story of a Cherokee woman who advocated for peace between the Indians and Colonists at the risk of being called a traitor by her own

people sets an example for people to stand up for their beliefs

All four of the Northwood students did a terrific job of meeting the contest guidelines and delivering their speeches with animation and enthusiasm. The competition was attended by many Triangle SAR members, dignitaries, educators, parents and guests interested in both oratory and American history.

While the judges were marking their evaluations after each speech, Lowell Hoffman gave a brief talk about Revolutionary War people and landmarks in and around the area. He discussed General Francis Nash, the Regulators and the Battle of Alamance, Hillsborough during the Revolution, that Chatham County was named after William Pitt (the elder), the Earl of Chatham, and the town of Pittsboro was named for his son, William Pitt



Submitted photo

Meredith Clouse receives the 2nd place award in the Rumbaugh Oratory Contest from Sons of the American Revolution Chapter President Chuck Adams.



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Sons of the American Revolution chapter president Chuck Adams gives oratory contest winner Riley Shaner a certificate after winning the prize.

(the younger). He also introduced all the SAR dignitaries, the judges and other guests. Lowell was the driving force for bringing the Rumbaugh Oratory to our area.

At the national competition, Shaner will be competing for one of the cash awards that are awarded at the National level, \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for the runner-up, \$2,000 for third place. Fourth- through 6th place

winners are awarded \$400 and all other national contestants receive \$200 in addition to local awards.

Students interested in competing in the oration contest next year should review the complete contest rules on the national web site at www.SAR.org. The oration is supported by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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CHURCH NEWS

SILER CITY CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

There will be a singing program at 3 p.m. on March 24 at the Siler City Church of God of Prophecy. Individuals and groups are invited to sing. The proceeds will go to the church building fund. The church is located at 907 13th Street.

UNITY POWERHOUSE CHURCH

On March 24, Unity Powerhouse Church will celebrate their 43rd church anniversary. Pastor Evangelist Cedric D. Lee will speak in the 11 a.m. service.

Rev. Lorinzer Johnson will speak in the 3 p.m. service. He will be joined by the choir and congregation at Evans Chapel AME Zion Church.

All are welcome to come and worship with us.

OAK GROVE HOLINESS CHURCH

A musical program will be held at 6 p.m. on March 23 featuring The Spiritually Anointed, Elder Richard Dowdy and family, the Covington Family, Master Keys and others.

The church is located at 202 Tempting Church Road, Sanford.

GETHSEMANE - MT. SINAI UNITED HOLY CHURCH, INC.

The annual usher anniversary at Gethsemane - Mt. Sinai United Holy Church will be observed at 2:30 p.m. on March 24. Sister Jean McKoy, head usher, will be the speaker.

Usher boards from other churches are invited to attend.

The church is located at 243 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek.

WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

All are invited to the Word of Life Christian Outreach Center to join us as we celebrate our 24th church anniversary on March 24. Bishop Michael Goings will be the guest speaker.

We look forward to seeing you there. The church is located at 8930 Silk Hope / Liberty Road, Siler City.

EDWARDS GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The senior choir of Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their anniversary at 2:30 p.m. on March 24.

Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 214 Foster Street, Liberty.

OLIVERS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

The annual Family and Friends Day will be held beginning at 11 a.m. on March 24 at Olivers Chapel AME Zion Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lunch will be served after the worship service.

The church is located at Staley.

RIVES CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual BBQ Fundraiser for Rives Chapel Baptist Church will be held on March 22 with plate pickups at the church from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., or eat-in plates from 4 to 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Plates will be available for pickup on West Raleigh Street, Siler City, between the Country Mart and Zone Fitness from 3 to 7 p.m. The church is located at 4338 Rives Chapel Road, Siler City.

MAYS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a gospel singing at Mays Chapel Baptist Church at 6 p.m. on March 24. The New Direction Gospel group will be presenting their gospel songs. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Come, bring friends, and enjoy great music and fellowship!!

The church is located at: 24 Rosser Road, Bear Creek.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The youth choir of Holy Trinity Church will celebrate its 52nd choir anniversary at 3 p.m. on March 24 with several visiting choirs participating. Join us in the celebration.

EBENEZER AME ZION CHURCH

There will be a Friday night service at 7 p.m. on March 22 at Ebenezer AME Zion Church. Rev. Cecil Wilson, pastor of True Community Church will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to be part of this service.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

Our Friday Night Fire worship will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 22, with Pastor Tristan Spencer of Faith Tabernacle of Asheboro speaking. This service will be held at our facilities at 190 Sanford Road, Pittsboro.

We are also having a Musician's Appreciation Service at 4 p.m. on March 23, at Moving Forward in Your Faith Ministries at 1730 East 11th Street, Siler City. The public is invited to join us.



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Callie Stinnett Jarman named Teacher of the Year

Jordan Matthews High School graduate Callie Stinnett Jarman has been named as 2019 Teacher of the Year at Bethel School, located in Watauga County. Jarman a 4th-grade teacher, has been an educator for eight years and is invaluable to the school — both as a teacher in the classroom, and as the girls volleyball coach. After graduating from Jordan Matthews, she earned her bachelor's degree from UNC-Greensboro. Bethel School Principal Brian Bettis (left), Jarman and her husband Josh are shown after the award was announced.

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Tuesday, March 26

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

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

Wednesday, March 27

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

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

Thursday, March 28

BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Bun, Pineapples, Hashbrowns (**French Toast Sticks & Sausage, Fresh Fruit)

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

Cocktail, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, March 29

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

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

CCCC offers Fast Track Friday

From CCCC

SILER CITY — In January, Central Carolina Community College's High School Equivalency program located at the Siler City Center campus began a new drop-in program called "Fast Track Friday." Students seeking to earn their high school equivalency diploma can come to the campus any Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to see how they score on practice tests, get assistance and resources, and sign up for the official tests.

"The idea is to provide an easy opportunity each week for people who might be thinking about getting started on their high school equivalency diploma," said Tammie Quick, CCCC College and Career Readiness Coordinator in Chatham County. "We wanted to remove long drawn-out processes and barriers to getting students on their paths to earning their high school credentials. Once students see how easy the process is and they see some success, it is easier for them to stay with the program and complete their diploma."

One of Fast Track Friday's first graduates was Trajohncey Tysor of Goldston. When asked



One of Central Carolina Community College's Fast Track Friday's first graduates was Trajohncey Tysor of Goldston. Submitted photo

why she chose CCCC's Friday program, she replied, "I would have to say that the simplicity of the program is the best part about it. From the day that I started to the day that I finished, there wasn't a time that I ever felt confused or overwhelmed with the program's way of functioning. It's a beautiful way of keeping students focused on what's most important, without all of the unnecessary stress."

Tysor is not stopping there. She plans to start the Early Childhood Education program at CCCC in the fall, and obtain her Associate's degree by 2021. "I aspire to be a daycare worker,

and to hopefully inspire young children the same way that the amazing staff members and teachers at CCCC have inspired me," she said.

For those interested in earning a high school credential, Fast Track Fridays are open to anyone over 16 who is not currently enrolled in a high school program. Those interested can come to CCCC's Siler City Center at 400 Progress Blvd., near the Chatham Hospital, on any Friday through May 17, anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call 919-545-8663 for more information.

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POLICE REPORTS

Pittsboro man arrested in domestic incident

A 21-year-old Pittsboro man is in police custody after a domestic incident.



Barber

Daniel Barber, of 471 Meadow Branch Road, Pittsboro, was arrested March 12 by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. He was charged with assault on a female, larceny, injury to personal property, communicating threats and false imprisonment.

Barber was held under no bond with a March 27 court date at Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

Pittsboro man accused of child sex offense

A Pittsboro man faces several indictments after his arrest for a child sex offense.



Harris

Thomas Harris, 45, of 533 Old Goldston Road, was taken into custody March 11 by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office on two true bills of indictment, one for indecent liberties with a child and the other for sex offense with a child by an adult.

Harris was jailed under a \$100,000 bond with an April 8 court date in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

— CN+R Staff Report

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Damien Mitchell, 22, of Siler City, was charged March 8 with probation violation. He was held under a \$10,000 bond.

Darius Perry, 29, of Siler City, was charged March 8 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a May 23 court date in Sanford.

Jonathan Burke, 24, of Siler City, was charged March 9 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$3,500 bond.

Kimberly Hopkins, 23, of Siler City, was charged March 9 with failure to appear and resisting a public officer. He was held under a \$600 bond.

Clayton Teufel, 46, of Siler City, was charged March 12 with assault inflicting serious injury. He was released under a written promise with an April 9 court date in Siler City.

Syvion Smith, 20, of Pittsboro, was charged March 12 with trespassing. He was released under a written promise with an April 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Tyler Greene, 21, of Ramseur, was charged March 13 with felony larceny, resisting a public officer, violation of a domestic violence protection order and breaking and/or entering. He was held under no bond with an April 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Matthew Belanger, 46, of New

Hill, was charged March 13 with possession of stolen goods or property. He was released under a written promise with a March 27 court date in Pittsboro.

Andrew Heins, 30, of Bear Creek, was charged March 14 with failure to appear for a show cause order/child support. He was held under a \$996 bond with a March 28 court date in Asheville.

Erika Davis, 28, of Chapel Hill, was charged March 15 with obstructing justice. She was released under a written promise.

Erick Nava, 19, of Siler City, was charged March 15 with simple assault. He was held under a \$1,200 bond with an April 9 court date in Siler City.

Sarah Gray, 22, of Bear Creek, was charged March 16 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with an April 11 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rigoberto Chay of Siler City was cited March 12 for no operator's license.

Maria Sanchez Espinosa of Siler City was cited March 12 for no operator's license.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Elizabeth Akinson of Cameron was cited March 11 for lane control violation on Silk Hope Road in Siler City.

NEWS BRIEFS

County seeking applications for alternate vacancy on tax review board

Chatham Charter cuts ribbon on new gym addition

Chatham Charter School has a new section on its gymnasium.

The school held a ribbon cutting Friday on the nearly 6,000-square-foot addition over two floors. The entire student body and staff attended the ceremony, according to a press release from the school.

The downstairs portion of the gym has a concession stand, locker rooms, a weight room, restrooms, athletic storage and a nurse's office, while the upstairs has a large classroom, music room for grades six through twelve and athletic offices.

Walker aims to change NCAA rules on player compensation

U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.), who serves Chatham County in the U.S. House of Representatives, filed a bill last week that

PITTSBORO — Chatham County's Board of Equalization and Review is seeking applicants to fill an alternate board member slot. The alternate attends board meetings when regular members are unable to attend. The board's purpose is to hear and review property owners' appeals of their property listings and valuations of real estate and personal property.

"The board has an important, complex role. It is the first level of review of appeals after staff-level reviews," said Jenny Williams, the county's tax administrator. "The board must apply state laws in a consistent, uniform and non-discriminatory manner so that all property owners receive a fair and impartial hearing."

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on April 5. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- has lived in Chatham County for at least two years prior to appointment;
- owns real estate property in the county;
- be knowledgeable about real estate matters; and
- have good moral character.

If appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, the alternate would serve until December 31, 2021. Members of the Board of E&R receive

he says will allow student-athletes to be paid for use of their image. The Student-Athlete Equity Act, co-sponsored

by Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-Louisiana), "would amend the definition of a qualified amateur sports organization in the tax code to remove the restriction on student-athletes using or being compensated for use of their name, image and likeness," according to a press release from Walker's office.

The congressman, serving his third term, said in the release that "it's time" to "fix the injustices that exist in the current NCAA model." The NCAA, the organization that governs collegiate sports, currently does not allow athletes to be paid for use of their image.

"Signing an athletic scholarship with a school should not be a moratorium on your rights to your name, image and self-worth," Walker said. "After nearly two decades of discussions with players and leaders, we are introducing legislation that won't cost the NCAA or our schools a single dollar, while empowering college athletes with the same opportunities that every American should have in a free-market."

Chatham needs volunteers for committee of nursing and adult care homes

Chatham County seeks residents to apply for several vacancies on its Nursing & Adult Care Homes Community Advisory Committee. This committee helps protect the rights and safety of residents living in adult care homes and nursing homes by making unannounced visits to these facilities, as required by state law. The deadline to apply is April 5.

During quarterly unannounced visits of long-term care facilities, members talk with residents and family members about concerns or questions. While the committee members represent the voice of facility resident, they do not provide on-site guidance or direction to the facilities.

Adult care homes are long-term care facilities providing 24-hour personal care and supervision, which includes assisted living facilities, rest

homes, and family care homes. Nursing homes are long-term care facilities providing supervision, personal care and skilled nursing care.

Interested applicants will first receive training before being recommended to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for appointment. Appointees would have an initial term of one year and then would be eligible for appointment to a full three-year term.

After appointment, members will continue to receive training and staff support from the regional ombudsman based at the Triangle J Council of Governments to prepare for visits to the long-term care facilities in Chatham County.

All information shared during visits is confidential. Facility staff members are not allowed to interfere with the visits nor take any action against any residents for talking with the committee.

Besides the facility visits, the committee prepares reports to the state on concerns identified during the visits or long-term care in general; fosters community involvement in long-term care facilities; helps make the community aware of the needs of residents in long-term care facilities; and helps educate the public about general aspects of long-term care and the operation of homes in the county.

The application form can be completed and submitted online at <https://chathamnc.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeForm>. To obtain a printed or email copy, contact Lindsay Ray at lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org or 919-542-8200.

Jordan Lake's annual Spring Trash Cleanup set for Saturday

Disastrous flooding forced Clean Jordan Lake to cancel its annual fall cleanup because the shoreline was totally inaccessible to volunteers for months following Hurricane Florence.

More rain and storms, including Hurricane Michael, created additional delays in clean-up efforts, but Van Murray, president of Clean Jordan

Lake, said the 200 volunteers expected for this year's event "will be the largest turnout in our 10 year history."

Fran DiGiano, a past president, said lake levels are "finally receding to normal this week after again having risen to 17 feet above in early February; the weather should be sunny and warm for our cleanup on Saturday."

The cleanup will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. The target area is a one-mile stretch on the east side of the Haw River Arm just to the south of where Robeson Creek enters it.

Murray noted "a group of neighbors in the Ryan Road area of Pittsboro have reached out to us because they want to add to our totals by removing trash on a shoreline section near them, across the Haw River Arm from our cleanup."

Clean Jordan Lake's volunteers are from 11 to 80 years old. In response to this Spring's call to action, new membership in meetup.com/helpcleanjordanlake, where volunteers RSVP to attend, brought enrollment to nearly 1,100. Since 2009 more than 6,500 volunteers have removed 15,000 bags of trash (about 150 tons) and 4,600 tires from 20 miles of shoreline.

"We're grateful this year for financial support from a Syngenta Community Grant to make a large event possible and we'll continue our traditions of coffee and biscuits to welcome volunteers and a Trash Treasure Hunt with merchandise prizes to make environmental stewardship not only satisfying but fun to do," DiGiano said.

Volunteers must register in advance at meetup.com/helpcleanjordanlake and bring a completed Liability Waiver Form to the registration table, located on the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Game Lands off the end of Seaforth Road in Pittsboro. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will assist by hauling trash by boat back to their headquarters on Jordan Dam Rd. and Chatham County will provide a dumpster and a recycle container for plastics and glass.

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ABOUT: Jeremiah McCaffity is the Community Service, Restitution and Teen Court Program Manager for Communities In Schools of Chatham County. A native of Chapel Hill, McCaffity now lives in Greensboro. He has a degree in psychology and criminal justice from UNC-Charlotte and has worked with CIS since 2017.

What's unique about what you do for a living?

My passion is for helping divert youth from lifestyles that could lead to them being caught up in the criminal justice system. I have the opportunity to create enriching community service opportunities all around the county that teach youth work ethics, responsibilities and perhaps spark an interest in a passionate career.

What was your first paying job, and what did it teach you?

Chick-fil-A was my first job and I learned valuable people skills, how to be a gentleman and say "my pleasure" to individuals who were sometimes not a pleasure at all. I learned discipline and the power of serving.

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

I worked as Order Filler in Walmart Distribution in Mebane and I would stack pallets in a freezer that was -10 degrees for 12-14 hours per day on production.

What part of your job would most surprise people?

Most of the youth I work with are not "bad" and could benefit from positive role modeling.

What advice would you give someone considering doing the same line of work as you?

"Do your best and forget about the rest?"

Who is your personal hero?

Storm [of Marvel Comics' X-Men]! She's beautiful and I love her superpowers that seem natural, like her ability to control the weather and fight off assailants.

Your ultimate "happy place"?

I want to go back to Dubai, drive a Ferrari and blend in the customary wear.

Favorite weekend getaway?

I went to New Orleans with family and it felt like another world. The music felt like it brought me to my roots.

Which do you like better: starting or finishing?

I am thorough and like to finish anything I start. I prefer to use good judgment, logic and do not like to start a project and not finish it.

Favorite character from a Disney movie:

Goofy was goofy and he was my fave.

Life on other planets? Yes or no?

Ain't anybody got time for that.

Stay up late or get up early?

Late but I am goal-setting to catch the worm.

Does the early bird really get the worm?

Yes.

Least favorite saying, and why you don't like it:

"I can't" — because "Yes, we can!"

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

"Home Alone"

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

What celebrity would you most like to hang out with for a day?

Deepak Chopra.

Words or phrases you overuse:

Absolutely.

Who's your favorite athlete, and why?

I like Russell Westbrook [of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder] because of his determination and loyalty to his team. He has been through adversity and that seems to fuel him and he has charitable organization such as "Why Not" and a fashion line.

What's your favorite one-day travel destination?

I studied abroad in London, England my last semester at UNCC and visited Dubai, Berlin, Barcelona and a few other places.

What's the best way you know to spend \$20?

I break \$20's on Chinese food.

If you could eliminate any invention, what would it be?

Cell phones and social media.

The best advice you ever got was:

This Maya Angelou quote: "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."

What would be your last meal?

You can find me as Best Food Cafeteria in Siler City.

If you were given \$5,000 to donate to a non-profit organization, which would you pick - and why?

Communities In Schools Chatham County is a dedicated organization with staff devoted to the underdogs/outcast of society and improving Chatham County.

Would you go bungee jumping or skydiving?

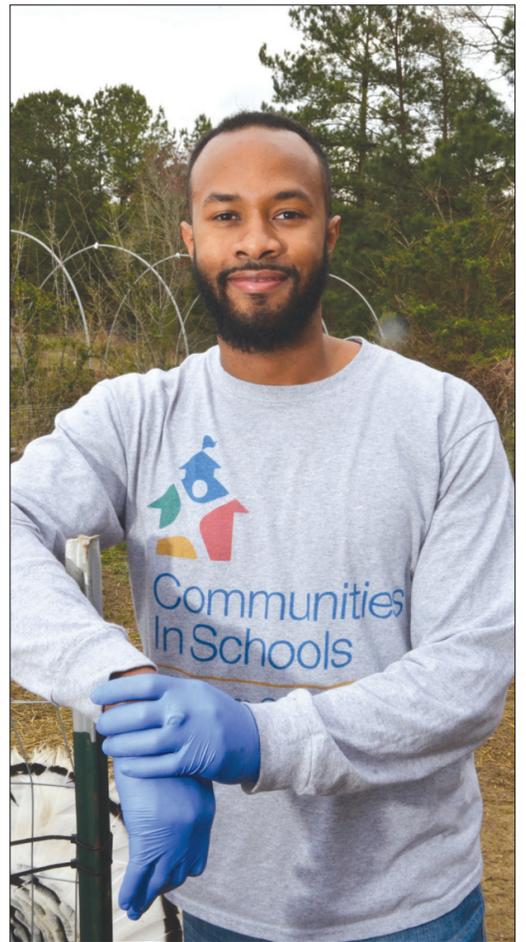
Bungee Jumping maybe, skydiving no.

Do you have a tattoo?

No.

Favorite season?

Winter.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jeremiah McCaffity works with the youth in his programs to connect kids with job experiences that match their interests. Friday, he was at the Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge in Pittsboro, working with the youth to point them toward positive life experience.

Will public transportation in Chatham get an upgrade?

BY BROOKLYN COOPER
Our Chatham

Most people consider Research Triangle Park one of the most innovative locations in the state—arguably in the nation. Duke, N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill contribute to the area's advancements in education, technology and medicine.

However, one of RTP's counties lacks access to one resource considered by many to be essential to progress: transportation.

Chatham County only has one main transportation system, Chatham Transit, and ridesharing apps such as Uber and Lyft do not service any of the municipalities in the county. Chatham Transit runs Monday through Friday, which leaves residents without vehicles few options for transportation on the weekends.

According to the 2016 American Community Survey, 4 percent of households in rural communities do not have access to a vehicle. In 2017, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Chatham County's population as a little more than 68,000. This means that approximately 2,900 residents do not have vehicles.

The closest cities serviced by Uber and Lyft are Chapel Hill and Greensboro. These ride-sharing apps will drive into areas not listed on the coverage map as long as the ride request originates from a covered area and is within a 100-mile radius. Chatham Transit offers on-demand services and one fixed route, but typically there aren't more than two buses on the route at a time, resulting in large gaps between stops.

"That's a problem that is tough to solve until there's enough people using a transit system," said Fearrington Village resident Carol Kurtz. "People don't want to wait a couple of hours before they can catch the bus. In order to have buses that run more frequently, you have to have more passengers. And we're not at that stage yet."

Fearrington Village, located between Pittsboro and Chapel Hill, has a volunteer-run transportation service organized by Fearrington Cares. Residents of the two-mile area provide rides for other

community members with certain restrictions. Like Chatham Transit, rides must be requested at least 48 hours in advance. There are also other limitations; for example, rides must be within a 25-mile radius and can only be requested for specific reasons, such as medical appointments, grocery pickup, bank deposits, among others.

Anna Testerman, executive director of Chatham Transit, said that the scheduling rule ensures that there are enough drivers and vehicles on the roads. Most people use the fixed route, which travels from the Siler City Walmart to the UNC Student Union. The transit service only gets one or two last-minute calls per day for on-demand requests. Testerman said the nonprofit's next initiative is adding more fixed routes, but it lacks community voice.

"I don't receive as much feedback from the public as I would like," Testerman said. "That's what makes it hard for me. Right now, we're looking at possibly extending our hours — working later in the day and adding some Saturdays. It'd be nice to hear from people to know, 'Yes, we would like that and here's where we need that.'"

The fixed route stops at the Walmart in Siler City six times per day, with the last stop at 6:40 p.m. GoTriangle's 800 route, which travels through Chapel Hill and Durham, stops at Southpoint Mall 40 times per day, with the last stop at 10 p.m.

"There's never enough transportation for all the demand that just about any county has," said Matt Alexander, chair of the county's Transportation Advisory Committee. "You can always have more and better transportation, it's just a matter of funding."

Transit services such as Chatham Transit receive financial support from multiple sources, ranging from the county to federal levels. When funding comes from state and federal levels, the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO) gets involved to help with the distribution of the money, said TARPO Principal Planner Matt Day.

TARPO's Planning Work Program for the 2019 fiscal year proposed

\$20,000 to fund regional and statewide transportation planning.

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality project provides economic support to areas that

have air quality issues. Some areas in Chatham County are eligible for this assistance, so TARPO has used the most recent funds to purchase more vehicles for Cha-

tham Transit. These vehicles will be ready in 2021.

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

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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 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.

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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 M7,M14,M21,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

19 E 93

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(1) All easements, obligations, restrictions, and other encumbrances set forth in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Governors Club recorded in Book 538, Page 505, as amended by Declarations recorded in Book 545, Page 511; Book 549, Page 813; Book 553, Page 122; Book 561, Page 181; Book 567, Page 724; Book 571, Page 421; Book 571, Page 883; Book 575, Page 660; Book 589, Page 802; Book 590, Page 650; Book 607, Page 24; Book 607, Page 51; Book 612, Page 481; Book 614, Page 200; Book 614, Page 206; Book 619, Page 958; Book 621, Page 359; Book 637, Page 797; Book 649, Page 210; Book 652, Page 428; Book 662, Page 291; Book 666, Page 195; Book 674, Page 685; Book 677, Page 681; Book 678, Page 951; Book 687, Page 754; Book 687, Page 782; Book 695, Page 131; Book 698, Page 332; Book 709, Page 951; Book 715, Page 563; Book 727, Page 384; Book 733, Page 941; Book 739, Page 82; Book 739, Page 105; Book 770, Page 653; Book 774, Page 526; Book 793, Page 320; Book 826, Page 57; Book 845, Page 647; Book 868, Page 995, Chatham County Registry.

(2) All easements and other encumbrances shown on the Plat "Morehead Forest, Governors Club, Phase Four."

(3) All other public or private utility easements.

(4) Ad valorem taxes for the year 2005, not yet due and payable.

The property is being sold "as is", without warranties, subject to all taxes, special assessments and prior liens or encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Any assessments, costs or fees resulting from the sale will be due and payable from the purchaser at the sale. A cash deposit or certified check (no personal check) in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the high bid will be required at the time of the sale. The sale will be held open for ten days for upset bids as required by law. This the 21st day of March, 2019. BY: Susan R. Benoit, Commissioner c/o Hutchens Law Firm Post Office Box 2505 Fayetteville, NC 28302 (910) 864-6888

M21,M28,2tc

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
18 SP 132
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a

Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Bobby K. Smith and Denise A. Smith to Jeffery L. Tuttle, Trustee(s), which was dated October 23, 1998 and recorded on October 30, 1998 in Book 769 at Page 264, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on April 2, 2019 at 1:00PM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: BEING located within the corporate limits of the Town of Siler City and BEGINNING at an iron stake located at the intersection of the Eastern right-of-way of North Glenn Avenue Extension in the Northern right-of-way of North Ivey Avenue; and running thence with the Eastern right-of-way of North Glenn Avenue Extension, North 5 degrees 44 minutes East 164.26 feet to an iron stake; thence South 86 degrees 03 minutes East 129.20 feet to an iron stake located in the Northwestern corner of Lot 11; thence with the dividing line of Lots 11 and 12, South 5 degrees 22 minutes West 167.42 feet to an iron stake located in the Northern right-of-way of North Ivey Avenue; thence with the Northern right-of-way of North Glenn Avenue Extension and being the point and place of BEGINNING containing 0.496 Acres, more or less, and being all of Lot 12 as per Plat entitled "TOPO SURVEY FOR GRACE EUDINE MAXWELL" as prepared by James D. Hunter, RLS, dated August 11, 1986 and recorded in Plat Slide 86-24, Chatham County Registry to which plat reference is made for a greater certainty of description. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as 712 North Ivey Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344. A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, 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. **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 is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being

offered for sale. 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 exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Denise Ann Smith. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving 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 [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. 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. 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. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 18-10000-FC01 M21,M28,2tc

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
16 SP 155

NORTH CAROLINA, CHATHAM COUNTY
 Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by George R. Rives, A/K/A George R. Rives, Jr. and Patricia Ann Phipkins Rives to William R. Echols, Trustee(s), which was dated May 6, 2009 and recorded on May 14, 2009 in Book 01459 at Page 1026, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on April 4, 2019 at 1:00PM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: **ONE HALF OF LOT 7 AND ALL OF LOTS 8 AND 9 AS PER PLAT AND SURVEY ENTITLED "Horton Park" AS PREPARED BY H. H. HANCOCK, R.L.S., DATED AUGUST 26, 1959, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6 AT PAGE 48, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY. THE EASTERN ONE HALF OF LOT 7 IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 7 ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ED BUCK RIVES ROAD (AS SHOWN ON SURVEY) AND RUNNING NORTH 4 DEGREES EAST 500 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES WEST 50 FEET, CORNER OF JAMES MATTHEWS; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEGREES WEST 510 FEET TO NORTH SIDE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE WITH THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF SAID ROAD NORTH 87 DEGREES EAST 50 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. THE EASTERN ONE HALF OF LOT 7 JOINS LOTS 8 AND 9.** Also included herewith is that certain 2002 Oakwood manufactured home bearing serial number HONC05534732AB, which is permanently affixed to the real property described above (see Declaration of Intent recorded April 27, 2009, in Book 1455 at Page 882, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County, N.C.). BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GEORGE R. RIVES, JR. AND WIFE, PATRICIA ANN PIPKINS RIVES, BY DEED FROM GEORGE R. RIVES, JR., RECORDED 10/12/2006 IN DEED BOOK 1290 AT PAGE 1060, IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE OF CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as **425 Horton Road, Goldston, NC 27252.** A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, 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. **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 is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. 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 exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Patricia Ann Phipkins Rives. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving 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 [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. 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. 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. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 16-17257-FC01 M21,M28,2tc

GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
12 CIV 001048

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ORANGE
NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
ANTONIO STEELE VS TAMMY BOWDEN
469 BOWDEN ROAD SILER CITY, NC 27344
 Under and by virtue of an execution directed in the above-captioned action to the undersigned Sheriff from the Clerk of Superior Court for Orange County, North Carolina, issued on 1/16/2019, in the amount of \$22,820.68, with the amount to be collected as \$23,603.45, docketed in the county of Chatham on 11/12/2013, I will be, on the 4th day of April 2019, at 10:00 A.M., at the Chatham County Justice Center at 40 East Chatham Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312, and offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash all rights, title or interest which Defendant Tammy Bowden now or anytime at or after docketing of Plaintiff's judgment in Chatham County had in below listed property, in satisfaction of the execution. The real property being sold is more particularly described as follows: BEING all of 1/6 interest of 40-9/10 Acres, more or less, as described in a Deed dated March 23, 1988, from Leroy Bowden to Leroy Bowden and wife, Katie H. Bowden, and recorded in Deed Book 524, page 692, Chatham County Registry, to which Deed reference is hereby made for greater certainty of description. Chatham County Tax Parcel #536 This sale shall be made subject to all prior recorded or perfected Liens, Mortgages, and Encumbrances that have attached to or been levied on the property prior to the date of levy or docketing of the judgment of this Execution under which this sale is being held. This, the 12th day of March, 2019. M21,M28,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **RICHARD E. SCHMITZ**, 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 19th day of June, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 13th day of March, 2019. Christine Anne Mortensen, Administrator CTA The Estate of Richard E. Schmitz 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** M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF MARTHA ANN

SMIRL NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **MARTHA ANN SMIRL**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Timothy Roberts Smirl as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before June 19, 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 names Executor. This the 21st day of March, 2019. Timothy Roberts Smirl, Executor c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty. TrustCounsel 205 Providence Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514 M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on **Apr. 15, 2019 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave.** Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: Resolution of Intent to close an unopened portion of Spring Street in the Town of Siler City. Whereas, Green Valley Subdivision was created by plat in or around 1950. Whereas, Green Valley Subdivision provided dedication for Spring Street located within the town limits of Siler City. Whereas, Green Valley Subdivision is shown and more particularly described in Plat Book 3, Page 17 of the Chatham County Registry. Whereas, Donald Ray Simpson, and wife, Barbara Hearn Simpson, are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the western side of the unopened portion of Spring Street. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1820, Page 585 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 806 East Third Street. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 16836. Whereas, the owners have petitioned and requested the Board of Commissioners to close the unused and unopened portion of Spring Street. Now Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City do Resolve, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299, the following: A public hearing shall be held on the 15th day of April, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, before the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City, North Carolina at which time the Board shall consider the permanent closing of that portion of Spring Street which lies south of East Third Street and so as to determine whether or not said street shall be permanently or temporarily closed or otherwise restricted in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299. That a copy of this Resolution shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to all owners of property adjoining the said street as shown on the county tax records. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, as required by applicable law. That a notice of closing and public hearing shall be prominently posted in at least two places along said street. That after said public hearing, if the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that the partial closing of said street would not be contrary to the public interest or to the rights of individuals owning property abutting or in the vicinity of said street and does not interfere with ingress and egress of said property, the mayor and Board of Commissioners may adopt an Order permanently closing that portion of Spring Street above described. That in the event that Order is made closing said portion of Spring Street, a copy of said Order shall be filed in the Office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina. That in the event the Mayor and Board of Commissioners shall close said unopened portion of Spring Street as above described, the title to said properties contained within the boundaries of Spring Street shall vest in the persons or entities owning said street provided by §160A-299 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Motion Presented by: Commissioner Fadely; All those in favor: 7; All those opposed: 0. Resolved, this 4th day of March, 2019. John F. Grimes, Mayor, ATTEST: Jennifer J. Johnson, Town Clerk. This proposed item is available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the request are invited to attend the public hearing and present comment on the above referenced item. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nannah@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

org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AN AIR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC - CAPE FEAR STAR® FACILITY
 Duke Energy Progress, LLC - Cape Fear STAR® Facility has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality for a proposed coal ash beneficiation project at: 500 C P and L Road, Moncure, NC 27559, Chatham County Duke Energy Progress, LLC - Cape Fear STAR® Facility's application for a proposed coal ash beneficiation project was reviewed by the Division of Air Quality, Raleigh Central Office to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission air pollution regulations. The results of that review led to the preliminary determination that the project could be approved and the Division of Air Quality permit could be issued, if certain permit conditions are met. This notice serves as a Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing and Opportunity for Public Comment pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 130A-309.203(b) for this proposal. The Public meeting and hearing will be held at the Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center, 1192 US Highway 64 West Business, Pittsboro, NC 27312 on April 23, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m. (meeting) and 7:00 p.m. (hearing). A copy of the draft permit, all data and the application submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC - Cape Fear STAR® Facility, and other material used by the Division of Air Quality in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: NC DEQ, Division of Air Quality, Air Permitting Section, 217 West Jones Street, Suite 4000, Raleigh, NC 27603 or NC DEQ, Raleigh Regional Office, 3800 Barrett Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609 Information on the permit application and staff review are available by writing or calling: Betty Gatano, P.E., NC DEQ, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641, Telephone: 919-707-8436 The information is also available on the Department's website at the following: https://deq.nc.gov/CapeFearAirPermit Interested persons are invited to review these materials and submit written comments to Betty Gatano at the above address or to present oral or written comments at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to present oral comments at the hearing should prepare their presentation to be three minutes or less. The public comment period begins on March 22, 2019 and will run through April 26, 2019. Written comments may also be submitted during the public comment period via email at the following address: DAQ_publiccomments@ncdenr.gov. Please type "Cape Fear.18A" in the subject line. After weighing all relevant comments received and other available information on the project, the Division of Air Quality will act on the Duke Energy Progress, LLC - Cape Fear STAR® Facility application. William D. Willets, P.E., Chief, Permitting Section Division of Air Quality, NCDEQ M21,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **MARGARET M. MENNEAR**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 14th day of March, 2019, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before the 21st day of June, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 21st day of March, 2019. Shona A. Trimboli, Personal Representative c/o William V. McPherson, Jr., Attorney for the Estate McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson, & Hinkle, PLLC 3211 Shannon Road, Suite 620 Durham, NC 27707. M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **BENEDICT U. FEOLE a/k/a Benedict Urban Feole**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 8th day of March, 2019, the undersigned do hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before the 23rd day of June, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 21st day of March 2019. John Benedict Feole and Glenn Louis Feole, Personal Representatives c/o Larry H. Rocamora, Attorney for the Estate McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson, & Hinkle, PLLC 3211 Shannon Road, Suite 620 Durham, NC 27707 M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

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Clyde Jones' home is a jewel of Bynum.



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Clyde Jones' homestead is a gallery of his work and memories.

ClydeFEST returns to Bynum community in April



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Clyde Jones on his front porch in Bynum. The artist produces less as he ages, but his enthusiasm for ClydeFEST is unending. As Jones says, "It's all about the children!"

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The 17th annual ClydeFEST is coming to the Bynum Ballpark on April 6.

Each year, the Chatham Arts Council hosts the "old school carnival" as a celebration of local folk artist Clyde Jones, whose wood-carved "critters" are world-renowned.

Jones lives in an older home in Bynum, located north of Pittsboro, with vibrantly painted exterior walls, surrounded by his critters. The streets, neighbors and neighborhood carry his legacy in art whether it be critters on porches or critter signs reminding motorists to go slow.

ClydeFEST will include Jones' "critter cut-outs, local artists, young and talented musicians, face-painting, old-fashioned carnival games, clowns, fabulous local food trucks, and of course, lots of arts and crafts projects," according to the Arts Council.

The event draws not only residents of the Bynum community, but attendees from around the state. Each year

about 2,000 people take part.

"One of the things we love most about ClydeFEST is seeing so many different parts of our Chatham community come together to celebrate creativity and art with children," said Cheryl Chamblee, Chatham Arts Council's executive director. "Something that started as a small, local event now draws crowds from Raleigh, Durham, and communities across the Triangle. It's a true gem in Chatham County and we're thrilled to host it with all of our amazing partners each year."

The event is geared especially toward young and school-aged children. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Chatham Arts Council website. Ticket prices vary depending on the age of the guest.

This year, Carolina Brewery will transport guests using its Sky Blue Express bus. Guests can park in the shopping center parking lot and the bus will leave on the half hour from Pittsboro from 10:30 a.m. until about 4:30 p.m.



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Many of the critters are decorated with strings of lights to show off the art even in the evening.

NEWS BRIEFS

Family fishing fiesta coming to Chatham County on April 7

APEX — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and Jordan Lake State Recreation Area are hosting a free family event 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7 at the White Oak Recreation Area, located on White Oak Beach Road in Chatham County.

The Family Fishing Fiesta will feature more than 20 hands-on activities where participants can fish for free (free loaner fishing rods and bait are available), try paddling a canoe provided by N.C. State Parks, learn about lures, knots and casting with the NCSU Student Fisheries Society and more. Conservation and law enforcement professionals will be on-site to answer questions and talk about careers in natural resources. Two on-site food trucks, Chewy's Smokin' BBQ and El Molcajete, will have lunch items and snacks available for purchase.

The event features plenty of fun options for children, including bounce houses and wildlife exhibits featuring different species of fish, birds of prey and reptiles. Youths ages 11 and younger who participate in the Fiesta Quest scavenger hunt will be entered into a drawing for prizes such as fishing poles and life jackets.

During the event's hourly raffles, attendees can win an outdoor package courtesy of Academy Sports, a lifetime freshwater fishing license, two family passes to N.C. State Parks, a one-year subscription to Wildlife in North Carolina magazine and more.

"Last year's event brought a fantastic turn-

out of diverse families, including many first-time anglers," said C.C. King, an educator with the Commission. "This year's event brings even more to see, learn and do at our education and recreation stations. It's going to be a great event for the family, light rain or shine."

The White Oak Recreation Area is located in Apex off U.S. 64, diagonally across from the Jordan Lake Visitor Center. For more information on the Family Fishing Fiesta, visit ncwildlife.org/fiesta. The event is co-sponsored by the N.C. Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and North Carolina State Parks/Friends of State Parks.

Trespassing, taking photographs on railroads can have deadly consequences

RALEIGH — You wouldn't take photos in the middle of an interstate, so why stand on railroad tracks to get that one shot?

That's what the N.C. Department of Transportation's BeRailSafe program is asking people to consider, especially during prom season. Standing on or near railroad tracks is trespassing.

"You put your life at risk by walking, playing or taking pictures on railroad tracks. It's not only dangerous, it is illegal," said Jason Orthner, director of NCDOT's Rail Division. "We need people to understand the real dangers of taking photos on railroad tracks."

Spring is the season for graduations and prom portraits. NCDOT is working with the state Department of Public Instruction

by asking high school yearbook staff advisers to alert students and photographers of how dangerous it is to take photos on or near railroad tracks.

Last year, 18 people were killed, and 13 others injured, while trespassing on North Carolina railroad tracks.

"Those are 18 people who will not be returning home to their families," added Orthner. "We want to remind everyone that these types of accidents are avoidable if you stay off and away from the tracks."

Some important safety information for photographers and students to remember are:

- railroad tracks, trestles, yards and rights-of-way are private property, and using them as photo backdrops is trespassing.
- trains cannot stop quickly to avoid people or vehicles on the railroad tracks.
- it is difficult to determine a train's speed from a distance. Trains typically overhang the track by at least three feet.
- never assume railroad tracks are abandoned or inactive.
- because of new technology, approaching trains are much quieter than you'd expect, so don't assume you'll hear one coming.

BeRailSafe works with North Carolina Operation Lifesaver, railroads and other safety stakeholders to educate children, teens and adults on the dangers of trespassing on railroad tracks, property and equipment. BeRailSafe provides free rail safety information through presentations at elementary schools, civic groups and businesses, and distributes safety materials.

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