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After 40 years of compassionate care, beloved 'Dr. K' retires

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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SILER CITY — Dr. Nagasayana Rao Kothapalli, MD, was born in India, studied and practiced in Ireland and England, and then Cleveland, before joining the staff at Chatham Hospital in 1980, establishing permanent roots in Siler City.

For the next 39 years, the surgeon affectionately known by many as "Dr. K" performed countless procedures at Chatham Hospital, helping many ailing folks feel better and along the way earning and maintaining the love and respect of hundreds of patients and colleagues before retiring in January.

A handful of those colleagues convened in a conference room at the hospital last Thursday morning — the occasion was National Doctors Day — to enjoy breakfast, talk shop and, more specifically, to celebrate Dr. Kothapalli's distinguished

career.

Gathered around a table were longtime local medical professionals Dr. Mark Zeringue and his wife, Elizabeth, Dr. James Schwankl, Dr. Byron Hoffman, Dr. Jim Davis and Dr. Andrew Hannapel, all of whom worked for many years alongside their recently-retired colleague. Their wide-ranging conversation over the next hour touched on many topics — from the changes in medicine they've observed during their careers to the value of a well-timed moment of humor in the Emergency Room — but the conversation frequently returned to Dr. K's achievements, despite his attempts to humbly redirect.

"He's technically a superb surgeon," retired Dr. Zeringue said of his colleague. "If he said he could do something, it always turned out good."

Employing a wide range of expertise, Dr. Kothapalli treated patients

with an equally wide variety of needs, from hip fractures to urological problems.

"He stopped short of brain surgery," joked Elizabeth Zeringue, a colleague of Dr. Kothapalli's for many years.

He always, his colleagues agreed, did his job well.

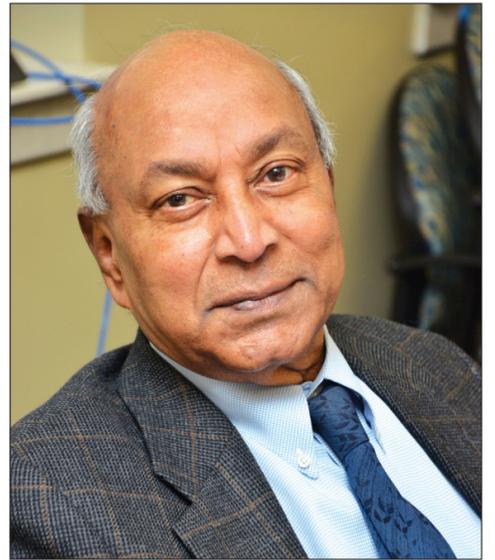
Perhaps the connective thread linking all of his skills is what Dr. Kothapalli himself described as "the human factor."

It's something, he said, that is missing in much of the current-day approach to medicine. But remaining always mindful of the human element in the ER or the OR proved to be essential to Dr. Kothapalli's enormously successful professional approach.

Patients were never merely a number.

"Look into the patient's eyes," Dr.

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Staff photo by David Bradley

They call him 'Dr. K' at Chatham Hospital, where he's been practicing medicine for nearly 40 years. A surgeon with training and experience in hospitals in India and England, his personal style of care has made its mark in Siler City.

Why are there so many cows in Chatham County?



Staff photo by David Bradley

A small herd of cattle wait to go on the auction block Friday at the Carolina Stockyards. More than 1,300 head were sold there that particular day.

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Each Monday and Friday, farmers and cattle ranchers gather at the Carolina Stockyards to sell their live-stock.

If you arrive a couple hours

before the auctions begin, you'll hear a lot of noise. But the predominant sound is the cacophany of mooing as transports of cows arrive on the scene.

"MOOOO!!! MOOOOOO!!!! MOOOOOO!!!!!"

It's a sound that, if you drive

around the whole of Chatham County, isn't that out of place.

According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chatham County produced the second-highest number of beef cows in the state — with nearly 15,000 — by county and the fourth-most

cattle in all (37,500 in total). Those who follow the industry say it's a combination of the county's geography and ecology and the placement of a popular market, all contributing to an overall financial impact in Chatham of

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Playing a winning tune

Chatham County Schools earns national music education distinction

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Mary Clayton Jolicouer and her fifth-grade music class broke out the ukuleles Monday afternoon at Virginia Cross Elementary School in Siler City.

She was going to teach them to play G7 on the small, four-stringed instrument, a difficult three-finger chord that has several variations.

It was another day in music education, a subject for which Chatham County Schools was recently awarded.

The National Association of Music Merchants Foundation named the district one of the 2019 Best Communities for Music Education, alongside 622 other districts across the country. Chatham was just one of three North Carolina districts, joining Guilford County Schools and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

According to the NAMM Foundation's website, the recognition was given to districts with "outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education."

For Gina Harrison, past president of the Chatham Arts Council and arts education advocate, the award was almost a no-brainer.

"It reinforces the value of the work and emphasizes to the community the treasure in their midst and why continued investment in the public school arts education

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Chatham Central's AVID program earns national designation

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Report: Chatham is N.C.'s 5th most expensive county

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Chatham County is the fifth most expensive North Carolina county in which to live, according to a report by the N.C. Budget and Tax Center released last week.

According to the report, a family of four in Chatham must earn \$58,717 to afford housing, food, child and healthcare, transportation and taxes. Durham, Orange,

Wake, and Mecklenburg counties are the most expensive, with Durham county topping the list at \$63,508.

Alleghany County is North Carolina's least expensive county in which to live, the report says, at \$44,124.

The economics of Chatham County are more complicated than just the cost of living numbers reflected in the report. The report shows the county as a sum of all its parts, but Chatham economic observers have

said for years when citing other economic reports that those parts have their own economics.

Much of the disparity can be viewed regionally and based on whether a resident works inside or outside of the county, for example. The median household income in Chatham is about \$59,000, but according to a report from the Chatham Economic Development Corpora-

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| MOST EXPENSIVE COUNTIES | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Durham | \$63,508 |
| Wake | \$63,404 |
| Orange | \$60,295 |
| Mecklenburg | \$59,597 |
| Chatham | \$58,717 |
| LEAST EXPENSIVE COUNTIES | |
| Tyrrell | \$44,218 |
| Greene | \$44,202 |
| Richmond | \$44,163 |
| Ashe | \$44,124 |
| Alleghany | \$44,124 |

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• The Chatham County Board of Education will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 8 at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro.

• The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on April 8 at town hall at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

• **CLAY TALKS with Eric Serritella:** The North Carolina Pottery Center is hosting a slide presentation by Chapel Hill ceramic trompe l'oeil sculptor Eric Serritella from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, call the center at 336-873-8430. The ongoing lecture series is facilitated by Emily Lassiter, NCPCE Educational Program Manager. Location: the NCPCE Educational Building located behind the NC Pottery Center at 233 East Avenue, Seagrove.

FRIDAY

• **Western Chatham Senior Center:** The center will hold a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Friday to celebrate the addition of new porches, funded through a grant. The center is located at 1123 Village Lake Road, Siler City. An open house at the facility ends at 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

• The 17th **ClydeFEST** — an old school kids' arts carnival celebrating local folk artist Cyde Jones, known for his wood critters — is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Bynum Ball Park. There will be local artists, arts and crafts projects, bubbles, old fashioned carnival games, live performances, and local food trucks for delicious food. \$5 for ages 3 to 11; \$9 for ages 12 and up; children under 2 are free.

• **Relay for Life of Chatham** is hosting a survivor breakfast at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rocky River Baptist Church, 4436 Siler City Snow Camp Rd., Siler City. The breakfast is open to all Chatham County cancer survivors plus one caregiver per survivor. Call Hillary Graves at 919-548-2424 to RSVP. The event offers a hot breakfast, live music, prizes, and a motivational speaker.

• The Hispanic Liaison (El Vínculo Hispano) will host its **3rd Annual Legal Fair** from 1-5:30 p.m. Saturday at Jordan-Mathews High School in Siler City. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. The Legal Fair is free and open to the public. Presentations will be in English and Spanish. Mike Dasher, chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, will open the event with a welcome. Planned activities include a dialogue with the Siler City Police Chief and the sheriffs of Chatham and Lee counties, workshops on immigration, tenants' rights, family law and youth mental health, and a session for allies on immigration issues. The Fair will also offer free consultations with immigration attorneys and free DACA renewals, available on a first-come first-serve basis. The Fair will also feature a Legal Services Expo with attorneys, agencies and the consulates of Mexico and Guatemala.

• The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in partnership with the N. C. Health

Careers Access Program at UNC Chapel Hill and Eye Emergency MD is participating in "Health on the Block," an annual **free community health fair** for the local Chapel Hill/Carrboro/Durham community, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Hargraves Center, 216 N. Roberson St., in Chapel Hill. Free services include eye screenings, dental screenings, oral health instruction, free haircuts and wellness services.

SUNDAY

• **Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift Shop** will celebrate spring and PBO First Sunday, April 7, with a BOGO sale, refreshments, live music and domestic violence services information. The store is located at 10 Sanford Road on the Courthouse Circle, next to the Roadhouse Restaurant.

• The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and Jordan Lake State Recreation Area are hosting a free family event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at White Oak Recreation Area, located on White Oak Beach Road in Chatham County. The **Family Fishing Fiesta** will feature more than twenty 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, knot and casting with the NCSU Student Fisheries Society and more. There will be a chance to win a lifetime fishing license, and plenty of fun options for children. The Recreation Area is located in Apex off U.S. 64, diagonally across from the Jordan Lake Visitor Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• The **League of Women Voters** of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties will sponsor an informational public talk on accountability and curriculum at 12 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill. The speaker will be Bonnie Bechard, author of LWV 2018 study, "NC Private School Receiving Voucher: A Study of the Curriculum." The event is free and open to the public with free parking available. Bring your brown bag lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided.

• The **Spring for Literacy Luncheon** to benefit Chatham Literacy will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Governors Club. Best-selling author Frances Mayes will be the keynote speaker, sharing about her adventures in Italy and a new book. Tickets are \$100; available at chathamliteracy.org or 919-542-6424.

• **NCWorks** in Pittsboro is partnering with Central Carolina Community College, Triangle South Workforce Development Board, and Chatham Economic Development Corporation to host an upcoming **job fair** with Mountaire Farms. The event is from 2-4 p.m. April 11 at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center, 1921 West Gate City Blvd., Greensboro.

• The Chatham Community Library will present **Titanic: The Halifax Dead Speak** (Part 2) at 6:30 p.m. on April 11. The program will be presented by Melinda Ratchford, Ed.D. The event is free and open to the public, made possible from funding of the North Carolina Humanities Council.

• **FAMILY BIRD WALK** on Bynum Bridge. Join the New Hope Audubon Society at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 for a family-friendly

bird walk. Attendees are asked to meet at the Bynum Bridge parking lot, at the end of Bynum Road. New birders and birders of all skill levels and ages are welcome, and a few loaner pairs of binoculars to share. Attendees should wear long pants and sturdy shoes and bring snacks and water if desired. Heavy rain will result in cancellation. For questions, contact Vern Bothwell at vbothwell@jbdlaw.com.

• UNC-TV Public Media NC and SC ETV has announced their critically acclaimed co-production **REEL SOUTH** will launch its riveting fourth season on April 11, available on PBS Stations. (check local listings). The first episode will be "Two Trains Runnin'" by Sam Pollard.

• The Council on Aging hosts the **Health & Wellness Discussion Group** at 2 p.m. on the third Friday of each month 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.

• Siler City Lions Club will sponsor a **Blood Drive** from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at the First United Methodist Church, 1101 West Raleigh Street, Siler City. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Call Lee Harvey at 919-742-4081 or Wade Paschal at 919-742-6006 for appointments. Those interested can also sign up online at reccrossblood.org and use sponsor code, "Siler City Lions."

• The **Liberty Showcase Theatre** will present an original comedy production, *Moon Over Posterior*, at 8 p.m. on April 25 and 26, 2 and 8 p.m. on April 27, and 2 p.m. on April 28, 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 thelibraryshowcase.com.

ALSO HAPPENING

• 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. The organization is also on Facebook where there is a link to volunteer or can be contacted through email at 2ndBloomVols@gmail.com.

• The **Bluegrass Jam Circle** gathers twice a month to make music at 950 Bynum Rd., Pittsboro. The circle forms around 10 a.m. and goes until noon on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Singers, new pickers (spoons, washboards) and audience members are all welcome. This is an open circle type jam for all skill levels and ages. Pickers are asked to bring their instrument, and singers are encouraged to bring their voice. Pickers are asked to bring acoustic instruments only. The Circle Jam is free and open to the public.

• **Volunteers Needed:** Non-profit agencies in Chatham are seeking teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work and care for animals. The **Chatham Connecting** website

lists many volunteer opportunities for youth to help in the community. Find more at www.chathamconnecting.org.

• **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. The group is 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.

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SILER CITY'S SPRING CHICKEN FESTIVAL

Rebirth of annual event set for May 4

BY CASEY MANN
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SILER CITY — Anticipation for the new version of an old festival is growing.

Siler City's "old" Chicken Festival, which paid homage to the town's chicken heritage, began in the late 1980's and ran for more than a decade. Now, with the backing and sponsorship from the town's newest industry — Mountaire Farms, which will process some 20 million chickens a year at its new plant near downtown — the re-born Spring Chicken Festival is set for historic downtown Siler City on May 4.

The festival's organizer, Siler City's Parks and Recreation department, is promoting the event, saying it'll be "a new take on the old festival that began in the late 1980s and that so many remember and have cherished memories of."

"I hope the spring Chicken Festival will create a positive economic and social impact, increase tourism in

the historic district of Downtown Siler City, promote diverse Parks and Recreation programming all while enjoying some delicious chicken," Siler City Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Keel said.

The event is being funded by Mountaire Farms, which invested more than \$170 million to construct its 255,000 square-foot facility. The new plant is anticipated to bring more than 1,500 jobs to Siler City.

There will be more than 110 vendors throughout the festival including art and craft vendors, local merchants and businesses, raffles and giveaways, food vendors and food trucks, bakeries, churches, civic groups, organizations and non-profits. Organizers say food available will include chicken wings, fried chicken, burgers, hot dogs, Hispanic food, seafood and more. Many vendors have registered to sell carnival-style treats such as funnel cakes, deep-fried Oreos, ice cream and more.

All attractions throughout the event will be free and will include a Ferris Wheel, a 28-foot rock wall and inflatable attractions to be located along Second Street. Pirates from the "Pieces of Eight" troupe will be welcoming children aboard a Pirate Ship, and a touch-a-truck event will be included as well. A classic car show will take place along East Raleigh Street, where cars will be showcased throughout the event. Oasis Open Air Market will present a beer garden from noon to 9 p.m. with craft beverages by several breweries and wineries. There will be a DJ located at the beer garden as well as a dunking booth.

A main stage on Raleigh Street will feature live music beginning at 11 a.m., with the Jordan-Matthews Jazz Band, under the direction of J.C. Harper, opening the festival.

The Sand Band, featured in the 2018 Carolina Beach Music Awards in Myrtle

Beach, will perform at 1 p.m. Siler City's own Nu-Blu will close out the festival beginning at 4 p.m.

Also at the Festival, the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department will be raising funds for the Relay For Life of Chatham County. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the dunking booth from 3 - 4 p.m. for a chance to dunk Siler City Town Manager Bryan Thompson.

"We are overwhelmed by the positive feedback and support that we have received from the community and our sponsor Mountaire Farms," Siler City Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Support Specialist Daniel Spivey said. "It truly excites us to hear people share their memories of the Chicken Festival in previous years and how they look forward to making new memories for generations to come. Our team hopes the Spring Chicken Festival will create a positive economic and social



impact, increase tourism in the historic district of Downtown Siler City and promote diverse Parks and Recreation programming all while enjoying delicious chicken. We look forward to a day full of fun of celebrating the poultry industry and its impor-

ance in the county's economy while highlighting everyone and everything that makes Siler City a wonderful place to discover, live, work and play."

More information about the Spring Chicken Festival can be found at www.silercity.org.

MUSIC: Benefits include improving critical thinking, healthy self-expression

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program is worthwhile and vital," Harrison said. "There are no better ambassadors for our schools and our community than the faculty and students of the arts education program."

Amanda Hartness, CCS's assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, cited the community's history of arts as why music education is emphasized in Chatham County.

"There's also quite a bit of research that shows that students who are in music programs score higher on standardized testing," she said. "Students who learn to read music or learn to play music are able to use both sides of their brain and improve their processing speed, which they can use for academics."

While giving her kids a "finger break" on Monday, Jolicouer said the benefits extend

beyond academics to improving critical thinking, understanding abstracts, motor coordination and healthy self-expression.

"You get all those things at the same time," she said. "When you consider that it's entirely unique, you can't do without it because you can't get those results anywhere else."

Sharon Allen, the lead arts teacher for the district, cited the commitment of the county government and school district leadership to continuing to offer and improve music education.

"In a time when other school systems have cut music programs...(they) see music as essential to a well-rounded education program," Allen said, "and they have demonstrated their support by adding music positions, funding materials and experiences for Chatham County students."

Jolicouer, a Siler City native

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GINA HARRISON, past president, Chatham Arts Council, on Chatham County Schools' music education

and 15-year veteran of teaching music in Chatham County Schools, pointed to the progress of music programs throughout the county alongside more funding and attention at the district and county government level.

"As an alumna, it's gratifying to see how the band programs have grown, (and) the choral programs in middle and high



Submitted photo by Chatham County Schools

Mary Clayton Jolicouer, the music teacher at Virginia Cross Elementary School in Siler City, teaches a chord on the ukulele Monday afternoon to a group of fifth-graders.

school, and the county continues to give us more and more support," she said. "Where

other counties are seeing cuts and eliminations, we just keep seeing more and more."

CHATHAM: 'We live in a prosperous region and have a lot of advantages'

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tion, the average weekly wage earned in Chatham is only \$767 per week, well below the state average.

"We know we have room for improvement," Chatham EDC President Alyssa Byrd told the News + Record. "Take median household income as an example. We have one of the highest in the state. But our average wages are around \$36,700. The average for North Carolina is \$49,800."

About 13 percent of Chatham residents live below the poverty line,

but nearly 21 percent of its children living below the poverty line. A majority of those living in poverty can be found in the western portion of the county with Siler City residents making up a bulk of those numbers. Those who live in the poorer areas of the county have to pay the same prices as the wealthier people who live here for staples such as food, transportation and healthcare. In addition, as housing prices and tax values climb in the county, so do the rental rates which place a burden on those on the lower side

of the economic scale, according to the Chatham County Affordable Rental Housing Report.

The economic crunch for families trying to cope with a low-wage labor market results in several unfavorable conditions for struggling families, according to the N.C. Budget and Tax Center report. This includes a growing number of worker having more than one full-time job, workers choosing to live further away from workplaces to find affordable living which increases transportation costs, and

families postponing major expenses such as car repairs or simply going without.

The N.C. Dept. of Commerce labels Chatham County as a Tier Three county, or among the grouping of the state's least economically depressed counties. Though not related to how expensive a county is in which to live, the tier system — with three levels — is based on factors related to growth and wealth.

Byrd said the state's Dept. of Commerce uses four factors in a formula to determine a tier status:

unemployment, median household income, percentage growth in population and adjusted property tax base per capita.

"We live in a prosperous region and have a lot of advantages because of it," she said. "Our working residents have easy access to jobs in urban areas. We continue to grow because the Research Triangle is an attractive destination for people in all phases of life, from new college graduates to retirees."

But Byrd noted the Tier Three status does

not necessarily reflect the economic reality in most areas of Chatham County.

"The averages put a blanket status on Chatham County without recognizing disparities," Byrd said. "There are several other counties in North Carolina who are in the same boat as Chatham County: they're neighbors to thriving urban cores which has helped build wealth, but there are areas of economic distress."

The economic tier system determines what funding a county can receive in several different programs. These programs include the Job Development Investment Grant and the One North Carolina Fund which are related to job development. The system also helps determine qualification for available funding for infrastructure projects related to growth such as the Utility Account, the Economic Infrastructure Program, and the Community Development Block Grant.

While the tier system may be limiting to the funding a town or county can receive, Byrd notes that the designation may be helpful for economic growth in other ways.

"Ultimately, I don't want our tier designation to hurt our chances, as a rural county, at recruiting new employers," Byrd said. "Site selection consultants who have worked in North Carolina know the tier system and what it potentially means for their clients."

"I think it will be OK to remain a Tier Three county," she said. "The system doesn't need an entire overhaul, but it's a system with consequences and we should constantly be evaluating effectiveness. We need a path for communities in need to be recognized as such, with discretion to participate fully in programs and funding targeted at Tier One and Tier Two counties."

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Two milestone achievements for Chatham County Schools

Score it a big win for Chatham County Schools.

Or to be more precise, two big wins.

Twice in the last two weeks CCS has been recognized on a national level for notable achievement — significant milestones for the system and major bragging points for Chatham County as a whole.

• On March 20, CCS was named as just one of three North Carolina school districts to the 2019 Best Communities for Music Education listing by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation

• And last week, Chatham Central High School joined select company — part of the 3 percent of a group numbering some 6,700 — of schools to be named an AVID Demonstration School, certifying Chatham Central as a model AVID program

The honors are unique, but also extraordinary.

In the case of being named a “best communities for music education,” it’s designed to recognize “outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education,” according to the NAMM Foundation. “Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.”

Just 622 of the nation’s 14,000 or so districts earned the honor, and in North Carolina, Chatham County Schools is joined by only Guilford County Schools and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Superb and special company.

Sharon Allen, the lead arts teacher for the Chatham County Schools, said part of the credit for the honor was owed to leadership from

county government and the district for their collective ongoing support to music education.

“In a time when other school systems have cut music programs...(they) see music as essential to a well-rounded education program,” Allen told the News + Record, “and they have demonstrated their support by adding music positions, funding materials and experiences for Chatham County students.”

As for the AVID award, Chatham Central’s designation as an AVID Demonstration School means that its program is a showcase and an example for the rest of the country. AVID — an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination — is a program which uses a series of academic principles and tools to help prepare and teach students “in the middle” of the academic field to better themselves and

Twice in the last two weeks CCS has been recognized on a national level for notable achievement — significant milestones for the system and major bragging points for Chatham County as a whole.

prepare for more rigorous academic pursuits.

AVID officials visited Chatham Central on multiple occasions to determine the program’s worthiness for the honor, putting it in a class of 195 schools (out of some 6,700 AVID programs nationwide). More notable: Chatham Central was the smallest rural school in the U.S. to get the honor, and one of just two in all the Carolinas.

“By implementing the AVID strategies school-wide, every student gets to benefit from those research-based best practices,” Chatham

Central Principal Karla Eanes said. “It’s our learning system, it’s the way we do school. To know that not only are people acknowledging (what we do) but that people from across the country will be coming to visit us to see how Chatham Central does school is such a powerful experience.”

CCS Superintendent Dr. Derrick Jordan, in speaking to Chatham Central about its award, talked about the “phenomenal things” happening there.

Obviously it’s district-wide, and it’s worth our salute.

The not-so-surprising surprise of spring’s by-product

A year seems about the right amount of time to forget something. Not to erase memory completely, necessarily; but enough time to push some things into a recess of the brain where the particulars are buried.



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

Maybe it’s as simple as the time-tested maxim, “Out of sight, out of mind.”

I’ve been, as I do every winter, patiently awaiting the arrival of spring, a season which, though beyond sight for the last few months, hasn’t been far from my mind.

As of March 20, spring is back, and you can count me among those happy for its return.

But over the past 12 months, I’d forgotten that with the welcome reemergence of spring comes the not-as-welcome return of the season’s unpleasant, though important, by-product: pollen.

It happens fast. One day, things are “normal.” The next, a yellow coating of pollen is clinging to everything.

By my observations, this happened last week. I first noticed after I’d mowed my lawn.

So far from my memory was this annual annoyance — and as a result, so unexpected was its sudden, unannounced return — that it was only after I’d developed a mild headache and a distinctly nasal tone to my voice that I realized pollen, stirred up in the lawn-mowing, was the culprit.

Come to think of it, I slowly realized, after the fact, as I grappled with my sudden symptoms late last week, the world around me did look somehow more...yellow.

If I’d been clueless before then — blissfully ignorant, given my memory lapse over the past year — by next morning, the tell-tale signs of pollen’s 2019 reappearance were unmistakable and could no longer be ignored. The irritating substance was now visible everywhere, especially on the exterior of my black car, which Nature had taken the liberty of supplementing with a powdery, splotchy undesired extra coat.

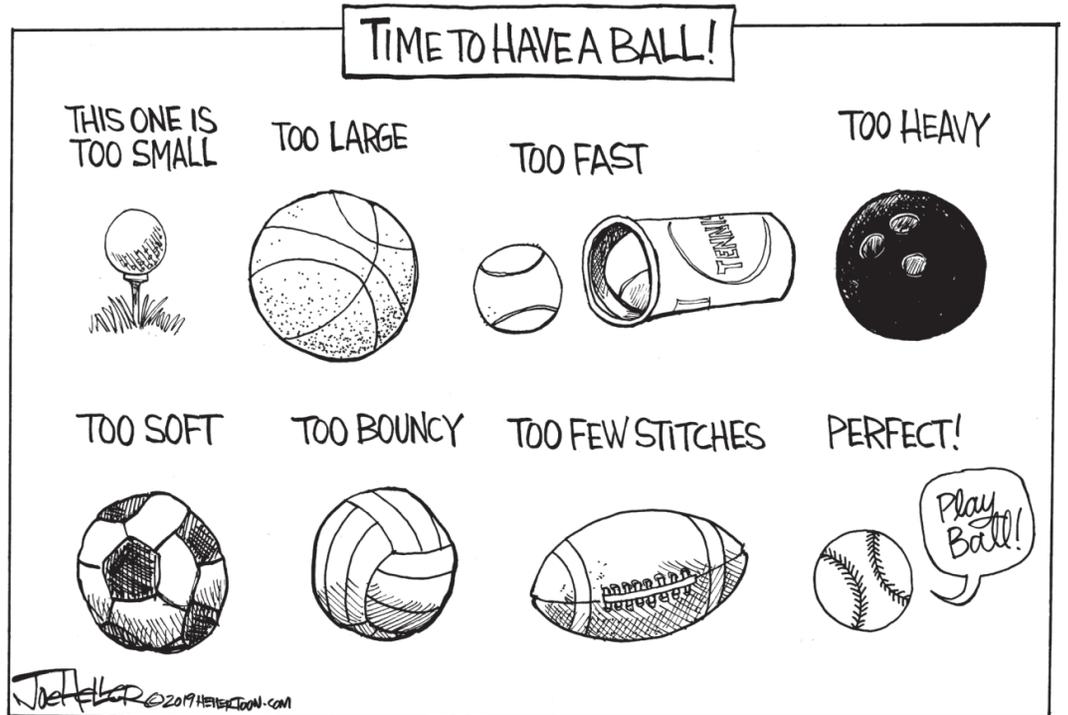
It was especially noticeable Monday morning. The outside temperature hovering around the freezing mark as I got into my car for the commute to work, a blast of windshield cleaner was just the thing needed, I thought, to clean off the pollen dust for unimpeded visibility. But as soon as the cleaner emitted from the reservoir onto the windshield, the liquid combined with the pollen to form a thick, icky paste that immediately froze as the windshield wipers evenly spread the mixture.

It’s just one of those things. We can’t really do anything about it, other than keep our windows shut to keep the pollen out, and dose up on sinus and allergy medicines to alleviate the physical distress the fine springtime powder causes many of us.

For the moment, we’re still very fresh into the new season, spring still in its awkward growth stage, and that means more pollen to come.

The good news for allergy sufferers and those of us who enjoy our cars the color the manufacturer intended, rather than pasty yellow, is that pollen season doesn’t last forever.

But precisely how long it lasts, I’ve managed over the past year to forget.



Harmless pranks good for the soul

April Fools’ Day, 2019, is in the past. And, as



BOB WACHS
Movin’ Around

such, it doesn’t rank all that high on the calendar. As a matter of fact, some calendars don’t even note it. Others, like the one in my head, aren’t really sure how to spell “Fools.” Is it “Fools” or “Fool’s” or “Fools?”

There are no days off from school. The feds don’t close down. Banks stay open. The mail is delivered. Don’t see all that many Hallmark cards celebrating the occasion. It’s pretty much business as usual.

In a way that’s too bad, I understand the reasons behind time off for Thanksgiving or Christmas or Easter or July 4th. And I get the logic for vacation/time off days named after folks.

But April Fools’ Day provides something the other days don’t and that’s an acceptable excuse or reason to be

foolish and act silly, to have a bit of fun, as long as it isn’t at someone else’s expense. And in a world that today seems to have banned good news or happy stuff, that kind of behavior might help us stay sane, at least if we already are.

high school buddies did to me more than once. And I, of course, found suitable retaliation.

There’s a danger to April Fools’ shenanigans, however, and that is when they are taken to extreme. Playing a harmless prank or joke on someone, preferably a friend or family member, isn’t the end of the world. Sometimes I wonder if we’re not headed toward the end of the world. We live in one where nations are bombing other nations, people are cutting off heads and blowing up airports and where the most important nightly news at times seem to be what Oprah is doing.

Having the opportunity for a prank or a joke that produces a laugh to give our minds, howbeit so fleetingly, a momentary break from

Korea or China or all the cast of characters in Washington or health care or violence in the streets or the election or whatever isn’t an escape from those realities. We don’t need to forget them but we don’t need to live in a world of constant distress.

Gluing a quarter to the sidewalk and watching people try to pick it up can give us opportunity to refresh our souls so we can go back and work on those concerns mentioned earlier.

I hope if someone slapped you on the back Monday that you didn’t mind it and that you didn’t go ballistic. And when — and if — you retaliate don’t go too far...and don’t forget the folks in need... starting with those around you.

That’s no April Fools... or Fool’s...or Fools’.

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VIEWPOINTS

Cooper's wall: is it possible in N.C. government?

Will Gov. Roy Cooper have a wall this summer?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Could it be something like Donald Trump's wall on the Mexican border that he promised to build? Do you remember how he said he would veto the emergency spending bill unless it included funding for this wall? If Congress would not provide funding for his wall, Trump said he was willing to have the government shut down. He took responsibility, telling Sen. Chuck Schumer, "And I am proud to shut down the government for border security, because the people of this country don't want criminals and people that have lots of problems and drugs pouring into our

country. So I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down. I'm not going to blame you for it."

Is there any funding that Cooper simply has to have in the state's new budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1? Is there a program or project that Cooper wants so much he would be willing to shut down the government if the legislature does not include funds for it in its budget?

Would he be willing, like Trump, to take responsibility for shutting down North Carolina government?

We can ask the "Cooper's Wall" question because the governor has, for the first time, meaningful power to veto a legislatively-adopted budget. Thanks to successes in last November's elections Democrats have enough strength in both houses of the legislature to prevent an override of a Cooper veto.

The legislature is already at

work on the new budget. This year the House will prepare and pass its version of the budget. The Senate will make changes and pass the revised bill. Unless the House agrees to all the changes, the bill will go to a conference committee, which will hammer out a compromise bill. After both houses approve, the bill will go to the governor who can sign it and make it final, or let it become law without his signature, or he can veto it.

Last week House Speaker Tim Moore said he expected an initial budget proposal to be ready for House consideration by the end of this month. Legislators with budget responsibilities have been working with the legislative staff to prepare drafts and examine alternatives.

These budget writers are also in touch with Cooper's staff to try to get a handle on his priorities and try to find some areas of agreement. Also, they

are trying to find out if there is something the governor badly wants in the budget that they would never allow.

That something could turn out to be "Cooper's Wall" if the Republican legislature is as adamantly against it as congressional Democrats were against Trump's wall.

What could that something be?

One thing the governor feels strongly about is Medicaid expansion. His proposal would "provide access to affordable health insurance to 626,000 additional individuals." He argues that the expansion would not cost the state because the federal government would pay 90 percent, and the rest would be paid by hospitals and health plans. Budget-wise, he says, "the recurring savings to the state is approximately \$70 million."

Some Republicans support Medicaid expansion, but many adamantly oppose it, arguing

that the federal money is still taxpayer money and the Medicaid program is wasteful. Therefore, in a Republican-controlled legislature, Cooper's Medicaid proposal is not likely to be in their budget.

Cooper has not threatened to veto a budget bill that did not expand Medicaid. But expansion is so popular with his Democratic base that he might be tempted.

If he used the veto and the legislature failed to override and failed to adopt a budget agreeable to Cooper, then North Carolina could have its own government crisis, and the proposed state Medicaid expansion could turn out to be "Cooper's Wall."

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

Be prudent with state budget

RALEIGH — When the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released revised employment data a few days ago, North Carolina got some unwelcome news. After years of outpacing the national and regional averages in job creation, our state posted lackluster performance in 2018. Total employment rose by 1.3 percent in North Carolina last year, slower than the average job-growth rates for nation (1.8 percent) and the Southeast region (1.7 percent).

Some political activists took notice of the slowdown and then tried to blame it on the conservative fiscal policies of the Republican-controlled General Assembly. But those same conservative policies were also in place during North Carolina's previous years of better-than-average job creation. Did the Republican legislature's policies work before but stop working in 2018? Or were they irrelevant before, in which case why should we assume they are relevant now?

If one wanted to put a partisan spin on the available economic data, it would make more sense to contrast Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper with his Republican predecessor, Pat McCrory.

From 2012 to 2016, North Carolina's economy added some 361,000 positions, an average of about 7,500 net new jobs per month. The comparable monthly rate during Cooper's tenure to date is 6,200 net new jobs. During the McCrory years, the state's gross domestic product grew faster than the Southeastern average. Under Cooper, North Carolina's growth has been below-average.

However, simply lining up economic statistics with the terms of politicians isn't sufficient to establish causal connections. If I cited these statistics to prove that the Cooper administration has been hampering the state's economic growth — by adopting adverse regulatory policies, for example — I'd be overstating my case. Among other things, it's foolish to draw firm conclusions until we have a better sense of how much Hurricane Florence is to blame for the 2018 results.

Rather than resort to spin, I'd urge North Carolina politicians to view the economic data in the context of the coming state budget battle.

As my John Locke Foundation colleague Joe Coletti has pointed out, Gov. Cooper is proposing a 5.6 percent increase in General Fund spending for the coming fiscal year, using the most appropriate apples-to-apples comparison. According to the same methodology, legislative leaders are pitching a 3.45 spending increase.

That's a significant difference. Toss in the fact that the governor wants to issue billions of dollars more in state debt than either the House or Senate want to issue and you have the makings of a lengthy and frustrating budget negotiation this summer.

Keep in mind that for many North Carolina Democrats, Cooper's budget is too conservative. They believe that the state's tax burden is billions of dollars too low, which in turn keeps state expenditures billions of dollars lower than required to deliver good-quality public services. They wanted the governor to propose a large tax increase to fund lots of new spending. With his 2020 reelection campaign approaching, Cooper wisely ignored them.

And some conservatives — I'm among them — believe that the legislature's announced target of 3.45 percent spending growth is too liberal. We would have preferred that lawmakers enter the negotiation with a lower opening bid, one well under 3 percent.

The spread we actually ended up with between the two sides is large enough, however. I suspect it won't be closed quickly. This may take a while.

So here's my recommendation. Both Gov. Cooper and the Republican-led legislature should approach the negotiating table with the assumption that North Carolina's economy is not magically going to surge back into its top gear. The state will collect enough revenue to address top priorities and reasonable increases in the operating expenses of state government. But we shouldn't expect a massive "April surprise" to pay for everyone's favorite new ideas.

Make sure to set aside money for emergencies and to repair and renovate state buildings. Fund increases in caseload and some pay raises. Don't take on massive new spending obligations. And don't make major changes in the tax code. Be precise. Be prudent. And be patient.

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The dangerous politicizing of our universities

Sometimes it is hard finding truth. That's where I am regarding the UNC Board of Governors.



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

Three top officials within the University of North Carolina System have resigned or been fired this year. The UNC Board of Governors (BOG) either instigated these departures or has shown little remorse for them. The chairman of the BOG has had a running feud with the chancellor at East Carolina University and appears heavily involved with the firing of Chancellor Cecil Staton, even though Harry Smith first asserted he wouldn't involve himself with ECU at all, then denied Staton was fired, and finally

denied he had any involvement. One BOG member refuted these assertions and publicly called the chairman to task, but aside from this one member we've heard crickets from anyone else on the board. Further, that member was forced to make a public apology under threat of being censured without the apology.

I told one BOG member it appeared the board is out of control. Not so, was the response, followed by defenses for all three departures. Former President Margaret Spellings had done a terrible job of managing the system and was undermining the board behind the scenes. Not only had UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Carol Folt been ineffective in managing the academic scandal she inherited, she had made it worse. Besides, her handling of the Silent Sam controversy was a disaster. ECU's Staton was the worst, I was told. Enrollments are down, the university is in financial trouble, a 60-million-dollar expansion of the football stadium was plagued with problems and that doesn't even speak to the poor performance of the athletic director and head football coach.

Implied is that just about everything that happened prior to this board's arrival was wrongheaded, incompetently managed or antithetical to the university's mission. Previous Boards of Governors failed miserably in performing oversight duties. Additionally, university administrations and faculties have become so left-wing liberal as to poison educational integrity. And the BOG chair is providing sound and proper leadership and supported by the board. Sometimes you have to break something to fix it. Opponents don't know the facts and are mostly liberals. Thank heavens this current board had arrived to rescue our faltering system. It has done some really positive things, like NC Promise and halting big tuition increases.

Legislative leaders obviously agree. Both houses just named their new BOG members and, in a "vote of confidence," 10 of the 12 elected are holdovers. Of the 24 BOG members only six are women, only four are

minorities; there might be one or two Democrats and an unaffiliated voter or two among them. Mostly it's older Republican White men.

Which of these two is right? Call me a doubting Thomas, but I started being concerned when President Tom Ross was summarily fired for no other apparent reason than he was a Democrat. I can accept that fresh eyes can see things that can be improved, but a lot of what is happening seems to be change for the sake of change. I believe the truth is in here somewhere, but the situation has become so heated and politicized as to be hard to see the truth.

There is a completely opposite narrative coming from a growing group of business leaders, former BOG members, education leaders and concerned citizens. These bipartisan citizens say this current board is all about politics and intent on kicking trash cans and turning over just about everything, whether working or not, in their desire to create dissension, dysfunction and the dismantlement of our "crown jewel." They say board members are spreading repeated lies in to support their agenda and they are pushing for the ouster of the chairman, a reformed selection process and a return to civility and cooperation in working for the betterment of our 16 campuses.

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The one clear truth is that it is dangerous for us to politicize our universities.

Tom Campbell is former assistant North Carolina State Treasurer and is creator/host of NC SPIN, a weekly statewide television discussion of NC issues that airs on UNC-TV main channel at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and 12:30 p.m. Sundays and on the UNC North Carolina Channel at 10 p.m. Fridays, 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. Sundays. Contact him at www.ncspin.com.

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OBITUARIES

J.C. MENDENHALL JR.



J.C. Mendenhall Jr., 83, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 25, 2019.

He was born in Siler City, NC on October 9, 1935 to the late J.C. Mendenhall Sr. and Irene Brewer Mendenhall. After playing football, baseball, and other sports, he graduated from Siler City High School. He then faithfully served our country in the US Army. He retired from City Motors in Greensboro, NC after over 38 years of dedicated service, as the business manager. In addition, he and his wife Nancy

Mendenhall enjoyed a photography business, in their spare time.

He trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at a young age and was part of the Shannon Hills Bible Chapel family from 1962 to the present. There he served as a Sunday school teacher, and later became an elder. It was important to him to set a godly example for the young men he led in Sunday school and those he mentored. He had a special place in his heart for the ministry of Mountain Top Youth Camp, and was known for his consistent faithfulness to his Lord, his family, and his church.

As a husband, father, and grandfather, he relentlessly loved, provided, and supported those he loved, unconditionally. He modeled God-fearing wisdom along with gentleness, integrity, and strength. Married for over 60 years, he provided an example of a faithful Christian marriage. He enjoyed golf, photography, traveling, and attending his grandsons sporting events.

J.C. is survived by his wife, Nancy; his children, Marla Vincent (Tim), Donna Mendenhall, Mark Mendenhall (Anna); and his grandchildren, Janna, Parker, Tye, and Eric Mendenhall.

In honor of his life, the family received visitors on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Shannon Hills Bible Chapel from 12 to 2 p.m. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., with Interment following at Forest Lawn Cemetery. If you desire to honor J.C.'s memory, you may send flowers to Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home at 515 N Elm St. Greensboro, NC 27401. Contributions may be sent to Mountain Top Youth Camp at 6311 Sable Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406.

Online condolences may be offered at: www.haneslineberryfuneralhomes.com.

EMMA JEAN "SIS" WILLETT HOFFMAN



Emma Jean "Sis" Willett Hoffman, 76, of Lexington, passed away Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

The graveside service will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Bennett Baptist Church, where she was a member, with Rev. Edwin Moore and Tony Estridge presiding. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall after the service.

Emma was born on June 16, 1942 to Rudolph and Pearl Routh Willett.

She was retired from the upholstery business. She enjoyed playing bingo, cooking for her family, UNC basketball, going to Cherry Grove beach with her friends and spending time with her family. She especially treasured time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Emma was preceded in death by her brother, R.C. "Tink Willett" and an infant sister.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Langley of Staley, Carla Thomas of Liberty, Pam Tysinger (Eddie) of Lexington; son, Greg Brafford of Lexington; ten grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, with another one on the way; sisters, Elaine Estridge (Tony) of Bennett, Dottie Mendenhall (Larry) of Siler City; brothers, James "Bub" Willett (Vernece) of Bennett, Bill Willett (Pat) of Bennett; and a host of family and friends.

Special thanks to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Cancer Center ICU and nurse Grace for their excellent care.

Flowers are accepted or donations may be made to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, 1 Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Condolences may be offered online at: www.joycebradychapel.com.

Joyce-Brady Chapel is honored to serve the Hoffman Family.

EARLIE WADE BRADY



Earlie Wade Brady, 83, of High Falls died Thursday, March 28, 2019.

The Celebration of his Life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Prosperity Friends Meeting, 2449 River Road, Robbins, NC 27325 with Reverend Robert Lee Kidd presiding. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery.

Earlie was born on March 27, 1936 in High Falls, (Moore County) NC to the late Rassist B. and Allie Davis Green Brady. The youngest of ten children, he joins his granddaughter Jessica

Ann Brady, and nine siblings in Heaven: Joseph Graham Brady, Edward Louis Brady, Mary Carol True, James Warren Brady, Harrison Coolidge Brady, R. B., Jr. Brady, Herbert Lindy Brady, Charlie Eldridge Brady, and Marvin Edison Brady.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 60 years, Katherine Wilson Brady; one daughter, Anna Brady and partner Lisa; one son, Paul Brady and wife Cathy; one grandson, Owen Brady and wife Abby; special in-laws, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins.

An active member of his community, Earlie lived a life of servant-leadership, serving others through various organizations and leading initiatives that advanced our community in the farming and agricultural business, telecommunications industry, and education field. He was a faithful leader and member of Prosperity Friends Meeting for over 60 years, and a Board Member of the Randolph Telephone Membership Cooperation for over 40 years. Earlie retired in 2002 as the Live Operations Manager of Townsend Inc. after a 42-year career in the poultry industry. He loved the people he led and served, and enjoyed the relationships he developed through the years.

When his children were in school, he served on the Moore County Board of Education for four years, the North Moore High School Advisory Council, and the High Falls Elementary School PTSA.

The family will receive friends at Joyce-Brady Chapel, Monday, April 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Friends are welcome to visit at other times in the home.

We are grateful to the numerous family members and friends who have loved and supported Earlie and family through the years, especially recently. We are thankful to the doctors, nurses, and Hospice staff who provided medical attention and genuine care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to be made to the First Health Hospice of Pinehurst to ensure that future families benefit from the patient care and family support they provide, or to the Prosperity Friends Meeting Cemetery Fund.

Condolences may be offered online at: www.joycebradychapel.com.

BOBBIE SMITH LUCAS



Bobbie Smith Lucas, 85, of Siler City died Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Mrs. Lucas was born in Chatham County on July 28, 1933, the daughter of Millard Vance and Alice Elizabeth (Quakenbush) Smith. Bobbie was a member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church and retired from Collins & Aikman. She was a hard, dedicated worker and continued in retirement to devote her time and energy to caring for her "special children".

Bobbie was preceded in death by her husband, Eber Lee Lucas; her parents; brothers, Carl Camp Smith and Jack Smith; and special, daughter-in-law, Mary Lucas.

She is survived by sons, Johnny Lucas, Jimmy Lucas and wife Jane, Billy Lucas and Wayne Lucas, all of the home; nephews, Carl Smith and wife Teresa, Jackie Smith and wife Shirley; sister-in-law, Ruth Smith, all of Siler City; Special Children, David, Davy, and Reid; adopted daughter, Annette and Special Little Girl, Abigail.

The family received friends Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. The funeral was held Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 3631 Mt. Vernon-Hickory Mountain Road, Siler City with Rev. Jason Dickerson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 3631 Mt. Vernon-Hickory Mountain Road, Siler City, NC 27344 or Liberty Home Care and Hospice, 401 East Third Street, Siler City, NC 27344.

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

EULA HARDISTER BURNS



Eula Hardister Burns, 88, of Bear Creek died Thursday, March 28, 2019 at UNC Hospitals.

Mrs. Burns was born September 11, 1930, the daughter of R. Dolphus and Frances (Little) Hardister. Eula was a member of Sandy Branch Baptist Church and the senior Sunday School Class. She was a homemaker, who enjoyed reading her Bible, working puzzles, yard work and going out to eat. Eula was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph F. Burns; her parents; sisters, Jean Garner, Gail

Maness and Sue Baker; brothers, J. L. Hardister and an infant brother.

She is survived by two daughters, Frances A. Smith and husband Bill of Staley, Pat Lowman and husband Steve of Siler City; two sons, Mike Burns and wife Jenny of Bear Creek, Jackie Burns of Bennett; two sisters, Mary H. Snuggs of Badin, Elsie H. Phillips of Bear Creek; one brother, Ray Hardister and wife Barbara of Bennett; grandchildren, P. J. (Ashley) and Chris Lowman, Brandy Pearce (Josh), Brittany Smith (Kyle), Sara Jo Burns, and Mary Wilson (Larry); fourteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Sandy Branch Baptist Church, and other times at the family home. The funeral followed Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sandy Branch Baptist Church with Rev. Jesse Lott officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sandy Branch Baptist Church, 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek, NC 27207 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959, www2.stjude.org.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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

SANDRA RIDGE



Sandra Angelet Robinson Ridge, 70, of Asheboro, died Sunday, March 31, 2019 at The Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 4, 2019, at Ridge Funeral Home Chapel, Asheboro, with Pastor Anthony Cheek officiating. Burial will follow at Randolph Memorial Park.

Born in Chatham County, NC, on January 1, 1949, Sandra was the daughter of the late Edgar Alexander Robinson and Evelyn Angelet Scott Robinson. She worked at Jockey International and was a great homemaker. Sandra enjoyed her hobbies of cross stitching, gardening, and canning her vegetables. She loved and took care of her family including her cat "Jackson", and made everyone feel special. Mrs. Ridge was an avid NASCAR fan, especially Dale Earnhardt, and huge Carolina Basketball fan.

Surviving are her husband, Dennis Ridge, of the home; daughters Angie Winslow and husband Bruce, of Asheboro, Amy Staton, and husband Jessie of Greenville, NC; brother, Tom Robinson and wife Jackie of Fayetteville; grandchildren, Logan Winslow, Ross Winslow, Nathan McDonald, Ridge McDonald, and Ryan Staton.

The family will receive friends at Ridge Funeral Home from 10 to 11 a.m., Thursday, April 4, 2019, at Ridge Funeral Home, and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Randolph, P.O. Box 9, Asheboro, NC 27204, and MS Society, 3101 Industrial Drive, Suite 210, Raleigh, NC, 27609.

Condolences may be made online at: www.ridgefuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM "BILL" DAVID WATKINS, JR.

William "Bill" David Watkins, Jr. age 74, of Siler City, died Sunday, March 31, 2019 at his home.

Bill was born in Alma, Georgia on October 8, 1944 to the late William David Watkins, Sr. and Ollie Carver Watkins. He was also preceded in death by one brother Parnell Watkins and one sister Sylvia Watkins.

Survivors include his wife Sarah Watkins; son, James Freeman Hutchins, Sr. of Siler City; three daughters, Pamela Lynn Hutchins of Siler City, Laura Ann Tilley of Lexington, Melissa Ann Watkins of Pennsylvania and her three children; one brother, Sonny Watkins of Thomaston, Georgia; and one sister, Euleta Watkins of Thomaston, Georgia; six grandchildren, William Daniel Ball, Sr., James Freeman Hutchins, Jr., Sarah Lynn Ball, Stephen Joseph Hutchins, Joseph Allen Wagner, James Thomas Tilley, and two great-grandchildren, William Daniel Ball, Jr. and Allison Lynn Howe.

The family received friends Wednesday, April 3, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation. A graveside service will be held Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Moore presiding.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

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

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

PAULINE PATTERSON PERRELL

Pauline Patterson Perrell, 96, of Bear Creek died Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2019 at Sandy Branch Baptist Church with Rev. Jesse Lott and Rev. Marc Sanders officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ms. Perrell was born in Rhea County, TN on January 11, 1923, the daughter of Ben Martin and Sarah Annie (Carroll) Patterson. Pauline was a member of Sandy Branch Baptist Church and a homemaker. Pauline was preceded in death by her husband, Elvid Hampton Perrell; sons, Melvin Ed Perrell and Jerry Franklin Perrell.

She is survived by one daughter, Freda Schinsky and husband John of Bear Creek; six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

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

KATHRYN BRYANT TUCKER POINDEXTER

Kathryn Bryant Tucker Poindexter, 98, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2019 with Dr. Jerry Burton officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She was born in Surry County on August 18, 1920, to the late Edgar Watson Tucker and Leticia Susan Bryant Tucker. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Edward Poindexter, Sr. Kathryn was the oldest surviving member of Rocky Fork Christian Church. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat Banks of Sanford; sons, Laurence Poindexter and Thomas "Tommy" Poindexter, Jr., both of Sanford; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

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

JOHN DAVID PATRICK

John David Patrick, 82, of Snow Camp, died Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Chatham Hospital in Siler City.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Loflin Funeral Home Chapel, Ramseur, with Tim Laughlin, officiating.

David was a native of Geneva, NY, retired from Kellwood Apparel, a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Liberty. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Howard and Mazie Mix Patrick, step-son, Jeffrey Wayne Stewart, and one grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Sennie Marie Patrick of the home; daughters, Elizabeth Michele Duncan of Greensboro, Tamara Gwen Neal of Julian; son, Timothy "Tim" Robert Patrick of Sophia; step-daughters, Linda Sue Brown of Bear Creek, Donna Charlene Barnes of Riegelwood; step-son, James Dudley Sykes of Riegelwood; nineteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made online at: www.loflinfuneralservice.com.

Memorials may be made to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 4820 State Road 2417, Liberty, NC 27298.

SHIRLEY (BLAND) HOOD

Mrs. Shirley Bland Hood, 82, of Pittsboro, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2019 at UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Mt Sinai AME Church. Interment followed at Pittsboro Community Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, John V. Hood; brother, Thomas Ross Bland; sisters, Florence Bland Rone and Sarah Bland, all of Pittsboro.

JACQUELINE BURCH DONNELL

Jacqueline Burch Donnell, 54, of Sanford passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at WakeMed in Raleigh.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

MARY (WASHINGTON) WILLIAMS

Mary Washington Williams, 91, of Sanford, passed on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at her residence.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

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MARGARET B. POLLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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7th Grade: Skylar Adams, Iliia Arnold, Amber Asher, Christopher Atkins, Sophia Baliff, Julia Bartlett, Chiara Battista, Meredith Bean, Aidan Bearman, Madison Beck, Hunter Blake, Ella Boecke, Lauren Brown-dyke, Kelly Buckoski, Ethan Budlong, Robert Burleigh, Ellie Cook, Anahi Corzo, Anna Daguerre, Cole Dail, Chelsea Delano, Olivia Dennis, Kate Dy-

dynski, Roger Eubanks, Megan Fady, Frances Gaillard, Anna Gilliam, Sienna Gray, Jackson Gustafson, Mary Hatch, Olivia Hayes, Alessia Iacono, Nicholas Jerkovich, Anna Kappelman, Abby Kava, Milo Kelley, Julia Krasovich, Marissa Kurz, Jana Lerch, Cameron Livengood, Lucinda Martine, Jordan McNish, Eliza Moore, Olivia Nash, Dane O'Neill, Callan Perchinsky, Claire Pickens, Caroline Porter, Dulce Ramirez Romero, Chloe Rayno, Mia Richard, Sara Richardson, Olivia Robinson, Shepherd Rockriver, Isabella Rogers, Willem Sandvik, Sophia Serrano, Clara Silkstone, Maya Sipper, Makaio Stephenson, Jarin Stevenson, Alexis Stumpf, Asia Thigpen, Jenna Thompson, Katelyn Tijerina, Morgan Turner, Sara Turner, Alyssa Ugurlu, Olivia Van Duinen, Ezekiel Vervinder, Elizabeth Walker, Katelyn Walker, Benjamin Weathers, George Weber, Shayna Whitney, Marcella Willett, Zachary Wilson, Fiona Xiao, Naomi Yokoi-Rankin, Kathryn Zucker

8th Grade: Sean Alexis Abenes, Jackson Adams, Zachary Adams, Emily Altenburg, Lillian Atkins, Zachary Barnes, Monet Barton, Kaylie Bernier, Bret Blair, Lille Blank, Miranda Blell, Beckett Brantley, Matteus Butler, Gianna Cacciato, Giovanni Cacciato, Julia Cantwell, Dacia Case, Lillian Collins, Mia Collins, Mason Cook, Sophia Cremeans, Lauren Emrich, Sarah Emrich, Troy Ennis, Lana Farah, Wade Farley, Jordan Forbis, Lily Fowler, Reyvadee Godehn, Zoe Hatzidakis, Hailey Hirschman, Madeline Holland, Remi Jones, Samuel Jump, Rachel Lassiter, Lillian Lennard, Natalie Luca, Lucile Mangum, Savannah Matthews, Gianna McManaman, Alexandra Nance, Scott Oglesbee, Savannah Parsons, Laina Pollard, Destyn Rader, Carolyn Rhinehardt, Chloe Richard, Margaret Ric hardson, Sophia Roberts, Grace Rogan, Alison Romero Cruz, Alexandria Sandhu, Julia Shough,

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6th Grade: Jose Aguiluz Basilio, Asher Aldridge, Henry Berg, Lockard Bowen, Julian Bozzolo, Johnson Brekke, Joshua Brown, Ryan Coen, Christopher Cruz-Guerrero, Dylan Leonard Villanueva, Cade Elmore, Walter Entrekin, Jacob Ewy, Cameron Exley, William Farmer, Avery Fauth, Bailen Fauth, Brandon Gayosso-Martinez, Rylan Girard, Ellerie Gonzalez-Ramirez, Evan Hepburn, Tyler Hill, Michael Holleran, Gilad Holt, Thailayn Horton, Kaleb Howell, Thaddeus Hudec, Broden Jones, Liliana Jones, Liam Jonsson, Alexandra Kennedy, Aidan Latta, Nidaiya Lauano, Noah Laupert, Addison Leviner, Noah Lewis, Braxton Little, Noah Jack Matthews, Alison Mayen Murcia, Robert McKeaveney, James McNabb, Molly Milsom, Taylor Moore, Nathan Morin, Carter Nelson, Monica Olivera Garcia, Michael Pomykala, Cruz Rangel-Dominguez, William Scholle, Maxwell Shiels, Nathan Smith, Carson Smith, Gunnar Smith, Kayla Stafford-Underdue, Colt Tudor, Violet Walter, Jacob Weidman, Amir Young, Sophia Zamora-Katona, Elena Zapata

7th Grade: Rui Aguiar, Evelyn Atkins, Nathaniel Avodo, Louisa Ayers, Jack Bachelor, Kaila Baker, Gracie Burgess, Abigail Chevallier, Alexandra Ching, Evan Crouch, Megan Daiker, Misha Danrich, Evan Dean, Kaylee Diorio, Olivia Doty, Sophia Doty, Giselle Falas, Drew Farina, Kaylee Fisher, Carson Fortunes, Sheily Garcia Santana, Julissa Gaytan, Jaxon Goldenberg-Sheets, Elizabeth Goyea, Colin Greco, Emily Henderson, Quinn Hennessey, Kayla Hofer, MaKenzie Holland, Arlen

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8th Grade: Jaime Argila, Kyler Armstrong, Brianna Barnes, Khasidy Boston, Zoe Brander, Gianmarc Byers, Alexander Callis, Kylie Common, Sydney Cox, Amanda De Bonis, Brooke Detzi, Jacob Dunning, Theryn Elmore, Nicholas Feliciano, Yamileth Feliciano-Gomez, Aaron Fields, Marilu Gallegos-Ramirez, Emily Gamez-Jimenez, Christian Glick, Ryder Grant, Katelyn Griffin, Catarina Harrigan, Leanne Hart, Giselle Hernandez-Hernandez, Quentin Jarstfer, Olivia Jones, Victoria Kline, Gracie Kolat, Fiona Leigh, Catherine Maclean, Morgan Mann, Nathan McNaught, Anthony Munoz, Alejandro Navarro, Charlie Nicholas, Nathaniel Ortiz, Owen Orzolic, Heeba Ouazzani, Mayson Parker, Ana Pati-no-Guzman, Bianca Perez, Jonathan Polster, Jaden Reece, Victoria Salinas, Jackson Shaner, William Smith, William Spann, Jake Sperling, Benjamin Starling, Cameron Stevenson Jr., Jiovanni Paulo Sumogod, Jamie Torres, Tyler Tracy, Jason Walden, Airryn Wharton, Ava Winn, Elizabeth Wright

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4th Grade: Andrew Barbour, Eleanor Buczynski, Lucas Ferri, Morgan Peele, Angie Pere Rueda, Ashley Perez Rueda, Camille Rozzell, Monae Taylor

5th Grade: Eva Abernathy, Katie Leonard, Jeslyn Lewis, Savannah McLean, Mia Moore

6th Grade: Mark Crabtree, Jessica Cummings, Chase Foushee, Ellie Gordon, Jacob Haugan, Ian Henry, Sophia Korpela, Brooklyn Lee

7th Grade: Conner Durso, Owen Durson, Bryton Godfrey, Lacy Jarman, Claire McLean, Kate Murphy, Katelyn Parker, Levi Perkins, Jessica Watkins

8th Grade: Sarah Barbour, Irvin Bautista-Diaz, Kaylee Burbee, Parker Frazier, Jonathan Galbraith, Aspen Gallop, Jenny Johnson, William Johnson, Meredith Peele, Hemi Oldham, Lily Parrish, William Poythress, Austin Rolka, Lily Witcher

A/B Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Keneth Amaya Rubi, Owen Gaines, Alex Gonzales Silva, Cayden Goodwin, Michaela Gunnett, Alyssa Harris, Brayden Johnson, Kaylynn Long, Ally Parrish, Oliver Vang

4th Grade: Princess Amedakah, Dustin Foushee, Gunner Goodwin, Samiah Harrington, Kaleb Herring, Mason Hopper, Elisabeth Martin-Felipa, Janya Norman, Jacob Partin, Brooke Porter, Demetris Simms

5th Grade: Zachary Best, Citlaly Garcia-Perez, Joshua Jeffries, Avelyn McLean, Charlie Murphy, Grace Murphy, Lauryn Parker, Leland Partridge, Alexa Rueda Ibanez, Keelan Tart, Jasmine White

6th Grade: Michael Amatucci, Juana Bautista-Jimenez, Martin Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Jose Cruz Martinez, Jordyn Jeffries, Ellie Johnson, Kevin Jones, Liam Quale, Anson Spinks, Kimberly Wood

7th Grade: Angel Alvarez Vargas, Kael Bjorndahl, Jessica Ray, Sheyenne Roden, Dylan Rueda Ibanez, Brayden Turrentine

8th Grade: Jesus Amezcua Granados, Trevor Burbee, Arely Gonzalez-Martin, Kaitlyn Johnson, Toren Korpela, Terry Mann, Cole Oldham, Autumn Sehulster, Austin Snyser, Drew Stickney, Brandon Toomer

NORTH CHATHAM SCHOOL

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3rd Grade: Jhaziel Alvarez Chirino, Roshan Chishti Chalamalasetti, Caroline Patricia Cook, Gabriel Elijah Curtis, Tatum Marie Dell, Tara Marie Foley, Noah Michael Fuller, Piper Gensler, Ellery Mae Hlavac, William Evan Hudson, Arden Juliana Kelly, Boden Wade Laramore, Nia Carter Liles, Ellexis Kinzy McBride, Jefferson Geovanny Medina Ochoa, Annalei Pace, Camryn Brooke Reinhardt, William Allen Smith, Nathanael Cuyler Strickland, William Archer Timm, Lila Lacy Vandell, Nathan Nikhil Yox, Samuel David Zwahlen

4th Grade: Althea Elisabeth Aldridge, Juliana Pearl Andros, Marta Isabela Benesch, Christian Jacob Bullock, Maya Ciodaru, Kleber Antonio Corzo Garcia, Connor Aidan Daley, Sofia Gabriela Espino Centeno, Emily Jane Exley, Avis-ton Jai Farmer, Serenity Anne Foley, Tiffany Jaden Abenoja Glinoga, Bryce Karlson Huneycutt, Dylan Russell Jory, Emily Victoria Jump, Emily Cheryle Little, Marek Dakermue Makor, Charlotte Curtis McClintock, Ella Pearl Paisner Mendlovitz, Sophia Misciagno, Abigail Christine Morgan, Ian Robert Perry, Ethan Joseph Rayno, Katerine Rodriguez Apolinar, Samman Gabriella Sadri,

Gabriella Sophia Santiago Raimundi, Jenna Simone Self, Jack Alexander Simpson, Bailey Elizabeth Smith, Sydney Elise Tate, Claire Elizabeth Wojoski, James Raleigh Wright

5th Grade: Alexandra Sophie Boutin, Victor Emman-uel Bullock, Grayson Dean Cox, Grace Harper Davis, Isabella Margaret Ekeler, Sarah Elizabeth Giguere, Arianna Yareli Gonzalez, Jack Aryeh Hirschman, Pascale Paulina Hlavac, Austin Joseph Ingram, Natalie Anastasia Jerkovich, Cali Olivia O'Neill, Tuong-Vy Athena Phan, Karleigh Braxton Purcell, Kiernan Alexander Reed, Gabriel Thomas Suarez, Abril Tolentino-Alvarado, Anna Claire Wardrop, James Masten Weaver, Ella Jane Wenstrand, Regan Mikal Willauer, Mackenzie Lee Zelfhof, Abigail Claire Zwahlen

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3rd Grade: Alexa Leigh Comedia Abenes, Alejandro Alvarez-Trejo, Collin James Atkinson, Cooper Logan Boutin, Tyler Pearce Brinson, Sloane Alexandra Carter, Harper Anne Clark, Isabelle Lilly Compton, Aidan O'Kieran Corcoran, Amy Denis Cortes Rivera, Keyla Costilla Nunez, Campbell DeWitte Davis, Margot Piera De Angelo, Banks Christopher Elmore, Liliana Elizabeth Forrest, Evelyn Denise Gonzalez Banegas, Vivian Case Gustafson, Jax Turner Heizman, Maxwell Ivan Horton, Ashlyn Sarah Jenkins, Nathan Wilder Kendrick, Hunter Lee Long, Jason Martinez Solorzano, George David Milne, Kimberly Montoya-Esquivel, Maddox Brody Moore, Ha-leigh Dawn O'Briant, Jude Alexander O'Neill, Daniela Elise Ortiz, Bennett Patrick Powell, William Alan Powell, Isabella Rees Purcell, Stephanie Yasmin Ramirez Gevara, Mackenzie Rose Reibling, Gavin Blu Rockett, Ana Karen Rodriguez Apolinar, Cooper Rainn Sherwood, Sterling Corbett Smith, Talia Isabela Soper, Isaac Danniery Sorto Calzada, Benjamin James Taylor, Isaias Vazquez Ordenez, Ashton Antonio Victalino, Elise Noel Warner, Leah Claire Willoughby, Mackenzie Nicole, Wray, Maddison Lillian Wyrick, Yoselyn Naomi Zepeda Zuniga

4th Grade: Reece Fitzgerald Adams, Piper Mae Bailey, Averie Isabella Boeckler, Guadalupe Cruz-Guerrero, Declan Flint Davis, McKenna Brielle Fuller, Logan Alexander Guhr, Ella Morgan Hickey, Leeya Daya House, Alisha Renee Jones, Benjamin Maxwell Jump, Vanessa Marie Miller, Owen Levi Murray, Gabrielle Diana Parra, Grady Andrew Perchinsky, Rylan Mae Perchinsky, Brandon Perez Lopez, Gavin Nels Popp, Jaliyah Destini Ray, Paige Isabella Reinhardt, Erick Sierra-Rojas, Easton Franklin Sykes, Zachary Ryan Sylvia, Brandon Toledo Sanchez, Antonio Terry Underdue, Alexander Vela Mancilla, Eva Amani Wahieb, Taylor Grace Williford, David Wesley Wood, Kendall Clara Wyrick

5th Grade: Casey Howard Brekke, Mya Simone Brower, Sydney Ruth Burleigh, Damon Drake Conner, Gabrielle Inara Coppola, Addison Brian Culbertson, America Paola Diaz Rodriguez, Sydney Jane Eubanks, Ava Lauren Fisk, Carlos Giovanni Gamez Jimenez, Sara Gonzalez Ramirez, Braeden Thomas Hazard, Alexandra Victoria Helmer, Vivien Reagan January, Annika Cate Johansson, Jhamilet Noemi Martinez Villatoro, Alondra Ruby Martinez Zamora, Hector Daniel Olivera Garcia, Natalia Ortiz Raimundi, Omar Perez Lopez, Julian Perez-Hernandez, Jorge Pernia Fernandez, Ryan Brooks Powell, Matthew Julian Quintero Salgado, Gabriel Thomas Rogers, Alexandra Emily Smith, Alexandra Rose Smith, Brenne L Sovereign, Emery Jeanne Tinervin, Ainsley Caroline Tuttle, Waylon James Vose, Sophia Marie Willauer, Ty Nicklaus Willoughby, Ryan Mills Yoder

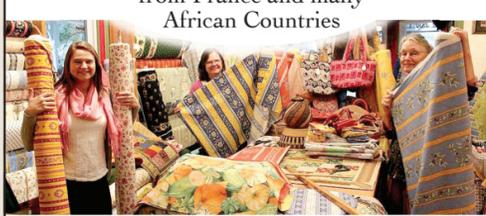
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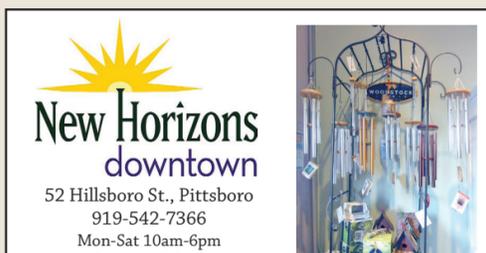


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Chatham Central earns rare academic distinction

High school named AVID Demonstration School, one of 8 in the Carolinas

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK – Chatham County Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan took the podium on the afternoon of March 28 in Chatham Central High School's auditorium.

"Do you really realize what has occurred?" he asked, gazing out over the assembled student body, faculty and other guests to the assembly. "Folks across the nation will come to Chatham Central High School to find out what we already know. That is that you are an awesome, awesome school family."

Almost like a pep captain, Jordan then encouraged the students to rise out of their seats and make some noise, celebrating good news.

Chatham Central was officially named an AVID Demonstration School last week, certifying the school as a model for use of the AVID academic program. It became part of the 195 elementary, middle and high schools that use AVID that earned that honor, around 3 percent of the approximately 6,700 schools that use AVID worldwide.

AVID, which stands for Advancement via Individual Determination, is a series of academic principles and tools that help encourage students in the

"middle that have college aspirations but just need a little help to get there," according to Karen Heilman, an English teacher at Chatham Central who also teaches an AVID elective class.

"We help them with organization and note-taking, reading and writing, college applications, financing, the SAT and ACT, just the whole package to help these kids get to where they want to," Heilman said. "We're prepping them for whatever opportunities are out there."

To be named a demonstration school, Chatham Central had to be visited multiple times by AVID officials and show itself worthy of the designation by implementing certain strategies and professional development programs, as well as establishing a cultural shift within the school. Along with AVID elective classes where students get specific focus on the AVID principles, those initiatives are spread throughout the school.

"By implementing the AVID strategies school-wide, every student gets to benefit from those research-based best practices," said school Principal Karla Eanes. "It's our learning system, it's the way we do school. To know that not only are people acknowledging (what we do) but that people from across the country will be coming

to visit us to see how Chatham Central does school is such a powerful experience."

During the assembly when Chatham Central officially received the designation, senior Randa Branson spoke about how AVID has helped her in school. She said she was born prematurely at 27 weeks and developed spastic cerebral palsy. Then her father, who had been her "Mr. Mom," died when she was 13. Despite her personal struggles, she said, she's going to be a first-generation college student and pursuing a career as a doctor.

"I want to change my life from making ends meet to a life of great successes," Branson said. "My circumstances don't define me in society. I am going to be a college graduate and I am going to be a med school graduate and become a doctor because, with AVID, all my dreams are possible. AVID gave me the choice to choose my destiny and acknowledge that I have control over my choices and my decisions."

Saying that her past became a "fuel for my future," Branson added that the word "can't" became "like cursing."

Chatham Central earned a rare distinction with this award, becoming the smallest rural school in the United States and just one of two high school demo sites in the Carolinas. Eric Patin, a science and AVID elective teacher at the school, said that while the rural character of the area is a positive for the school because of the tight-knit nature of the community, it's an obstacle to overcome.

"It tells you how special of a place Chatham Central is," he said. "The mindset of a lot of students here is some kids are meant for college and some kids aren't. Even the ones who have the ability oftentimes don't go because they might come from a family (where) that's not the norm."



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Chatham Central High School and AVID staff hold a banner designating the school as an AVID Demonstration site on March 28. The school became just the second high school in North and South Carolina to earn the recognition.



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Chatham Central senior Randa Branson speaks March 28 during a ceremony at Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek. Branson said she has benefited both personally and academically from her AVID instruction at Chatham Central.

But Chatham Central has bucked that. And it won't be long before others are going to come see what they're doing — the first AVID showcase in Bear

Creek is set for April 8. Jordan closed his brief remarks with an expression of how proud he was. "What we know is there are phenomenal things

happening here," he said, "and we are looking forward to sharing the special nature of this school with others across the nation."

It's our learning system, it's the way we do school. To know that not only are people acknowledging (what we do) but that people from across the country will be coming to visit us to see how Chatham Central does school is such a powerful experience.

KARLA EANES, Principal, Chatham Central High School



Staff photo by David Bradley

A mound of beer cans and other trash decorate the Alston Bridge roadway Monday. The clean sweep initiative is designed to clean our roadways and make them a source of pride.

Siler City to host annual litter sweep

BY CASEY MANN

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City is gearing up for its 5th annual Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site Readiness Spring Litter Sweep, scheduled for April 13-27.

Each year the town, in conjunction with the Siler City Development Organization, organizes a volunteer-driven litter sweep. Each time, the town of Siler City, corporate and non-profit partners and volunteers have conducted litter sweeps of areas in town to remove debris and brush to improve appearance in Siler City.

The litter sweep period coincides with the N.C. Department of Transportation's spring litter sweep. The NCDOT provides safety vests, gloves, and trash bags during this period.

"Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this community service opportunity," Siler City Planning Director Jack Meadows said. "Community involvement is a key element as the area continues to work to attract and retain residents, visitors, businesses, and industry. It is time to prepare for the spring litter sweep in Siler City. This year, we hope to have a greater impact on the appearance of Siler City by identifying more projects and recruiting more help."

Each year, the group identifies 15-25 different locations in Siler City that are in need of litter and debris removal. The first step is to compile a list of potential sites to consider based on community input. The tentative list is then provided to the community, previous volunteers, and potential partner organizations in efforts to recruit project leaders and volunteers. The tentative list of about 20 locations includes some obvious choices due to visibility, such as the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 64 and U.S. 421. Other locations on the list are less high-profile locations but were included based on community input to the town.

The group seeks coordinators or team members to work on the different locations, clearing litter and debris from the road sides. The group is encouraging anyone interested to assist in identifying projects, volunteering as a project coordinator, and sharing the effort with family, friends, neighbors, churches, schools, civic groups, businesses, and local industry.

To get involved, contact Meadows at 919-742-2323 or jmeadows@silercity.org.

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Now in 17th year, there's lots new at the NCAI

If you haven't been to the NC Arts Incubator in Siler City lately, then you're missing out. This week, we talk about the NCAI with its Virginia-born artist-turned-arts-administrator, April Weaver. Weaver arrived in North Carolina about 10 years ago and has served as incubator's director for the past year and a half. In addition to her executive duties in Siler City, Weaver has raised two children. Before her incubator job, she was the general manager of an art store in Sanford and served in management at Galloway Ridge in Pittsboro, positions which successfully tested her administrative skills. The NCAI is located in downtown Siler City.

Talk about what's new at NC Arts Incubator and your role as its director...

The NC Arts Incubator in Siler City is entering its 17th year with the opening of a new retail shop, NC Artshop, a brand new coffee shop, The Chatham Rabbit, and exciting plans for the new year. We've experienced higher foot traffic and increased interest in the Incubator over

the past year and we want to ride that momentum by opening the new shop and beginning an Artist in Residence program. We're excited to be collecting work from some amazing artists throughout the state for the retail shop, our selection is interesting and diverse.

With growth and changes taking place in downtown Siler City, what role will the NCAI play, and how does it benefit the town?

We've seen an upturn in activity downtown over the last year with new shops opening up and more visitors. I would like to think that NCAI's new direction has helped to contribute to the new feel. I would like to see us seize this growth and energy and grow this organization and cultural tourism along with it. The arts are changing the face of the town. The tradition of arts here is a boon to this community and I'm excited by what the future holds for NCAI.

For those who haven't been to the Incubator, either through a visit and tour or to attend one of the events you hold, what's the experience like? What can visitors

expect?

NC Arts Incubator is home to over a dozen studio artists, the PAF Gallery featuring monthly rotating art exhibits, the workshop of world famous Terry McInturff Guitars, the Chatham Rabbit coffee shop, and the new retail space. The organization serves as a hub for downtown community events as well, with an outdoor courtyard space and performance stage. We're also a community hub, gathering space with a lot of hometown feel. We have a puzzle table now in the shop, it's starting to feel like an old general store in here, which is great!

NCAI is a non-profit entity. You provide critical support to local artists and studio space...but how is the Incubator itself supported financially?

We are continually networking with organizations and individuals on other sources of funding through grant research and new program exploration. The incubator receives income from gallery and retail sales, studio and shop rent, private contributions and grants.

This year we have added a membership program in which private citizens or businesses can support local arts and community.

Let's talk about events - what's on the horizon at the Incubator in the coming weeks and months?

I'm so excited by the artists we have on the schedule this year. We have such a variety from our surrounding area. Next up is Jodi Ohl, an accomplished abstract artist and author who travels the country teaching workshops in her cold wax technique. We have recently made a wonderful discovery of a sculptor new to Siler City, Syd Ginsberg. She's been sculpting for 77 years and has an impressive body of world class bronze cast sculpture, drawings and paintings. Those will be on display May 18. There are any fantastic artists to follow. We have a special event planned for August 17. It will be our fourth annual Koo Day Tah, a music festival in honor of our own Terry McInturff. On the roster for this event so far is Radar's Clowns of Sedations, with other acts to be determined. During



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

April Weaver

this event we will hold a drawing for a custom made McInturff guitar, the Devil's Tramping Ground Model, available solely through this event. Check our Facebook page for upcoming event info at www.facebook.com/NcArtsIncubator/. In addition to the music, we will

be partnering with another nonprofit organization, Kay Blada Recycling, dedicated to plastic clean up in the founder Blada's home country of Haiti. Blada will be organizing Haitian art that he will bring back for this special event to be displayed in the PAF Gallery.

New county report highlights Chatham's health, community

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Health Department, in partnership with the Chatham Health Alliance, released the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment last week, a document designed to inform community leaders of the problems facing the county and help direct steps forward. According to the report,

more than 100 volunteers and 45 organizations contributed to the 265-page assessment. In a letter at the beginning of the document, the organizers say they hope the report "brings a better understanding of Chatham County, and we look forward to working with (the population) to improve the health and well-being of those fortunate enough to call Chatham home."

Shannon Kincaide Godbout is the editor of the report and social research associate for the health department.

She said the assessment came together to help the community figure out steps forward.

"We think it's really important to make sure that people in the community and organizations have access to this high quality data," she said. "By putting it into this report, it streamlines the process for these organizations. We are hoping it will be a centralized resource for people in the community."

The report is the end product of more than two years of surveys, focus groups and research. The state Division

of Public Health requires county-level health departments to release Community Health Assessments every four years, and tax-exempt hospitals like Chatham Hospital are required to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment every three years to meet IRS requirements. The assessment is a joint project, the second such venture after the first collaboration in 2014.

The report states that the collaboration "added expertise and credibility to the process while creat-

ing synergy and avoiding duplication of efforts."

Kincaide Godbout said the department took the word "health" out of the report "to emphasize that it's going to be a community resource."

"We wanted to get people who weren't involved in health in one way or another to understand that these issues affect people," she said.

The report does cover healthcare topics like depression, cancer and heart disease, but also analyzes data on topics like racism, transportation and firearm

safety. The assessment also includes full survey results and infographics for easier digestion of the data.

Kincaide Godbout said the report will be available online at the Chatham Health Alliance website — chathamhealthalliance.org.

"I think this report is a good starting point and I'm sure it can be improved upon," she said. "By getting this out in the community and getting new partners to see where they can be involved in this, it can only get better."



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Duke Energy want birds to buzz off

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Duke Energy is engaged in a project that officials with the utility company hope will prevent buzzards from further damaging its transmission lines and causing outages in northeastern Chatham County.

Buzzards like to roost on transmission towers and their waste has been oozing its way into their insulators, according to Meredith Archie, Duke's public information officer.

The company is using helicopters to install new shields on the insulators which won't harm the buzzards nor prevent them from roosting at other locations on the towers, but will keep them away from tower insulators.

According to letters Duke Energy sent to customers who live along the line, the company will be using a helicopter to place shields on approximately 50 miles of transmission towers from Duke's Pleasant Garden tie substation at Baswell Road in Pleasant Garden to its Parkwood tie substation at Scott King Road in Durham. The work is expected to be completed by September.



Staff photo by David Bradley

This turkey buzzard is an example of the birds that are causing Duke Energy to send helicopters throughout Chatham County. The aircraft are placing shields against the animals' waste products over the power lines at transmission points.

The helicopters, which have been spotted in the Cole Park area, swoop up, in, and around the power lines, using a dangling hook to cart the triangular shaped shields to the top of the transmission towers. They establish a helicopter landing zone near the transmission line to provide a safe location for take-offs and landing. The helicopter

crew can install shields on about three towers a day.

The letter Duke Energy sent to its customers notes that residents may see and hear intermittent helicopter activity for one to three days. Duke also asked that if residents have outdoor livestock and/or horses that utilize the corridor and may be sensitive to helicopter

activity, the residents should contact Duke Energy to discuss.

"The work will not impact power service to customers," Archie said. "Additionally, it will not harm the buzzards."

If you live in the area and have questions, Duke has created an automated voicemail system at 800-365-8979. Residents are asked to include their



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Helicopter pilot Darren Kronberger slowly lowers a piece of the protective material to Jade Cole, a journeyman lineman with HeliService.

name, telephone number, physical address and reference the Parkwood Line Enhancement project.

Residents may send an email to CarolinasTransmissionEnhancements@duke-energy.com.



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Kimber Starr of Pittsboro, left, poses with Keith Isley and a dwarf pony.



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From left, Monica Womble, A.J. Womble, Brooke Esporas and Erica Womble enjoyed the festivities by donning cow masks.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The Chatham County 4-H Club was represented at the fair by, among others, seventh-grader Deon Bailey and eighth-grader Eric Sullivan, both of Pittsboro. They said they loved math and what they got to do in 4-H.



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A gaggle of children came into the arena to play the 'Boots Scramble' while Keith Isley of Goldston spurred them on. Kids took off their shoes and put them in the middle of the ring, then took position on the other side of the field. On Isley's mark, they ran to find their shoes, put them on and go back to the start. The winner got a \$40 gift certificate.

Highlights from Chatham County's Agricultural Festival

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Chatham County's 2nd Annual Spring Agricultural Festival brought a large number of visitors to the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center Saturday.

Beautiful weather greeted families from Chatham County and beyond who enjoyed exploring and learning about Chatham County's farming community. Visitors learned about food production, raising livestock, horses and even raising rabbits for wool.

From the Parade of Horse Breeds and horse riding demonstrations to barrel racing, equestrian lovers had a lot to choose from and enjoy. There was also a cattle breed parade, a cattle costume contest, and a "working dog" demonstration.

Livestock was on full display allowing guests to get an up close look at cattle, horses, alpacas, sheep, goats, donkeys, poultry, and rabbits.

Vendors highlighted local farms, farmers' markets, sustainable agriculture, agricultural support and advocacy, and more. There were exhibits for agribusiness, beekeeping, livestock, forestry, green industry, wildlife, conservation, and much more. Lily Den Farm had pens with ducks, rabbits and a cow and chickens that younger spectators could hold. With approximately 100 exhibitors, guests had plenty to choose.

Ag Fest organizers are asking those who attended to complete a short online evaluation to provide feedback on their experience. Organizers believe the feedback will

be valuable for planning the 2020 Ag Fest.

You can complete the evaluation by going to

go.ncsu.edu/2019-ag-fest-eval.



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NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Pursuant to NCG 105-322, the Chatham County Board of Equalization and Review will meet as required by law.

Purpose of the Meetings

To hear, upon request, any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in Chatham County, with respect to the valuation of such property, or property of others, and to fulfill other duties and responsibilities as required by law.

Time of Meetings

The Board will convene for its first meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The Board will adjourn for the purpose of accepting requests for hearing Real Estate Appeals at its last meeting on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Meetings will begin promptly at 9 am in the Appraisal Department located in the Courthouse Annex (old Register of Deed office) at 12 East St.

Requests for hearing must be received no later than the final adjournment which is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd at 1:00 pm.

In the event of an earlier or later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this newspaper and online at www.chathamnc.org.

The schedule for the hearing of appeals which were timely filed will be posted at the office of the Assessor, serving as Clerk to the Board; and will also be provided to individuals and organizations that have requested notice pursuant to NCGS 143-318.12.

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PO Box 908,
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Chatham GOP entangled with federal indictment

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Three men with direct ties to the Chatham County Republican Party are among a group who were named in an indictment in federal court Tuesday on charges of corruption and attempted bribery.

John Palermo, a former Chatham GOP chairman, and party donors John Gray and Greg Lindberg, along with current N.C. Republican Party Chairman Robin Hayes, appeared Tuesday in the Western District Court of North Carolina in Charlotte in response to allegations that the men attempted to bribe state Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey to take favorable action for Lindberg's company, Eli Global.

The indictment states that Palermo, Gray, Lindberg and Hayes promised Causey millions of dollars in campaign contributions, given through an independent committee, in exchange for the removal of a senior deputy

commissioner who had oversight of Eli Global, a multinational investment and information firm.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Murray said in a press release that the "alleged scheme" was uncovered thanks to Causey's "voluntary reporting."

"Improper campaign contributions erode the public's trust in our political institutions," Murray said. "We will work with our law enforcement partners to investigate allegations of public corruption, safeguard the integrity of the democratic process, and prosecute those who compromise it."

According to allegations in the indictment, Lindberg, Gray, Palermo and Hayes "devised a scheme to defraud and deprive the citizens of the honest services of the Commissioner, an elected state official, through bribery." That scheme involved holding multiple in-person meetings with Causey in multiple locations and other forms of communications "to discuss Lindberg's request

for the personnel change in exchange for millions of dollars, and to devise a plan on how to funnel campaign contributions to the Commissioner anonymously."

Palermo, who was the Chatham County Republican Party Chairman at the time of the donation, has been employed as a vice president of Eli Global since October 2017, according to Palermo's LinkedIn account. Palermo also listed Eli Global as his employer on North Carolina Board of Election filings.

Lindberg donated \$100,000 to the Chatham County Republican Executive Committee last April, according to contribution records from the N.C. State Board of Elections. During the same election cycle, Gray donated a total of \$10,725 to the Chatham County Republican Party.

Last year, the News + Record reported that Lindberg had donated approximately \$450,000 to the North Carolina Opportunity Committee, an independent expenditure political

committee, according to finance filings. In the North Carolina Opportunity Committee's October 2017 filing, John Palermo is listed as the PAC's treasurer. In May, Palermo closed the North Carolina Opportunity Committee and opened the American Growth and Opportunity Committee Inc. with a \$500,000 donation from Lindberg, according to the North Carolina Board of Election filings.

The Department of Justice press release also notes that, at Lindberg and Gray's direction, Hayes "allegedly caused the transfer of \$250,000 from monies Lindberg had previously contributed to a North Carolina state party of which Hayes was Chairman, to the Commissioner's re-election campaign."

Lindberg, Gray, Palermo and Hayes all face charges of conspiracy to commit honest services wire fraud and bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds and aiding and abetting, according to the press release. Hayes has also been charged with three counts

of making false statements.

U.S. Rep. Mark Walker, a Republican representing Chatham County, may also be part of the story. National news outlets like Politico have named Walker as "Public Official A," referenced in the indictment as receiving a payment of \$150,000 from Lindberg. "Public Official A" was also referenced in texts and emails, obtained by the Department of Justice, as having "already made two calls on our behalf and is trying to help us move the ball forward," as stated by one of Lindberg's associates in a February 2018 email to Lindberg. That same month, the Mark Walker Victory Committee received \$150,000 from Lindberg, according to Federal Elections Commission documents.

In a statement to the News + Record, Walker spokesman Jack Minor Jr. said the February contribution "went to the Republican National Committee and did not benefit Walker's campaign."

"Walker is not and never has been a target of this

investigation, and has committed no wrongdoing," Minor said. "He has assisted the DOJ."

In a press release, N.C. GOP Counsel Josh Howard said the party was "made aware" of the indictments Tuesday morning regarding "the conduct of a major donor to both major political parties and two of his associates," but did not mention the charges against Hayes.

"The Party has been cooperating with the investigation for several months, including staff members providing statements and responding to various document requests," Howard said. "The Party, which has its day to day operations managed by professional staff under the direction of the NCGOP Central Committee, remains fully operational and focused on its mission at hand."

The FBI is in charge of the investigation, which is still ongoing. The News + Record will update the story at www.chathamnewsrecord.com as more information becomes available.

How Siler City Elementary helps Latino parents connect with their children

BY BROOKLYNN COOPER
Our Chatham

SILER CITY — "Because I said so" is a response that many people grew up hearing from their parents. Although the phrase frequents households nationwide, a Costa Rican psychologist informed parents at Siler City Elementary School why this answer is detrimental for children.

SCE hosted its fifth meeting for the Latino Parents School in March. SCE's Community Outreach Committee created the program last October to inform Latino parents about the North Carolina

education system. The school's student population is more than 62 percent Latino, and most of the parents are immigrants.

Monthly sessions have focused on providing parents with tools to help their children excel in school — for example, tutoring methods and understanding report cards and standardized test scores. However, psychologist Marco Camareno spoke at the March meeting about facilitating communication.

"Communication has three components: what I think, what I do and what I feel," said Camareno, who has a daughter in 4th grade at SCE. "As a parent, if I

only worry about saying the right thing but I don't pay attention to what my child feels, I'm not communicating in the best way."

Camareno asked the seven parents who attended what their children say when they give them a new rule. One mother answered, "Why?" to which the others commented was the same in their homes.

A 2015 study from the University of Texas at Austin found that Latino children are more at risk for anxiety and depression because of parenting styles common in Latino households. In general, the culture emphasizes obedience and respect, especially for authority figures.

"A lot of times what happens is we say things because we understand them, but we aren't considering whether or not our children understand the message in the same way," Camareno said. "The important thing in this situation is to speak at the level of your child... Asking 'why,' means they're thinking, and our children deserve a real answer from us."

The psychologist asked attendees why many parents often feel like they're "talking to the wall." One mother offered that most of the time, parents yell from across the house instead of communicating face-to-face.

Camareno also talked about offering quality time with children as incentives for good behavior instead of common rewards like tablets or television time. For example, if a child enjoys listening to stories before bed, an incentive or treat could be extra stories.

Estevez said that parents have expressed issues with conflicting work schedules or lack of transportation that prevent them from attending the meetings, which take place at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month.

Camareno said he believes that a hindrance could be that some parents aren't accustomed to the structure

of school anymore. He said that the same methods for improving communication can be employed for attending the sessions.

"Developing a habit isn't easy," Camareno said.

The next meeting will be on April 6, and the school's PTA will talk to parents about how to be more involved.

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COWS: 'It's encouraging to know that there's a lot of tradition behind farming'

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almost \$120 million. Ashley Robbins is the Extension agent specializing in livestock at the Chatham County Center of the N.C. Cooperative Extension. She's got a masters degree in animal science and studied cattle reproductive physiology. Simply, she says, "this is just a very good area to grow cows."

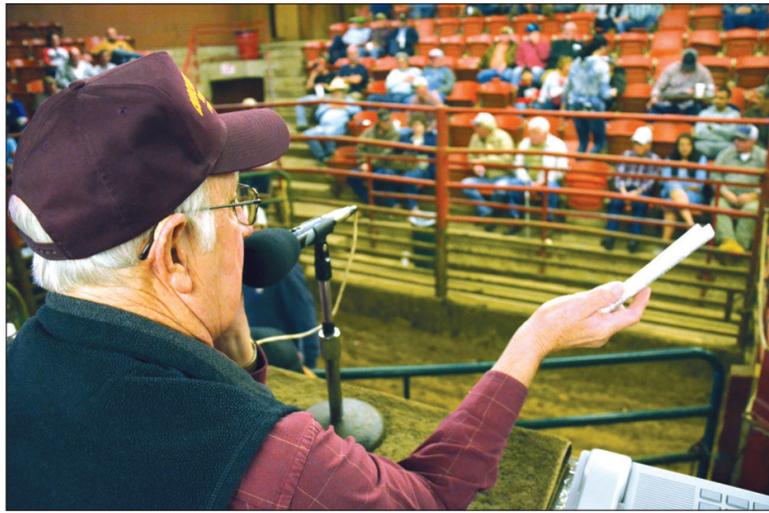
Primarily, Robbins cites the area's natural ability to grow fescue, "which is a very hardy forage that produces a lot of tonnage as far as volume for cows to graze on." To the east, the ground is too sandy, and to the west, it's too rocky and too cold. Chatham County, it turns out, is in the sweet spot for what is essentially self-reproducing food for cows.

"We have this red clay here in the county which is able to grow this grass," Robbins said. "It's very tough and it just comes back every year."

Additionally, Chatham has a lot of available farmland — about 111,800 acres in total, with 36 percent used for pastures — and its proximity to areas like Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Asheville allow farmers to grow cattle for niche markets.

"Whether they're going to be grass-fed or natural or local, (farmers are) going to be able to sell to those areas pretty easily," she said.

Finally, there's the Carolina Stockyards. In existence in Siler City since 1948, the sale barn's



Staff photo by David Bradley

Kenneth Greene, auctioneer at the Carolina Stockyards, has been doing this for 30 years. "I just grew up in it," he said.

auctions bring sellers from across the state and buyers from across the country.

Robert Crabb, who owns the barn, adds that the prevalence of chicken litter, which helps grow grass, improves the cattle market. He sees the benefits of that every week. From the March 25 and 29 markets, the Carolina Stockyards saw nearly 2,000 head of cattle sold, which is a pretty high number, from 337 sellers. It's those numbers which keep his barn in business.

"You've got to have numbers," Crabb said. "You've got to have enough cattle to draw the buyers. And then you've got to have enough buyers to draw the cattle. It's al-

ways a challenge to keep both going."

Crabb said the cattle sold in Siler City "stay anywhere from fairly local to New Mexico." Most of it, though, will go to places like Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

The southeastern part of the country, he added, is good for younger cows, getting them started, but not for getting them ripe for slaughter.

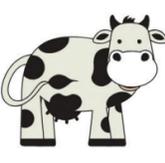
"It's not a real good climate nor is it profitable to truck corn this way to feed them to finish them," he said. "It's better to truck the cattle to the corn. So that's why so many cattle leave the whole southeast to go to Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas to be fed. Very few cattle are fin-

ished in North Carolina."

The N.C. Department of Agriculture lists just nine stockyards on its cattle and goat reports website. There used to be much more, Crabb said, but the market has consolidated to just a few places, like Turnersburg, Canton, Mt. Airy, Shelby and Siler City.

"Back in those days, they weren't near as big," he said. "In the 70s, they sold 400-500 head of cattle here a week, whereas now we sell 1,400-1,500."

Friday's sale brought in 1,373 head of cattle, an increase from the previous week's count of 1,093 and the 887 sold at the same time last year, according to a report from the USDA. It's that quantity



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37,500

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of product available, Robbins said, that makes the Stockyards a popular place. Companies can fill a whole tractor-trailer with one load because of the number.

Additionally, it allows for families to put food on the table and continue a long tradition, something Robbins said is just like the demand for beef or milk.

"It's encouraging to know that there's a lot of tradition behind farming, just knowing that you're providing a good quality product for people to consume," she said. "That's

very rewarding and that's why farmers really do it. They're putting food on the table for their family and for the rest of the country and the world, wherever their meat's going."

And as long as there is a dinner table, Robbins said, Chatham residents will be hearing "MOOOO!!!!" across the county.

"Knowing it's a commodity that people will always want and need, it's encouraging," Robbins said. "People are always going to want to eat beef or drink milk."

DOCTOR: Dr. Kothapalli will be missed at Chatham Hospital

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Kothapalli said, "and you get the diagnosis."

Elizabeth Zeringue calls it "compassion."

Dr. Kothapalli was always mindful of the person behind the pain.

"Compassion was first," she said, "but humor was also a good tool in Dr. K's arsenal."

She recalled one patient — this was many years ago in the old hospital building on Third Street — who'd come to the ER with a dislocated shoulder and a great deal of physical distress.

Entering the examining room, Elizabeth Zeringue recalled, Dr. K began to remove his shoes and announced to the pained patient that he would, on this occasion, be "practicing yoga."

"This was just to put the patient at ease," Elizabeth said.

Placing his stockinged foot at the proper position, and then tugging on the patient's arm in just the right way, Dr. K's "yoga" technique quickly righted the wronged shoulder and alleviated the patient's suffering.

"The patient went from being in agony," she said, "to immediately being so much better."

Instances like that — and there were countless numbers of them; Dr. K long ago gave up trying to keep a tally of how many medical procedures he's performed — not only brought relief to many patients but also established Dr. Kothapalli's sterling reputation in Siler City.

Dr. Kothapalli is so well-respected and loved, many of his patients have referred to him — a surgeon, not a general

practitioner — as "my doctor."

His eventual path to Siler City began after he earned his MD in 1959, when he completed studies at Andhra Medical College in Andhra Pradesh, India. From the same school, he earned his MS (Surgeru) degree in 1965.

In the 70s, he worked in Ireland and England and, in 1976, accepted a position at Huron Road Hospital in Cleveland.

He eventually came to North Carolina, he said, because he'd had enough of Ohio's colder climate.

In his native India — he was born in Machilipatnam — there are two temperatures, the surgeon joked: "hot and hottest." He was accustomed to, and preferred, warm weather.

He found the "extreme weather" in Cleveland to be disagreeably cold.

"So I thought of coming South," he said.

Chatham Hospital was seeking a surgeon at the time, having just lost a pair of them to retirement.

As Chatham Hospital's first foreign-born surgical staffer, Dr. Kothapalli was advised, he recalled with amusement, to "shut up; don't talk."

"It was challenging," he said, but "slowly people saw the work. It took two years to prove I could do the job."

But "hard work and commitment to the work," qualities he said are essential for any doctor, served him well in Siler City.

"You have to keep moving and leaning new things," he said.

And there's, of course, that human factor. "Not just treat the patient,"

Dr. Kothapalli said, "counsel the patient. Be there. Be a counselor. That is key."

His friend and Chatham Hospital colleague Dr. Jim Davis called Dr. Kothapalli a "special guy" who's been able, as a surgeon, to address a "wide spectrum of problems; and he would do it well."

Dr. Kothapalli "will be sorely missed" around the hallways and operating rooms of Chatham Hospital, Dr. Davis said.

Since retiring at the end of January, Dr. Kothapalli and his wife spent several weeks traveling, including a visit to India to see his family — he has seven brothers and two sisters. Though he enjoyed his travels, he was especially happy, he said, to return to "my good old Siler City."

Aiming to keep his brain and body active in retirement, Dr. Kothapalli is an avid painter and he loves to swim.

He calls his swimming pool the "best investment I ever made."

And he walks. "One mile a day," he said. "That's my simple goal."

Of his painting, though he pleads that he's "not an artist," Dr. Kothapalli isn't without skills in that arena, too. Taking up painting only a few years ago, Dr. Kothapalli isn't completely new to artistic expression. Enders recalled that after a staff meeting several years ago, Dr. Kothapalli presented the hospital CEO with a Styrofoam cup on the side of which the surgeon had drawn Enders' likeness. "And it looked like me," Enders acknowledged.

Like others who know and have worked with

Dr. Kothapalli, Enders also noted the surgeon's professional versatility and skill.

"Everything he did he would do it well," Enders said. "And people loved him. And that's hard to find in a surgeon."

Recognizing that there are many people who wish to express their appreciation for "Dr. K" and his work in the region, Chatham Hospital is planning a community reception for current and former patients to "come

by and say hello" to the retired doctor, Enders said.

The reception for Dr. Kothapalli is planned from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on April 16, at the Chatham Hospital, 475 Progress Boulevard, Siler City.



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A breakfast honored Dr. Kothapalli (left) Thursday as his colleagues Dr. James Schwankl, Chatham Hospital CEO Robert Enders and Dr. Andrews Hannapell gathered on National Doctors Day at Chatham Hospital.



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Chatham Central stomps 3A Asheboro 9-0

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Southpaw Caleb Staley fanned a dozen batters and allowed just four hits over five and two-third innings while Chatham Central collected nine hits off a trio of Asheboro hurlers as the Bears streaked by the Blue Comets 9-0 in non-conference diamond action Thursday night on Ronald Scott Field.

With a sweep of the season series, Chatham Central improved to 4-5 overall and evened its all-time record against Asheboro at 2-2, while the Blue Comets fell to 4-6 for the year.

While picking up the win, Staley struck out at least two batters every inning except the fourth and only issued one walk before having to depart the mound due to the pitch-count rule.

Micah Gurley replaced Staley on the hill and retired all four batters he faced, including striking out the side in the top of the seventh.

"We finally played a full seven-inning game tonight and performed well in all three phases — pitching, hitting and defense," remarked Bears' coach Brett Walden.

"Our pitching was outstanding, as Caleb and Micah combined to account for 15 strikeouts, and we got hits from eight different players while committing no errors in the field."

Asheboro starting pitcher Levi Kinney lasted just one and two-third innings and took the loss after giving up six runs (five earned) on three hits in addition to walking three and whiffing one.

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Lady Chargers stampede past Eagles in softball play

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

LILLINGTON — Northwood plated four runs in each of the opening two innings Saturday afternoon on the way to a 10-0 stomping of Western Harnett.

The Lady Chargers tacked on two more runs in the top of the sixth before completing the shutout in the bottom of the frame to stop the contest due to the 10-run mercy rule while junior hurler Hannah Weigle struck out 10 in firing a six-inning one-hitter.

Northwood (7-4) managed just four hits in the contest but drew six walks, had four batters hit by pitches, and was aided by four Western Harnett (0-8) errors.

Allison Coker was 1-for-2 with a double, three RBI and hit by a pitch to lead the Lady Chargers offensively while Chloe Lineman was 1-for-3 with a walk and three RBI.

Also for Northwood, Lauren Davis was 1-for-3 with two runs scored, a stolen base and a double, Caroline Dorshimer 1-for-1, Jamie Christensen 0-0 with a run, a stolen base, two walks, was hit by a pitch, and three RBI, Weigle 0-for-1 with two runs, three RBI, two walks, and was hit by a pitch, Mayci Springle had a walk and two runs, Erika Seils a run, and Emma Douglas a sacrifice bunt.

Weigle took the win on the mound for the Chargers by going six innings and allowing one hit, no runs, three walks and striking out 10.

Morgan Jackson had a single for Western Harnett in a 1-for-2 outing that included a stolen base while Madison Farmer walked twice and stole two bases, Olivia Jackson walked a stole a base, and Shelby Duty stole a base.

Suffering the loss on the mound for the Eagles was Jashani McDougald who worked two innings and allowed one hit, eight runs (six earned), four walks and struck out one.

Jackson hurled the final four innings for Western Harnett and yielded three hits, two earned runs, two walks and fanned none.



Jets sink hapless Red Raiders 20-0

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

HIGH POINT — Jordan-Matthews plated four runs in the first inning and eight more in each of the second and third frames to crush High Point Andrews 20-0 in three innings Friday afternoon in 2A PAC 7 Conference softball action.

Jocelyn Mitchell took the win on the mound for the Jets, allowing two hits and no runs, no walks and striking out eight.

Mitchell also went 2-for-4 at the plate and drove in runs on a double in the first and a triple in the third.

Erica Canady, Amya Rogers, Eve Long, Emery Moore, Mitchell, and Joanna Nino each had RBIs in the eight-run third inning for J-M.

Jordan-Matthews collected 13 hits on the day. Nino, Mitchell, Moore, and Rogers all collected multiple hits for the Jets with

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Jordan-Matthews' Joanna Nino, right, collides with the High Point Andrews catcher during Friday's match in High Point. The game was called at the end of the 3rd inning with the score 20-0.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Upstart Eagles upset Chargers



Staff photo by David Bradley

Northwood's Mason Bae reaches to tag an advancing runner in area baseball action last week.

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

LILLINGTON — Capitalizing on two hits, a pair of walks, a hit batter, a sacrifice fly and a dropped ball in the outfield, Western Harnett plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth to snap a 4-4 standoff en route to defeating Northwood 8-5 in non-conference baseball action Saturday afternoon on the winners' field.

Meeting for the first time on the diamond since 2009, the Eagles raised their season record to 9-3, while the Chargers suffered their third straight late-game loss in falling to 8-3 overall.

Western Harnett reliever Julian Barnes hurled the final three innings to garner the win, giving up a pair of hits and two earned runs while walking two.

Eagles' starter Pat Martin threw the first four innings, surrendering six hits and three earned runs besides fanning two.

"Regardless of the score, our guys play with the same level of intensity and focus from start to finish," commented Western Harnett coach Dalton Hardee. "They have the expectation every time they step on the field they can mount a comeback against any opponent, and this afternoon they did a good job answering every

"Regardless of the score, our guys play with the same level of intensity and focus from start to finish. They have the expectation every time they step on the field they can mount a comeback against any opponent, and this afternoon they did a good job answering every Northwood challenge."

DALTON HARDEE, *Western Harnett coach*

Northwood challenge."

Dylan Hitt, the second of three Chargers' pitchers, was saddled with the loss after allowing one hit and three earned runs in addition to issuing three free passes and striking out one in two-plus innings on the mound.

Luke Popp opened on the hill for Northwood and gave up four hits and four runs (two earned) besides whiffing two over three-plus innings.

Justin Szczypinski came on to toss the last frame, yielding one hit and an unearned run while walking one.

"It was the same old story," related Chargers' coach David Miller. "We haven't learned yet how to finish when the game is on the line in the late innings. We did a good job battling back twice from deficits, but not making routine plays in the field proved to be costly."

The Eagles flew in front 1-0 in the bot-

tom of the first as Chase Holder singled up the middle with one away and scored when Bradley Wilson belted a double up the alley in left-center.

Western Harnett increased its advantage to 3-0 in the home third as Holder's two-out routine infield pop-up was dropped before Wilson reached in an infield error.

Holder proceeded to steal third and came in to score on a throwing miscue that permitted Wilson to advance to second prior to Collin Welch smacking a run-scoring double to left.

Northwood managed to pull into a tie in the top of the fourth as leadoff batter Deuce Powell blooped a base hit to center and went to second when Szczypinski singled to left.

Following Landon Johnson's sacrifice

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Staff photo by David Bradley

A rainy day sharpens the focus

Jordan-Matthews' keeper Hannah Jones defends the goal on a rainy Monday as Northwood's Madeline Conte (5) moves in for a rebound opportunity.

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| Wednesday April 3 | Thursday April 4 | Friday April 5 | Saturday April 6 | Monday April 8 | Tuesday April 9 |
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| BASEBALL | BASEBALL | BASEBALL | BASEBALL | BASEBALL | BASEBALL |
| Northwood vs Orange BOYS: 6:30 p.m. in Hillsborough | Jordan-Matthews vs Riverside BOYS: 7 p.m. in Durham | Chatham Charter vs Cornerstone BOYS: 7 p.m. in Greensboro | Chatham Central at Chatham Charter BOYS: 2 p.m. in Siler City | Southern Alamance vs Chatham Central BOYS: 7 p.m. in Bear Creek | Eastern Randolph vs Jordan-Matthews GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Siler City |
| Jordan-Matthews vs Union Pines BOYS: 7 p.m. in Cameron | SOFTBALL | Orange at Northwood BOYS: 6:30 p.m. in Pittsboro | SOFTBALL | TENNIS | Chatham Charter vs Chatham Central BOYS: 7 p.m. in Bear Creek |
| TENNIS | Jordan-Matthews vs Chatham Central GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Bear Creek | SOFTBALL | Cardinal Gibbons vs Northwood GIRLS: 8 a.m. in Pittsboro | Research Triangle vs Chatham Charter BOYS: 4 p.m. in Bear Creek | Wheatmore vs Jordan-Matthews BOYS: 7 p.m. in Siler City |
| Raleigh Charter at Chatham Central BOYS: 4 p.m. in Bear Creek | Orange vs Northwood GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Pittsboro | Jordan-Matthews vs Randleman GIRLS: 7 p.m. in Randleman | Wilson Fike vs Northwood GIRLS: 4 p.m. in Pittsboro | Chatham Central vs River Mill BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Graham | SOFTBALL |
| Chapel Hill vs Northwood BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Pittsboro | Chatham Central vs Clover Garden GIRLS: 4 p.m. in Burlington | Cornerstone vs Chatham Charter GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Bear Creek | LACROSSE | Northwood vs Orange BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Hillsborough | Trinity vs Jordan-Matthews GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Siler City |
| Woods Charter vs Chatham Charter BOYS: 4 p.m. in Siler City | SOCCER | LACROSSE | Northwood vs Carrboro GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Carrboro | Jordan-Matthews vs Wheatmore BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Archdale | Chatham Charter vs Chatham Central GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Bear Creek |
| SOCCER | Lee County vs Jordan-Matthews GIRLS: 6 pm in Siler City | Northwood vs Southern Durham BOYS: 6 p.m. in Durham | SOCCER | Cornerstone vs Chatham Central GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Bear Creek | Northwood vs Northern Durham GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Durham |
| Chatham Charter at Cornerstone GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Greensboro | TENNIS | SOCCER | Woods Charter vs Voyager Academy GIRLS: 5:15 pm in Durham | Woods Charter vs River Mill GIRLS: 4 p.m. in Burlington | SOCCER |
| Woods Charter vs Raleigh Charter GIRLS: 4:30 p.m. in Raleigh | Northwood vs Jordan-Matthews BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Siler City | SOCCER | | Chatham Charter vs Raleigh Charter GIRLS: 4:30 p.m. in Raleigh | Northwood vs Northern Durham GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Durham |
| Research Triangle at Chatham Central GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Bear Creek | Woods Charter vs Clover Garden BOYS: 4:30 p.m. in Burlington | | | | LACROSSE |
| SOFTBALL | | | | | Roseville vs Northwood GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Pittsboro |
| Northwood vs Orange GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Hillsborough | | | | | |
| East Montgomery vs Chatham Charter GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Siler City | | | | | |

Coming full circle, plus a little of this and that



DON BEANE
Sports Editor

I had the best meal I've had in a while the other night, and no it wasn't Steak Street, Jimmy

V's, or any other five-star restaurant. It was at the Centerfield Grill at Bray Park.

Now the exciting thing for me is that it's being catered this summer by Café Cakes, a company my family started, including my 16-year old daughter Jillian, who is making me proud with the hard work she's doing there. To say this takes me back to my childhood is an understatement.

My dad's father passed away when he was 10, so he had to immediately go to work during those hard times at his uncle's business, Beane's Grocery, as a bag and delivery boy to help out his family of eight kids. Due to the necessity of his work, he was allowed to play one sport, and he chose baseball. So you best believe when I was a child I was stuck on the ball field at the age of four, then on the football field, and then on the basketball court. It rotated annually and he made sure I had the opportunity to play all that wasn't afforded to him.

Through the years, those sporting memories have meant more to me than just about anything other than my kids, family, and friends, the latter of whom were often part of athletic endeavors. Whether it was my senior year in football when we were ranked No. 1 in the state at Jordan-Matthews, playing baseball collegiately, coaching football, running out to the Sugar Hill Gang before Chatham Middle Rams basketball games, I have a ton of them.

But some of my best

are eating hot dogs at Bray Park as a child during the summertime after baseball games. Anyone that had those hot dogs knows exactly what I'm talking about. The Phillips family had it going on. Back then both teams got a free hot dog and drink, win or lose, paid for by the coaches. During my Little League years, my team often went second, because we seldom won, except for the final season in which the Lions went 9-7. I attribute that season to our coach Kenneth McPherson suiting us up in bright yellow jerseys, navy blue hats and pants, which likely provided a huge distraction to the other team. Kenneth finally found a way to counter those awful all-orange uniforms of the Chatham Foods. Well, almost. Under coaches Dalton Marsh and Kenneth Moody, they still won the league but we managed to get them once.

Regardless, win or lose, those hot dogs had our mouths watering. To the extent that the players shook hands after the game and then ran full speed up the embankments like a herd of cattle in the pasture racing to Bob Wachs' truck at feeding time.

So now, to be a part of the Bray Park concession stand is pretty much an amazing feeling to me, almost an honor. It's hard to believe a simple ball park hot dog can make you feel like your life has come full circle, in a way, but it has. The Centerfield Grill has plenty more than just hot dogs, though, including BBQ from Brookwood Farms, fries, hamburgers, popcorn, candy, and more. So if you are in the mood for something good, take a ride over this summer and enjoy some kids playing the game they love, and get some tasty food. And that's not only at Bray Park, but also Pitts-

boro, Bonlee, Silk Hope, Goldston, Harper's Crossroads, Bennett. There is great food at all them. So, like Chatham County has always done, continue to support our area youngsters. It's a great way to spend some spring and summer nights.

The little bit of "this and that" starts with my rant on Coach K and Rick Barnes. Now I know the first, at least, is a Hall-of-Famer, one of the best of all time. But for the love of all on earth, give Zion Williamson the ball every time down the floor in the final minute. Every possession, he has to touch the ball. No if or ands or buts about it. No one should be allowed to shoot unless the ball is in his hands down in the paint at least once on every possession. I mean, I really believe Coach K was given advice by Barnes, whose Tennessee team lost to Purdue in overtime. In the final minute of that game, Grant Williams, now the two-time SEC Player-of-the-Year, did not get a whiff of the ball in the closing minute with the game on the line. It was disappointing to see, especially for Duke, because I think they do have the best team and would have gone on to win the national title. Maybe both coaches did instruct exactly what I'm saying, I don't know. I do know that when the game is on the line, you win or lose with the ball in the hands of your best player.

I will end this week by once again paying tribute to the efforts of Northwood's Jason Amy and Jordan-Matthews' Andrew Poock. Their work with the Unified Sports and Special Olympics for the intellectually disabled students at both schools is incredible, almost cutting edge. One of the most meaningful stories I've ever written was

on the basketball game between the schools at Northwood a few months ago, and I just felt it deserved another mention. These two and the others around them work so hard with their student bases in providing games such as football, basketball, soccer, track, and softball, and the community support for these events is absolutely awesome. It goes past sports, however, and also includes events such as socials, dances, picnics. So if you see Jason Amy or Andrew Poock, or anyone involved, let them know that they are doing something wonderful that touches a lot of lives in and out of Chatham County, and how appreciated they are. It's just another thing that is so right with Chatham County.

UPSTART: Score 8-5

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that moved both runners up a base, Jack Spotz stroked an opposite-field double down the right field line to plate Powell and send Szczypinski to third.

After Quin Powell reached on a fielder's choice as Szczypinski was thrown out at home attempting to score, Hitt blasted a two-run opposite-field double to left.

The Eagles went back ahead 4-3 in the bottom half of the frame as leadoff batter Dustin Lund was plunked by a pitch, stole second and advanced to third on Nathan Jolley's base hit to left before scoring on Connor Smith's groundout.

But once again the Chargers drew even in the visitor's fifth when Tyler Johnson led off the inning by walking on four pitches, stole second, went to third on a groundout and tallied as Deuce Powell lofted a sacrifice fly to right.

Western Harnett erupted for fourth runs in the home sixth to soar in front 8-4 as Lund poked a lead-off single to left prior to Kaleb Denkins and Smith drawing back-to-back walks before Jason Barnes was hit by a pitch to force in Lund.

After Denkins dashed home when Julian Barnes' fly ball to center was dropped, Noah Kessler's sacrifice fly to center brought in Smith prior to Holder driving in courtesy runner Alex Brafford with an opposite-field base hit to right.

Northwood added its final run in the top of the seventh as Hitt led off with an opposite-field single up the gap in left-center and went to third when Brandon Crabtree blasted an opposite-field double to the same location.

Following a base on balls issued to Tyler Johnson that loaded the sacks, Michael Posse brought in Hitt when he reached on a fielder's choice.

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Knights rally past Jaguars to remain unbeaten

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Chatham Charter scored three runs in each of the last two innings here on Thursday night to rally for an improbable 6-5 victory over River Mill in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference baseball action.

Trevor Golden scored the game-winner in the bottom of the 7th to prevent the Knights from suffering its initial loss of the season while thwarting the upset bid of the Jaguars.

Chatham Charter improved to 5-0 in the league and overall with the victory while River Mill dropped to 0-5 in the CTH and to 1-7 overall.

"I think we came out a little flat and unfocused tonight," Chatham Charter head coach Bill Slaughter said after the narrow decision. "But you have to River Mill credit, they came

here ready to play and did everything but win the game."

The Knights struggled to hit Jaguars starter Cameron Lutterlough all evening long, and coupled with four errors, found themselves staring at a 4-0 deficit after the visitors broke through with four runs in the top of the fourth.

After closing the gap to 4-3 in the sixth, Chatham Charter yielded a run in the sixth to fall behind 5-3 entering the home half of the seventh to set up the dramatic walk-off win.

Connor Murphy went 3-for-4 with two runs, a double, 2-for-3 stolen base attempts, and an RBI to pace the Knights at the plate while Cameron Kennedy was 2-for-2 with a run, an RBI, two doubles and two walks.

Carter Phillips was 1-for-3 for the Knights with a run scored while Golden was 1-for-4 with two runs and an RBI, Ryan White 1-for-4 with an RBI, and



Chatham Charter's Trevor Golden gets the go-ahead from Assistant Coach Mark Murphy to run for home in Thursday's game. The game, with River Mill from Graham, was tied in the bottom of the 7th inning with Murphy attempting the winning run.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Jaron Hendrickson two walks.

On the mound, Murphy worked the opening five innings and allowed four hits, four runs (one earned) while walking one and striking out 10.

Landon Hussey notched the win in relief after hurling the final two innings and yielding one hit, one earned run, two walks and fanning one.

"You have to give our guys

credit. They kept battling and found a way to win," closed Slaughter. "They showed some mental toughness and determination. That can go a long ways in winning close games."

Northwood nets Cedar Ridge in exciting fashion

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Northwood boys tennis team captured an exciting 5-4 victory over Cedar Ridge on Wednesday afternoon in Pittsboro in a key 3A Big Eight Conference match.

Northwood (3-4, (5-5) opened the match hot with Sam Earnshaw cruising in top-seeded singles 6-1, 6-0 and Scott Gilliam posting a 7-6, 6-0 triumph at No. 2 to send the Chargers up 2-0.

Cedar Ridge (0-6, 0-7) countered with three consecutive wins, 6-2, 6-3 over Oliver Poteete at No. 3, 3-6, 6-3 (10-6) over Garrett Gordon at No. 4, and 6-1, 0-6 (10-8) over Ryan Christensen at No. 5, to

go up 3-2 in the match.

The bout of the day then took place at No. 6 where Northwood's Drew Sipe faced pretty much a must win situation. The Charger sophomore came through with a tightly contested 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), (10-6) triumph to send the match into doubles knotted at 3-all.

Earnshaw and Poteete teamed up to capture an 8-5 win at No. 1 to send the Chargers back in front 4-3.

Gordon and Sipe then posted a hard fought 8-5 decision at No. 2 to clinch the match victory for Northwood.

At No. 3, Christensen and Noah Clark fell in a tight one 8-5 to make the final 5-4 in favor of the Chargers.

Fuquay, Jets soar over Bulldogs

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Camden Fuquay went five and one-third innings on the mound and allowed no earned runs while helping his own cause by going three-for-three at the plate, including a pair of doubles with two RBIs and a run scored besides adding a sacrifice, as Jordan-Matthews completed a sweep of its season series with PAC 7 2A Conference foe Trinity by collaring the Bulldogs 10-3 Friday night on Jimmy Warford Field.

The Jets improved to 5-3 in the league standings and 6-6 for the year, while Trinity dropped to 0-6 in the conference and 3-11 overall.

Fuquay gave up four hits and three unearned runs, walked a pair and fanned eight to receive credit for the win before

Kevin Cano came on to hurl the last one and two-third innings, allowing two hits and one walk while striking out three.

Christopher Morgan, Samuel Murchison, Chris Rios and Huston Causey all notched two safeties apiece as J-M registered a total of 14 hits off three Bulldog pitchers.

"I was pleased we didn't buckle when Trinity took a 3-0 lead in the top of the third but instead fought back and got the job done with our pitching and bats, not to mention making some outstanding defensive plays in the field," noted Jordan-Matthews' coach John Will Headen.

"Fuquay and Cano both gave us a great effort on the mound while we performed well at the plate, collecting at least one hit every inning," Headen said.

Bulldogs' starter and loser Noah Brown was rocked for nine hits and six earned runs while issuing two free passes and striking out three in two and two-third innings prior to relievers Kenyon Crofts and Chase Wade combining to give up five hits and four earned runs

in addition to walking three and whiffing five over the final three and one-third innings.

"I thought we battled hard and ran the bases well to grab an early lead before J-M came right back and jumped on us for six runs in their half of the third to seize control," said Trinity coach Ryan Spencer. "Once they started hitting the ball we couldn't stop the bleeding and never could regain any momentum."

The Bulldogs opened up a 3-0 advantage in the visitors' third as Landen Mosley reached on a two-out fielder's choice before Wade drew a base on balls.

Both runners advanced on a wild pitch prior to Cameron Moser reaching on an infield error that allowed Mosley to score while Wade moved to third.

After courtesy runner Ben Owens went to second on a wild pitch, Connor Stanley followed with a two-run single to center.

But the Jets would send 11 men to the plate in their portion of the third and tally six runs to take the lead for good.

Luke Hinshaw opened the frame with a full-count walk and advanced to second when Morgan drilled a base hit down the left field line.

Following a full-count free pass issued to Thomas Smith, Murchison stroked a two-run double up the gap in right-center prior to Cano bringing in Smith with a sacrifice fly to center.

After Seth Moore lined an opposite-field single to right and Fuquay slugged a base hit to left, Rios, Causey and Hinshaw followed with consecutive run-scoring base hits to put J-M up 6-3.

Jordan-Matthews picked up two runs in the home fifth as Moore coaxed a leadoff walk and was sacrificed to second before Rios received a free pass. After both runners moved up a base on a wild pitch, Causey delivered a two-run single to center.

The Jets then wrapped up their triumph by plating a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Cano rapped a two-out single to left and Moore was hit by a pitch prior to Fuquay slamming a two-run opposite-field double to right.



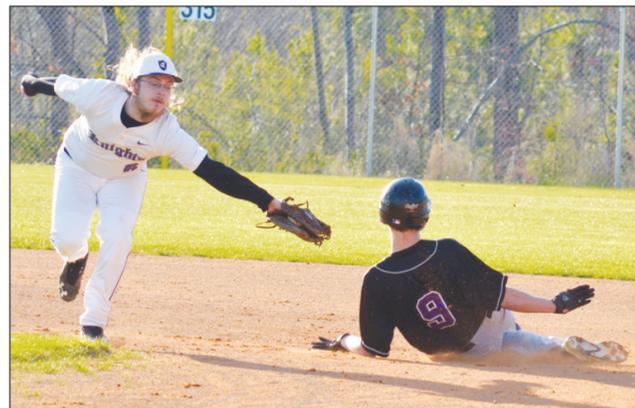
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Chatham Charter's Tanner Kidd attempts the out at 2nd base as River Mill's Avery Dorsett tries for a steal. After an early game streak, the Jaguars lost 6-5.

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Knights slay Grizzlies 10-1 in diamond action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Chatham Charter exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the third inning here on Wednesday night en route to a 10-1 blasting of Clover Garden in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference baseball action.

The Knights improved to 4-0 in the league and overall with the victory while Clover Garden dropped to 1-4 and 2-4 overall.

"We were patient at the plate tonight and forced the Clover Garden pitchers to work from behind in the count, which in turn gave us

some good pitches to hit," said Chatham Charter coach Bill Slaughter. "It took us a while to break through, but in the third we broke through and it was the difference in the game. Connor (Murphy) and Trevor (Golden) had some run support and did a good job the entire game."

Golden, a sophomore southpaw, worked six innings and allowed one run (earned), six hits, and three walks while whiffing six to get the win on the mound.

Murphy picked up a save by closing out the seventh, yielding one hit and striking out a pair.

Offensively, Chatham Charter pounded out nine

hits while drawing five walks and being hit by a pitch.

Murphy added a 3-for-4 effort at the plate with two runs scored, two RBI, two stolen bases and a double.

Jaron Hendrickson chipped in a 2-for-3 outing with three runs a double and a walk.

Also for the Knights in the win, Tanner Kidd went 1-for-2 with a run, a stolen base and a walk, while Golden was 1-for-3 with a run, two RBI, and was hit by a pitch, Gavin Crumpler 1-for-4 with a run, three RBI and a stolen base, Cameron Kennedy 1-for-3 with a run, and RBI and a walk.

JETS: Win 20-0

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Nino leading the way with three hits in three at bats which resulted in two runs scored, two stolen bases, was hit by a pitch and two RBI.

Moore had eight put outs in the field while going 2-for-2 with two runs, four RBI, two walks and a double while Canady was 2-for-2 with a run, two RBI,

a walk and a stolen base, Rogers 2-for-2 with two runs, and two RBI, Eve Long 1-for-1 with three runs, two RBI, three walks, and two stolen bases, Auburn Campbell 1-for-2 with three runs, an RBI, a walk and hit by a pitch.

Claire Beck added two runs batted in, a walk and a stolen base for the Lady Jets while Navi Gould scored a run, walked stole a base.

High Point Andrews was led offensively by Amy Chambers who was 2-for-2 with a stolen base.

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Reunion affair results in Southern Lee holding off Northwood

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Southern Lee's Thomas Harrington hurled six and one-third shutout innings while the Cavaliers took advantage of a two-out, bases-clearing throwing error in the top of the seventh to break open a close contest before holding off a late

Northwood comeback attempt to corral a 5-2 non-conference triumph over the Chargers Wednesday night at The Ronald Horton Baseball Complex.

The outcome left both teams with an identical 8-2 record for the season as Southern Lee defeated Northwood for the sixth time in eight meetings in a series that began in 2012. Harrington picked up the win

after allowing just three hits while walking two and striking out nine prior to Ethan Roth tossing the last two-thirds of an inning, surrendering a pair of unearned runs besides issuing one walk.

"Thomas has been solid every outing this season, throwing two complete-game shutouts while the pitch-count rule forced him to leave the mound tonight just two outs shy of recording a third," said Southern Lee coach David Lee. "Pitching has been our strong point this year along with playing solid defense, and while the bats are still coming around I thought we ran the bases aggressively this evening to grind out a victory."

Chargers' starter Tyler Johnson went five and one-third innings and absorbed the loss

despite yielding only two hits plus an unearned run in addition to issuing four free passes and fanning 10.

Northwood reliever Michael Posse threw one and one-third innings, giving up one hit and four runs (one earned) while walking four and whiffing three before Justin Szczypinski came on to register the final out.

"While we have talent and the potential is there, we're still in the process of learning how to become a seven-inning team and not let down late in the game," explained Chargers' coach David Miller, who was the head coach at Southern Lee the previous eight seasons.

"We missed an opportunity to score early when we left the bases loaded in the second and then ran ourselves out of an inning in the fifth, but credit Harrington for throwing strikes and keeping us off-balance during his time on the mound."

The Cavaliers grabbed a 1-0 advantage in the top of the third as Tanner Seagroves stroked a one-out opposite-field double to the left field fence and stole third one out later before coming in to score when Harrington reached

on an infield throwing error.

Still clinging to its one-run lead entering the visitors' seventh, Southern Lee capitalized on walks and a huge error to put the game away.

Roth led off the frame with a bunt single down the third base line and advanced to third on a pair of one-out wild pitches prior to Seagroves drawing a free pass.

One out later Roth was awarded home plate on a balk that moved Seagroves to second, and following back-to-back walks issued to Harrington and Dean Carver that loaded the bases, all three runners came in to score when Luke Craig raced all the way to third on a crucial infield throwing error, putting the Cavaliers ahead 5-0.

Northwood then managed to put its only runs on the board its final turn at-bat when Roth replaced Harrington on the hill and immediately walked Beau Weathers on four pitches.

After Weathers moved to second when Szczypinski was hit by a pitch, the former came in to score on an errant pickoff attempt at second as the latter dashed to third prior to tallying on a groundout by Dylan Hitt.



Southern Lee's Mike Remaley misses the toss to 3rd base in the 7th inning at Northwood's Ronald Horton park in Pittsboro Wednesday as Northwood's Beau Weathers goes for third to even up the score.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews doubles up Randleman 6-3 in area tennis action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RANDLEMAN — The Jordan-Matthews boy's tennis team doubled up Randleman 6-3 on Thursday afternoon in 2A PAC 7 Conference action.

Filex Sifuentes rolled 10-2 at top-seeded singles play to send the Jets up 1-0 early before the Tigers countered with a 10-3 win over Brandon Guerrero-Jamies at No. 2, and a 10-4 triumph over Harrison Brewer at No. 3 to send the hosts in front 2-1.

Jordan-Matthews (3-4, 4-5) answered with three straight victories to go up 4-2. Erik Lujan started the run with a 10-4 decision at No. 4 before George Topete captured a hard-fought 11-9 battle at No. 5, and Jason Santamaria cruised 10-0 at No. 6.

In doubles, Sifuentes and Guerrero-Jamies clinched the match win for Jordan-Matthews with an 8-1 triumph at No. 1.

Randleman (1-5, 1-7) captured an 8-4 victory over Brewer and Lujan at No. 2 before Elijah Ward and Jacob Carter capped the Jets 6-3 win with an easy 8-0 rout at No. 3.

STOMPS

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Blue Comets' reliever Easton Price tossed four complete frames and was tagged for five hits and three unearned runs besides issuing one free pass and striking out three prior to Kevin Laur yielding one hit and fanning one in one-third of an inning of work.

"We struggled on the mound tonight and didn't have good approaches at the plate," said Asheboro coach Brett Hoogkamp.

"We don't have a lot of arms available right now with a couple of guys missing from our roster and it was our second outing for our starting pitcher, while Chatham Central managed to get some big two-out hits to drive in six of their runs."

The Bears sent 10 men to the plate in the bottom of the second and exploded for six runs to put the game away early.

Chatham Central loaded the bases with one away on walks to Tyson Measamer, Zach Ritter and Jackson Gray before Hunter Strickland grounded a

two-run single to left.

One out later Drew Cox punched an opposite-field base hit to right to drive in Gray and advance Strickland to third prior to the latter coming in to score on a wild pitch as Gray moved to second.

Moore then plated Cox with an opposite-field single to right and continued on to second when the ball was mis-played in the outfield before tallying on Staley's bloop hit to center.

The Bears picked up a solo run in the home third to go up 7-0 as lead-off batter Carter Fuquay reached on an infield error, was sacrificed to second and went to third on Gray's base hit to left prior to scoring on Lofton Dodson's two-out single up the middle.

Chatham Central put the finishing touch on it rout by tallying a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Dodson reached on an infield error leading off the inning and went to second on a one-out free pass issued to Moore.

After both runners advanced a base on a groundout, Measamer stroked a two-run base hit to center to complete the scoring.



Staff photo by David Bradley

With the wind-up

Jordan-Matthews pitcher Jocelyn Mitchell throws a fast one early in the game against Andrews High School in High Point.

Rains come as Vikings escape Bears

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — A two-out throwing error opened the door for Union Pines to tally three unearned runs in the top of the fourth, while Alex Mauldin outdueled Chatham Central's Michael Moore on the mound in a complete-game outing by both pitchers, as the Vikings captured a rain-shortened five-inning 4-1 victory Monday afternoon on Ronald Scott Field.

Completing a sweep of its non-conference season series with the Bears, Union Pines climbed to 7-3 overall, while Chatham Central stumbled to 3-5 for the year.

In gaining the win, Mauldin allowed four hits and an earned run in addition to walking four and fanning three.

Moore suffered the loss after surrendering six hits and four runs (one earned) while issuing two free passes and striking out a pair.

"Alex did a good job on the mound, throwing strikes and letting the defense work behind him," said Vikings' coach Eric Marion.

"Offensively we finally quit hitting balls in the air and took advantage

of stolen bases to get people in scoring position before punching a few run-producing hits on the ground."

Bears' coach Brett Walden remarked all it took was one mistake for Union Pines to extend the fourth inning and give Mauldin all the offensive support he needed.

"If we make a good throw for the third out of the inning they don't get three of their four runs," noted Walden.

"As efficient as Michael was on the mound this was a winnable game. But we stranded a pair of runners in three different innings and left the bases loaded in the fifth when we couldn't get a timely hit."

The Vikings forged a 3-0 lead in the visitors' fourth as Jack Lange singled to right-center with one away, stole second and came in to score when Tanner Freeland reached on a two-out throwing error.

After Freeland moved to second on a wild pitch, Grant Booker brought the runner home by grounding a base hit to center.

Booker then stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored when Gray Culler grounded a single to left.

Chatham Central notched a solo run in its half of the fourth as Car-

ter Fuquay drew a leadoff walk on four pitches, was sacrificed to second and went to third on a groundout before scoring on Zach Ritter's base hit down the right field line.

Union Pines tacked on an insurance run in the top of the fifth as Logan Finchum coaxed a leadoff base on balls, stole second and moved to third on a groundout prior to tallying on Mauldin's infield single.

The Bears threatened to add to their total in the home fifth as they loaded the bases when Tyson Measamer reached on a fielder's choice and one out later Fuquay received a free pass before Holden Johnson was plunked with a pitch.

But Mauldin managed to work his way out of the jam by getting Drew Cox to foul out to the catcher to end the inning, at which time the game was called due to deteriorating field conditions

caused by off-and-on rain showers.

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Spartans conquered twice by Lady Chargers

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Northwood girls softball team captured a double header sweep of Southern Durham on Tuesday evening in 3A Big Eight Conference action.

In the opener, Northwood (3-1, 6-2) routed the hapless Southern Durham nine by a 16-0 margin.

Hannah Weigle picked up the win on the mound after hurling three innings of one-hit ball and fanning five.

Emma Douglas paced the Chargers offensively with a 2-for-2 performance that included two runs and two RBI.

Northwood also received a 2-for-3 outing from Gracie Leonard who went 2-for-3 with two runs, a triple and two RBI while Allison Cocker was 1-for-2 with two runs, a walk and two RBI, and Mayci Srpingle 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

The Lady Chargers also saw Weigle drive home two runs and steal a base, Jamie Christensen score twice, swipe three bases and being hit by a pitch, Lauren Davis steal two bases, and Chandler Adams walk and score a run.

Northwood dominated from start to finish, scoring five runs in the

opening frame, nine more in the second, and two in the third.

In the nightcap, it was more of the same as the Chargers cruised 13-2 after spotting the Spartans a 2-0 advantage.

Trailing 2-0, Northwood responded with single runs in each of the first and second innings to tie the game at 1-1, before erupting for a pair of four spots in both the fourth and fifth innings, and then adding three insurance runs in the sixth to close out the victory.

Davis pitched all six innings and allowed no hits, two runs (none earned), one walk and fanned eight to get the win while also going 1-for-4 at the plate with two runs, an RBI, a walk and a stolen base.

Offensively, the Chargers belted out 14 hits led by Adams who was 2-for-4 with two runs, three RBI, a stolen base, a double and a home run, and Erika Seils going 2-for-4 with two runs, a double, a triple and three RBI.

Srpingle chipped in a 2-for-3 effort with two runs, an RBI, a triple and a walk while Douglas was 2-for-2 with two runs and a double, Christensen 2-for-4 with a run and two RBI, and Leonard 1-for-3 with two runs and a stolen base.



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Hamm chosen for N.C. School Boards Trust

RALEIGH — David Hamm, a member of the Chatham County Board of Education, has been chosen for the North Carolina School Boards Trust (NCSBT) by the North Carolina School Boards Association.

Hamm, a Northwood High School graduate and former school administrator, has served on the county school board since 2008, at times serving as chair and vice chair. The NCSBT serves as the risk-management program for the state's public school districts.

"I have said from Day 1 running for the board in 2008 that in order to know how to direct the future course of education in Chatham County, one needs to know the history of where we are coming from," Hamm said. "As a product of the system both as a student and educator, I have acquired a unique perspective of who and what Chatham County represents."

Hamm was named to the NCSBT, an announcement made March 25, alongside school board members from Perquimans County and Roanoke Rapids.



David Hamm

Gary Leonard, chair of the Chatham County Board of Education, said in a statement that Hamm's service to the district "speaks for itself."

"The North Carolina School Boards Association is fortunate to benefit from his expertise at the state level," Leonard said. "He has a strong commitment to public education."

THINK AGAIN: LOVE

Abundance NC event addresses divisiveness in Chatham

CN+R Staff report

PITTSBORO — What happens when a community focused non-profit decides to address the divisiveness within our community?

They hold an event — Think Again: Love — a day-long event focused on communication, education and celebration, complete with food trucks, live music, a vendor village, community conversations, spoken word poetry, workshops, a collective art show, and Consent Cabaret, a burlesque style variety show as a grand finale.

Think Again: Love will be held from noon until 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at The Plant, the Eco-Industrial site in Pittsboro. Vanessa Jackson of Healing Circles Inc. is heading the event with a keynote presentation "Conjuring a Love Revolution: Everyday Acts of Love to Transform Our Communities."

"This is our answer to address racism, sexism, homophobia, environmental degradation, consumerism, and loneliness," said Tami Schwerin, Abundance NC's executive director.

Workshop themes include weaving community through song, inspiring intimacy for couples, learning deep listening, raising LGBTQ children, awakening personal sexuality, and embracing loving masculinity.



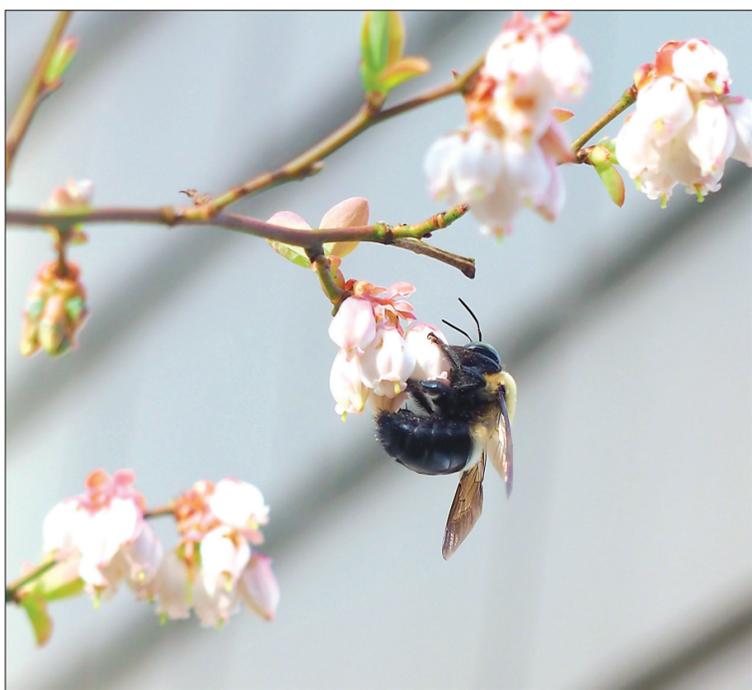
A new art gallery, Smelt will be open, featuring locally-sourced artistic expressions of love and an ongoing game of skittles, a yard game similar to bowling.

From noon to 5 p.m., the Vendor Village will showcase local vendors, artisans, purveyors of self-care, and community organizations and non-profits aligned with

the theme of love and community building. Local food and beverages will be available all day. Performances include live funk by The Up & Up and local spoken word artists.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids pre-event and \$20 at the door for adults.

To purchase tickets in advance, go to <https://bit.ly/2SAdNN4>.



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Tuesday, April 9

BREAKFAST: Berry Parfait w/ Fr. Tst. Sticks, Fruit Cocktail, Hashbrowns (**Breakfast Griddle Sandwich, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Chicken & Waffles, BBQ Pork w/ Corn Muffin, Chicken Caesar Salad, Oven Baked Fries, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Fresh Fruit (**Ham & Cheese Combo)

Wednesday, April 10

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

LUNCH: Popcorn Chicken w/ Roll, Cheese Dippers w/ Marinara, Ham & Cheese Combo, Carrot Souffle, Celery & Cucumbers w/ Dip, Rainbow Fruit Dessert Cup (**Popcorn Chicken w/ Roll, Cheese Dippers w/ Marinara, Chicken Tender Wrap Combo, Carrot Souffle, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Rainbow Fruit Dessert Cup, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, April 11

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

LUNCH: TexMex Beef w/ Chips & Cheese, Chicken Grinder, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears (**TexMex Beef w/ Chips & Cheese, Chicken Grinder, Deli Club Wrap Combo, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, April 12

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

LUNCH: Zesty Garlic French Bread, Seasoned Peas, Baby Carrots w/ Dip, Chilled Applesauce (**Fresh Fruit)

CHURCH NEWS

MERONEY U.M.C.

There will be a Barbecue Sale, by the pound, prepared by the Methodist men of Meroney United Methodist Church, \$7 by the pound, by advance orders. Also, a limited quantity of Whole Boston Butt Roasts, \$30 each, 9 a.m. to noon on April 6.

Pick up at Meroney U.M.C. Bus Garage. Call for ordering: Michael Dowdy, 919-548-3993; Tony Shaw, 919-545-1157; Justin Shaw, 919-548-2406; Jeff Wilson, 919-548-2131 or any Meroney Church member.

BROOKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Come be a part of *The Living Lord's Supper* at 6 p.m. on April 14 at Brookdale Baptist Church with authentic sets and believable characters. Step back in time to the moment when Jesus shared with his disciples what has come to be known as "The Last Supper".

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The church is located at 1133 West 3rd Street, Siler City. Make plans to attend this special Easter event!

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

University Presbyterian Church invites the congregation and community to attend special worship services for Holy Week and Easter:

Palm/Passion Sunday, 8:30 and 11 a.m., April 14, worship services

Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., April 18, worship services, Communion will be served

Good Friday, 7:30 p.m., April 19, worship service, Service of Tenebrae

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord, 8:30 and 11 a.m., April 21, Worship services, hour of sharing - offering will be received

Easter Egg Hunt, April 21, between worship services, on UPC front lawn

The church is located at 209 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. For more information about UPC and Holy Week services, visit the church's website at www.ucch.org or the UPC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/upcch.

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services will be held at Emmaus Baptist Church, April 7 through 10; Sunday, 8:45 and 11 a.m. services, and 7 p.m.

services, Sunday through Wednesday. Dr. Ernie Perkins will bring the message for each service.

Join us if you can. The church is located at 2430 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro.

TERRELLS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

You are invited to Family and Friends Day at Terrells Chapel AME Zion Church, Sunday, April 7. The pastor, Rev. Charles Matthews will bring the morning message.

Sunday School will begin at 9:15 a.m. with worship service following at 10.

Lunch will be served following those services. All are invited.

CHATHAM U.M. CHURCH

There will be a Free Prom Dress Shop in the Fellowship Building at Chatham United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 6 for anyone that needs a dress for the prom or a social occasion. They are welcome to choose a beautiful dress, shoes, jewelry and clutch, if needed.

The church is located at 1826 Chatham Church Road, Moncure.

LYSTRA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Take and Wear Clothes Closet at Lystra Baptist Church will be open from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on April 13. Anyone who needs clothing is welcome to come shop - everything is Free! There is no advantage to arriving before 8:45.

For more information, call 919-933-6812. The church is located at 686 Lystra Road, off 15-501, past Chatham Downs.

SANDY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Children of all ages are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt from 2 until 4 p.m. on April 7 at Sandy Branch Baptist Church. There will also be a story time and snack time.

You will be welcome at 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek for the fun!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The annual Dessert Auction will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Siler City, at 5:30 p.m. on April 7 in the church fellowship hall. The event will feature a salad bar as a meal, followed by the dessert auction.

The meal is by donations and desserts go to the highest bidders. All proceeds go to support FUMC Missions.

Siler City engages with Hispanic community

SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners heard a list of recommendations Monday to help improve the experience of Hispanic residents in the community.

The town's Building Integrated Communities project, created in conjunction with UNC-Chapel Hill, produced an action plan with 43 different items on eight key issue areas including communication, parks and recreation, law enforcement and youth mental health. The plan is the result of a two-year process, including in-depth research, community meetings and interviews with professionals. Members of the town's staff were also active in formulating the recommendations.

Specific suggestions included prioritizing the hiring of Spanish-speaking employees for the town, creating online material in Spanish and building trust between the Hispanic community and law enforcement.

Siler City Interim Police Chief Jeanne Miller said her department is already working toward implementing the six recommendations in the report for law enforcement, including hiring more Spanish-speaking officers, creating communications and disaster relief plans for Spanish-speaking residents, sharing traffic stop data including demographics and conducting annual bias training for officers.

The Board of Commissioners decided Monday to hold a yet-to-be-scheduled special workshop for thoroughly reviewing the material and recommendations. The board would also utilize the workshop time to establish timelines for fulfilling the suggestions.

Goldston library to host opioid awareness event

GOLDSTON — Chatham County Libraries is hosting its second in a series of events designed to raise community awareness over the opioid crisis in Chatham County.

The event will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Goldston Town Hall at 40 Coral Ave. in Goldston. Titled "It Started with a Script: Prescription Drug Misuse, Addiction and the Opioid Crisis," the event will address "the science of addiction and the health impact of opioids on our community," according to a release from Chatham County.

Featured speakers include Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson, county health department Director Layton Long, retired medical doctor and addiction expert Dr. Joe Mancini, county residents Julie and Elly Cummins and Anna Stanley of Chatham Recovery. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Goldston Public

HOE "N" HOPE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Hoe "n" Hope Garden Club met on March 11, 2019. The co-hostesses were Barbara Elder and Chelsea Whitehead.

The meeting was called to order by Sallie Milholen, President. Chaplain Sylvia Reavis had the devotion and club members repeated the Club Collect. A treasurer's report was given and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Committee reports were given by the respective chairpersons. Kathy Bradley was recognized as having a March birthday.

Chelsea Whitehead gave a very interesting program on the mosquito. We all need to be very alert as mosquito and tick season is here.

The meeting was adjourned until April 8, 2019.

Refreshments were served.

NEWS BRIEFS

State superintendent opposes timing of teacher rally

RALEIGH — Mark Johnson, state superintendent of public instruction, said in a statement March 28 that he is against the chosen date of the May 1 "Day of Action for public education," as initiated by the N.C. Association of Educators.

Johnson instead suggested educators choose a non-school day — May 1 is a Wednesday — so as to keep schools operating during normal hours.

"Protesting is a right that can be just as effective during non-school hours," he said. "Closing schools affects not only

students' learning and nutrition, but also parents, other school employees and other teachers... We support teachers and are championing the changes our education system needs, but I cannot support protests that force schools to close."

During last year's "March for Respect," also organized by the NCAE, 42 of the state's 115 public school districts were forced to cancel classes. Chatham County Schools had a teacher workday. The district has not announced any plans for May 1.

Library at 919-898-4522 or email sbrewer@chathamlibraries.org.

Chatham County seeking input on two park redevelopments

As part of the Chatham County government's recently-approved Comprehensive Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, Greenways and Blueways, Earl Thompson Park in Pittsboro and Southwest District Park in Bear Creek are going to be improved, and public input sessions for each will be held this month.

Tracy Burnett, the county's parks and recreation director, said in a press release Tuesday that planning for these improvements will "consider extensive community input, existing site conditions and recreational needs in producing recommended concept designs for each park."

Individuals wishing to provide their input can attend one of two sessions. For Earl Thompson Park, the meeting is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at the Bynum Ruritan Club, 28 Charlie Fields Road, Pittsboro. Community members wanting to add their comments about Southwest District Park should attend a meeting from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, April 29, at the Chatham Central High School cafeteria, 14950 N.C. Highway 902 W, Bear Creek.

According to the press release, the planning phase for each park will produce cost estimates, followed by effort to se-

cure funds and produce construction drawings for each park. Additionally, Burnett said a countywide trails master plan is on the Parks & Recreation department's "radar," but "several other steps must happen before we can begin that work."

In related news, the department is exploring other strategies for raising funds for these projects, particularly

in naming rights and a "friends of the parks" foundation.

"Both ideas are in the concept phrase, but please contact us if you have any interest in donating funds for facilities or want to be involved in a new friends group for county parks," Burnett said.

Those interested can call 919-545-8550 for more information.

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Melodye Hudson, 48, of Siler City, was charged March 25 with larceny and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She was released under a written promise with a June 11 court date in Graham.

Stephanie Caviness, 36, of Bennett, was charged March 26 with giving fictitious information to an officer and failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with an April 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Samuel Baggett, 27, of Pittsboro, was charged March 27 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with an April 1 court date in Hills-

borough.

Christopher Matthews, 47, of Siler City, was charged March 27 with failure to appear. He was released under a written promise with an April 25 court date in Asheboro.

Ijaz Rasul, 41, of Chapel Hill, was charged March 27 with assault on a female. He was held under no bond with an April 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Emily Kidd, 32, of Siler City, was charged March 28 with probation violation. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with an April 15 court date in Asheboro.

Maurice Futrell, 43, of Durham, was charged March 28 with possession of cocaine, possession

of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released under a written promise with an April 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Lashea Thompson, 24, of Siler City, was charged March 28 with failure to appear. She was released under a \$300 bond with an April 9 court date in Siler City.

Syvion Smith, 20, of Pittsboro, was charged March 28 with second-degree trespassing. He was released under a written promise with an April 10 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hebert Jordan, 52, of Siler

City, was charged March 31 with driving while impaired by alcohol, driving while license revoked, having an expired registration card/tag and two counts of having a fictitious/ altered registration card/tag. He was released on a written promise with an April 9 court date in Siler City.

Ramon Serra, 36, of Siler City, was charged March 31 with two counts of probation violation. He was held under a \$35,000 bond with an April 8 court date in Sanford.

Chasity Carroll, 27, of Siler City, was charged March 30 with simple assault, communicating threats and assault with a deadly weapon. She was held under no bond with an April 9

court date in Siler City.

Justin Maness, 31, of Siler City, was charged March 29 with felony obtaining property by false pretense or fraud, larceny from a person and felony possession of stolen goods/property. He was held under a \$30,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

David Mabry of Siler City was cited March 25 with failure to reduce speed on Alex Cockman Road in Pittsboro.

Marjorie Zychowski of Pittsboro was cited March 25 with failure to yield on U.S. Highway 15 on Pittsboro.

Siler City PD still actively investigating recent crimes

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

The Siler City Police Department has moved to clear several highly publicized crimes that occurred in February and March.

In February, a string of drive-by vandals destroyed property at numerous locations across Siler City,

shattering windows and leaving at least 30 holes in windows of downtown businesses. The vandalism spree stretched from West Raleigh Street through downtown Siler City to East Third, North Fifth, and South Sixth Avenues with numerous incidents reports.

According to interim

Siler City Police Chief Jeanne Miller, at least two juveniles were moved to the juvenile court system with over two dozen charges between them for the incidents. As the suspects were juveniles, Miller was unable to provide more information due to legal constraints.

The victim of the

vicious assault and stabbing of a Siler City Walmart associate, Frauke Charlotte Kopietz of Bear Creek, has returned home to continue her recovery, according to Miller. Kopietz was stabbed multiple times by two suspects in an attempted robbery. Miller notes the investigation is

continuing.

"The investigation is actively being conducted," she said. "We are exploring every avenue in terms of forensic evidence."

Miller notes that after the release of the surveillance video of the suspects, the department received several calls identifying one of the sus-

pects as a student from Chatham Central. However, the police department has looked closer at those videos and said "it does not appear to him."

The Siler City Police Department is still offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the assailants in the stabbing.

NEWS BRIEFS

March for Meals event helped by Chatham leaders

PITTSBORO — Chatham County's Council on Aging asked elected and other public officials to join the organization to help deliver meals on its Meals on Wheels routes and to help serve lunch at its two Centers to bring awareness to senior hunger insecurities during the month of March.

State Rep. Robert Reives II, Chatham Clerk of Superior Court Dana Hackney, Chatham County Man-

ager Dan LaMontagne, Chatham Safety & Risk Manager Marilyn Grant, Chatham County Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman Diana Hales and Siler City Town Manager Bryan Thompson participated in honor of the 2019 March for Meals Community Champions Week.

Across the country during the week of March 18-22, Meals on Wheels programs enlisted elected

officials, local celebrities and other prominent figures to deliver meals, speak out for seniors and raise awareness for the power of the program.

"Food insecurity and social isolation are both serious issues facing many older adults," said Dennis W. Streets, director of the Chatham County Council on Aging. "It was wonderful to have our public officials and community lead-

ers join us to experience firsthand the importance of our nutrition program. I would also like to thank our local restaurants who have supported our March for Meals campaign this month."

The annual March for Meals commemorates the historic day in March 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. Since 2002, Meals on Wheels programs from across the country have joined forces for the annual awareness campaign to celebrate this successful public-private partnership and garner the support needed to fill the gap between the seniors served and those still in need.

"We commend all of our 2019 Community Champions for stepping up in support of Meals on Wheels," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. "With 12,000 Americans turning 60 each day, now is the time to invest in these vital programs so that we can provide every senior in need with the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that will enable them to live healthier and independent in their own homes."

If you would like to volunteer at the Council on Aging, please contact Allison Andrews at 919-542-4512 or allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org. The Council especially needs volunteers to help serve in the Bennett, Bear Creek and Goldston areas.

team, and grants are available for all subjects.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Bright Ideas. Grants are awarded by each of North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives, including Randolph EMC, and are open to teachers in all 100 counties. Approximately 600 grants are awarded statewide to teachers each year for projects that engage students in new and innovative ways. Since the program began in 1994 at Brunswick EMC in Shallotte, North Carolina's electric cooperatives collectively have awarded more than \$12.2 million in Bright Ideas grants to fund more than 11,600 projects, reaching more than 2.3 million students in subjects including math, reading, science, technology, music and the arts.

To learn more about grant eligibility or questions on how to apply contact Randolph Electric's Communication and Outreach Specialist, Kathleen Duckworth, at 336.625.8187 or Kathleen.Duckworth@RandolphEMC.com.

Applications are accepted April 1 through Sept. 23. To apply for a 2019 Bright Ideas grant, visit www.ncbrightideas.com.

N.C. strawberry season under way

RALEIGH — April signals the start of strawberry season in North Carolina, and local growers are expecting a very good crop that should last through Memorial Day.

"There should be plenty of berries this year despite a wet and cold first quarter in 2019," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "We encourage consumers to visit a pick-your-own farm, go to a farmers market or stop by a roadside stand to get the freshest berries available."

Consumers also can find locally grown strawberries in grocery stores and restaurants by looking for the Got to Be NC logo. The Got to Be NC program is the official state identity program for N.C. agricultural products, and lets consumers know they are buying a product grown, raised, caught or made in North Carolina.

North Carolina is the fourth-largest producer of strawberries in the nation, with about 1,100 acres harvested across the state. Growers have already started picking in Eastern North Carolina. Piedmont growers will begin picking in mid-April and growers in the mountains should start by the first of May.

The peak of the season is traditionally Mother's Day. More information about the strawberry industry is available at www.ncstrawberry.com. Consumers interested in finding a you-pick strawberry farm near them, can go to www.gottobencc.com.

— CN+R Staff Report



Submitted photo

Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne helps serve meals to Judy Hatcher (left) and Thelma O'Daniel during the Chatham County Council on Aging's 17th annual March for Meals event March 19 at the East Chatham Senior Center.

Siler City Farmers' Market launches season Saturday

SILER CITY — The Siler City Farmers' Market will open for the 2019 season on Saturday, April 6 at the Oasis Open Air Market, 117 S. Chatham Ave.

Market hours this year will be 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday.

Opening day will feature landscaping plants, vegetable plant starts, baked goods and possibly a limited amount of produce.

Local producers looking for a place to market their products are invited to call for information on joining the market. Contact Joan Thompson at (919)-742-5442.

Free recycling bins available at Chatham County Collection Centers

Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling (SW&R) has free recycling bins for residents available at each of the county's 12 collection centers. The recycling bins are 22 gallons in size and include a lid

and can be used either inside or outside the home.

SW&R received a grant to purchase the recycling bins to help make it easier for residents to separate and bring their recycling to the centers.

To receive a recycling bin, residents must have a current decal to use the collection center and complete a two-question survey. Each household is only able to receive one recycling container, so residents will also be asked to provide their address. The bins will be available while supplies last.

Recycling bins are available at collection centers and the SW&R main facility. Visit our website for addresses and hours, go to chathamnc.org/recycle.

Apply now for Bright Ideas Education Grants

ASHEBORO — Randolph Electric Membership Corporation is accepting applications for the 2019 Bright Ideas Education Grant Program. Educators can apply for up to \$2,000 in grants to fund creative, hands-on classroom projects in K-12 classrooms. Teachers can apply individually or as a

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About: Terrance Ross is Chatham County's best-known barista. A native of Queens, New York, he's worked at Buzz Café at Chatham Marketplace for about three years and at Sweet Bee Café for the last six months. Ross is well-studied: He's taken classes from the Art Institute of Washington, Durham Tech and Harvard's online college. He lives in Chatham County with his cat, Eek.

What's unique about what you do for a living?

It's like bartending, having to know your drink mixes and flavor profiles — only I don't get yelled at anymore for cutting people off when they had too much.

What was your first paying job, and what did it teach you?

Domino's Pizza back in 1993. I was 13 and learned that working hard and earning a paycheck was much easier than begging my parents for stuff, plus it made me feel like a big man.

What part of your job would most surprise people?

How many different drink combinations you can create with simple ingredients. I feel like a mad scientist sometimes trying to come up with special drinks.

What advice would you give someone considering doing the same line of work as you?

Practice makes perfect! It took me a week just to get my foaming from bad to OK'ish.

Who is your personal hero?

Comedian Mitch Hedberg.

Your standard order at a coffee shop?

White chocolate mocha or a steamer.

Your ultimate "happy place?"

Band practice or playing a show.

Coke or Pepsi?

Neither. Tab.

Which do you like better: starting or finishing?

Finishing because I love feeling the sense of accomplishment.

When will robots take over the world?

I'm working on it! I've locked



Staff photos by Bill Horner III

Terrance Ross serves up coffee and conversation at Sweet Bee Cafe in Pittsboro.

20 Furbies in a room with an Alexa and an Echo, so only time will tell.

Life on other planets? Yes or no?

Yes, they're probably laughing at us! I know when I slipped down the stairs the other morning it was pretty funny!

Stay up late or get up early?

I get about two hours sleep a night, sooooo...both?!?!?

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

UHF, Tank Girl, Green Street Hooligans, Life of Brian, Falling Down, Better Off Dead, The Wraith, Disc World, Time Bandits and, to top it off, Gleaming the Cube.

Dogs or cats?

Cats rule! And dogs don't rule as much but they're OK!

Favorite N.C. celebrity?

Julianne Moore

Ever danced in the rain?

Yes. I was walking home from middle school listening to my Walkman and the song "Two Princes" by the Spin Doctors came on so I had to! It's the happiest song on Earth!

What is the most significant of your life's goals that you haven't yet accomplished?

Helping the robots take over the world.

What makes your home special?

My roommate Jina and the four fur babies.

The trait you most deplore in yourself:

I tend to put others before myself and I have a hard time saying "no" sometimes.

The book you're currently reading:

"Fragments of Horror," by Junji Ito.

Your favorite movie of all time:

The Warriors

One day, when you have time, what would you like to learn how to do?

Love again!

What do you plan to do after retirement?

Yell at kids to get off the lawn.

What's your favorite snack food?

Yogurt

A fear you haven't yet overcome is:

Talking to random people in public.

Something not many people know you collect is?

Vinyl records, POP figures.

If you could eliminate any invention, what would it be?

Cell phones

If you started a business of your own, what would it be?

Spatula City

The most famous person you've

ever met:

Henry Rollins. I almost got hit by a car running across the street to shake his hand. He thought it was funny, so that was cool. But man that guy is intense!

If someone made a movie about your life, the actor to portray you is:

Dave Chappelle

Favorite city in the whole world:

New York, mainly because i was born and raised there.

What you like best (or least) about where you live now:

I need a car to get anywhere.

The one material possession you can't live without is:

My bass guitar.

The credo or motto you like to try to live by:

Bwahahahahaha.

The best advice you ever got was:

Who let you in here???

What's the wildest or most interesting single thing that's ever happened to you?

I got to hang out with Fishbone in Baltimore.

What is your favorite book?

World War Z

Where would someone be most likely to find you on a Saturday night?

Home.

What was your dream job when

you were a child?

I wanted to be a pro skateboarder.

What would be your last meal?

A hand full of salt packets or Pez.

What would you like to know about the future?

Will I ever look my age?

Do you have a tattoo?

Yes, three

Did you have a childhood nickname?

Jinx

Favorite season?

Fall

Biggest pet peeve?

People who eat with their mouth open.

What's your usual wake-up time in the morning?

3:30 a.m.

Ever seen a ghost?

Yes!

What superhero power would you most like to have?

I would like the power to see through wooden doors.

What was your favorite TV show when you were growing up?

"The Benny Hill Show" and Bob Ross' painting show.

Favorite band or musical artist?

Bad Brains

Favorite dessert?

Cheesecake

If you could never hear the music of one musical artist ever again, which would it be?

Cardi B. I listened to 30 seconds and felt my brain cells off themselves one by one.

If you could create one rule that all society had to live by, what would it be?

Stop making dumb people famous

A last word?

I would like to give a very important shout-out to all the people who died figuring out what plants we can and can't eat!

New water tank slated for Goldston

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

GOLDSTON — Construction on a new water tower is under way in Goldston, with officials and engineers hoping to improve water pressure and availability for the area.

Located between the Goldston Fire Department and Goldston Recreational Park, the tower is part of a new project paid for by a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture coupled with a new booster pump station, according to Eddie Staley, an engineer with WithersRavenel. It will replace an existing water tank originally built in the 1960s.

"It had reached its useful life and had to be replaced," Staley said. "We were able to find an elevated tank that had been taken out of service. We're re-conditioning and re-servicing a tank that was originally located in another town. It saves a good bit of money."

Staley added that the loan will likely have 25-28 percent forgiveness.

Goldston currently purchases all its water from the City of Sanford that's pushed to the town through a booster pump station at the town's old water treatment

plant. By relocating everything to this higher point in the town, Staley said, it will "better regulate the water pressures in the system."

Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup told the News + Record that the tower is "not coming too soon." "We're ready for it," he said. "We need to go ahead and make this addition. For us to be able to find the funds for us to put a new water tank in place, especially the size of our community, is very awesome."

Staley said the tank will also provide additional water capacity to the town, which could serve the area for further purposes like regionalization. In the case of a drought or a water break, that increased volume, along with potential line extensions to the outskirts of Siler City and other rural areas, could serve more people.

Site work has already begun on the patch of ground where the tank will stand around 120 feet tall, with construction expected to be complete by the end of the year.

"I know they have worked really hard on putting this thing together," Cunnup said. "We're excited because it's going to be a great benefit to everybody."

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Visually absorbing ‘Dumbo’ flies, but never really takes flight

“What a disaster!” exclaims Alan Arkin near the end of Tim Burton’s “Dumbo.” As a critic, it’s tempting to cherry-pick this



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

quote as applicable to both the burning big top Arkin’s character is witnessing and Burton’s live action adaptation of the 1941 Disney animated classic. But “Dumbo” isn’t tragic. It’s just inconsequential, an overlong, misshapen folly whose handsome exterior masks a lack of substance underneath.

Burton has made a career championing the plight of the misfit: “Edward Scissorhands,” “Ed Wood,” “Pee-wee’s Big Adventure,” “Batman,” “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” and more. So it’s little surprise that he embraced the story of the baby circus elephant with oversized ears, shunned by people and his fellow pachyderms alike. Burton’s first major alteration is the absence of Dumbo’s pal Timothy

DUMBO

GRADE: C +

DIRECTOR: Tim Burton

STARRING: Colin Farrell, Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, Eva Green, Alan Arkin, Nico Parker and Finley Hobbins

MPAA RATING: PG

RUNNING TIME: 1 hr. 52 min.

Q. Mouse, replaced here by two children, Milly and Joe Farrier (Nico Parker and Finley Hobbins), whose dad Holt (Colin Farrell) returns from the Great War having lost his wife and his right arm. The Farriers are carnys in the employment of Max Medici (Danny DeVito), the owner and ringmaster of a traveling fleabag circus. Holt is a former trick rider, but without an arm and the horses Max sold to pay the bills, he’s consigned to tending the elephants.

Mrs. Jumbo, the show’s star attraction, gives birth to a baby with big, floppy ears who is soon given the derisive moniker Dumbo. Audiences laugh at Dumbo, and Max sells off Mrs. Jumbo and wants to get rid of junior, too. But Milly and Joe happen upon a

secret: when triggered by sniffing a feather, Dumbo can use his ears to fly. When the world finds out, they beat a path to Max’s big top, including V. A. Vandevere (Michael Keaton), an enigmatic entrepreneur who proposes a partnership with Max to make Dumbo the star attraction at Dreamland, Vandevere’s sprawling, futuristic theme park fashioned like a steampunk Jurassic Park.

Once we absorb Burton’s tweaks and see Dumbo soar (something that first occurs far earlier in the story than the animated version), there’s little left besides a long slog towards an inevitable ending. Considering that Burton nearly doubles the running time of the 1941 original, it’s shocking how underwritten some of the characters are. Holt



Photo courtesy of Disney Studios

A young elephant who can fly is featured in Disney’s ‘Dumbo.’

is presumably cast with one arm so he feels some kinship with the physically deformed Dumbo. But not only isn’t that story angle fleshed out, Burton gives Holt a makeshift prosthetic to wear for most of the film, presumably to cut down on the costs of digital effects needed to mask Farrell’s actual arm.

Max’s motives remain a mystery — he continuously facilitates between overcallous and caring. Keaton, reuniting with his “Beetlejuice” and “Batman” director, never

seems at ease as Vandevere, unsure whether to accentuate his comedic or villainous qualities. Eva Green plays a French trapeze artist named Colette, but her origins are as uncertain as her accent — Vandevere repeatedly reminds her to not forget where he found her, without Burton ever telling us where he found her.

Burton’s trademark visuals are the star of this show, a neo-gothic milieu that’s both absorbing and foreboding. Max’s circus (and circus folk) look authentic and lived-in.

Dreamland is a luminous locale, a kind of primordial Disney World. The CGI never strays beyond the boundaries of childlike fancy. This palette only succeeds, though, if it services a story that explores the dark recesses of ostracism, as well as assailing the entertainment industrial complex. But Disney isn’t going to allow a critique of Disney, so we’re left with thin characters inhabiting a thin plot.

Although Dumbo flies, “Dumbo” never takes flight.

CCCC’s Dr. T. Eston Marchant carries pleasant memories into retirement

From CCCC

SANFORD — Dr. T. Eston “Bud” Marchant carries many pleasant memories when he retires as President of Central Carolina Community College, effective April 1.

“There are so many good memories here,” said Dr. Marchant, who came to the college in August 2008. “It’s hard to believe it’s been almost 11 years. It really is very hard to believe and I will miss it terribly, but it has been just such a positive experience from beginning to end. It doesn’t mean that there haven’t been some long days and issues that popped up. But for the most part, it has been a job that you can only dream about and that you only think that could happen in a fairytale. It’s been that positive.”

Dr. Marchant will especially carry good memories of his faculty and staff.

“Over the last almost 11 years, it has been my honor and privilege to have worked with the excellent faculty and staff of CCCC. Their service and commitment to student success is unmatched in the North Carolina Community College System. The successes this college has enjoyed are due to their hard and dedication. Working with you has been the highlight of my professional career. Thank you,” said Dr. Marchant, who also spoke about the outstanding relationships he has had with the CCCC Board of Trustees and with elected officials.



Submitted photo

Dr. T. Eston ‘Bud’ Marchant is retired as President of Central Carolina Community College on April 1.

Dr. Marchant also talked about the students who have been served by CCCC. “Having that ability to meet those students and to see all of them and to watch them succeed has been probably the greatest privilege of my life,” he said.

Julian Philpott, chairman of the CCCC Board of Trustees, said Dr. Marchant had done an outstanding job as president of CCCC. Philpott point-

ed out that Dr. Marchant oversaw the creation of the Central Carolina Works Program and the Central Carolina Promise Program available in Lee, Chatham and Harnett counties.

“To house these programs and improve educational programs and services to the students and CCCC’s service area, numerous new and renovated facilities were developed under Dr. Marchant’s leadership, including new Health Science Buildings in Lee and Harnett counties and one under construction in Chatham County, a new Emergency Services Training building in Lee County, the renovated Dunn Center in Harnett County, and a new addition to the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center in Lee County,” Philpott said. “Dr. Marchant has led CCCC into becoming the largest non-urban community college in the North Carolina system and one of the most respected community colleges in the country. We are indebted to Dr. Marchant for his outstanding leadership as CCCC’s president since his arrival in 2008 and the legacy of excellence he is leaving.”

Upon Dr. Marchant’s retirement announcement, the CCCC Board of Trustees approved a resolution to “formally express our gratitude to Dr. Marchant, recognize him for his decade of outstanding service to Central Carolina Community College and designate him as a ‘Central Carolina Community College Cougar for Life.’”

Central Carolina Community College accomplishments under Dr. Marchant’s leadership have been significant. Under his guidance, the college:

- initiated Central Carolina Works, the state’s first effort to embed full-time college career advisors in each service area high school to facilitate dual enrollment.
- initiated an innovative high school industrial apprenticeship program in welding and machine tool, in partnership with service area high schools and local industry partners.
- initiated the Central Carolina Promise program, which offers free tuition to qualifying 2019 high school graduates in Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties.
- opened various new facilities in the CCCC three-county service area – including Health Science Buildings in Lee and Harnett counties, with a Health Science Building currently under construction in Chatham County.

- received the highest possible marks from its SACSCOC decennial accreditation On-Site visit. The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed the accreditation of CCCC.

- was awarded a \$9.2 million First in the World grant by the U.S. Department of Education. The four-year grant is the largest in the history of the college.

- initiated new workforce programs in various areas.

- initiated a Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter.

- saw continued growth in enrollment during his tenure and the increase in nationally recognized programs, such as CCCC’s Veterinary Medical Technology program in Lee County, the Laser and Photonics program in Harnett County, and the Sustainable Agriculture Program in Chatham County.

- began various articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities.

- saw continued growth through its Foundation and grants programs.

- became the fifth school and first community college in the Campbell University ROTC Battalion.

- established six new TRiO programs at the college.

- was named in 2010 as one of the Top 50 community colleges in the nation by Washington Monthly magazine.

- became the first North Carolina community college to be a signatory to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education’s Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

- became the first community college in the nation to establish a Confucius Classroom.

- launched the 4CNC-TV station in conjunction with county governments to serve the area and provide hands-on experience to broadcasting students.

- opened a Firefighter Academy at CCCC’s Emergency Services Training Center.

During his career, Dr. Marchant has received a number of honors, including the 2019 Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce Dedicated Service Award, 2013 Sanford Herald Citizen of the Year, 2008 Citizen of the Year in Clinton, S.C. (named by the Clinton Chronicle), South Carolina Technical Education Association 2005 Administrator of the Year; Phi Theta Kappa 2003 Distinguished College Administrator of The Carolinas Region; Union County, N.C., Chamber of Commerce 2003 Volunteer of the Year; and the Charleston, S.C., Convention and Visitors Bureau 1998 Tourism Development Award. In addition, Dr. Marchant is one of seven retiring college presidents and chancellors who are being honored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society with the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Marchant says that the college is in great shape.

“It really is poised to make even better and more significant contributions to our three county region, to the state, and even to the nation,” he said.

Dr. Marchant plans to return to his native South Carolina.

“I’m going to visit here often,” he said. “My family is there and I’m going to be involved in a number of projects in South Carolina. I’m looking forward to being able to get back.”

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ed out that Dr. Marchant oversaw the creation of the Central Carolina Works Program and the Central Carolina Promise Program available in Lee, Chatham and Harnett counties.

“To house these programs and improve educational programs and services to the students and CCCC’s service area, numerous new and renovated facilities were developed under Dr. Marchant’s leadership, including new Health Science Buildings in Lee and Harnett counties and one under construction in Chatham County, a new Emergency Services Training building in Lee County, the renovated Dunn Center in Harnett County, and a new addition to the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center in Lee County,” Philpott said. “Dr. Marchant has led CCCC into becoming the largest non-urban community college in the North Carolina system and one of the most respected community colleges in the country. We are indebted to Dr. Marchant for his outstanding leadership as CCCC’s president since his arrival in 2008 and the legacy of excellence he is leaving.”

Upon Dr. Marchant’s retirement announcement, the CCCC Board of Trustees approved a resolution to “formally express our gratitude to Dr. Marchant, recognize him for his decade of outstanding service to Central Carolina Community College and designate him as a ‘Central Carolina Community College Cougar for Life.’”

Central Carolina Community College accomplishments under Dr. Marchant’s leadership have been significant. Under his guidance, the college:

- initiated Central Carolina Works, the state’s first effort to embed full-time college career advisors in each service area high school to facilitate dual enrollment.
- initiated an innovative high school industrial apprenticeship program in welding and machine tool, in partnership with service area high schools and local industry partners.
- initiated the Central Carolina Promise program, which offers free tuition to qualifying 2019 high school graduates in Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties.
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TOWN OF SILER CITY - Customer Service Representative, License Plate Agency (Part-Time) - General Statement of Duties: Performs intermediate administrative support work receiving, processing, recording and accounting for the Siler City License Plate Agency, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, preparing and maintaining records and files, entering data, assisting the public. - Education and Experience Requirements: High School graduate or equivalent, Strong customer service experience involving money handling/collections with heavy public contact, Must become a Notary with the state of North Carolina within six months of hire. Must complete any NC-DOT required training within six months of hire. Hiring Salary: \$13.28 per hour. A4,1tc

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MISC

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of CHARLES LOWELL WRYE, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 12th day of June, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of March, 2019. Cameron Spivey, Executor Estate of Charles Lowell Wrye Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 M14,M21,M28,A4,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 101 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of NANCY D. ALLEN of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of

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said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 14, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 14th day of March, 2019. David L. Allen, Executor 6411 Shiloh Rd Liberty, NC 27298 Charlie D. Brown, Atty for Estate Brown Estate Planning P.O. Box 920 Graham, NC 27253 336-447-8056 M14,M21,M28,A4,4tp

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of BARBARA O. COOK late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of June, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 8th day of March, 2019. Jerry Cook, Executor The Estate of Barbara O. Cook Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 M14,M21,M28,A4,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 120 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of CATHERINE RICE PARKER of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 14, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 14th day of March, 2019. Ralph Leonard Parker, Executor 1157 E. Ferrell Rd Apex, NC 27523 M14,M21,M28,A4,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 123 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of ELOUISE C. BRAY of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 14, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 14th day of March, 2019. Linda B. Rimer, Executrix 200 Overlake Drive Chapel Hill, NC 27516 M14,M21,M28,A4,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of HARVEY EUGENE LEHMAN of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 14, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 14th day of March, 2019. Michael P. Gates, Executor of the Estate of Harvey Eugene Lehman c/o Porsha Washington Deal Law Group, PLLC 3017 South Church Street Burlington, NC 27215 M14,M21,M28,A4,4tp

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. M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

This the 21st day of March, 2019. Timothy Roberts Smirl, Executor c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty. Trust Counsel 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 Fadelly; All those in favor: 7; All those opposed: 0. Resolved, this 4th day of March, 2019. John F Grimes, Mayor, ATTEST: Jenifer J. Johnson, Town Clerk. The 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 nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executrix of the Estate of EDWARD J. CAMERON 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 28, 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 March, 2019. Co-Executrices: Bonnie C. Dajani 1313 English Cottage Lane Cary, NC 27518 Cynthia C. Bowley 3254 Land Harbor Newland, NC 28657 M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 19 CVS 135
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM EMMA J. TEAGUE, Plaintiff vs. ANNIE PALMER, Defendant
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION TO: ANNIE PALMER a/k/a ANNIE L. PALMER
Take notice that a Petition has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is reformation of a deed to property in Chatham County, North Carolina described in the Petition. You are required to file a response to the Petition not later than the 7th day of May, 2019, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This 20th day of March, 2019. GUN & MESSICK, LLP Paul S. Messick, Jr. P.C. State Bar No. 2979 Post Office Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Telephone: (919) 542-3253 Facsimile: (919) 542-0257 Email: pm@gunmessick.com Attorney for Plaintiff M28,A4,A11,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against CLIFFORD LEE POOLE, deceased of Chatham County, N.C. are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 28, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 28th day of March, 2019. Stephen T. Smith, Executor 1313 College Place Raleigh, NC 27605 M28,A4,A11,A18,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 145 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of SUSIE JANET CARROLL, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 88 Acorn Lane, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 28th 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. This 22nd day of March, 2019. Steven Lee Carroll, Executor M21,M28,A4,A11,4tc

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 Representatives 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 140 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executrix of the Estate of EDWARD J. CAMERON 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 28, 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 March, 2019. Co-Executrices: Bonnie C. Dajani 1313 English Cottage Lane Cary, NC 27518 Cynthia C. Bowley 3254 Land Harbor Newland, NC 28657 M28,A4,A11,A18,4tp

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88 Acorn Lane Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 GUN & MESSICK, LLP P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 M28,A4,A11,A18,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Dale L. Merritt
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of DALE L. MERRITT, late of 396 Lyndfield Close W, 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 at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 29th day of June, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 28th day of March, 2019. Kimberly Ruth Merritt, Executor of the Estate of Dale L. Merritt Dori J. Dixon Schell Bray PLLC Attorney for the Estate 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271 Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27517 M28,A4,A11,A18,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
18 E 478 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM LEE RODGERS 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 28, 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. David William Rodgers, Executor 9821 Leslie Drive Chapel Hill, NC 27516 M28,A4,A11,A18,4tp

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by JOSHUA S. DIXON and AMY J. GRAHAM, to William A. Hobbbs, Trustee, dated July 14, 2005 and recorded in Book 1192, Page 317, CHATHAM County North Carolina; default having been made in the payment of the Note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Richard R. Foust, Esq., having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of CHATHAM County, North Carolina, and the holder of the Note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the CHATHAM County Courthouse, in the city of Pittsboro, North Carolina at **11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 17, 2019**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of CHATHAM, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING ALL OF LOT 2, CONTAINING 1.500 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS PER PLAT AND SURVEY ENTITLED "FINAL PLAT OF BAILEY FARM," PREPARED BY BURROW SURVEYS, INC. DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2002 AND RECORDED IN PLAT SLIDE 2002-514, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13177 SILER CITY-GLENDON RD., BEAR CREEK, NC 27207. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of Forty-Five cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS 7A-308 (a) (1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer, and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation 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, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or encumbrances of record any recorded releases. That 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. 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 Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition by an owner or debtor prior to the confirmation of the sale, and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee, in his sole discretion, if he believes the challenge to have merit, may request the Court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser shall have no further remedy other than return of the deposit. The Substitute Trustee, may, in his sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided by NCGS 45-21.23. 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. This the 12th day of March, 2019. Richard R. Foust, Substitute Trustee Richard R. Foust, Attorney at Law Law Office of Richard R. Foust, P.A. 204 Muirs Chapel Road, Suite 102 Greensboro, NC 27410 Ph. No. 336-834-0510 Fax No. 336-834-0160 A4,A11,2tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, April 15, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Exhibit Hall of the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 1192 US-64 BUS. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior

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to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:

Legislative Request: 1. A legislative public hearing request by Chatham County ABC Board to rezone parcel 83475, being approximately .80 acres, located off Moncure Pittsboro Rd, from R-5 Residential to General Use Neighborhood Business, Haw River Township.

Testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item:
Quasi-Judicial Request: 1. A quasi-judicial public hearing request by Antoinette L. Van-Riel for a conditional use permit revision on parcel 19430, being approximately 3 acres, located at 781 Mt. Carmel Church Rd, to add the use of office – business, professional, and governmental, Williams Township.

Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions.

Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.

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TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on April 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:

Tims Farm & Forestry II, LLC proposes to rezone ~262.57 acres from Agricultural-Residential (A-R) to Heavy-Industrial (H-I). The subject property is located along US 64 W. and Stockyard Rd. and is identified as parcel # 13023, 12871, 81024, 13043, and a portion of parcel # 13042.

The 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 hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on April 8 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board.

The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodation

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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of ELI FRANKLIN BROOKS 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 July 5, 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. Brandy Brooks, Executrix 1310 Joe Brown Rd. Bear Creek, NC 27207

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Mowing Chatham County Properties Four Divisions: Facilities & Public Buildings, Water & Utility, Solid Waste & Recycling, and Parks and Recreation

Sealed bids will be received by Chatham County until 2:00 PM EST on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 for the provision of mowing services. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 AM, on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in meeting rooms A&B, in the new Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center (CCACC), 1192 US64 W, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The resulting service contract(s) will be to furnish all implements, equipment, tools, labor and supervision, necessary for the prosecution and completion of the work in four divisions including: the Water Utility group, the Solid Waste and Recycling group, the Recreation group and the Facilities group. No late submittals will be considered. The bids will be opened and read on April 30, 2019 sharply at 2:00 PM EST in auditorium of the old Cooperative Extension Building, (basement level) at 65 E Chatham St., Pittsboro, NC 27312. For information on this opportunity, contact Robin James, Chatham County Procurement Manager, 919-545-8364 or by email at purchasing@chathamnc.org. The bid opportunity is available on the County website at: <https://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities>.

Chatham County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals presented and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities. All qualified bids will be evaluated and acceptance made of the bid(s) judged by Chatham County to constitute the best value offered for the purpose intended. The evaluation will include, but not necessarily be limited to the bidder's qualifications, experience, financial standing, labor supply, supervisory experience and bid price. The County may award one or more contracts, as the County determines to be in the best interest of the County.

All bids are due by 2:00 PM on April 30, 2019 at the below location. No late bids will be accepted for review. Bids must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked "CHATHAM COUNTY MOWING SERVICES BID". Return bid proposals by mail to: Chatham County Finance Office, Attn: Robin James, Procurement Manager, PO Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312; Or delivery to the physical address: Chatham County

Finance Office, Attn: Robin James, Procurement Manager, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Contractors who plan to attend the public bid open, may deliver their bid package to Chatham County at the bid location, and prior to the 2:00 PM deadline. Chatham County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

For Chatham County Family Legal Services Chatham County on behalf of the Chatham County Family Visitation Services (CCFVS) program, is requesting statements of qualification from qualified individuals and firms to provide civil legal services; for specific CCFVS clients referred by the County, in the matter of child custody and related issues involved in domestic violence. Civil legal services will be contracted by Chatham County as provided in the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Justice for Families award. Legal representation will provide advocacy at protective order hearings and additional representation when other resources are not available. Additional representation may include, but not solely limited to custody, child support, divorce and separation. The focus will be on comprehensive family law services. Federal grant funds will be used for this project. Award of a contract is contingent upon a successful negotiated contract with the most qualified submitting firm and compliance with all federal requirements. This announcement and attachments can be found on the County's "Bid Opportunity" webpage at <http://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities>.

Chatham County will receive written responses until 5:00 PM EST on Thursday, May 2, 2019. Responses after this time will not be accepted. The County is requesting 3 hard copies and one electronic on media with the submitted qualifications, prior to the deadline. All copies must be sent to one of the following delivery addresses: Postal Address: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office, P. O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or; Street Address: Robin James, County Finance Office, Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

All inquiries relating to this request should be in writing and addressed to: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312. They also may be faxed to 919-545-2417 or emailed to: purchasing@chathamnc.org. Chatham County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or any part thereof and to select the most responsive proposal that is deemed in the best interest of Chatham County.

Chatham County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 80

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Amy Durso, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of SCOTT R. DURSO, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of June, 2019, or this notice will be plead in bar

of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 29th day of March, 2019.

Amy Durso, Executor for the Estate C/O Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312

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MIKE ROBERSON Sheriff of Chatham County

Post Office Box 429 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY UNDER A WRIT OF EXECUTION

(Pursuant to N. C. General Statutes—Sections 1-313(1) and 1-339.41, et seq.) General Court of Justice State of North Carolina Superior Court Division of Chatham County Morgan v. Red Dot Design and Build, LLC (Court File No.: 18 CVS 576)

To enforce a Judgment previously rendered against the Defendant, a Writ of Execution was issued on the 28th day of February, 2019 by the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County, directing the Sheriff of Chatham County to satisfy the Judgment out of certain property belonging to the Defendant, Red Dot Design and Build, LLC.

Pursuant to that Writ of Execution, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff of Chatham County will offer for sale-at auction to the highest bidder, for cash--whatever rights, title, and interest, if any, in the below described chose of action which Defendant now owns or has owned at any time on or after the docketing of the Judgment in this civil action.

This execution sale will be held on the 19th day of April, 2019, at 10:00 AM, at the CHATHAM COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, 40 E CHATHAM STREET, PITTSBORO, NC. As authorized by N. C. General Statute § 1-315(5), the property for sale is a "chose in action" represented by an indispensable instrument or document and described as follows:

**** NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS ****

1. This is a cash sale. "Cash" includes United States currency, certified bank check or bank-issued money order.

2. Cash payments must be made by no later than 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the day of the sale.

3. A high bidder who defaults by failing to pay is liable under N. C. General Statute § 1-339.69(c) for costs incurred to resell the property and to the extent the final sale price is less than his/her high bid.

4. The Defendant's rights, title and interest, if any, in the above-described property will be sold subject to any and all liens, encumbrances, or other interests which may be of record against it.

5. If the above-described property is jointly owned or co-owned, then the Defendant's rights, title and interest, if any, in this property are sold subject to the rights, title and interest of any joint or co-owner in the property being sold. The Sheriff can only sell the Defendant's rights, title and interest in this property.

6. No representations or warranties (express or implied) are made as to the title or actual value of the chose in action being offered for auction.

7. All bidders are responsible for doing their own research to determine the actual value of the property being sold and as to what liens, encumbrances, or other interests may affect or limit the Defendant's title in the property being sold. This, the 27th day of March, 2019.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 18 JT 32

IN RE: "L.H.", DOB: 07/25/08

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION

TO: Biological father/Father, Domingo Hernandez-Mendes of the above female child born on July 25, 2008 in Orange County, Chapel Hill, NC to Missy Jo Riddle.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from April 4, 2019, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may be terminated upon failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed.

Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney. STEPENSON & FLEMING L.L.P. BY: /s/ ANGETTE STEPHENSON,

Attorney for Petitioner CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 109 Conner Dr., Suite 2008 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 Telephone: (919) 869-7795

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Siler City Self Storage ("lienor"), PO Box 143, Siler City, North Carolina, will hold this public Sale of personal property at its' storage facility on Tuesday, April 16th, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Siler City, NC. The sale will start at 1407 E. 11th St., (Hwy 64 behind Sir Pizza), then to 500 W. 2nd St (behind Maxway), and then to 1112 S. Chatham Ave.

The following persons and property at 1407 E. 11th St., Siler City, NC are subject to this lien sale:

Unit #1048, Joseph Johnson, 210 Nelson St, Siler City, NC 27344

Unit #1100, Rhonda Kinton 1409 E 11th St, Apt 1-B Siler City, NC 27344

Unit #1034, Lucien Evans Maynard 295 Webb Creek Rd Fairview, NC 28730

Unit #1102, Beverly Charlene McLean 1917 Alston Chapel Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312

Unit #1125, Scott Murphy 1102 Lake Drive Siler City, NC 27344

Unit #1074, Kristie Rose 908 MLK Jr Blvd Siler City, NC 27344

Unit #1002, Samantha Mae Stevenson 165 Huss Beal Rd Goldston, NC 27252

The following persons and property at 500 W 2nd St., Siler City, NC are subject to this lien sale:

Unit #108, Kristen Gordon 2400 Bowers Store Rd Siler City, NC 27344

Unit # 142, Doris A Hicks 6006 Dixon Drive Raleigh, NC 27609

Unit #122, Jessica Suthon 7092 E. Highfield St Liberty, NC 27298

Unit #199, Robert Willett 224 N East St Raleigh, NC 27601

The following persons and property at 1112 S. Chatham Ave., Siler City NC are subject to this lien sale:

Unit #256, Melissa Coll 289 Creekside Drive Asheboro, NC 27203

Unit #292, Victoria Delgado 225 Masonic St Pittsboro, NC 27312

Unit #271, Joseph Johnson

210 Nelson St Siler City, NC 27344 **Unit #296**, Gwendolyn Moore 1118 West 3rd St Siler City, NC 27344 **Unit #338**, Christopher L. Wallace 4108 Chatham St Bennett, NC 27208

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 158

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Administrators of the Estate of BILLY JOE JUSTICE 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 JULY 5, 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.

Co-Administrators: William Bobby Justice 59 West Lee Rd Siler City, NC 27344 Lewis R. Fadely 119 North Fir Ave Siler City, NC 27344

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Chatham County Schools' federal projects under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 are presently being developed. Projects included: Title I (Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards), Title II, Title III (Language Acquisition), Title IV A Student Support and Academic Enrichment, Career and Technical Education, McKinney-Vento (Homeless Education), Migrant Education Program, IDEA (Students with Disabilities) - The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) project is presently being amended. The project describes the special education programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for federal funding for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this federal program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of April 23-26, 2019 in the office of Melvin Diggs, Executive Director Exceptional Children and Academically and Intellectually Gifted located at Horton Middle School, Central Office South, Pittsboro, NC.

These projects describe the programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for federal funding for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review these federal guidelines for the above listed projects and indicate their interest in participation of the projects if qualified. These projects are being developed during April and May and are due to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction by June 30, 2019. The initial Equitable Services for Private Schools meeting will be held on April 25, 2019, 2:00 PM, in the Board Room at Chatham County Schools Central Services. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the office of Carol Little, Executive Director Federal Programs and School Improvement, at Chatham County Board of Education, P. O. Box 128 / 369 West Street, Pittsboro, N.C., prior to April 22, 2019.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Duke Energy and county officials to test sirens around Harris Nuclear Plant

NEW HILL — The outdoor warning sirens around Harris Nuclear Plant will be tested between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

The 83 sirens within 10 miles of Harris Nuclear Plant will sound from five to 30 seconds. This test is performed in cooperation with emergency officials in Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Wake counties, who are responsible for sounding the sirens.

Because this is a test, local broadcasting stations will not interrupt regular programming to broadcast Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages. If there

were ever a real emergency at the plant requiring the sirens to be sounded, local radio and television stations would broadcast information and instructions to the public. For more information about the outdoor warning sirens, residents can refer to information available at duke-energy.com/NuclearEP.

Pancake fundraiser to help local non-profit

PITTSBORO — A local organization that helps local residents could use a little help itself this Saturday.

Son Shine and Blessings (SS&B), a Chatham County non-profit organization that helps county residents in

various states of need, is sponsoring a fund-raising pancake and bacon breakfast that day from 7 until 10 a.m. at Highway 55 Restaurant on US 64 East.

Tickets are \$5 and are available by calling SS&B at 919-542-5436. Don't have a ticket? Don't worry; just walk into Highway 55 that morning for the same deal.

SS&B is a faith-based ministry concentrating on care for the elderly and needy population of Chatham County by providing transportation, shopping trips, respite care and similar services regardless of ethnic or religious background. Clients are served without charge.

In addition to those services, SS&B also offers music lessons to underprivileged and home-schooled children, as well as to adults. Lessons are currently

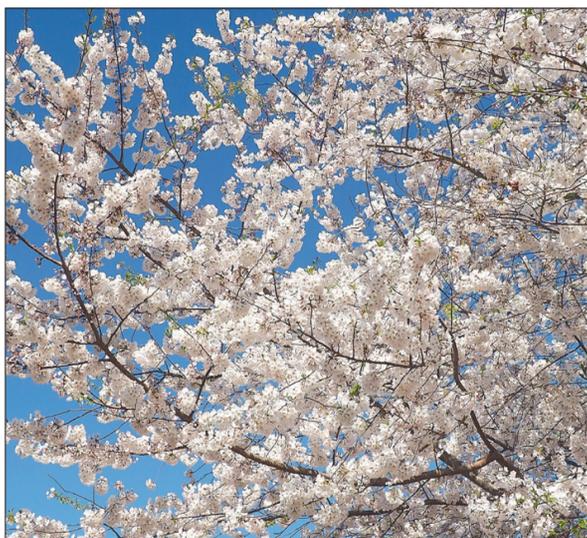
offered in piano, guitar, flute and banjo.

SS&B was incorporated in 2003 as a 501(c)(3) organization, meaning gifts are fully tax-deductible. The mailing address is 298 Lindo Johnson Rd., Pittsboro, NC 27312. More information is also available through email at joyce@sonshineandblessings.com.

"SS&B is always seeking more volunteers and more clients," says executive director Joyce Frank. "If you have a desire to serve your community, consider becoming a part of the effort and use the gifts God has given you."

"The rewards are truly amazing and you'll get more out of your gift of time than you give."

— CN+R Staff Report



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Spring is in the air

Trees and flowers are blooming, as evident from this Yoshino cherry tree at Chapel Ridge last week.



Staff photo by David Bradley

CCCC's book sale

Diane Formy-Duval, foreground, and Melanie Long join other book-lovers at Central Carolina Community College for the Friends of the Pittsboro Library's spring book sale, conducted March 28, 29 and 30.