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Gaylene Bedgood stands in front of her mother's house off Hamp Stone Road in Siler City after the massive storm front blew through the town Saturday.

## Tornado touches down in Siler City, no injuries

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — By Josh Smith's estimation, Friday afternoon's tornado made a specific impression on the land surrounding Community Baptist Church in Siler City.

A U-shaped one. "Just miraculous what the Lord did for our church," said Smith, the church's youth pastor. "This storm, where it start-

ed, it literally made a U-shape all the way around the boundary of our church property. Thankfully we didn't have any damage anywhere on (the) property."

Lasting around three minutes and creating winds up to 105 miles per hour, Friday's tornado damaged roofs of several homes and downed power poles and power lines, but there were no fatalities or injuries.

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## What is the problem?

Understanding the opioid crisis and its effects

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

(Editor's note: this is the first of a five-part series of stories about the opioid crisis, its impact on Chatham County and possible solutions.)

GOLDSTON — Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup took the microphone to welcome the small crowd to the second edition of "It Started with a Script: Prescription Drug Misuse, Addiction and the Opioid Crisis."

"I think there's probably not any of us that have not been affected by it, through family or friends or acquaintances," Cunnup said.

The 10 or so people in the audience, sitting in Goldston's tiny Town Hall, listened.

"It is a very threatening situation," Cunnup continued. "I'm looking forward to learning more about it."



Staff photo by David Bradley

Opioids come in a variety of colors to attract a buyer. Cheap and easy to find, the overuse of the drugs have caused a crisis in the United States.

For the next two hours, law enforcement officials, health experts and community members shared about opioids, the effect of opioids on the body, the growing crisis across America and what it meant for Chatham County. That event, plus an earlier one in Pittsboro and a future edition in Siler City, is part of Chatham County's fight-back.

### A widespread issue

Government officials at all levels have been near unanimous in calling America's vast addiction to opioid painkillers an "epidemic." In October 2017, President Donald Trump officially declared it a public health emergency.

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### BEN JONES TURNS 100

## From 'farm boy' to WWII fighter pilot to Chatham farmer

BY BOB WACHS  
News + Record Staff

On May 4, 1919, a "little ol' farm boy" made his entrance into the world.

A little more than 20 years later, the boy from Apex had become a young man and was seeing the world — much of it from the cockpit of a Curtiss P-40 Warhawk fighter, courtesy of Uncle Sam.

And before it was all over, that little farm boy, as Ben Jones calls himself, would fly 102 World War II combat missions against German and Italian pilots and troops over a period spanning 16 months.

During that time — November 1942 through February 1944 — in the skies over the Mediterranean, Africa, Sicily and Italy, he would be shot at, shot up and shot down. (Twice.) Another time, not in combat, he would bail out of his plane when his engine caught fire.

Today, that "little ol' farm boy" lives on a farm between Siler City and Pittsboro on land where he once ran cattle, miles and years from those places of long ago.

And a week from Saturday, he'll turn 100 years old. "It's no big deal," Jones says, "just another birthday."

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Ben Jones sits in front of a model of plane he flew most in combat, the P-40 Warhawk. The Curtiss P-40 was a single engine fighter that first flew in 1938, and it was available in large numbers at the beginning of World War II. Jones flew the Warhawk in combat, but also flew the P-51 Mustang.

## County attorney: Confederate monument options prepped for May 20 meeting

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Attorney Richard "Jep" Rose told the News + Record that he should have options for handling the Confederate monument in downtown Pittsboro ready for the

Chatham County Board of Commissioners' May 20 meeting.

Rose said the options will "most likely" be given in closed session and doesn't "anticipate...any action" at that time.

"We're going to research the issue from a legal standpoint and detail those for the board," he said.

"We're going to look at several (options). The statue could stay there, there's certainly one."

The commissioners instructed Rose at the April 15 meeting to research legal options for removing the monument from in front of the Chatham

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## Report: Chatham more aware of discrimination in 2018

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Among the myriad of statistics and analysis published in the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment can be found a single statistic about how Chathamites view one another.

The authors of the assessment asked Chatham residents how they felt about the following statement: "People of all races, ethnicities, backgrounds and beliefs in my community are treated fairly."

In 2014, the question was asked, and just 14 percent of respondents disagreed with the answer in some way. In 2018, with a slightly different methodology, the question was asked, and 26.8 percent of respondents disagreed.

Shannon Kincaide Godbout, a policy research associate with the Chatham County Health Department who helped author the assessment, referenced differing methodologies in the reports — the 2018 survey

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### THURSDAY

• The **Liberty Showcase Theatre** will present an original comedy production, *Moon Over Posterior*, at 8 p.m. on April 25 and 26, at 2 and 8 p.m. on April 27, and at 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 [www.the-libertyshowcase.com](http://www.the-libertyshowcase.com).

### SATURDAY

• The Chatham Chamber of Commerce and **Chatham Charm** invite you to join them on April 27 to celebrate the opening of Chatham Charm, located on Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro. Refreshments will be available after an 11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting. The Open House will continue until 4.

• The **Family Bird Walk** with New Hope Audubon Society, that was rained out earlier has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. on April 27. Meet near the old Bynum Bridge in Chatham County below the church located at 54 Bynum Church Rd., Pittsboro. Coming from Chapel Hill/Durham, that's a left onto Durham Eubanks Road (off 15-501), then a right onto Bynum Road. Families and people of all ages are welcome and encouraged to come out for this fun event. Several loaner pairs of binoculars will be available. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Please wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Bring snacks and water if you like. Heavy rain will result in cancellation. For questions, contact Tom Driscoll at [spttdrdshnk@yahoo.com](mailto:spttdrdshnk@yahoo.com).

• The Seagrove Area Potters Association announces their **Kiln Openings and Pottery Tour** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 27 and 28. They are located on Pottery Highway 705 and Beyond, Seagrove. Visit over 50 participating shops and galleries located within a 20 mile radius of the town's center.

### SUNDAY

• There will be a **Bird Walk** with New Hope Audubon Society on Sunday, April 28. Meet at 2 p.m. in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Crossing Shopping Center (1800 E. Franklin Street) in Chapel Hill for a 2-3 hour walk at a nearby site. New birders and those of all skill levels are welcome. Please wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Bring snacks and water if you like. Heavy rain will result in cancellation. Contact Tommy Rickey at [tsrichey@gmail.com](mailto:tsrichey@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

• Temple Theatre and The Rotary Club of Sanford are hosting a joint fundraiser, the **First Annual Murder Mystery Dinner: Bada Bing . . . Bada Boom!** 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 at the Sanford Elks Lodge, 910 Carthage Street, Sanford. Enjoy a 3-Course Italian Meal, hors d'oeuvres, libation and a performance by the Temple Theatre Cast! Call 919-774-4155 for tickets.

• **Northwood High School Bands** will host the 9th Annual **"Motors for Music"** Car show on May 4. A day of music and classic vehicles will fill the parking lot of Alpha Install at 697 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro. Admission for spectators is free. The entry fee for anyone interested in showing their car or truck will be \$25. All proceeds will benefit Northwood High School Band Programs. The show will kick off with registration for participants beginning at 8 a.m. The Car Show hours for spectators will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day. Music will be a major portion of this event and will include the Northwood High School Jazz Band. We encourage the public to attend this event and enjoy the many classic automobiles that will be on display and listen to some great music. More information available on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MotorsForMusicCarShow>.

• **Chatham County Partnership for Children**—Come join us from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on May 4 at the beautiful Chatham County Agricultural and Conference Center right here in Pittsboro

for our annual **Blue Jeans and Bling Benefit for Children**, a fundraising benefit auction. The Partnership promotes opportunities along with education, health, and family support initiatives in Chatham County. We're extremely proud to be supporters of the highly successful "Dolly Parton's Imagination Opportunities for young children to grow up safe, healthy, and able to succeed. With our community partners we plan, fund, and implement quality child care service Library." Chatham County kids from birth to 5 get a jump start on reading by receiving a free age-appropriate book in the mail every month! This year is the Silver Anniversary of the Partnership for Children, and we're planning a special evening of dinner catered by 39 West Catering, drinks, games, and live and silent auctions. There will be something for everybody! So, save the date and visit us at [www.chatham-kids.org/benefit](http://www.chatham-kids.org/benefit) to buy tickets, sponsor, donate or advertise. Hope to see you there!

• The **Chatham Community Library** is offering a series of free computer classes in May and June. You can find a description of each class, including topics covered and prerequisites for attending, by visiting [www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses](http://www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses). All classes take place in the computer lab at Chatham Community Library, 197 NC Hwy 87 N in Pittsboro, on the campus of Central Carolina Community College.  
— Drop-in Computer Assistance: May 8, Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m.; Microsoft Excel Basics, Part 1: May 14, Tuesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m.;  
— Microsoft Excel Basics, Part 2: May 21, Tuesday, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.; NEW! Google Apps: June 4, Tuesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m.;  
— Drop-in Computer Assistance: June 12, Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m.; Microsoft PowerPoint Basics, Part 1: June 19, Wednesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m.; and  
— Microsoft PowerPoint Basics, Part 2: June 26, Wednesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m. The Drop-In Computer Assistance sessions (May 8 and June 12) do not require registration. For all other classes, space is limited and you must register in advance if you wish to attend. Register online at

the address above. For more information, call 919-545-8086 or email [reference@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:reference@chathamlibraries.org).

• The **8th Randolph County Boomer, Senior and Caregiver Expo** is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 15. It is free and open to the public at Sunset Avenue Church of God located at 900 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro. The Expo will provide the opportunity to enhance the health and wellness of baby boomers, senior citizens and caregivers by connecting them to local resources in their own community. It will be a one-stop opportunity to learn about the community resources in a fun and friendly event designed just for them. There will be free health screenings, unique entertainment and numerous educational/informational booths. Save the date for this event, sponsored by the Randolph Senior Adults Association.

• Enjoy a **down-home picnic with Potter Ben Owen III** benefiting the nonprofit North Carolina Pottery Center. The mission of the Center is "Sharing North Carolina's Clay Stories, Past & Present!" The picnic takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. on May 19 at 105 Ben's Place, Seagrove NC 27341. Join Ben and his wonderful wife LoriAnn as they open their home and shop for a down-home, fun-filled afternoon of great food from The Smoke Pit, (beer/wine 21+) and camaraderie. See Ben's gallery and workshop, their family museum, and new state of the art laser engraver, as well as a demonstration by Ben and activities for kids or kids at heart! There'll even be four door prizes, including pieces by Ben and his grandfather. Only 150 tickets are available for this event. They'll go fast, so get yours soon. Tickets are \$125 per adult. Kids under 18 with paying adult, \$25. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.ncpotterycenter.org](http://www.ncpotterycenter.org), at the NC Pottery Center, by phone (336-873-8430), or by sending a check to the North Carolina Pottery Center, PO Box 531, Seagrove, NC 27341.

• **Randolph Health Cancer Center** will host a free skin cancer screening on Thursday, May 23. If you have a mole or discolor-

ation that you are concerned about, come have it checked between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Randolph Health and Cancer Center located at 373 N. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro. Screening is available to anyone who has not had a skin cancer screening in the last two years and who have an unusual mole or discoloration. Participants must pre-register for this event by calling 336-633-7788.

• **ALSO HAPPENING**  
• Descendants of a **Horton High School** alumnus or attendee of Horton High School are eligible to apply for the Horton High School Alumni Association Scholarship for 2018-2019. High school graduates, college students, and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Apply on HHSAA website: [www.hortonhighalumni.com](http://www.hortonhighalumni.com).

• The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open from 11 until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. It is also open from noon until 4:30 p.m. on First Sundays. Admission is free. It is adult and kid friendly. Lots to see and learn about Chatham County history. A new temporary exhibit: Honoring Chatham Places of Worship, Past and Present, will be on display April through June.

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

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Regional Goat & Sheep Conference set

PITTSBORO — The Piedmont Regional Goat and Sheep Conference will take place at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center on May 11. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch provided.

Topics will include internal parasites, deworming, goat carcass evaluation, starting your enterprise, nutrition, finishing meat goats, small-scale budgets, pasture management, and ethnic holiday marketing.

The keynote speaker will be Susan Schoenian, Sheep and Goat Specialist at the University of Maryland. Additional speakers on the program include Derek Washburn from the N.C. Farm School at N.C. State University and Dr. Emily Cope, Livestock Extension Specialist at N.C. A&T State University.

Register Online at <https://go.ncsu.edu/goat-sheepconf2019>. Registration deadline is May 1; early registration fee is \$15, while onsite registration is \$20. Lunch is included in registration.

Make check payable to "Alamance County" and mail to: N.C. Cooperative Extension, Alamance County Center, ATTN: Lauren Langley, 209-C N.

For the sixth straight year, Chatham County received several top awards from the N.C. Dept. of Labor for outstanding safety practices and even exceeded last year's result. For calendar year 2018, Chatham County received 10 Gold Awards and two Silver Awards.

"We have four departments that have earned six consecutive years of Gold Awards, an amazing accomplishment," said Chatham County Safety & Risk Manager Marilyn Grant. "Others have won the Gold Award for three and four straight years."

The Dept. of Labor's awards program recognizes private and public entities that achieve and maintain good safety records. To qualify the county had to verify for each award that the department had no fatalities and maintained an incident rate at least 50 percent below the average for its industry group.

County Manager Dan LaMontagne said, "Our office is very happy to see consistent improvement every year. We have a great safety and risk leader in Marilyn Grant. Could not be prouder of all the recognized departments."

Chatham County's awards for 2018 include:

- Sixth Consecutive Year Gold — Library System, MIS (Management & Information Systems), 911 Telecommunications, and Tax Office
- Fourth Consecutive Year Gold — Chatham County General Administration, which includes Board of Elections, County Manager's Office, Finance, Permit & Inspections, Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Planning and Soil & Water Conservation
- Third Consecutive Year Gold — Water Utilities, including treatment plant
- First Year Gold - Department of Social Services, Solid Waste & Recycling, Parks & Recreation, and Facilities Management

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Read more at <https://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu/2019/03/2019-piedmont-regional-goat-and-sheep-conference/>



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**Marilyn Grant, left, Chatham County's safety and risk manager, accepts Chatham County's many 2018 Safety Awards from the N.C. Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry.**

- Sixth Consecutive Year Silver — Health Department
- Second Consecutive Year Silver — Sheriff's Office

### Dozens of miles of roadway to be revitalized in Randolph County

ASHEBORO — The N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded a contract that will make for a smoother ride along 68 miles of roads in Randolph County.

From this July until Nov. 1, 2020, Sharpe Bros. of Greensboro will perform \$11.6 million worth of milling, resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction.

The work consists of two sections of N.C. 49, a section each of U.S. 220 Business, U.S. 220 Alternate, N.C. 705 and N.C. 22, and 25 sections of secondary roads. The longest span is 13 miles of N.C. 49 between Maurine Drive and New Hope Road west of Asheboro.

The contractor cannot close a lane on Suits Road between the Guilford County line and U.S. 311, or on Tigers Den Road north of High Point Street in Randleman on weekdays from 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. It is also not allowed to close a lane of West Academy Street at the roundabout at High Point Street at any time between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.

For real-time travel information, visit [DriveNC.gov](http://DriveNC.gov) or follow NCDOT on social media.

—CN+R Staff Reports

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## MONUMENT: "Chatham for All" waiting on the board's response

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County Historic Courthouse in downtown Pittsboro.

Rose added that it was still "early in the game" to give any indication on what the options will be and that he hasn't "landed" on whether a state statute prohibiting monuments like Pittsboro's from being taken down applies to this situation.

When action is taken, "that will be public," he said.

Public boards are allowed to hold closed sessions for attorney-client privilege, according to N.C. General Statute

143-318.11, for several reasons, including "consider(ing) and giv(ing) instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration or administrative procedure."

As of now, the board would decide on the monument short-handed. Republican Walter Petty will be leaving the commissioners at the end of April, leaving just four to make the decision. Terry Schmidt, chairman of the Chatham County Republican Party, told the News + Record that the party's executive board will meet later this month to vote

on a recommendation. Meanwhile, the leaders of "Chatham for All," the group which brought the monument before the board and asked for its removal, are waiting on the board's response. Howard Fifer, one of the individuals who spoke Monday on behalf of the group, told the News + Record Friday that the group "ferverently hope(s) for...good leadership from the commissioners."

"To me, good leadership is not waiting until tempers get even more heated, and then you make a decision based on somebody doing something stupid," Fifer said.



The Confederate monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro will be the subject of what will likely be a closed session presentation to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners next month, according to County Attorney Richard "Jep" Rose.

Staff photo by David Bradley

"To me, good leadership is making a decision and clearly stating the reasons for it, owning

the decision, and I have confidence in the leaders that we elected." Fifer added that he

"know(s)" the board "will make a decision in the best interest of the county."

## TORNADO: Community responds to the clean-up effort

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Steve Newton, Chatham County's director of emergency management, told the News + Record that the tornado likely started up southwest of the church and traveled northeast, going through a pasture on Eden Hills Road and likely used the terrain as a ramp, traveling over U.S. Highway 421 in the air on its way to Orange County.

"For us, conditions were ripe for it," Newton said.

The National Weather Service began sending out tornado watches on Friday morning, tweeting out a notification at 10:30 a.m. for parts of Virginia and South Carolina and most of central North Carolina. The NWS issued a tornado warning for Siler City to last until 3:15 p.m. Friday, causing Smith to keep an eye out.

"It was just quick," he said. "It was strange because the first warning was supposed to expire at 3:15. So at 3:10, we're feeling everything's fine. Then they extended it to 3:45. I had been standing

out in the carport just watching. And then 3:37, 3:38, there it was. Really no kind of warning, it was there."

Smith and his family live near the church, so they heard the tornado roll through the area. Smith's son Ryan was even interviewed by WRAL-TV about the storm.

Once the tornado passed, Smith and the church staff put out a call on the church's notification service for help. At 8 a.m. Saturday, more than three dozen people showed up at Community Baptist for clean-up.

"We had everything from kids to senior citizens running rakes, chainsaws," Smith said. "One gentleman brought a truck and a skid steer to help us with some of the biggest stuff. Within a couple hours, we had our church clean."

The group then went to work on nearby houses and yards. Smith said some neighbors of his had trees on their houses, with one "waiting to see if their house is going to be condemned."

Emergency responders and members of the Chatham County Emergency Management Department joined N.C. Department of Transportation workers to help clean-up around the area. Newton said he went on-site once suspicions arose that the storm was a tornado. Once people's safety was confirmed, they went on to "cut and shove," moving trees out of the roadway.

Newton said there were two homes with "significant damage" with several accessory buildings like sheds also receiving damage. He said this tornado was "pretty consistent" with those he's seen in the past, but added it's not as routine for those who feel the effects.

"It was significant for the folks that were in it, in harm's way," he said. Smith said he was encouraged to see the community's response in the clean-up efforts.

"Church is so much more than meeting inside four walls on Sunday," he said. "That's a good start, but it's about reaching out and helping people in



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A home in Siler City lost a garage roof and paneling during Friday's storm. An EF-1 tornado hit the city, with winds that could have reached 110 mph.

our time of need." On Sunday, Chatham County sent out a reminder of how residents can deposit yard debris by bringing it to the Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Main Office, 28 County Services Road, Pittsboro. Debris is accepted from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. County collection centers do not accept yard debris. Items accepted as

yard waste include grass clippings, trees, limbs, stumps with no excess dirt and untreated and

unpainted wood and wood pallets. The charge to dispose of waste is \$20 a ton, with a \$2 minimum.

**Just miraculous what the Lord did for our church. This storm, where it started, it literally made a U-shape all the way around the boundary of our church property.**

**JOSH SMITH**, youth pastor, Community Baptist Church, Siler City



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# VIEWPOINTS

## Rubbernecking: Now we're jammin' (traffic, that is)

We got a jump-start on Easter traffic by leaving early last Thursday morning for Florida to visit our son Addison and his wife Charis. I love driving, and driving long distances, but a trip to the Sunshine State requires traversing I-95, that four-laned paean to bumper-to-bumperdom that seems to turn (whenever I drive it, anyway) into a miles-long parking lot punctuated by palm fronds, kitschy billboards and that most dastardly of human being, the driver who cuts in front of me without using his turn signal. Thankfully, we got there



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From The Publisher's Desk

in fine form and our trip was mostly smooth – with the exception of an extraordinary case of rubbernecking that created one of the longest traffic jams I've ever seen. We were headed south somewhere in the middle of South Carolina when I began to notice the suddenly-slow northbound traffic. I hadn't seen an accident, but as the miles passed, the traffic across the I-95 median going north got slower and slower. Never standstill slow, but 10-20 mph slow. It must have been like that for at least 10 miles. Then, suddenly, our traffic flow began to slow as well. Another 20 or so minutes later, we came upon the accident. The offending bump-up looked bad enough – three cars, pulled off the highway, each with damage enough to make them undriveable, but with no apparent injuries to

the passengers. But it was bad enough to cause hundreds of cars, maybe more than a thousand, to engage in the time-honored practice of gawking. We passed and took our turn checking out the scene. Traffic soon began to speed up. In short order we crossed into Georgia, I-95 became three lanes and it was clear sailing all the way to Winter Park. What was most curious to me, though, was what caused the northbound backup given that the wreck was in the southbound lane. Maybe there was more traffic heading that way, but certainly onlooker delays made it worse. It made me think of the writer and marketing guru Seth Godin, who's taken up the subject of "rubbernecking" in his daily blog a few times over the years. ("Seth's Blog" is required reading for me; you can check it out at <https://seths.blog/>)

In one post, he says that traffic jams teach us a lot about human nature. "In the U.S., when there's an accident on the side of the road, traffic in the other direction slows down," he wrote. "People voluntarily slow down and look over at the carnage. This is nuts." Godin goes on to write that people would never pay money to "go to a movie filled with car wrecks that hurt real people. And yet, they do it from their car. It turns out we're very interested in things that are happening in real time, right next to us. Not only that, but the jam created by this voluntary slowdown can last for an hour or more. And yet, when it's your turn, when you get to the front of the line, instead of saying, 'well, I got punished for the bad behavior of the 1,000 people ahead of me, I'm going to fix that and speed up now,' we say, 'hey, I paid my dues, my turn to

look...'" He calls the act of rubbernecking a "time tax" that we place on those behind us. The explanation, of course, isn't complicated: we slow down to look at the accident to get a really good look; to, in Seth's words, "remind ourselves it's not us. To reassure ourselves it's not someone we know. Phew. Rubbernecking is our way of reassuring ourselves." The problem, though, is that we do the exact opposite when it comes to things we consider "unfixable." Instead of rubbernecking, we avert our eyes. We deny and choose the status quo over digging in and working for a solution. The lesson, he says, is that there are times to look away (and avoid onlooker delays) — and times to gawk, to look more closely. Wisdom is driving to make the right choice.

## Where would we be without maps?

Where would we be without maps? The obvious answer is: we wouldn't have a clue. A long road trip — over my wife's spring break from teaching last week, we traveled from home to Massachusetts, visiting a number of places in between — proved to be a lesson in maps. I haven't checked this, but I'm reasonably certain somewhere in the glove compartment of my car there's a map of North Carolina, though it's been so long since I've consulted a paper map I couldn't say which North Carolina governor is pictured on the document. Maybe James Holshouser. But paper or not, I rely, as we all do, on maps and I did so especially on our recent travels.



**RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
Randall Reflects

Before we left, the first thing we did was enter the address of our destination into the navigation app on our phone. That was simple to do and Siri handily guided us on a path toward Washington, D.C. I'm fairly familiar with our nation's capital, so we didn't do any map consulting while we were there, though our visit to Arlington National Cemetery was greatly enriched by the fold-out map we acquired at the visitor's center of the cemetery's massive grounds.

The next day, we pointed our sedan towards Philadelphia, arriving there, again smoothly, courtesy of Siri, where we visited Independence Hall, the historic setting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the creation of U.S. Constitution. Without Siri's guidance, the maze of unfamiliar streets (many of them potentially confusing one-way routes) in downtown Philadelphia would have been virtually un navigable to us, neither of us having spent any time in that big city.

We stayed in a downtown hotel approximately one mile from Independence Hall. To get there, on foot, we consulted the hotel concierge for directions. She presented from a drawer in her desk a printed map of downtown Philly and circled our destination on it, explaining with a line from her pen the best route for us to walk. Using this map, we found Independence Hall, where we greatly enjoyed an exhibit on, of all things, cartography. There were a lot of interesting artifacts on display about the subject of mapping, including an engraving by William Clark (of Lewis and Clark fame) of the duo's expedition route from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

I particularly enjoyed viewing another old map — it was labeled a "compleat map of the West Indies" by Samuel Dunn, mathematician — that looked pretty accurate to my modern eyes, though Florida appeared much stubbier than the state we now recognize as Florida. That Mr. Dunn, without aid of an aerial view, managed to make Florida look anything like Florida at all is mind-blowing, so I don't fault the mapmaker for a few imperfections.

A short walk from Independence Hall, we visited a museum dedicated to Benjamin Franklin. Among his considerable contributions to our American way of life, Franklin — who had no Siri on which to lean — was a pioneer of the U.S. mail service, himself traveling mail routes and marking them with coded stones. By 1803, I learned, mail carriers traveled more than 3.5 million miles annually.

Siri next guided us step-by-step to Hartford, Conn., where we visited the home of Mark Twain, and from there, after finding our way via a map to another hotel for the night, we left for Pittsfield, Mass. to visit the home of Herman Melville, author of "Moby Dick" and himself a world traveler and, presumably, follower of maps.

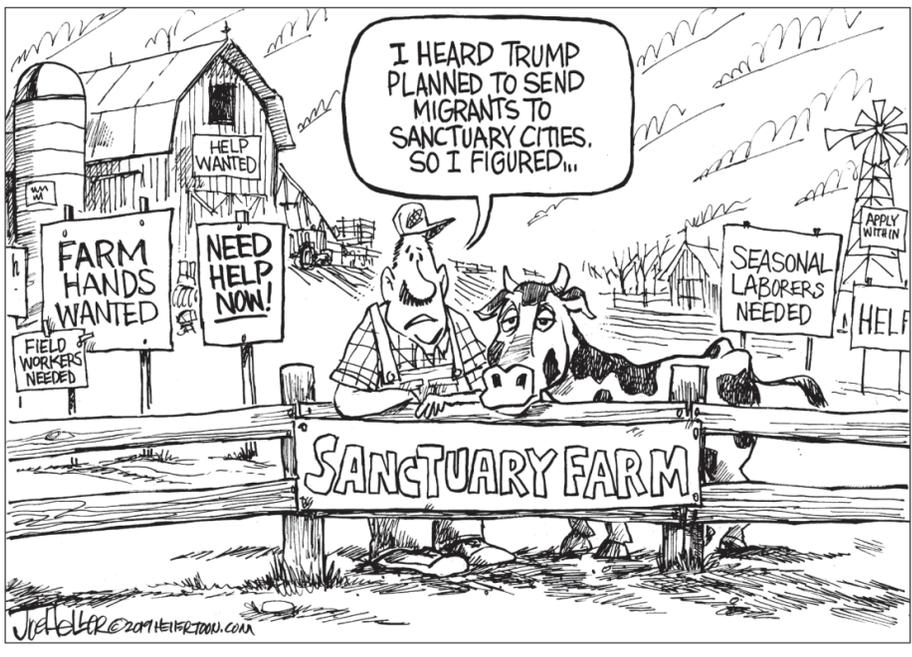
That completed the northernmost stop on our whirlwind tour and from Pittsfield (named, as is our Pittsboro, after British nobleman and politician William Pitt) we turned again towards the south for the long drive home.

Our navigation app guided us effortlessly through the busy highways of New York and New Jersey, telling us which lanes to take, which sides of forks in the road to favor, which exits we needed.

Our trip, loaded with visits of historical interest, relied not only on Siri, but on the work of all those many mapmakers from the past, who did so much meticulous and difficult work so that today motorists like me can travel without much worry at all.

I griped a few times when the traffic was heavy, or when a wreck increased our travel time (all of these obstacles, somehow, communicated to us by Siri), but whenever I felt myself getting frustrated by these 21st century concerns, I paused to remember how contemporary travel is worlds easier now than ever before.

Without the essential help of maps, we might have ended up on the west coast while meaning to head north, or who knows where. Eventually, maps guided us back to familiar turf. And while not specifically mentioned on our map, we were tired and relieved when we pulled our car back into our driveway. It may not be designated as such on any map, but there's still no place like home.



## Putting the call out for better manners

With the benefit of 20/20 hindsight and from looking backward through rose-colored glasses, I have come to believe even more every day many of the things my mother tried to teach me about life in general. Now that I am no longer trying to make a big impression or reinvent the wheel, I find it's easier to take things at face value and know that there is truth in the small things, which often turn out to be not so small.



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

For instance, she used to tell me such things as, "You're known by the company you keep." I'm pretty sure that means that even if you take a bath two times a day and put on lots of Right Guard and Old Spice but still hang around with pigs in a mud hole that you'll pretty soon come to be known as that guy who thinks he smells good but lives with pigs.

Or how about her admonition to "play pretty"? I always was pretty sure I knew what that meant while I was a little fellow and doing it. It was only after I got older and fell in love with words and what they mean and where and how we use them that I got to thinking, "How can I do that?" She, of course, meant that I should not fuss and fight if things didn't go my way and that I should be a nice little boy. That one has stayed with me... for the most part.

There were others. "You can't have your cake and eat it, too" was one. For awhile I rationalized that I had to have it if I was going to eat it but one day my dad explained to me that the saying meant I couldn't eat it and still have it so I decided the best thing to do was go ahead and eat it and not worry about the saying.

Now as I get older and do more and more sitting and pondering and observing us human beings and our sometimes strange but always most often interesting behaviors, one proverb of hers — actually it's more than just one — that keeps coming back more and more and being more and more noticeable is the one about good manners.

Funny, I can't remember word for word all of her sayings about manners but she did drum it

into my head that I should have good ones. Did I always have them? Uh... "no" would be the correct answer here. I knew what to do but I didn't always do it, hence I didn't "have" good manners on those occasions. Sometimes on those occasions another of her beliefs would come into play, namely the one that says, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." She probably didn't follow that one enough but that's another story for another time.

Anyway, manners took lots of forms. Say "yes, sir" and "no, sir"; same thing with the ladies. The big three — thank you, please, you're welcome — were never in doubt. And there were lots of others. But there was another way to "have" good manners — namely, by what you did as much as by what you said. And that idea would lead her to another favorite understanding — "actions speak louder than words."

If I could pass on to young folks today any one simple, "hang-on-to-this" idea it would be that good manners are one of the most important things you can do...or have.

Interesting, isn't it, to consider the things that get our goats. They can be very small, like my brother getting the last piece of chicken at Sunday dinner, or someone slipping into the last and only empty parking space in the mall that I'd been eyeing for half an hour, waiting for traffic to ease up so I could proceed.

If you'll permit me a moment of personal privilege, I'd like to note that as much as any, the one that gets my goat is when someone calls on the telephone and starts full speed into what they want to say. I know why telephones were invented; Alexander Graham Bell's wife wanted a way to keep up with him if she needed something from the store.

And telephones are fine things...in some ways. But I wonder why folks, when they call, don't think that the person they're calling might not be in the middle of their own thought pattern and not ready for a 30-minute conversation? One of the better and more helpful things I've learned about telephone manners through the years comes from my better half. Her habit is to say "Hello," identify herself (something not every caller does) and then ask, "Do you have a moment or is this a bad time?"

I wish more folks would do that. It would make my mama happy.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## LETTERS

### House Bill 655 is a step in the wrong direction

TO THE EDITOR:

N.C. House Representatives Donny Lambeth and Greg Murphy have introduced HB 655 that would expand health insurance coverage to adults aged 19 to 64 earning 133 percent or less of the federal poverty level. Using a private insurance plan managed by Medicaid providers, the program would require beneficiaries to pay a premium equal to 2 percent of their income and co-pays for services.

As I first read this, I thought that this could be a step in the right direc-

tion for low-income workers. To check my thinking, I followed up with some research.

Per [aspe.hhs.gov](http://aspe.hhs.gov), the Federal Poverty Level guidelines for 2019 indicate the following: For a single person the FPL is \$12,490; for a two-person household \$16,910; for a three-person \$21,330.

As an example, for that \$12,500 a year income worker, after contributions to Social Security and Medicare alone (no tax withholding included) take-home pay would be in the area of \$960 a month. I myself am a retired Senior living on a fixed income within that same range. I am grateful to be living in low-income housing. Were that not the

case, I could not afford to live independently even in small-town Pittsboro.

To maintain employment, that working person has to have a vehicle with car payments and insurance and maintenance costs. Rent, utilities, groceries and other necessities add up quickly; and heaven forbid any emergency expenses come up.

When I myself hit Food Lion for staples and then watch the prices on nearly all items creep up, I seriously worry for people with families to feed. And some of those families are living with that \$960 a month with which to work!

For the life of me, I don't see how single people would be able to pay premiums or co-pays for health insur-

ance coverage; and I know for a fact that families could not sustain that cost.

If, like myself, you find these realities heartbreaking and deeply concerning, please write your representatives in Raleigh to express your concern and encourage them not to support this bill. It might be good to send copies to Representatives Lambeth and Murphy as well. Their backgrounds suggest that they are caring men. However, I'm not sure that they thought this bill through in its ramifications for folks who are already financially struggling.

Concerned for All Our Neighbors,  
**Irene Wells**  
Pittsboro

# Train and pay principals wisely

RALEIGH — I believe that the leadership ability and management practices of school principals have a large effect on how well teachers teach and students learn.



**JOHN HOOD**  
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But I admit to being biased on the matter: my late father spent most of his career as a principal in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system.

Still, I base my belief on more than just filial piety. Although there aren't as many formal studies of principal effectiveness as there are of teacher effectiveness, most of the research to date supports the following propositions: 1) the quality of principals is measurable and variable, 2) quality isn't simply a reflection of how long principals have been on the job, and 3) principal quality is linked to educational outcomes.

I don't work in K-12 education but I have spent many years training leaders for public service. In my experience, leadership is a bundle of knowledge, skills, practices, insights and behaviors. Some of these can be learned in formal settings. Others can be mastered only by practice. And some of the required capabilities can't really be learned by aspiring leaders at all — they either come naturally or are acquired in childhood.

Few missions will be as important, and as challenging, as preparing the next generation of principals to lead North Carolina's schools. It should begin with active recruitment of promising candidates, rather than settling for whoever walks in the door. The training should be rigorous and relevant. It should include a full-time residency. And once principals are trained and placed, they should be carefully evaluated and compensated based on performance, not longevity.

As it happens, I have just described North Carolina's

emerging strategy. In 2015, the General Assembly enacted legislation to identify and fund high-quality principal-preparation programs. There are now five regional programs, each tied to a campus: North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, UNC-Pembroke, Western Carolina University, and High Point University. When fully implemented, they'll be turning out about 250 new school leaders every year.

BEST NC, an education-reform group comprising business leaders across North Carolina, has championed this new Transforming Principal Preparation program (TP3) as well as other components such as raising principal pay and tying it closely to performance. It argues that the next step should be to consolidate TP3 and the state's other investment in this area, the Principal Fellows program — leveraging the best practices of each, expanding the number of candidates served, and further strengthening the principal

pipeline.

Naturally, there are critics. Some don't like setting high bars for either principal candidates or principal-preparation programs. Others dislike performance pay. These are big changes, so it's no surprise to hear objections. But the previous system was manifestly ineffective. It didn't serve the needs of students, particularly those in chronically low-performing schools.

In all candor, we should not expect any one set of policy changes to transform North Carolina education. It is a massive, complicated enterprise. Principals matter, to be sure, but so do lots of other factors. And even the studies revealing statistical correlations between principal quality and student success should be interpreted with care.

For example, a study published last year in the journal Education Economics looked at the effects of principals on outcomes in North Carolina elementary schools. It found that principals had "a large effect on students' math and reading test

scores." However, the effect got smaller when the researchers took the performance of individual schools into consideration. In other words, "much of the principal effect we observe might be related to the match between principal and school, rather than an effect that principals can carry from one school to another."

The authors didn't conclude that improving overall principal quality would have no effect on educational outcomes. It would boost those outcomes. What the study shows, however, is that it is also important to study and replicate effective matches between specific principals and schools.

Sounds like a job for school superintendents — another set of leaders whose effectiveness is of critical importance.

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## North Carolina's Scotts: too much for one column

The Scott family. Too much for one book. Too much for one column.



**D.G. MARTIN**  
One on One

Five years ago, in "The Political Career of W. Kerr Scott: The Squire from Haw River," Julian Pleasants chronicled the exception-

al life of the only governor of North Carolina who proudly called himself a liberal. Kerr Scott was governor (1949-1953) and U.S. senator from 1955 until his death in 1958. He broke the hold of a conservative Democratic Party establishment and opened the door for the progressive administrations of future governors Terry Sanford, Robert Scott and Jim Hunt.

Missing from Pleasants' excellent book was the story of the entire Scott family and its role in North Carolina political life. Former Raleigh News & Observer political reporter and columnist Rob Christensen takes up that task in "The Rise and Fall of the Branchhead Boys." He follows the Alamance County farm family beginning with Kerr Scott's grandfather, Henderson Scott (1814-1870) a slave-holding farmer. After the Civil War he became active in the Ku Klux Klan and was briefly jailed as a result.

Henderson's son, Robert (1861-1929) continued the family farming tradition. He spent almost a year in New York state to study modern farming methods. Then, after transforming his own farming operations, he shared his expertise throughout the state, earning the nickname "Farmer Bob." Active in politics, he served in the state house and senate and unsuccessfully ran for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Robert had 13 children including two important political figures, Kerr (1896-1958) and future powerful state legislator, Ralph (1903-1989).

Christensen does a good job of reviewing and supplementing Kerr Scott's political career as covered in Pleasants' more detailed account. He describes how Kerr Scott defeated the favored gubernatorial candidate of the conservative wing of the party in 1948. When in office he adopted a liberal program of road building, public school improvement, and the expansion of government services. Hard-working and hard-headed,

direct and plain-spoken, he appointed women and African Americans to government positions and disregarded criticism of his actions. Then, when elected to the U.S. Senate in 1954 as a liberal in a campaign managed by future Governor Terry Sanford, he nevertheless joined with fellow southerners to oppose civil rights legislation.

Christensen's greater contribution to the Scott family saga is his account of the political career of Kerr's son, Bob Scott (1929-2009). Young Bob grew up on Kerr's dairy farm and, like his father, became active in farmers' organizations, working in political campaigns, including Terry Sanford's 1960 successful race for governor. By 1964, at age 35, he was ready to mount a statewide campaign for lieutenant governor. But two senior Democrats, state Senator John Jordan and House Speaker Clifton Blue, were already running. Christensen writes, "In some ways Scott had broken into the line."

Nevertheless, with the help of powerful county political machines, he won a squeaker victory in a primary runoff over Blue.

Scott used his new office to run for the next one, giving hundreds of speeches each year and eating meals of "razor thin roast beef, seventeen green beans, a wad of mashed potatoes and apple pie the density of lead."

Meanwhile, Christensen notes, "The growing white backlash against racial integration gave Scott reason for caution." He won the 1968 Democratic nomination over conservative Democrat and later Republican Mel Broughton and African American dentist Reginald Hawkins.

The results of the presidential contest in North Carolina marked what Christensen calls "the breakup of the Democratic Party." Richard Nixon won; George Wallace was second, and Hubert Humphrey was third.

Nevertheless, in the governor's race Scott faced and beat Republican Jim Gardner.

The mountains of bitter controversies in the areas of race, labor, student unrest, and higher education administration he confronted are too much for this column to cover.

We will continue in a later column.

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## When will lawmakers go home?

Our legislature has been in session since January 30th and at last count 17 bills had been approved by both houses of the legislature and sent to Governor Cooper's desk for approval or veto. Traditionally that

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N.C. Spin

pace quickens following the Easter break.

This session has been quieter than some recent ones for two reasons, most notably because legislators had already passed most all their bucket list agenda. More practically, leadership no longer has veto-proof majorities in either chamber and Governor Cooper has repeatedly demonstrated he doesn't mind using his big red veto stamp.

There are some contentious items already. For instance, it is unlikely Cooper will approve the requirement that all sheriffs must adhere to the 287(g) requirements to detain those whom ICE wants held. Neither is the just-passed "born alive abortion" bill likely to be signed into law.

Hopefully these controversies can be kept to a minimum, as there are many serious items needing resolution. The courts have dictated that Congressional districts and some

legislative districts be redrawn before the 2020 election. Judges allowed the old districts to stand in 2018 because there wasn't enough time to draw new boundaries before the election, but there's plenty of time to do so before next year's votes. If lawmakers drag their feet, the judges themselves might draw the maps, something lawmakers don't want. After so many redistricting court cases there is hope our state might finally establish an independent redistricting commission to draw new congressional and legislative maps in 2021, as will be required after results of the 2020 census are made known.

The recent absentee ballot scandal dictates an honest evaluation of changes needed to restore trust in our elections. Voter ID requirements need to be clarified if they are to be implemented in 2020. There are issues regarding the State Health Plan, association health plans, Medicaid managed care and Medicaid expansion to address. As always, a plethora of education topics are under consideration, especially a renewed emphasis on reading, a serious examination about restoring confidence in the governance of our state universities and whether to undertake major school construction by asking voters to approve a bond referendum or by implementing pay-as-you-go financing. Add to that list teacher and state employee pay

increases, further hurricane relief, prison reforms, economic development restructuring and environmental issues. There's much to be done.

We will know more about how long this session will last when the legislature rolls out its biennial budget next month. Lawmakers have been working on the spending plan behind closed doors for some weeks and hope to pass it in time for the new fiscal year that begins July 1, but a gubernatorial veto could force the session to drag out into the summer. Look for how many "sweeteners" lawmakers put in the budget to encourage Cooper to sign it, along with how many special provisions they slip into the document that might discourage approval.

With the candidate filing period due to open in December and Primaries early next March, all politicians will want to wrap up this session in early July and rest a bit before campaigns begin in earnest. We will know soon enough whether that is likely.

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# Pittsboro reviews unregulated chemicals in its drinking water

BY CASEY MANN  
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PITTSBORO — Meeting Monday, the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners reviewed the nature of its water quality with respect to unregulated chemicals and considered treatment options and costs.

The town contracted with CDM Smith, an engineering and construction company which provides solutions in water and other arenas for government and private clients. The company is working with the town on a water supply and treatment plant expansion study, which is still in its draft stage, but commissioners requested the company provide an initial review of the unregulated chemicals in the town's drinking water and provide an initial review of potential treatment options.

The company used data collected by N.C.

State University in 2013 and 2018 as well as data collected by the Haw River Assembly in August 2018 to determine the levels of certain chemicals in the Haw River, which supplies the town's drinking water. The data sets identified levels of 1,4 Dioxane, a solvent in the manufacture of other chemicals and as a laboratory reagent. The data also identified several perfluorochemicals, a group of chemicals used to make coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. None of the identified chemicals are currently regulated by either the state or the federal government with regard to "safe" levels in drinking water.

The data showed that the concentrations of the chemicals are more significant in the Haw River as it comes downstream. The likely cause, according to the

CDM Smith, are manufacturing facilities and wastewater treatment discharges from localities upstream in Reidsville and Burlington. The data also showed that when the water reaches Jordan Lake, the concentrations are notably diluted. As a result, Pittsboro's water treatment plant must deal with far higher concentrations in the removal process than treatment plants that use Jordan Lake for its drinking water supplies.

CDM Smith also noted that this particular combination of chemicals is unique to the Cape Fear River Basin of which the Haw River is part. In discussing potential treatment options, the company noted that because of this combination, the town would likely need to consider a combination of techniques to remove the chemicals. Adding to the challenge, as the chemicals are not

regulated, there is no guidance for the town to determine to what degree the chemicals must be removed.

CDM Smith provided four different advanced treatment options during the meeting for removal of the targeted chemicals. Company representatives noted that none of the options were necessarily perfect as the removal of these particular chemicals is still in the early stages of development. Each of the options also carries different capital costs to initialize. In addition, the company was unable to provide any operating costs because they were unsure how long the supplies required for each option to remove the chemicals will last considering the levels of chemicals in the Haw River and how much disposal costs for would be.

CDM Smith noted that a reverse osmosis treatment option would yield the best results, but was

also the most expensive — costing between \$11-23 million for start-up costs alone. Another consideration for reverse osmosis is the after the chemicals are removed from the drinking water, they are returned back to the river. The "combination" treatment systems can run between \$8-21 million for start-up costs. However, other mediums used in the process, such as carbon, would also have to be disposed of either in a landfill or burned.

These treatment options would be the last step in the process. The costs for these systems do not include the additional costs for expanding the plant and upgrading the standard water treatment equipment that also must be in place. Those costs were not provided on Monday night because the study has not yet been complete.

CDM Smith suggested the town perform a pilot comparison at the plant

before determining which treatment option might best serve the town. The pilot comparison would at least partially answer several questions such as how well do each of the treatment options perform and how long with the mediums that remove the chemicals last. The company also noted that since there are no guidelines for these chemicals, the town would need to determine a goal for the treatment which could be a base-level of chemicals or a percentage of reduction of chemicals.

Since the discussion was a preliminary one, the board made no decision about how to move forward. Members did ask for certain data sets to be included in the final study for clarity. There was no definitive date given for the completion of the entire water supply and treatment plant expansion study.

# OPIOID: 'It's people you go to church with, people you work with'

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cannot allow this to continue," Trump said in his announcement. "It is time to liberate our communities from this scourge of drug addiction. We can be the generation that ends the opioid epidemic."

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services defines opioids as "a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and pain relievers available legally by prescription, such as oxycodone (Oxycontin), hydrocodone (Vicodin), codeine, morphine and many others." Legal opioids, often used as prescription pain medicine, can be helpful, the HHS says, but misuse can lead to dependence and addiction.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, about 130 people or more die every day from opioid-related drug overdoses in America — a total of 47,600 in 2017. Also that year, more than two million people had an opioid use disorder, and 886,000 people used heroin. According to the White House, almost a third of all children removed from parents and placed in foster care are taken from from their families because of parental drug abuse.

North Carolina's numbers reflect a similar issue. An estimated 450,000 North Carolinians — about 5 percent of the population — are living with an opioid use disorder, and more than 12,000 North Carolinians have died from an opioid overdose in the last 20 years. In 2018, there were 6,769 visits to an emergency room related to opioid overdoses.

On April 4, state Attorney General Josh Stein announced a new initiative called "More Powerful NC," described in a press release as "a public education campaign to prevent

and confront opioid addiction by empowering people to fight against addiction in their communities." The government has partnered with healthcare providers Blue Cross & Blue Shield and Atrium, among others, for the effort.

"The opioid epidemic is ripping through North Carolina and leaving a trail of sick and grieving people in its wake," Stein said in a statement. "More Powerful NC will raise awareness of addiction and hopefully spur action in local communities. I want people all over this state to appreciate that together, we are more powerful than this epidemic."

## Chatham's problem as well

Chatham County is not immune to the epidemic.

At the Goldston meeting, Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson referenced a 2013 incident in which three people died in one night from cocaine use and 10 others went to the hospital. The cocaine was laced with fentanyl, a man-made painkiller that's between 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. Fentanyl is among the most common drug involved in overdose deaths in the U.S., with the National Institutes of Health stating that 59 percent of opioid-related deaths in 2017 involved it.

While telling the story, Roberson added, "We've just seen the spike in the last couple years."

Specific Chatham County numbers related to opioids are hard to define — Roberson said many Chatham residents will go to hospitals outside the county, skewing numbers — but a few concrete stats are available. As reported in the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment, 5.7 percent of Chatham residents said they had a friend or family member that had misused

prescription drugs in the past year, with opioids accounting for 74.7 percent of those drugs. The report also revealed that 17 percent of Chatham high school students said they had ever taken prescription pain medicine without a prescription or differently than prescribed, up from 11 percent in 2014.

The CCCA also stated that rates for opioid overdose deaths, hospitalization for newborns with drug withdrawal syndrome and prescription opioid pills per outpatient procedure were lower than the state's average, and the county has seen a reduction in opioid prescriptions and an increase in individuals receiving treatment. However, the report also said that "the trend upwards" in overdose deaths and hospitalizations in the state has been "mirrored" in Chatham.

Casey Hilliard, the health policy analyst at the Chatham County Health Department, said at the Goldston event that there were six opioid overdose deaths in 2017 and five in the first half of 2018, with 85 percent of them involving fentanyl or heroin.

## It doesn't discriminate

Speaking before the opioid awareness event in Goldston, Roberson emphasized that the crisis couldn't be stopped by traditional methods.

"We are not going to be able to arrest our way out of this problem, and we're not going to be able to afford to treat our way out of this problem," he said.

It's a problem that's affected many different people from different backgrounds of life.

Most of the crowd at the Goldston event were white, middle-aged and older individuals. Not the normal stereotype of illegal drug use.

"I want you to look at each other," Roberson said to that crowd. "This is what the people

## THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS



**130+**  
People died every day from opioid-related drug overdoses<sup>3</sup> (estimated)



**11.4 m**  
People misused prescription opioids<sup>1</sup>



**47,600**  
People died from overdosing on opioids<sup>2</sup>



**2.1 million**  
People had an opioid use disorder<sup>1</sup>



**81,000**  
People used heroin for the first time<sup>1</sup>



**886,000**  
People used heroin<sup>1</sup>



**2 million**  
People misused prescription opioids for the first time<sup>1</sup>



**15,482**  
Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin<sup>2</sup>



**28,466**  
Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone<sup>2</sup>

### SOURCES

- 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Mortality in the United States, 2016
- NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017
- NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Estimates for 2017 and 2018 are based on provisional data.

Updated January 2019. For more information, visit: <http://www.hhs.gov/opioids/>



Photo courtesy of More Powerful NC

## These pills aren't safe to take in some manners. They are addictive, and that's a real thing.

SGT. RONNIE MILLER, Chatham County Sheriff's Office

look like that have the problems. It's in your houses, it's in people's houses that look like you."

County Health Director Layton Long echoed Roberson a few minutes later.

"It's people you go to church with, people you work with," he said. "I've seen it in my own occupation. Good people get in circumstances that get out of control."

Later in the evening, Sgt. Ronnie Miller with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office

spoke about a group of people the department arrested last year that were "good families."

"They were elderly couples that couldn't afford their prescriptions," Miller said. "They ran into an unfortunate situation. These pills aren't safe to take in some manners. They are addictive, and that's a real thing."

COMING IN PART 2 NEXT WEEK: How did "The Problem" start? A look at three root causes.

# DISCRIMINATION: Report outlines disparities on the basis of race

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had a "neutral" answer and said sampling procedures were altered — but said the difference "is certainly important to note."

For Ilana Dubester, the founder and executive director of El Vinculo Hispano in Siler City, she was glad to see the number rising.

"The change might come from greater awareness in terms of greater public debate and conversation around equality that maybe makes people more aware of the face that everybody does not have the access that white people do," Dubester said. "The national discourse has made it more blatantly clear the disparities that minorities are facing in our society."

Kincaide Godbout said ethnic and racial disparities beyond the perceptions of racism and discrimination exist in the county, particularly when it comes to "well-being and health outcomes."

"While exact measurements of discrimination are difficult, it is im-

portant to recognize the impacts of institutional processes can create exclusions that can be passively accepted as norms," the report said. "Communication, transparency and representation are all components of a health, thriving community, identified by community members of color. People want care, but they also want assurance that they will be supported and respected as they navigate local systems."

The report also outlined disparities in other statistics on the basis of race. For example, 11.6 percent of whites live in poverty in Chatham, compared to 22.6 percent of African-Americans and 32.3 percent of Hispanic/Latinx individuals. The infant mortality rate, defined as number of infant deaths per 1,000, is 9.8 for whites, 22.6 for Hispanics and 26.7 for African-Americans in Chatham County.

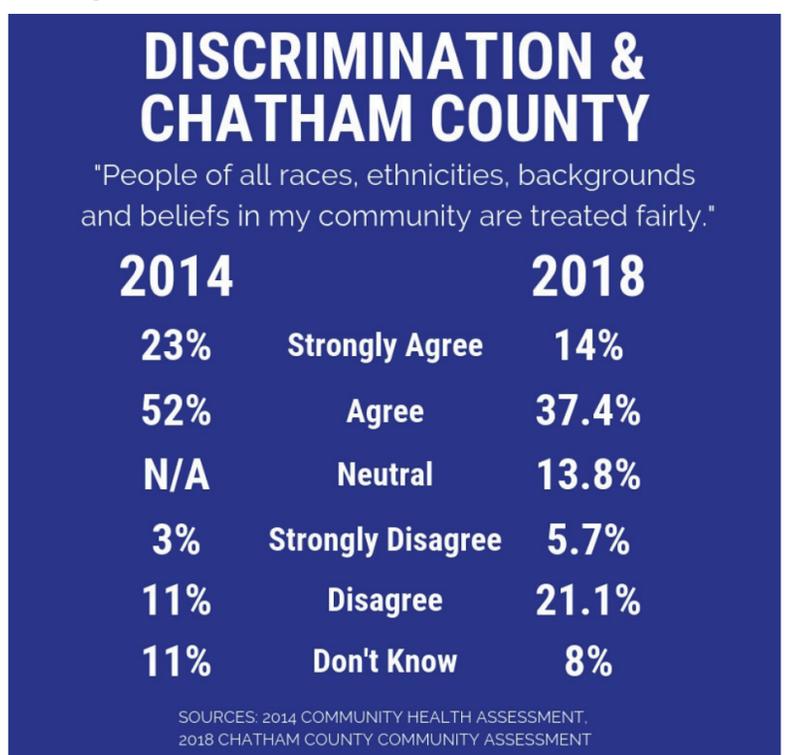
Kincaide Godbout said the CCCA intentionally broke down some statistics by race, income, education and more "to highlight that issues af-

fect different populations differently."

"This acknowledgment is meant to be a starting point from which to examine why these disparities exist and what can be done to eliminate them," she said. "These disparities are not unique to Chatham, as many of the underlying causes result from broad discriminatory policies and practices, but work can certainly be done at the local level to promote and work toward equity."

The Chatham Health Alliance, which partnered with the Chatham County Health Department to develop the assessment, has an Equity Subcommittee which has been formed to work on these issues. Jan Wilson, one of the members, told the News + Record that the group is still in the formation stages and is beginning its work.

"The Alliance has chosen three target priorities to focus on: Comprehensive Health and Mental Health, Obesity and Poverty," Wilson said. "Eventually, the Equity Com-



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

mittee will be working with all three of the Subcommittees as the issues of equity range

across everyday life. At this point, we are just starting to create what that will look like."

Wilson added it will be three to four months before the full development of a strategic plan.

# OBITUARIES

## WILLIE RALPH "BILL" WALDEN II



Willie Ralph "Bill" Walden II, 70, of Siler City died Friday, April 19, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Walden was born February 4, 1949, a native of Chatham County and the son of Willie Ralph and Rev. Mattie Ruth Matthews Walden. Bill was the current pastor for Harris Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Siler City and was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church. He had worked for Union Carbide in Asheboro and was owner/operator of Walden Sound Systems, LLC in Siler

City for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Melinda Walden, of the home; children, John C. Walden and wife Tammy of Siler City, Angela W. Coley and husband Milton of Raleigh, Joseph M. Walden and wife Tonya of Sanford; grandchildren, Ariyan, Tyler, Tamaya, Aaliyah, Troy; and numerous relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church, 914 Martin Luther King Blvd, Siler City. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Barry R. Gray officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Cards and memorial donations may be made to: Walden Sound Systems, LLC, 548 Lighthouse Church Road, Siler City, NC 27344. Floral donations may be sent to Smith & Buckner Funeral Home.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## MOSLEY ALLEN BARBER

Mosley Allen Barber, 82, of Goldston, passed away peacefully Monday, April 22, 2019 at Universal Health Care in Ramseur.

Arrangements will be announced by Smith & Buckner Funeral Home in Siler City.

Mosley was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Edna Dickerson Barber, and his oldest son, Steve Allen Barber.

Mosley loved his family. He is survived by one son, Dennis Barber and wife Wendy of Newport; three grandchildren, Sean Barber of Newport, Kevin Barber and wife Angie of Boone, Jaimie Barber Palmer and husband Jason of Ketchikan, AK and four great-grandchildren, Krista Barber, Mackenzie Barber, Olivia Palmer, Mosley Palmer; and numerous nieces and nephews who loved him deeply.

Mosley worked very hard all of his life, literally "getting up before the chickens" daily to work at Townsend Hatchery and later the Feedmill. Mosley loved fishing and spent a lot of time at the coast with his grandchildren, fishing from the piers. He also loved nature and animals, taking care of the birds, especially hummingbirds. He had swarms of them at his feeders always. In his retirement, he enjoyed sitting in the yard watching them and the butterflies on the flowers. Another great love of his was listening to Gospel and Bluegrass music, which he watched or listened to daily on RFD TV. He loved to read and seemed to know a little about everything.

Always the jokester, with quick wit, he has left his family with so many wonderful stories and memories.

Rest in Peace Dad, Poppy Mo, uncle, cousin and friend to many! We will see you again!

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

## WILLIAM "BILL" TED TROGDON



William "Bill" Ted Trogdon, 87, of Asheboro, NC, passed away Friday, April 19, 2019 at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home.

The family received visitors from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2019, at Ridge Funeral Home in Asheboro. There was a celebration of life service immediately following at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at Ridge Funeral Home with Rev. Caitlin Tremper and Rev. Don Haynes officiating. Burial followed in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Born to Lina Walters Trogdon and Ted Trogdon, Bill, as many people knew him, was involved in many organizations. Bill worked at Asheboro Concrete Products Company for 40 years, where he was also a co-owner. He was a charter member of Eastside Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. He also helped establish Siler-Rand Bowling Association, which is now the Greater Asheboro Bowling Association. Bill is a member of the North Carolina Bowling Hall of Fame. He was a member of First United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Christian Love Sunday School Class. Here, he served as an usher and was also involved in other committees at his church. Bill was an avid golfer and bowler, enjoyed many years of worldwide travel, spent countless summers at Badin Lake, was a great neighbor, and was always putting a smile on faces with his wit and charm.

Bill is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ann Clark Trogdon; sons, Randall Trogdon of Asheboro and Michael Trogdon of Timberlake; two granddaughters, Kristyn Trogdon and Karolanne Trogdon Martin and husband, Nick Martin. He is also survived by two brothers, Bruce Trogdon and wife, Doris; Vernon Trogdon and wife, Judy; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family thanks Randolph Hospital for your care and guidance. Also, thank you to Clapp's for your excellent care and unwavering support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: First United Methodist Church via Online Giving ([www.fumcasheboro.org](http://www.fumcasheboro.org)) or mailed to 224 N. Fayetteville Street; Asheboro, NC 27203.

Condolences may be made online at: [www.ridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.ridgefuneralhome.com).

## WILLIAM "BARRY" LAMBETH SR.

William "Barry" Lambeth Sr., age 71, of Moncure, died Monday, April 22, 2019 at the Jim and Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

Barry was born in Lee County on September 18, 1947, to the late Alfred Thomas Lambeth and Esther Smith Lambeth. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Alfred Thomas Lambeth, Jr.

Barry was a US Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War on the USS Lexington (1968-1972). He was a tool maker for 32 years. Barry loved being outside doing yard work and planting flowers which he generously shared with family and friends. He loved his pets, boating and camping, eating out, going to the beach and on cruises with his beloved wife, Connie.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Connie Foushee Lambeth; son, William Barry Lambeth, Jr. and wife Kelly; and three grandchildren, Emily, Anna, and Sarah.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Chatham United Methodist Church with Pastor Danny Berrier and Dr. Gary McCollough presiding. A private burial will be held at a later date.

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

Condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

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

## VIOLA FORE BOWLIN

Mrs. Viola Fore Bowlin, 88, of Sanford, died Saturday, April 20, 2019, at her home.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Ephesus Baptist Church with Rev. Roger Thomas officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bowlin was born in Lee County, on June 21, 1930, to the late James Roden Fore and Mary Bunnell Fore. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters Maggie Pearl Smith and Mary Sue Hoadwonic.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Bowlin Moody; brothers, James Fore of Sanford, Joe Fore of SC; sister, Jeanette Carter of Sanford; and one grandson.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

## BEULAH MAE KATHLEEN "KATHY" MANESS COX

Beulah Mae Kathleen "Kathy" Maness Cox, 78, of Bennett, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2019 at Randolph Hospice House.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Riverside Baptist Church, where she was a member, with Rev. Kenneth Bouldin and Rev. Robert Lee Kidd presiding. Burial was at Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Kathy was born on December 19, 1940 to A.C. and Lizzie Garner Maness. She was retired from Ramtex spinning department. Her parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Russell Odell Cox of the home; daughters,

Vicky Wright of Ramseur, Teresa Smith of Robbins; son, Randy Cox of Siler City; brother, Bobby Maness of Ramseur; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Randolph Hospice, 446 Vision Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203.

Condolences may be offered online at: [www.joycebrady-chapel.com](http://www.joycebrady-chapel.com).

## JOHN WAYNE CONNER

John Wayne Conner, 74, of Ramseur, passed away April 21, 2019 at the Randolph Hospice House.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Maple Springs United Methodist Church with Joey Miller presiding.

John was born in Guilford County on October 28, 1944 to John B. and Gladys Spencer Conner. He was previously employed as a painter in a body shop, and was of the Baptist faith. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, General Douglas Conner.

Survivors include daughters, Susan Conner Casey of Ramseur, Cindy Conner Ferguson of Seagrove; sons, James Wesley Conner of Asheboro, Jeffrey Wayne Conner of Winston-Salem; sister, Sue Freeman of Asheboro; brothers, David J. Conner of Asheboro, Thomas Tyson Conner of Morganton, James William Conner of Seattle, WA; adopted daughter, Amy Carter (Brian) of Randleman; eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Flowers are accepted or donations can be made to Randolph Hospice House, 446

Vision Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203.

Condolences may be offered online at: [www.joycebrady-chapel.com](http://www.joycebrady-chapel.com).

## BRENDA IRENE HALL PATTERSON

Brenda Irene Hall Patterson, 47, of Cameron, died Saturday, April 20, 2019 at her home.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, Inc.

## LA'SHANDA DEVONNE BLUE

La'Shanda Devonne Blue, 42, of Sanford, died at her home Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Works for Christ Christian Center. Interment followed at the Church of God Cemetery (Olivia area).

## ANNIE ELIZABETH DOWDY

Annie Dowdy, 78, of Sanford passed on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at UNC Hospitals.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 19, 2019 at Knotts Funeral Home. Robert Lee Mitchell

## ROBERT LEE MITCHELL

Robert Lee Mitchell, 44 of Bear Creek, passed on Monday, April 15, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

A Time of Remembrance was held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## GILBERT MORRISON

Gilbert Morrison, 66 of Aberdeen, passed on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Moore Regional Hospital.

A Time of Remembrance was held at 5 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2019 at Knotts Funeral Home.

## GEORGIA MAE MARTIN

Georgia Mae Martin, 77 of Sanford, passed on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2019 at New Zion Baptist Church in Sanford. Visitation will be held Thursday April 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## JOHNNIE LEE MCNEIL

Johnnie Lee McNeil, 77 of 1326 Brookhollow Dr., Sanford, NC passed on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Liberty Commons.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Emmanuel Glorious Church of God in Sanford.

## DENZEL GREEN

Denzel Green, 26, of Siler City passed on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts & Son Funeral Home, Siler City.

## TODD SCOTT COTTEN

Todd Scott Cotten, 56, of Manhattan, NY (formerly of Chapel Hill) passed on Sunday, April 7, 2019.

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home - Chapel Hill.

## THELMA INEZ (WILSON) MARSH

Mrs. Thelma Wilson Marsh, 84 of Bear Creek passed on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

## MRS. ANNIE LUCILLE BROWER

Mrs Annie Lucille Brower., 87, of Bennett, passed on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at her home. Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home, Siler City.

## LORI J. HUBBARD

Lori J Hubbard, 51 passed on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital. Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## FRANK MURPHY JR.

Frank Murphy Jr., 72 of Sanford, passed on Friday, April 19, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## ELIZABETH ANN RAMPEY

Elizabeth Ann Rampey, 60, of Sanford, passed on Tuesday, April 17, 2019 at her residence.

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## CYNTHIA WILLIAMS

Mrs Cynthia Williams, 66. of Siler City, passed on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home, Siler City.

## DELOISE HUTCHERSON

Deloise Smith Hutcherson 71, of Sanford, passed on Sunday, April 21, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

## ROBERT PETER (BOB) COLOMBO

Robert Peter (Bob) Colombo, 88, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2019 at Hillcrest Rehab Center in Raleigh.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. at North View Christian Church in Sanford, followed by his burial at Lee Memorial Garden Cemetery.

He was born February 23, 1931 in Haskell, N.J. to Angelo and Emilia Bighinzoli Colombo. He attended Butler H.S. and began working in the textile industry at Wuester Woven Labels, after which, he was a supervisor with Artistic. He began his own furniture refinishing business after settling in NC. Bob served his country as a member of the National Guard where he excelled as a marksman. He loved taking art classes and became an accomplished painter.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Colombo; his children, Roberta Ann, Michael Angelo, Dolores Angela, and Elisa Ellen; step-children, Henry, Kenneth, Milo, and David; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bruno Colombo.

Condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

## SAMUEL ARNOLD COTTEN

Samuel Arnold Cotten, 80, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Flat Springs Baptist Church, where he was a member, with Dr. Gary McCollough officiating.

Mr. Cotten was born in Harnett County on August 21, 1938, to the late John Allen Cotton and Mary Edna Harrington Cotton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Cotton and a sister, Betty Hurlley. Sammy graduated from Deep River High School in 1956. Sammy

worked for many years at Cornell Dubilier and later worked at City Auto Parts.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Cotten; son, Greg Cotten of Cameron; step-son, John Woodson of VA; step-daughters, Sandra Weldon and Debbie Woodson, both of Sanford, Virginia Fulmer of Broadway; two brothers, Bill Cotten and Steve Cotten, both of Sanford; sister, JoAnn Thomas of Sanford; one grandchild, five step-grandchildren, two great grandsons, and four step-great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

## ALLISON COURTNEY DEVORE

Allison Courtney DeVore, 34, of Sanford, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Services to celebrate the life of Allison will be held at a later date.

She was born in Maryland on March 13, 1985 to Lisa Gellner Kopp.

Allison is survived by her mother and stepfather, Lisa and Jeff Kopp of Sanford; step-parents, Robert and Sharon Crawford; her two sons, Silas and Wyatt Devore of Sanford; sister, Autumn Bishop; brothers, Ryan Crawford, Joshua Kopp, Jeremy Kopp and Tyler Kopp.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

## DIANE CLARK GRIFFIN

Diane Clark Griffin of Pittsboro, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice in Pittsboro.

Diane is survived by her husband George; daughter, Felicite Durham; step-daughter, Tonya Harris; five grandchildren; three brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held at Turpike Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in Wagram.

Memorials can be made to SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home.

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# New ducklings at Happy Chick Farm

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Amy Crawford and Audrey Williams run a small homestead called Happy Chick Farm. They raise Lavendar Orphington chickens, Royal Palm turkeys and Welsh Harlequin ducks. In addition to enjoying their own small flocks for eggs and as garden helpers, they have a goal of sharing these traditions with others who are interested in their

own backyard poultry. As homesteaders and a NPIP certified farm, they aim to provide healthy birds who produce eggs over a longer lifespan as our grandparents did. They incubate and sell both chicks and pullets and offer hatching eggs for people who want to hatch their own. News + Record photographer Kim Hawks took these photos of Crawford and some 2-day-old ducks at the farm, located on Crawford Dairy Road.



Amy Crawford and some 2-day-old ducklings.

Staff photos by Kim Hawks



How many of the 2-day-old ducklings will fit?

Amy Crawford shows one of the ducklings some motherly love.



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## Chatham County Schools goings-on



Submitted photo

Chatham County Schools Chief Information & Technology Officer Keith Medlin addresses local personnel in law enforcement and emergency management gathered at the school district's headquarters April 9. Other administrators in the district joined them to continue collaborating about how the organizations communicate during crises.



Submitted photo

During an outdoor event at Siler City Elementary School on March 27, Jordan-Matthews High School band director JC Harper led his students through several pieces of music.



Submitted photo

Chatham Central High School culinary artists (left to right) James McIntyre, Isidra Brower, MaKizah Cotton, Thomas Hacker, Marquis Utley and Gerli Amador Jaimes hosted a community cafe at Peppercorn in downtown Siler City on March 26. The concept was such that any patron could eat regardless of his or her ability to pay.



Submitted photo

The guitar ensemble from Chatham Central High School performed during an event catered by students from the school's culinary-arts program at Peppercorn in downtown Siler City on March 26. Amanda Shanks teaches concert band and Everett Goldston teaches culinary arts at Chatham Central.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Our Chatham, News + Record to host 'town hall' panel on socioeconomic inequality

"One Chatham," a project of the Reese News Lab at UNC's School of Media and Journalism, and the News + Record are teaming together to produce a town hall-type community conversation on the subject of Chatham County's socioeconomic inequality.

The panel discussion, which will feature community leaders, brief presentations and audience questions, will begin at 6 p.m. on May 15 in the Holmes Room of the Chatham Community Library, located at 197 N.C. Hwy. 87 N. in Pittsboro. Watch the News + Record for additional information in the coming weeks.

#### Want to stop smoking? QuitSmart classes available

There are more medications, treatment programs, and support than ever to help people quit tobacco. Even if you have tried in the past, this is the time to give it another try.

Free in-person QuitSmart classes will be held starting in May at the Public Health Department in Pittsboro. The first class is from noon to 1:15 p.m. on May 9. Subsequent classes will be held on May 16th, May 30th, and June 4th. Attendance at all

four sessions is strongly encouraged. A free lunch is provided at each of the four classes. In addition, two free weeks of nicotine replacement patches will be given to all participants. Interested individuals should contact Anna Stormzand at [anna.stormzand@chathamnc.org](mailto:anna.stormzand@chathamnc.org) or 919-545-8445 to reserve their spot or find out more information.

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# PILOT: 'On Jan. 20, 1942, I was sworn in as an aviation cadet'

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## Last Survivor

As he nears that milestone, Jones reflects on his life, knowing he's the last surviving member of the 316th Fighter Squadron of the 324th Fighter Group, known as "Hell's Belles."

"We didn't think anybody could fly like we did," he reflects. "We could do anything. We had a lot of confidence in each other and you needed that when you were flying combat missions."

By the end of his service, Jones was Captain Jones, an accomplished pilot who flew a number of different planes. But getting there took many twists and turns.

His story starts one day when his mother Bessie was an 18-year-old from Leicester in the North Carolina mountains, watching her father hitching up his two-horse wagon and taking her to the train station to go to school in Boston. There Bessie would meet Alexander Graham Bell, who was working with deaf students and inventing the telephone. That would not be the last time a Jones family member would rub shoulders with well-known folks.

After completing school, his mother took a position as a teacher in the Fairview community near Apex.

"I guess they paid a little more in Wake County than some other places," Jones says, "so she went there."

In time, she caught the eye of local lumberman Cary Braxton Jones. The two married and to their union were born three children — Ben arrived between two sisters.

"They built a home but my father died during a pneumonia epidemic when I was 3," Jones remembers. "They were only married 10 years."

Mrs. Jones became a single mother with daughters, aged 7 and 2, and son Ben.

"She taught at Fairview for \$50 a month for six months a year," he says, "with no promise of a job for the next year." Ben went to Fairview School for seven years, then to Apex for the eighth grade and high school. "I played every sport I could," he says. "One year I earned letters in five different sports — football, basketball, baseball, track and boxing."

In 1937, his senior year, his high school coach took Jones and teammate Robert Wilson to see Wake Forest College football coach Clarence "Peahead" Walker to see if there was a spot on the team for the pair.

"That was when Wake Forest was in Wake Forest," Jones says. "Robert was a big boy and Walker said he could use him, but he looked at me and told my coach he didn't have 'a bit of use for that scrawny little kid.' So, I wound up going to N.C. State, playing football and baseball there. They called me 'Jackrabbit Jones' and once when we played Wake Forest, I was lucky enough to get off a 92-yard run. I don't think Walker knew who I was then, either."

That same year, another turn happened that would come to play a big part in his life.

"My mother took me to (N.C.) State for an aptitude test," he said. "I'd never had anything like that before, but it showed that I had an orientation for business so I registered for textiles because that was the biggest thing going but I still found time to play ball."

Something else also was happening in those days, however, that would push the young farm boy farther into a storied military career.

"The Air Force was coming along," he says, "giving credit for cadet flying. The war was going on in 1939 but I wasn't sure I wanted to give three years. So, they told me to keep my papers just in case. By 1940 the war was getting really close."

In one of those events that's humanly hard to explain, Jones left college just before graduating.

"The war was coming on; there was lots of unrest," he remembers. "There were no jobs or money. An uncle in Central America offered me a



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Ben Jones shows photos taken 80 years ago and 10 years ago. In that time, he worked in business and flew combat for the United States.**

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**BEN JONES, WWII fighter pilot**

job with his fruit company at \$400 a month. But then I went to California to visit my sister and wound up taking a job with Bank of America for \$90 a month so I didn't make it to Central America. I bought my first car — a '29 Model A. Paid \$90 for it and paid it off at \$10 a month."

During that time, his brother-in-law was in the cattle business in El Centro.

"I'd help him on weekends and when I could," Jones says, "and we'd decided to open a meat packing business. There wasn't one around and it just didn't make sense to ship the cattle somewhere else to fatten them."

## War Time

Then came Dec. 7, 1941, and Pearl Harbor. Suddenly those N.C. State cadet flying school papers were about to come in handy.

"I went to a recruiting station at Lindberg Field in San Diego. They asked me if I could go tomorrow and I said, 'No; I've got to get rid of my car and take care of some personal things but I can go next week.' On Jan. 20, 1942, I was sworn in as an aviation cadet."

Seven months of intensive training followed. The first phase was an airfield near Phoenix that wasn't even completed. Would-be pilots trained in civilian clothes since there were no uniforms.

"We'd wear them, wash them at night in the shower and put them back on the next day," Jones says.

Next was primary training at a field near Riverside, California.

"We were paid \$75 a month," he said. "I was surprised because I didn't expect to get paid; that's how naive I was. I just thought we'd fight the war and come home. They were trying times, wondering if the Japanese were going to attack California."

More training followed — basic and then advanced — in instrument flying, aerobatics, night flying, cross-country and flying in formation. On August 27, 1942, 2nd Lt. Jones graduated from Luke Field, near Phoenix, after flying 270 hours at three different schools, including his first solo flight.

"Man, what a feeling," he says of that flight. "When you do that for the first time, you have feelings you'd never have doing anything else."

Jones was all but sure after graduation that he'd be off to the Pacific but it didn't happen. Instead, his orders were to report to Philadelphia where three squadrons were being formed — Philadelphia, Boston and Norfolk.

"Everybody was going to the Pacific, it seemed," he says, "but after graduation, I took my mom and sister to the train depot, got a DC-3 flight to Washington, took the train to Raleigh and met my family at the station."

After a week and a half of leave, Jones arrived in Philadelphia, where he reported to Lt. Col. Pete Quesada, who headed up the first fighter group be-

fore eventually becoming a four-star general, the Tactical Air Command's first commander and also helping develop air-ground warfare and air refueling flights.

Jones wound up in the 316th Squadron in Norfolk, where he transitioned to the P-40.

"It was an unbelievable plane," Jones says, "1200 horsepower with a lot of torque. It was different from anything I'd flown."

For six weeks, he and his fellow pilots flew the P-40, learning it inside and out.

By mid-October, war was closer.

"They sent our ground crew and mechanics by ship from New York," he says. "We were supposed to leave a month later. I had two weeks leave so I went home and got married." Orders were then to take a train to Miami "but we didn't know where we were going," he says. "We had a set of khakis, a uniform, parachute, parachute bag and a .45 pistol." Soon, the pilots were aboard a DC-4 that landed in Puerto Rico. An engine that caught fire had to be replaced; after a week, the group was off to Brazil, then Ascension Island, halfway to Africa, before arriving on the continent.

Their P-40s arrived at a Nigerian harbor, disassembled in crates. The wings were attached and engines installed and the pilots flew what they called "slow-timing," flying the engine as slowly as possible to break it in. For a time, they ferried those planes across central and north Africa to other groups, often stopping for fuel brought in by camels. Eventually ground crew and pilots got together at Cairo before shipping out to a field near Alexandria.

"We were training when a sandstorm hit for three days and all the engines were ruined," Jones says. "The British had some planes we could use and we always did a lot of low flying."

That low flying would be a forerunner of the majority of the group's combat missions. With three 50-mm guns of 250 rounds each on both wings as well as a 500-pound bomb underneath, the majority of the missions were strafing troops, equipment, trains and even a naval destroyer. In addition to borrowing British planes before the P-40s were repaired, Jones and three fellow pilots flew with the British at the front to learn tactics — and then teach them to their fellow pilots — since the British had been fighting for some time.

"When our squadron commander called out our names to fly with the British, I remember thinking 'This is different,'" he says.

"Here I am wanting to go up and fight and now this is the real stuff. We went up on a strafing mission as the Germans were retreating on the one main road out of Egypt

back to Tunis. We were hitting the troops as they moved along and we really took a beating, losing six out of 12 planes."

## An Introduction to Combat

The commanding British officer planned a similar attack the next day. Jones asked to go in earlier at a different approach, to surprise the Germans.

"He told me, 'Relax, Yank, this is a long war. We can't win it by ourselves.' So, we did it again," Jones says, "and lost half our people again. Back at the tent, I told a buddy, 'This is getting serious and he said, 'Relax, Ben, we've already beat the odds.' That was my introduction to combat."

All the stateside training was basically for one purpose: to prepare pilots to react instinctively completing missions and to survive. Still, Jones says, "when I went up with the British, I never envisioned anyone would kill me. I was that little ol' country boy from Apex. Then I saw the smoke and the Germans opened up and I thought, 'They're trying to kill Bessie's boy; they're trying to kill me.' We chased (German General Erwin) Rommel all over Africa but it gave me a different perspective when they started shooting at me."

The pilots soon learned — or instinctively knew — were there for the long haul.

"We knew we were there until it was over or we were killed," Jones says. "There was no timetable for going home, like if you had so many missions. You knew that your chances of living weren't good. I never thought of myself as a hero; we just had a job to do. And if it meant getting killed, you couldn't do anything about it. We were just trying to learn all the time and be as good as we could be. I was told the odds of getting shot down on missions we did were five times greater than if you were just escorting bombers."

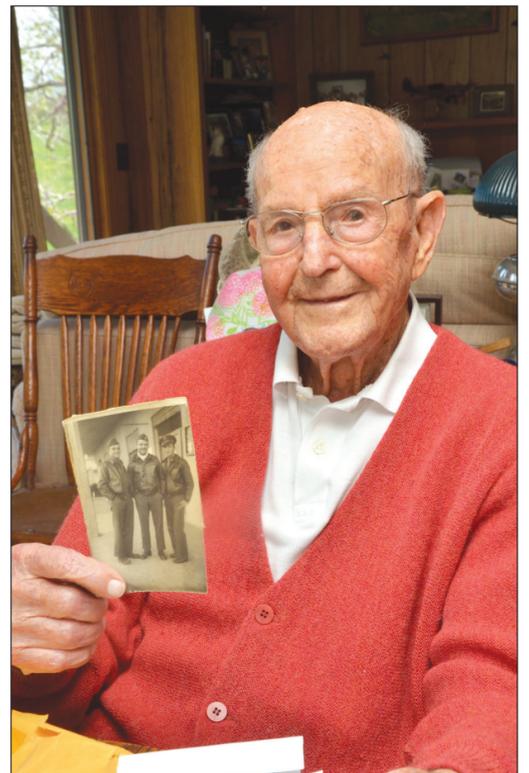
Still, he says, even with the skill and training, there was always the great unknown.

"I'd been flying along close to people and see them blown up and not me," he says. "We very seldom went out without being hit by a German pilot. They were crack pilots and highly experienced. And the Italians were still active and had good airplanes."

Just how close to death the pilots were was reinforced to Jones one day when he'd been briefed for a mission, gotten into his plane and put on his parachute.

"A Jeep came out to me with another pilot. He said, 'I don't have as much time as you; they told me you had more missions than anybody else and for me to take your place.' So, he got into my airplane, used my chute and was the first one of the squadron to get killed."

"That just shows you how things happened."



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Photographs taken more than 70 years ago still tell their story. Ben Jones, nearly 100 years old, holds a photo that shows Ben Jones, Larry Mize, and Whirlwind McCool, (left to right), with the 316th fighter squadron. Larry Mize was a pro baseball player who played in the All-Star game for 10 years.**

Jones says. "He was flying the exact same spot I would have been on a strafing mission."

In May 1943, an incident occurred that made the war very personal to Jones. He and three comrades were flying non-combat in North Africa.

"We were flying over some mountains and they called out, 'Ben, you're on fire.' I suspect a piece of shrapnel had hit the liquid-cooling line but whatever, I was on fire."

Yes, Jones told his fellow pilots.

"I know," he said to them. "There's smoke coming in the cockpit. I'm going to try to belly land."

"None of us wanted to bail out," he remembers. "There were no ejection seats then and we lost pilots who were hit in the head by their plane's tail when they bailed out. So, I cracked the canopy to clear the smoke since I thought I'm a smart ol' country boy. Only that wasn't so smart. It just made the fire start coming back at me."

Rather than risk being struck by the tail of his plane, Jones rolled it over and "half jumped and half threw myself out."

"Really, I can't tell you how I got out but I've never been calmer in my life," he said. "I knew that in a little bit I was going to be alive or dead. That was just a fact."

When he bailed out, he hit the radio antenna but missed the tail.

"It looked as big as a house," he says. "When it went by, I pulled the parachute ripcord and nothing happened."

At that point, he says, "I'm falling on my back and thinking, 'good Lord, don't let me be conscious when I hit the ground.' But pretty soon the chute opened."

## 'That's War'

As he floated to earth, Jones saw his P-40 explode, crashing in a farmer's wheat field in a ball of fire.

"There were some Arabs standing nearby," Jones says, "and they were transfixed at what they'd seen. They hadn't seen many airplanes, much less a white man coming down out of the sky. They thought I was a god."

A French farmer picked him up in a cart and wanted to take him, but Jones told the farmer they should put the fire out first.

"He said, 'C'est la guerre ('that's war') and that the Germans did far more damage earlier," he said. "We finally got it out and I went with him to his house."

At the house, Jones was given wine in a white bowl covered with flies. "But I turned it up and drank it," he says. "We'd been told whatever the natives offer that you don't offend them."

Even though fighting in that area was over, there were still pro-Nazi Frenchmen who wanted to turn Jones over to

nearby Germans. Some of them came to the house, Jones remembers.

"There was a lot of talking back and forth but finally they left," he said. "We went that night to a little town nearby where folks were happy to see me. They cooked a lamb and gave me half a bottle of creme de menthe."

Later, Jones and his host made their way back to the man's house. After surviving his jump and aggravating an earlier leg injury, the reality of what had happened began to sink in on Jones.

"The man's family was hiding in the mountains, staying away from Germans who had been there the day before," he says. "He told me we had to sleep together and I thought, 'OK, I might get my throat cut,' but I went to sleep anyway."

The next morning, a rescue party came for Jones and attempted to pay the Frenchman, but he refused to accept money. The group then left with gifts of bread, a bucket of lard and a lamb.

"We hadn't had meat in months," Jones says. "By the time we got back to camp, there were maggots in the bread and lard so we couldn't eat that but we did cook the lamb."

After flying in North Africa, the squadron was transferred to Sicily. There, they endured concentrated attacks from German fighters as his squadron escorted bombers into Sicily as well as "friendly" fire from an American fleet.

"Most of them had never been shot at before," he says. "They had just come from the States. The ships were shooting at us and we called them and gave them the password but they just kept shooting at us. We got some shrapnel hits but nobody was shot down."

After Sicily was captured, the squadron flew in the invasion of Italy. "We flew strafing and dive-bombing missions in support of the invasion," he says. "When we went to Africa, the plane was set to carry one 500-pound bomb and six fragmentation bombs on the wings."

Then, alterations were made to allow the planes to carry a 1,000-pound bomb.

"We hit Monte Cassino (site of a strong German defense line southeast of Rome) a lot of times and bombed the heck out of it," Jones says. "We were a fighting outfit and that's all we cared about; we were there to do a job and we just did the best we could."

By that time, the war was drawing nearer to a close and combat missions were winding down for Jones and his squadron.

"I stayed until after the initial invasion of Anzio in January of 1944, strafing and dive bombing until I had enough time so I could go home," he said. "Things had changed by then."

In February 1945, Ben Jones returned to the

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*\*\*The majority of 11th and 12th graders have college courses that post final grades only.*

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United States.

"We were worn out when we got back, just beat," he says. "I thought the war was winding down because we weren't getting hit every time we went out. It was so different but it was still dangerous."

With his combat tour of duty over, Uncle Sam thought it would be a good idea for pilots with combat experience to teach aviation cadets.

"I didn't like that at all," Jones remembers. "If someone knew how to fly, I could sharpen them up some, but I wasn't a good teacher."

Discharge and Transition

An engineering officer who had been a classmate at N.C. State got Jones into engineering school and there, he became a test pilot. Eventually, he was in charge of all the fighters at Luke Field, flying P-51 Mustangs, P-47 Thunderbolts, the P-38 Lightning and the B-25 Mitchell bomber.

That experience prompted Uncle Sam to try for one more assignment involving Jones.

"By then, they were trying to assign me to B-29s and send me to the Pacific," he said. "After two years of being shot at, I got out of that, and was assigned to test flight work in Connecticut."

That lasted until early 1946, when Jones was discharged.

Making the transition from the armed forces back to civilian life often isn't

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**BEN JONES, WWII fighter pilot**

easy, especially years ago before awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder and similar conditions.

"It was quite an adjustment," Jones says, "after two years of trying to kill or be killed. I remember once when my wife wanted to go to a July 4th celebration and I just didn't want to go — too many people, too much noise with fireworks and such. She couldn't understand. I'd hear people complain about things like not having any sugar during the war; it was very different after getting back. But I'd done everything I was asked to do and was still alive so I thought it time to be a family man."

Back in the States, Jones connected with his brother-in-law again and the two started a meat-packing business in California.

"My wife's family was in the banking business in eastern North Carolina but I wanted to make it on my own," he says. "I didn't want to feel like someone gave me something."

For two years, Jones worked for a meat-packing company before he and his brother-in-law ventured out on their own.

"It took lots of work," he says, "but eventually we raised and fed 45,000 head of cattle a year. Later we became diversified, opened a hotel, supply house and retail stores. But the times and business world were changing and we had to get bigger to survive, so I got out."

As those times changed, Jones began to ponder his future.

"The good Lord was still looking after this ol' farm boy," he says. "I had promised my wife not to do anything else, so for a while we traveled. But she used to say that the closer I got to North Carolina, the bigger my grin got."

In time, they began to look for property and a friend suggested Chatham County.

"I wasn't interested," Jones says. "I'd been through there and seen that worn-out red clay but he said, 'Oh, it's changed. They've been fertilizing it. You ought to check it out,' so we did."

And the rest is history. The meat-packing business was post-war therapy for Jones, who says now, "I don't think I'd be alive without it." "I really enjoyed the business," he says. "I was happy when I came to work and happy when I left."

And the love of flying stayed with him. He purchased a private plane and flew it often. Through the years, that love led to some memorable meetings, including a dinner one night. Jones and his wife, along with Chuck Yeager, who first broke the speed of

sound, and Yeager's wife and other couples were having dinner in a private home.

"We were sitting there talking when a door opened and in walked Dwight Eisenhower and Mamie," Jones says. "They were just regular people."

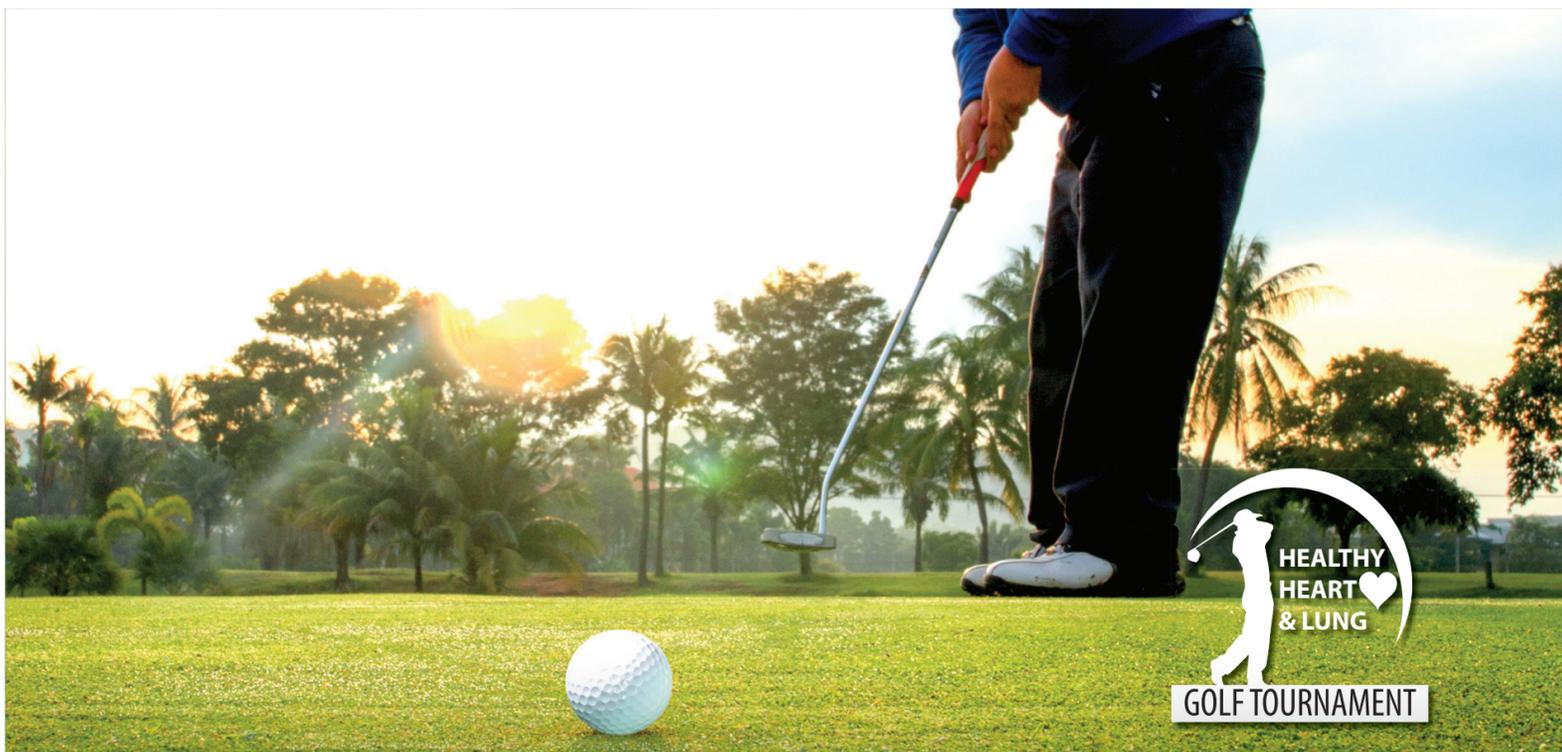
Today, folks who meet Ben Jones might find it hard to picture his storied past. His home contains mementos of those years and he regularly digests books and magazines about aviation. And while a good deal of his brown hair has flown away, his brown eyes and memory are still sharp; he still stands an erect 5-foot-7, just as he did the day he enlisted. His wife Velda died in 2002, and with a lifetime of memories behind him, Jones looks back with a sense of a responsibility fulfilled.

"It's a privilege to feel like I made a contribution," he says. "My mother was a widow and we farmed. I could have gotten a deferment but I could never have been happy doing that. I couldn't think of somebody taking my place and fighting and me not doing anything."

But beyond the service time, there's also a larger understanding.

"I'd get up in the sky and see those clouds and experience how close to God I feel and I look down and realize how insignificant we all are. When I look back, there's nothing that helped me more than playing football. It taught me how important teamwork is and taught me to make a decision quickly, and it needed to be the right decision when you made it."

"You can't," he advises, "take an hour or two to make a decision."



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**CORINTH A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

Corinth A. M. E. Zion Church will observe their annual usher board anniversary at 3 p.m. on April 28. Our guests will be preacher Rev. Anissa Little, First Lady of Mitchell's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, who will be joined by the sanctuary choir, ushers and congregation. Come and be blessed.

The church is located at 491 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Siler City.

**SILER CITY CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**

Siler City Church of God of Prophecy will have a yard and breakfast sale from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on April 27. Proceeds will go to the church's Building Fund. We are located at 907 13th Street in Siler City.

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There will be a "Quarter Auction" to benefit Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church on April

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The church is located at 1225 Mt. Vernon Springs Road, Siler City. (919) 548-5086, Darlene Johnson.

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The Male Chorus of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Moncure will have their anniversary celebration at 2:30 p.m. on April 28. Come and be blessed.

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There will be a Family and Friends Day Celebration beginning at 11 a.m. on April 28 at Gees Grove African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Presiding Elder of Durham District.

Lunch will follow the morning service. Join us for worship, great music and the word of God.

The church is located at 245 Gees Grove Road, Siler City.

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

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**Wednesday, May 1**

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

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

**Thursday, May 2**

**BREAKFAST:** Cinnamon Bun,

Pineapples (\*\*French Toast Sticks, Fresh Fruit)

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

**Friday, May 3**

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

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



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**Bynum Bridge Fest gives artists the spotlight**

*A remnant from the past holds a place in the heart of a community*

**BY CASEY MANN**  
News + Record Staff

Last Saturday's 4th annual Bynum Bridge Fest brought hundreds out to the walking bridge spanning the Haw River to enjoy and purchase art.

The event was created by Craig and Amanda Greiner, who manage PhilARThropy, a volunteer-driven social organization that aims to make the art space more inclusive and art more accessible to those on economic fringes. The two created the event as an homage to French promenade open-air art galleries. The event's goal is to support local artists and provide space for them to show their work and to raise money for the Friends of the Lower Haw River, a group that works to conserve and enhance the Lower Haw River region. The event also raised awareness and supports for arts education by support Arts Giving Back. The event hosts an Academic Art Exhibition open to both students and teachers for a chance to win a grant for their institution.

Since its inception, the event has been able to provide more than \$750 in academic art awards to local students and art programs, plant more than 1,200 trees through

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Staff photos by Kim Hawks

**Craig and Amanda Greiner of Bynum created the Bynum Bridge Fest through their non-profit PhilARThropy.**



**Karen Fullerton Dillard, a former children's magazine illustrator, creates folk art.**

the Arbor Day Foundation, improve the wildlife habitat of the lower Haw River with the installation of multiple bird nesting boxes, and promote

conservation and wildlife education through the install of wildlife viewing cameras in the Lower Haw River State Natural Area.

The backdrop of Bynum Bridge seemed apropos as over the years, it has become a sort of "free expression" bridge drawing impromptu artists. This year's event brought over 40 artists together, spanning an array of mediums including pottery, jewelry, paintings, and photography. For example, Karen Fullerton Dillard used to work as an illustrator of children's magazines. From that career, she used her creative talents to create folk art using found random pieces. Another highlight were botanical prints created by artist Anna Crawford.

**Joy Bisesi of Pittsboro creates photography tiles.**



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The 2019 inductees of the J.S. Waters Junior Beta Club. Club members take a pledge to uphold the keys of service, achievement, character and leadership.

## J.S. Waters inducts 2019 Junior Beta Club class

CNR Staff Report

GOLDSTON — A group of middle schoolers from J.S. Waters School were inducted into the school's Junior Beta Club April 5.

To be inducted into the group, students must have an overall grade average of

93 percent, which is an A, and maintain a combined A average of at least 90 percent in their core classes of math, science, social studies and language arts. Club members are also required to do at least five hours of community service each year. Makalya Oldham, a

Beta Club member and eighth-grader at J.S. Waters, led the inductees in the Beta Club pledge at the induction ceremony.

"I just hope they realize what they signed up for," Oldham said in a press release from Chatham County Schools. "It's kind of like a

pledge of commitment. It's extra work, but it pays off."

The club is overseen by teachers Lisa Johnson, Dawn Ziblay and Robbie Sirls.

"My Beta kids are fantastic," said Sirls, who has been the club's advisor for 17 years.

## Chatham leaders buy Medicaid expansion, despite hurdles

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Healthcare promises to be a central topic of discussion in the 2020 presidential race, as the contenders for the Democratic



Reives

nomination begin lining up their policies.

In Chatham County, several of its leaders have firmly planted their flag in favor of Medicaid expansion.

Chatham's state legislators have co-sponsored bills at the state level to expand the government-run health-care program, and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in favor of expansion at its April 15 meeting. But this support, according to one of those legislators, doesn't necessarily mean it will work out in their favor in Raleigh.

Medicaid was signed into law in 1965 as a health insurance system for low-income individuals and people with disabilities, among other groups. According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services, the program covered 65.9 million people in 2018, just more than one-fifth of the U.S.'s population, making it the largest source of healthcare coverage in the country.

Originally, eligible groups included pregnant women, infants and children aged 1-18 at or below the poverty level, disabled adult children and more. When the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, eligibility was extended to children who lived at 133 percent of the federal poverty level in each state, and states were given the option to extend that threshold to adults.

Several states have extended that coverage, but North Carolina is not one of them. In fact, the General Assembly passed a law in 2013 that officially "reject(ed) the Affordable Care Act's Optional Medicaid Expansion." The bill stated that no entity "shall attempt to expand Medicaid eligibility standards... unless directed to do so by the General Assembly."

That hasn't stopped a group of legislators this session, all Democrats, from proposing House Bill 5 — and its twin in the Senate, Senate Bill 3 — to "close the Medicaid coverage gap." Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Chatham), is one of the bill's co-sponsors.

"I'm just not a firm believer that healthcare is something we can leave people to their own devices," Reives told the News + Record. "For me, the easiest thing to do is clean Medicaid expansion."

The bill would extend coverage eligibility for adults aged 19-65 whose gross income is at or below 133 percent of the poverty level. It would also repeal the 2013 law. But Reives is not confident of that bill even getting to the House floor.

"I don't believe we're on a path right now that would get us a vote, unfortunately," he said.

One particular barrier to the Democrats' plan that Reives discussed is a similar healthcare bill proposed by Republicans. House Bill 655, titled "NC Health Care for Working Families," declares the intent of the General Assembly to "facilitate the design of a health care program that addresses the needs of citizens of North Carolina commit-

ted to a healthy lifestyle who are ineligible for Medicaid due to their income levels but who are otherwise unable to afford health insurance."

Once the program is established, residents who are deemed eligible must meet "all federal Medicaid citizenship and immigration requirements" and the same stipulations laid out in the Democratic plan. However, participants would be required to work, participate in "preventive care and wellness activities," pay a premium of 2 percent of household income and make co-payments.

Reives said that, as of now, he's not "necessarily comfortable" with HB655 as written, but "might support some version...at some point." He particularly cited the work requirement as "ironic," considering the program's design for low-income families. Last month, a federal judge blocked Kentucky from implementing the requirement and ceased Arkansas' mandatory employment stipulation.

Meanwhile, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, in a unanimous vote, came out clearly on one side of the issue.

On April 15, the board passed a resolution in favor of expanding Medicaid. The resolution stated that more than 1,800 people in Chatham County and 500,000 people in North Carolina would qualify for services if expanded. Commissioner Jim Crawford, who brought forth the resolution and is the board's liaison to the Chatham County Board of Health, emphasized that expanding the program would bring money North Carolina taxpayers are already paying into the state and not to other states.

"So I think it makes moral sense to help those who are most vulnerable," Crawford said, "and it makes economic sense to use the money that we're paying into the system to the benefit of our own people."

The resolution was supported by all the board, including Republican Walter Petty, who initially expressed his reservations about the resolution, citing concerns about Medicaid as a program.

"I feel like there are better ways to get the problem addressed," he said. "I don't know that they've been discovered yet. Because we don't have a better way right now, I will support the resolution right now."

Commissioner Karen Howard acknowledged Petty's concern that "Medicaid is not perfect," but added, "I think we can't let people fall in the gap in the interim while we figure out a perfect plan and pay into it."

So while Chatham's leaders — state Sen. Valerie Foushee co-sponsored the state Senate's version of HB5 — are firmly on the side of expansion, Reives isn't sure that's going to happen.

"We've got a long way to go," he said. "(But) to me, it's a no-brainer that we should be doing it."

**I'm just not a firm believer that healthcare is something we can leave people to their own devices. For me, the easiest thing to do is clean Medicaid expansion.**

**N.C. REP. ROBERT REIVES II, D-Chatham**

## April 27 event offers ways to observe Earth Day

CNR+R STAFF REPORT

With the spring season here, and Earth Day observed on April 22, the time is right for Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling's annual Earth Day event, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Open to all Chatham County residents (no decal needed), the event will feature free document shredding, free take back of unwanted medications, compost bin sales, household hazardous waste collection, raffle prizes, and give-a-ways.

The Earth Day event will be held at the Solid Waste & Recycling Main Facility, 28 County Services Road, about six miles west of Pittsboro, off Highway 64.

The event includes:

### Document Shredding

Free paper document shredding. Chatham residents can bring up to three boxes or bags of paper from their household. This service provides a post-tax season opportunity for residents to safely destroy and

recycle old tax records, credit card statements, and other personal documents. No business waste.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility will accept household hazardous waste items such as cleaners, solvents, gasoline, motor oil, stains, oil-based paint, and electronics of any size from Chatham residents. No trash and no businesses accepted. A full list of accepted items is available at [www.chathamnc.org/hhw](http://www.chathamnc.org/hhw).

### Medication Take-Back

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office will conduct a medication take-back as a safe way for residents to dispose of unwanted medications. No needles, sharps, or liquids will be accepted.

### Compost Bins for Sale

Backyard compost bins will be

sold for \$45. Composting is a great way to reduce waste at home. Staff will be onsite to answer questions. Cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted.

### Give-aways and Raffle Prizes

County staff will have free give-aways and will be available to answer any questions those in attendance may have about solid waste and recycling services. Residents can also enter to win one of several door prizes, including a compost bin, tree, bird feeder, garden supplies, and more.

The Earth Day event coincides with the county's usual Saturday Mulch Sale which is from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Mulch is \$5 per scoop, which is approximately one cubic yard. A large scoop will be used for larger vehicles and is \$10 per scoop. County staff will load the mulch and officials remind those interested to bring a tarp to secure the load. Cash or checks are accepted.

For additional event information, visit [www.chathamnc.org/recycle](http://www.chathamnc.org/recycle) or contact the Solid Waste & Recycling Division at 919-542-5516.

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# Chatham's growing aging population puts stress on caregivers

*COA provides resources to families struggling with aging parents, family members*

Chatham County has one of the fastest-growing aging populations in North Carolina. That's creating an entire population of children and extended family members who are being asked, or will be asked, to care for them. This week, we talk with Susan Hardy of Chatham County's Council on Aging about resources available for caregivers and the COA's upcoming "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" classes. Hardy works as Human Services Team Leader and Caregiver Specialist, and her duties at the COA include connecting caregivers to services, facilitating a caregivers' support group and providing continuous learning and training for caregivers. In addition to serving as the Council's Family Caregiver Specialist, Hardy is an Information and Options Counselor, coordinator for the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), and she is serving as chairman for the Care Services and Caregiving implementation group for Chatham's Aging Plan. In March 2018, the North Carolina Association on Aging honored Hardy with its statewide Service Excellence Award. Hardy received both her undergraduate degree in special education and her masters of accounting from UNC-Chapel Hill.

**You work as the Community Care & Support Manager for the Chatham County Council on Aging. Can you talk about the responsibilities of that role?**

I have been at the Council on Aging since 2015. I began as the Family Caregiver Specialist and in the summer of 2018, I assumed additional responsibilities as Human Services Team Leader & Caregiver Specialist. My team is composed of five staff members who concentrate on providing services that promote

and encourage keeping our seniors living at home. My responsibilities include supervising the team along with my specific role of concentrating on services for the caregiver. Some of the programs our team oversees include: the Meals on Wheels and Frozen Meal programs, In-Home Aide and Respite Aide programs, Caregivers' Support Group and Training, Options Counseling, Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), Minor Home Repairs and Assistive Equipment Loans. We also maintain lists of sitters, cleaners and yard workers for seniors and their families who need help and can afford to privately pay.

**One of the services you provide is the upcoming Powerful Tools for Caregivers class. What are the goals and objectives of the class, and who should take part?**

The main goal of the class is to provide the caregiver with tools (information) to help promote the health of the caregiver throughout caregiving. The focus is on caregiver self-care. The theme repeated throughout the six sessions of classes is to help the caregiver "thrive, not just survive."

The class is geared to help family caregivers of adults with chronic conditions. The subjects covered are not geared toward paid caregivers or caregivers of children with special needs. There are programs at the local community college that offer classes for paid caregivers. There is a series of classes entitled Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Children with Special Needs. While Chatham County has two instructors certified to teach Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Adults with Chronic Conditions, I am not aware of anyone in Chatham County who is current-

ly certified to teach the classes for caregivers of children with special needs.

**So many caregivers are family members or friends and not trained professionally in taking care of a loved one. Why is it so important that caregivers get adequate training?**

When caring for someone with a chronic illness, a caregiver cannot put their life on hold. As a chronic illness progresses, the caregiving responsibilities often increase. We need to ask the question, "What happens to the care receiver when the caregiver is gone?" Receiving training, such as that offered in the class Powerful Tools for Caregivers, helps the caregiver to adapt to the "new normal" by learning to take care of themselves while caregiving for their loved one. Training gives a caregiver confidence and, in many cases, empowers the caregiver to enlist the help of others. Caregiving is a very demanding job and the more people a caregiver can enlist to help them, the longer the caregiver will be able to keep their own health in check. We also provide a list of resources specifically for caregivers which includes web addresses of training videos that caregivers can access via the internet. These videos demonstrate common caregiver tasks such as wound care, bathing and dressing, medication management, etc. This resource list was prepared in the spring of 2018 by a UNC nursing student specifically for us to disseminate to caregivers in Chatham County.

**One of the topics the class addresses is reducing stress (along with anger, guilt and depression). Why do you emphasize that?**

Knowing how to reduce stress and manage emotions are important tools for the caregiver to have. Our mental health affects our physical health. We cannot always change the way we feel but it is how we deal with our feelings that is important. The class helps the caregiver

to learn how to manage the various feelings that may come with the caregiving role. Several methods for reducing stress are introduced to the class participants, along with additional resources that the caregiver can access. The class also helps the caregiver recognize the signs of depression that may indicate the need to seek professional help. Daymark Recovery Services is the local mental health provider that we share with our caregivers as a resource to put in their caregiver toolbox.

**You offer these classes from time to time, but for this particular session, which starts May 3, you're partnering with Tyson Creek Baptist Church. Can you talk about possible plans to expand these classes to other churches?**

We are very excited to be offering this class outside of the walls of our two senior centers. Part of the Chatham County Aging Plan 2018-2023 is to expand our programs into the faith community. One of the five issues that was identified as being of highest priority for Chatham County was Caregiving and Care Services. By accepting our invitation to host this class offering, Tyson Creek Baptist Church is opening the door for other churches to help us to promote training opportunities for caregivers among the faith communities. So often the distance to our senior centers is too much for



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Susan Hardy relaxes on the rocking chair front porch at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center Thursday. Hardy is the human services team leader with the Council on Aging in Chatham County. She was a special education teacher for years before joining the COA team.**

some of our rural citizens to travel. By offering opportunities for training in the local faith community, we hope that more caregivers can take ad-

vantage of our services. For more information, contact the Chatham COA or visit <http://chathamcouncilonaging.org>.

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## Southern Alamance edges Jordan-Matthews in Easter tourney finale

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Held without a hit over the first five innings, Southern Alamance managed to piece together a pair of base knocks in the sixth to take the lead for good, and behind a complete-game outing by Scottie Thompson edged host Jordan-Matthews 2-1 Monday afternoon on the final day of the second annual J-M Easter Classic at Jimmy Warford Field.

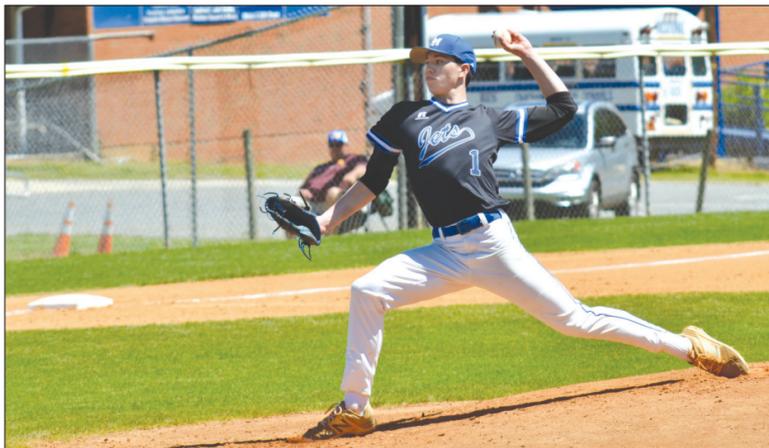
With their hard-earned victory the Patriots improved to 14-6 for the year,

while the Jets fell to 10-8 overall.

Thompson scattered five hits in going the distance on the mound for the third time this season to collect the win. The senior right-hander, who gave up one unearned run and fanned four, never went above a two-ball count to any batter while throwing a total of 88 pitches, including a phenomenal 71 (81 percent) for strikes.

“Scottie had his best control of the year today and was in full command of all his pitches,” commented Southern

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Staff photo by David Bradley

**Jordan-Matthews' senior southpaw Luke Hinshaw fires to home plate on Monday afternoon versus Southern Alamance in J-M's Easter Tourney finale. The 3A Patriots escaped Siler City with a 2-1 win despite a great effort from Hinshaw.**

## Chargers destroy previously unbeaten Midway

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

FAYETTEVILLE — The Midway Raiders baseball team rolled into the 2019 Terry Sanford Bulldog Invitational Tournament with a gaudy 17-0 mark and as one of the favorites to win the three-day holiday event.

Northwood had other ideas.

In stunning fashion, the Chargers put a stunning 13-0 beat down on the Raiders in five innings on Saturday afternoon in Fayetteville which sent chatter through the shocked crowd.

Northwood improved to 12-6 on the season with the win while Midway dropped to 17-1.

Make no mistake, it was no fluke. Northwood plated three runs in the opening inning to lead from start to finish, adding an eight-run outburst in the fourth and two more insurance runs in the fifth to cap off the dominating performance.

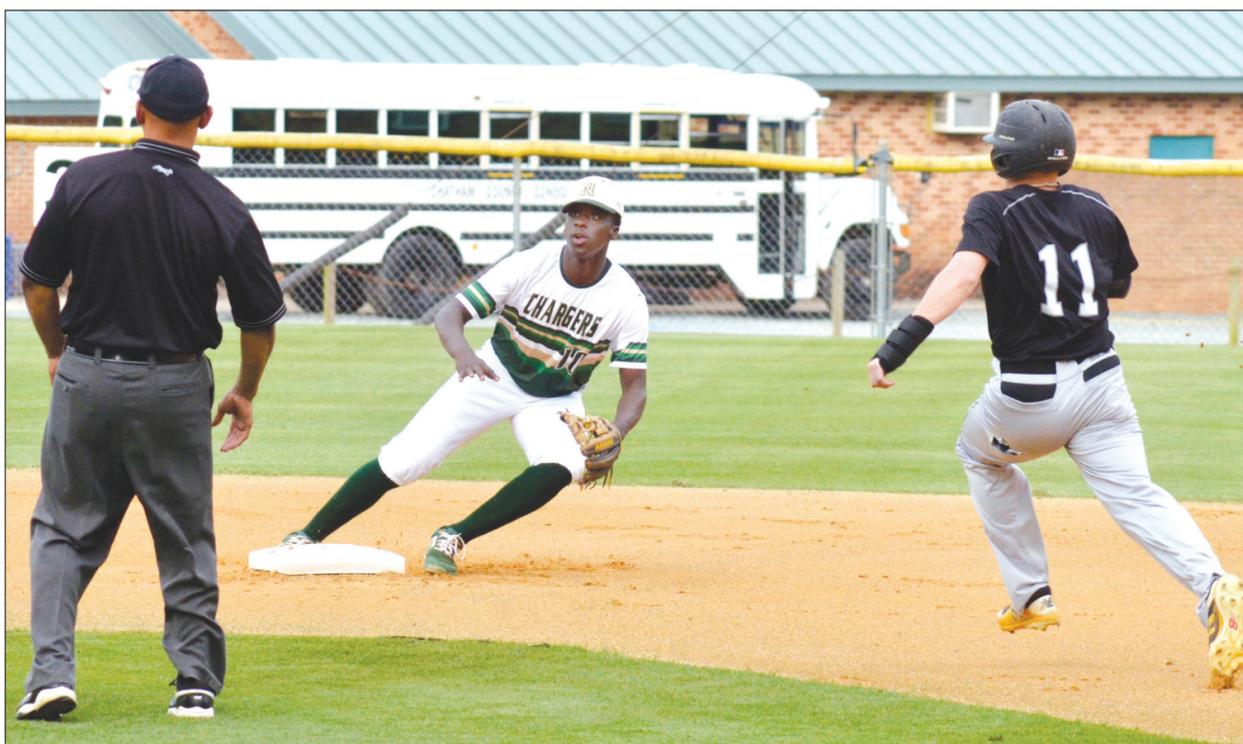
In its previous seventeen wins, Midway averaged 9.4 runs per contest and a staggering .341 batting average.

Enter Tyler Johnson.

The Charger junior limited the Raiders to one hit in the contest, a single by Cal Tyn-dall, en route to working four innings of shut out ball that included two walks and one strikeout to get the win.

Dylan Hitt notched the save after allowing just one walk in an inning pitched while whiffing one.

Offensively, Northwood banged around four Midway pitchers all game long while collecting 10 hits and also dis-



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Northwood's Deuce Powell focuses on the ball in recent high school baseball action. Powell and the Chargers opened Easter Tournament action down at Fayetteville Terry Sanford on Saturday with a 13-0 rout of previously unbeaten Midway.**

playing patience which resulted in 11 walks.

Sawyer Sutton failed to make it out of the first inning after working .2 innings and allowing one hit, three runs, five walks and striking out two.

Also on the mound for the Raiders was Jonathan Cooper going .2 innings and yielding three hits, four runs, and two

walks while Dawson Wiggins went 2.2 innings and allowed three hits, four runs, four walks and fanned one, and Colin Avery the last inning while allowing two hits and two runs (one earned).

Jeff Marcin paced the Northwood offensive attack with a 2-for-3 outing that featured a run, four RBI and a walk while

Brandon Crabtree was also 2-for-3 with a run, three RBI and a triple.

Also for the Chargers at the plate, Landon Johnson was 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI, Michael Posse 1-for-2 with two runs, an RBI, a stolen base and a walk, Hitt 1-for-2 with two runs, two stolen bases and two walks, Tyler Johnson 1-for-3

with a run, an RBI, two stolen bases and a walk, and Jason Sczypinski 1-for-3 with a run and a walk. Quin Powell added two runs and three walks, and Deuce Powell two runs, two walks, and a stolen base.

Northwood was scheduled to play South Caldwell at 4 p.m. Monday afternoon in Fayetteville in second round action.



Staff photo by David Bradley

### Going for a base hit

**Jordan-Matthews' Huston Causey rips a single on Monday afternoon in the Jets 2-1 loss to Southern Alamance in Easter tournament play in Siler City.**

## Patriots hold off Bears in tourney play

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Chandler Kime came within one out of tossing a complete game while Southern Alamance opened up a 4-0 lead after three innings before rain forced a 40-minute delay, and when play eventually resumed the Patriots managed to hold off Chatham Central down the stretch to claim a 5-2 triumph in second-day action of the second annual Jordan-Matthews Easter Classic Saturday afternoon on Jimmy Warford Field.

The victory lifted Southern Alamance to 13-6 for the season, while the Bears slipped to 8-7 overall.

Kime went six and two-thirds innings on the mound before reaching his pitch-

count limit to gain the win, giving up just three hits and a pair of unearned runs while walking four and fanning a season-high nine batters.

Patriots' reliever Maddux Smith then came on and retired Tyson Measamer on three pitches to seal the victory.

“Kime's effort was most of the story tonight,” remarked Southern Alamance coach Jason Smith. “I was really proud of his performance, as this was his best as well as his longest outing of the year. We also benefited from a group effort at the plate, as we spread our hitting around up and down the lineup, and stolen bases helped to get runners in scoring position.”

Chatham Central starter and loser Michael Moore

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## Knights close Graham Booster's Easter Invitational Tournament with split

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

GRAHAM — The Chatham Charter baseball team went 1-1 in the final two rounds of the 2019 Graham Booster's Easter Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

In the second round, Chatham Char-

ter was smacked around by 3A Eastern Alamance in a 15-2 loss.

The victorious Eagles plated eight runs in the top of the first before the locals even came to bat enroute to the easy win.

The Knights answered with two runs in the home half of the first but a seven-run third all but ended the contest

which was halted after five.

Chatham Charter was led by Connor Murphy who was 2-for-3 with a run while Cameron Kennedy also scored and Ryan White had an RBI. The Knights managed just two hits in the contest while White, Kennedy, Tanner Kidd, Jarod Henderickson, and Landon Hussey all drew a walk.

Eastern Alamance (11-8), meanwhile, pounded 10 hits paced by a 3-for-3 effort with two runs, four RBI and a walk by Trey Burnette while Luke Brown was 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI, and Joey Teixeira 2-for-2 with two runs, two RBI and a double.

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| <b>BASEBALL</b><br><br>Chatham Central vs Chatham Charter<br>BOYS: 7 p.m. in Siler City | <b>BASEBALL</b><br><br>Chatham Central vs Clover Garden<br>BOYS: 4 p.m. in Burlington<br><br>Hillside vs Northwood<br>BOYS: 6 p.m. in Pittsboro | <b>BASEBALL</b><br><br>Eastern Randolph vs Jordan-Matthews<br>BOYS: 7 p.m. in Siler City | <b>LACROSSE</b><br><br>Northwood vs Fuquay Varina<br>BOYS: 6:15 p.m. in Fuquay Varina  | <b>LACROSSE</b><br><br>Orange vs Northwood<br>BOYS: 10 a.m. in Pittsboro                | <b>BASEBALL</b><br><br>Chatham Central vs Chatham Charter<br>BOYS: 7 p.m. in Siler City | <b>BASEBALL</b><br><br>Northwood vs Chapel Hill<br>BOYS: 6 p.m. in Chapel Hill<br><br>Chatham Charter vs Clover Garden<br>BOYS: 4 p.m. in Burlington |
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| <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Northwood vs Northern Durham<br>GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Durham            | <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Research Triangle vs Woods Charter<br>GIRLS: 5:15 p.m. in Pittsboro  | <b>Chatham Charter vs Chatham Central</b><br>GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Bear Creek                 | <b>TENNIS</b><br><br>Research Triangle vs Woods Charter<br>BOYS: 4 p.m. in Pittsboro   | <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Cornerstone vs Chatham Charter<br>BOYS: 4:00 p.m. in Bear Creek    | <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Northwood vs Hillside<br>GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Durham                | <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Northwood vs Hillside<br>GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Durham   |
| <b>SOFTBALL</b><br><br>Northern Durham vs Northwood<br>GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Durham       | <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Northern Durham vs Northwood<br>GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Pittsboro  | <b>Northwood vs Hillside</b><br>GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Durham                                  |  | <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Cornerstone vs Chatham Charter<br>GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Siler City      | <b>SOCCER</b><br><br>Chatham Charter vs River Mill<br>GIRLS: 4 p.m. in Burlington       |  |
|   | <b>LACROSSE</b><br><br>Northwood vs Northern Durham<br>BOYS: 6:45 p.m. in Durham  |  |  | <b>SOFTBALL</b><br><br>Jordan-Matthews vs Wheatmore<br>GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Trinity         |   |  |
|   |   |  |  | <b>SOFTBALL</b><br><br>Northwood vs East Chapel Hill<br>GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Chapel Hill |   |  |

# Some more of this and that on an Easter week



**DON BEANE**  
Sports Editor

It will be another "little bit of this and little bit of that" column this week which have

become my personal favorite.

Unfortunately this week I will start by talking about another huge loss for our community and county in the passing of a great man in Bill Walden. Just over a week after losing Dr. Powell, Siler City lost Walden, another instrumental figure in the area in many, many avenues ranging from a pastor, civic leader, and a well-known business man.

Like Powell, Mr. Walden was instrumental in many ways in my life. I played high school football with his son Chris, was around his youngest son Joey when he played all three sports at Jordan-Matthews, and proudly coached one of his granddaughters, Tamaya, in middle school soccer. So I was fortunate to see him a lot in those years and more so just out and talking when he became more than just a teammate's father, but a real friend who I admired and looked up to. Bill was just a great man, simply put.

Now, everyone knew his mother, the Rev. Mattie Walden. For my first 11 years at the Chatham News and Record she would come in weekly and the place immediately got louder — and I mean that in a good way. She could light up a room like no other and you

always looked forward to her coming in. Bill, on the other hand, was quieter, but had just as big an impact on me. He was just a first class person who did so many things for area businesses, the community through his musical talents, and in keeping festivals going almost single handedly in Siler City for many years. His impact can never be understated.

And it's little wonder that his family — including his wife of 50 years, Melinda, sons Chris and Joey, and daughter Angela, and their families — are just salt of the earth, wonderful people. Bill was a role model in every sense of the word and will be greatly missed.

Shifting gears to the baseball tournaments over the Easter break, kudos for John Will Headen and his staff for another great event at Jordan-Matthews. In its second year, the event was first-class all the way from atmosphere to organization to food, which if you were there, was as good as it gets. And let's not forget that Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central both played some very good baseball, and Headen and CC coach Brett Walden have their teams playing well down the stretch and primed and ready to make a real impact come conference tournament and state playoff time.

The same can be said for coach Bill Slaughter and his Chatham Charter bunch who shook off a slow start at the Graham Booster's Easter tournament to pound Graham in the finale. And let's not fail to mention what Northwood and coach David Miller are doing

down in Fayetteville at the Terry Sanford Bulldog Easter Tournament. The opening game alone was an eye-opener. I mean,

absolutely dismantling a 17-0 Midway team in the tourney opener 13-0 shows just what type of talent the Chargers have, and

what they can do come state playoff time when they bring their A game. Keep an eye on the local teams as they close out

the regular season this week before conference tournament action gets underway on Monday at the higher seeds.

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## KNIGHTS

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Hendrickson suffered the loss on the mound for Chatham Charter while Trevor Moore notched the win for Eastern Alamance.

Chatham Charter shook off the opening two losses by trouncing tourney host Graham 9-0 to close in seventh place.

The Knights played a run in the bottom of the first to take a 1-0 lead and never looked back, adding three more in the second, and five more in the fifth.

Murphy went 2-for-2 with two runs, two RBI, a double, two walks and a steal to pace Chatham

Charter at the plate while Gavin Crumpler added a 2-for-3 effort with an RBI and a steal.

Jacob Brannon chipped in a 1-for-4 effort with a run and two RBI while Carter Phillips was 1-for-2 with a run and a walk, Hendrickson 1-for-2 with an RBI, a double and two walks, and Hussey 1-for-2 with two runs, a walk, and stolen base.

Picking up the win on the mound for the Knights was Murphy who worked four innings and combined with Hussey for a no-hitter. Murphy walked five and fanned five while Hussey hurled the final frame and walked one and struck out a pair.

## EDGES

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Alamance coach Jason Smith. "He doesn't record a lot of strikeouts, but if the defense plays behind him we're going to win. I was very disappointed in our lack of hitting this afternoon. We didn't demonstrate a good mental approach at the plate and left too many opportunities to pick up runs on base, stranding seven people in scoring position."

Chris Rios, the second of three Jordan-Matthews' hurlers, sustained the loss after yielding a pair of hits and one earned run while walking one and whiffing three over one and two-third innings of work.

Jets' starter Luke Hinshaw tossed three and two-third innings of hitless ball but was

nicked for an unearned run in addition to issuing one free pass and fanning three.

Kevin Cano pitched the final one and two-third innings for J-M, allowing one hit while striking out one.

"Overall I thought it was a well-played game by both teams, even though mistakes cost us," said Jordan-Matthews coach John Will Headen. After Southern Alamance established an early lead I was proud how we battled back and tied the game up in the fifth, but their defense made some good plays on hard-hit balls all day. We rely on pitching as our main strength, and I was pleased how our three guys on the mound combined to hold our opponent to just three hits."

The Patriots forged a 1-0 advantage with two away in the top of the third as Jacob Ray reached on an infield error, moved to second on a passed ball and advanced to third on a wild pitch prior to dashing home when Ayden Edwards reached on a throwing error.

J-M rallied to pull even in the bottom of the fifth as leadoff batter Huston Causey lined a base hit to right-center, was sacrificed to second and went to third on a groundout before coming in to score when Chris Morgan reached on an infield error.

But Southern Alamance would then plate the winning run an inning later as Austin Gilley led off the visitors' sixth with a single up the middle prior to courtesy runner Evan Shaw being sacrificed to second and scoring when Hunter Harrelson notched a base hit to center.

# Late rallies lift Jordan-Matthews to tournament victory over Union Pines

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — In a wild marathon contest that lasted 15 minutes short of three hours, Jordan-Matthews rallied twice in the late innings to overcome a pair of huge deficits and deal Union Pines a 10-9 defeat on Jimmy Warford Field Saturday night in day-two play of the second annual J-M Easter Classic.

With their come-from-behind triumph the Jets improved to 10-7 for the year, whereas the Vikings saw their overall record evened at 9-9.

Kevin Cano, the last of four Jordan-Matthews' pitchers, threw one and two-third innings to pick up the win, giving up one hit while walking one and striking out a pair.

Jets' starter Camden Fuquay went three and two-third innings and was rocked for seven hits and six runs (two earned) in addition to issuing two free passes and fanning four.

Chris Rios hurled one and two-third innings in relief for J-M, yielding one hit plus an earned run besides walking one, and was followed to the hill by Samuel Murchison, who failed to retire any of the four batters he faced while issuing three walks and being charged with a pair of runs (one earned).

"Union Pines ran out of pitchers about the time we finally got in a groove and began putting the bat on the ball," said Jordan-Matthews' coach John Will Headen. "Their walks and mistakes helped us out and we were able to take advantage of timely hits to pull out a win."

Will Fernandez, the fourth of five pitchers used by the Vikings, absorbed the loss after allowing two hits and three runs (one earned) while walking one in two-thirds of an inning on the mound.

Union Pines' starter Tanner Freeland tossed four and two-third innings, surrendering two hits and four earned runs while walking three and whiffing five.

Reliever Ethan McKay failed to retire any of the three batters he faced, allowing one hit and a pair of walks while giving up a pair of earned runs.

Alex Mauldin followed McKay to the mound and gave up one hit plus an earned run while issuing two free passes and striking out one in one-third of an inning.

Jonathan Foster was the final Vikings' hurler, fanning the one batter he faced.

"If you don't throw strikes, you lose," summed up Union Pines' coach Eric Marion.

"We walked one batter in the first four innings, then walked or hit nine batters the rest of the way," Marion said. "Tanner did a good job until he ran out of gas, but nobody on our staff picked us up on the mound after he left. I thought our offense did well as anytime you score nine runs you should win, and while our defense wasn't bad, we made a couple of crucial errors that ended up costing us some runs."

The Vikings seized a 2-0 advantage in the top of the third as Hudson Fette led off the frame with a base hit up the gap in right-center and moved to second



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan Matthew's Chris Morgan reaches first base safely in local high school action in a game from the annual Easter Tournament in Siler City.

on a passed ball.

Following a walk to McKay, Jack Lange sacrificed both runners up a base before Bryson Horney plated Fette with a sacrifice fly to right and Mauldin drove in McKay with a single to left.

Union Pines increased its lead to 6-0 in the visitors' fourth as Freeland rapped a leadoff base hit to left prior to Chandler Taylor reaching on a throwing error that advanced courtesy runner Grant Booker to third.

After Taylor went to second on a wild pitch, Fette reached on a fielder's choice as Booker was thrown out at the plate attempting to score.

Following McKay's infield single that scored Taylor, Lange was nicked by a pitch to load the sacks, and after Fette tallied on a passed ball, Mauldin and Logan Rogers registered back-to-back base hits to drive in McKay and Lange.

The Jets would then send a dozen batters to the plate with two away in the bottom of the fifth and tally six runs to pull even. The rally began when Cano was hit on the helmet by a pitch before advancing to second on an errant pickoff attempt.

After Seth Moore drew a free pass on four pitches, Carson Rickman delivered a single to left to drive in Cano prior to Luke Hinshaw coaxing a full-count walk to fill the bases. Thomas Smith then walked on four pitches to force in Moore before Murchison followed with a double down the left field line to bring in Rickman and Hinshaw while sending Smith to third.

After Smith came home on a wild pitch as Murchison went to

third, Huston Causey plated the latter with a single to center.

The Vikings battled back in the top of the sixth to forge ahead 9-6 as Lange scratched a one-out infield hit, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball.

Horney and Mauldin then received back-to-back walks and both advanced a base on a wild pitch prior to the former coming in to score as Rogers reached on a throwing error.

After Rogers stole second, Mauldin attempted to score on a passed ball and was thrown out at the plate, but Rogers took advantage of a mental lapse on J-M's part to continue home and put the visitors up by three.

However, Jordan-Matthews would respond with four runs in its half of the evening. Walks to Moore

and Rickman along with Hinshaw's bunt single loaded the bases with no outs before Smith drove in the lead runner with a base hit to left.

After Rickman came in to score when Murchison's fly ball to left was dropped, Fuquay scored Hinshaw with a fielder's choice as Smith went to third prior to dashing home with the deciding run on a wild pitch.

Union Pines would mount one last threat in the top of the seventh as Fette drew a walk with one away and moved to second on Lange's two-out base hit to center.

But with the tying run on second, Cano proceeded to slip a full-count, called third strike past Horney to bring the game to a close and seal the Jets' victory.

**"Union Pines ran out of pitchers about the time we finally got in a groove and began putting the bat on the ball. Their walks and mistakes helped us out and we were able to take advantage of timely hits to pull out a win."**

JOHN WILL HEADEN,  
Jordan-Matthews' coach

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## Cardinals pound Knights 12-2 in shocker

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

GRAHAM — Cornerstone Charter Academy pounded Chatham Charter 12-2 here on Wednesday afternoon in opening round action of the 2019 Graham Booster's Easter Invitational Tournament.

The Cardinals plated five runs in the first, two in the second, one in the fourth, and four in the

fifth to race away for the win over the Knights.

Chatham Charter scored its lone runs in the bottom of the fifth before the game was halted due to the 10-run rule.

Jackson Henderson hurled all five innings for the Cardinals to get the win, allowing two hits, two runs while striking out one.

Jaron Henderickson was 1-for-2 with a run and a two-run homer to

pace Chatham Charter while Cameron Kennedy was 1-for-2 with a run.

Cornerstone was paced offensively by Carter Blum who went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs and three RBI while Jackson Councilman was 2-for-2 with a run, two RBI and a sacrifice fly, Josiah Townsend 2-for-3 with three runs, two RBI and a walk, and Nathan Townsend 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI.

Kennedy suffered the loss on the mound after going one inning and allowing two hits, five runs (three earned) and two walks.

Connor Murphy worked three innings in relief and gave up five hits, three runs, and fanned one while Landon Hussey pitched the final inning and gave up five hits, four runs (three earned) and struck out one.

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hurled three innings, surrendering five hits and four earned runs in addition to issuing four free passes and whiffing three.

Following the rain delay, Bears' reliever Carson Brewer threw two hitless frames, striking out one, prior to Micah Gurley pitching the final inning and allowing three hits plus an earned run.

"Give Southern Alamance credit, they swung the bat well and got timely hits when they needed them," said Chatham Central coach Brett Walden. "We struggled to get runners on base as we couldn't get much going on offense, and three

hits won't get the job done."

The Patriots grabbed a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the second as Scottie Thompson led off with an infield hit and advanced to third on back-to-back free passes issued to Hunter Harrelson and Macon Pickard.

After Kime lined into a double play that erased Pickard from first, Jackson Pass brought in Thompson with an infield single to deep short.

Southern Alamance boosted its lead to 4-0 in the home third as Kaleb Potts opened the frame with a walk, stole second and scored when Ayden Edwards poked a base hit up the alley in right center.

Courtesy runner Evan Shaw then stole second and tallied two outs later on Harrelson's opposite-field

single to left prior to the latter stealing second and coming around to score on a pair of wild pitches.

The Bears sliced their deficit in half in the top of the fifth as leadoff batter Drew Cox walked on four pitches and went to second when Brewer reached on an infield error.

After Hunter Strickland sacrificed both runners up a base, Lofton Dodson plated Cox with a groundout that moved courtesy runner Collin Lagenor to third before Moore drove in the latter with a base hit up the middle.

But the Patriots would answer with an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth when Pass belted a one-out double into the left field corner prior to coming home on Jacob Ray's single to left to close out the scoring.

# Northwood knocks off Northern Knights 14-4

**BY DON BEANE**  
News + Record Staff

DURHAM — A ten-run third inning here on Thursday evening sparked Northwood to a 14-4 whipping of Northern Durham in five innings in 3A Big Eight Conference baseball action.

Northwood improved to 7-3 in the league and to 12-6 overall with the victory while Northern Durham dropped to 3-4 in the Big Eight and to 4-9 overall.

After squandering a Dylan Hitt double in the first, the Chargers plated four runs in the second to go up 4-0. A double by Deuce Powell started the third before a walk to Zizzy Newall and walks to Quinn Powell and Brandon Crabtree sandwiched a double play by the Knights to leave the bases

loaded.

With two outs and the bags full, Beau Weathers put a charge in a first pitch fastball resulting in a double to center to drive in Newall and Quin Powell before walks to Hitt and Michael Posse, and a wild pitch sent across two more to make the score 4-0.

The Knights answered with three runs in the home half of the second to close the gap to 4-3 highlighted by a lead off home run from Colin Scroggins, three walks, a single by Riley Adams, and a two-run double to left by Phil Foster.

Northwood blew the game wide open in the top of the third, however, sending across 10 runs to race in front 14-3. The inning was a complete disaster through and through for Northern Durham which allowed

six hits, five walks, hit a NW batter, and committed a costly error.

Deuce Powell tripled to center to start things off before Marcin doubled, Crabtree, Mason Bae, Emmet Everest and Tyler Johnson singled, Michael Posse was hit by a pitch, and Marcin, Quin Powell, Deuce Powell, Weathers and Hitt all walked.

Scoggins mashed a solo shot for the Knights in the third but the Chargers blanked the hosts the rest of the way to take the 14-4 win.

Deuce Powell was 2-for-2 with two runs, a double, a triple and a walk in the win for Northwood while Crabtree was 2-for-2 with two runs, an RBI and a walk.

Adding a 1-for-3 effort with two runs, three RBI, a double and a walk was Weathers while Tyler Johnson closed the



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Northwood's Tyler Johnson catches a foul ball behind the dugout in recent high school baseball action. Johnson and the Chargers rolled over Northern Durham 14-4 on Thursday for a 3A Big Eight Conference win.**

evening 1-for-3 with a run and two RBI, Bae 1-for-3 with a run and two RBI, Glen Lassiter 1-for-1, and Quinn Powell scored two runs and walked twice.

Picking up the win on the mound for the Chargers was Michael Posse who went two innings and allowed one hit, one run and struck out two.

Quin Powell hurled an

inning for NW and allowed one hit and a walk while Newall went one inning and allowed a hit and fanned one, and Hitt an inning and allowed one hit and whiffed one.

Northern Durham was led by Scoggins, who was 1-for-1 with two runs, a homer, an RBI and a walk while Foster was 1-for-2 with two RBI and a home

run, and Freddy Oliver was 1-for-3 with a run, an RBI and a homer.

Caleb Greene took the loss on the mound for the Knights after working 1.2 innings and allowing four hits, three walks, and three runs. Scoggins worked 2.1 innings and yielded five runs, seven earned, six walks and fanned one.

# Woods Charter blasts Chatham Charter, Eno River in girls soccer action

**BY DON BEANE**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Woods Charter girls soccer team rolled to a pair of wins last week with a 9-0 triumph over Chatham Charter and an 8-0 rout of Eno

River Academy.

Woods Charter (3-2, 5-4) scored five goals in the opening half versus Chatham Charter before adding four in the second to stop the game at 9-0.

Elena Ising sparked the Lady Wolves with four goals and two

assists while Elise Moses added two goals and an assist.

Anna Mitchell, Eloise Maclean and Danielle Vaughn chipped in a goal apiece while Maggie Johnston chipped in an assist.

Taking the win in goal for

Woods Charter was Alex Christian.

In the 8-0 win over Eno River, Moses tallied three goals and an assist while Ising chipped in three more to pace the Wolves.

Vaughn also collected a goal and two assists for Woods Char-

ter while Corinn Harrington added a goal and Christian an assist.

Maclean, Mitchell and Maggie Johnston also played well in the lopsided victory.

Christian picked up the win in goal for the Wolves.

# Knights cage Jaguars 8-2 in 1A Central Tar Heel action

**BY DON BEANE**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Trevor Golden scattered five hits and allowed a pair of unearned runs in a complete-game effort on Tuesday night in Siler City to ignite Chatham Charter to an 8-2 triumph over River Mill in 1A Central Tar Heel Confer-

ence action.

Golden, a sophomore southpaw, allowed three walks and struck out seven as Chatham Charter improved to in the league and to overall.

The Knights tallied a run in the first before adding single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to go up 3-0 before tacking on five more in the sixth

to pull ahead 8-0.

River Mill plated a pair of runs in the seventh but it was far from enough as Chatham Charter took the 8-2 triumph.

Jaron Henderickson led the Knights with a 2-for-3 effort that included a run, three RBI, a walk and two triples while Jacob Brannon

was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

Chipping in a 2-for-4 effort with a run, a home run and an RBI was Cameron Kennedy while Gavin Crumpler was 2-for-4 with a stolen base, Landon Hussey 1-for-2 with a run, Golden 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI, Ryan White 1-for-4 with an RBI, Car-

ter Phillips 1-for-3, and Connor Murphy 1-for-3 with two runs, a walk and a stolen base.

Cameron Lutterloh paced River Mill with a 2-for-4 effort that included two doubles and a walk while also suffering the loss on the mound after going three innings and allowing four hits, one run, a

walk and striking out one.

Avery Dorsett hurled 3.1 innings in relief for the Jaguars and yielded three hits, three runs, a walk and fanned one, while Dylan Moorefield added .2 innings and was tagged for three hits, four runs (three earned), one walk and whiffing one.

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J-M'S NEW YORK ARTS ADVENTURE

# Back from the Big Apple

*Trip designed to help students 'experience the best the world has to offer and get new perspectives that can change their lives'*

*(Editor's note: Last week, eight upperclass artists from Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City flew to New York City for five days over spring break to explore one of the world's great cities, gain new perspectives that will influence their work, and experience the very best in theater, music and visual arts. They were accompanied by Chip and Rose Pate of Pittsboro. Chip Pate, a marketing and public relations consultant, helped create JMArts with his wife, Rose, the media coordinator at Jordan-Matthews High School and president of the foundation. The couple planned every detail of the adventure each year, working with contacts in New York City and the eight student artists who are participating. Diary entries and photos from the trip were posted daily on the News + Record's Facebook page last week. This week, the entries and photos are shared in print, along with an introduction to the experience by Chip Pate.)*

**BY CHIP PATE**  
JMArts Foundation

**NEW YORK CITY** — JM's New York Arts Adventure is a lot.

It's a lively week for the student artists. There are performances and art tours and discussions with world-class professionals. Some late-night meals end the day after they begin. Supper on Friday at Dizzy's Club overlooking Central Park actually began even later, with burgers, calamari and wings landing on the table just a few minutes after midnight, as trumpeter Bruce Harris and his band cruised through their 75-minute jazz session.

It's a long year of planning. Every show, every activity, every meal, every everything is selected and arranged by the trip leaders after consulting with the eight student artists making the journey. It would be a lot easier contracting with a tour company, but that wouldn't make the trip what it can be.

It's a fine balancing act. Which shows do you choose in a city with endless options? How can you make it work financially for families? How much can you do in five days without it becoming too much?

It's the kindness of world-class artists. Just look at this cast that sat down with JM artists this year and then look up their biographies:

Jessie Austrian, cofounder and co-artistic director for the renowned Fiasco Theater — someone who has appeared as an actor on Broadway and recently worked with Stephen Sondheim to reinterpret one of his musicals. Andy Grotelueschen, a Broadway actor who has been bringing down the house in the new musical "Tootsie" that you'll be hearing a lot about if you follow theater — and maybe even if you don't. JCORP, a successful street artist who has her own company, creating public art projects and commissioned works for big names like NBC Universal. And Peter Marks, chief theater critic for The Washington Post, who was part of a news team that received a Pulitzer Prize and has served four times as chair of the Pulitzer Prize drama jury.

They're not just hired guns. Most of them already knew what our JM artists are accomplishing, either directly or through colleagues, and some have helped with JMArts projects over the years. When we mentioned the New York Arts Adventure, even before we requested any help, they asked if



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**Jennifer Henderson photographs one of the flowers placed on the 9/11 memorial every day to commemorate the birthdays of those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks.**



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**Group member Jennifer Henderson and the Fearless Girl sculpture, now located on Wall Street across from the New York Stock Exchange.**

they could meet with the students while they were visiting the city.

It's the generosity of an entire community back home. On first glance, this seems like a fun spring break trip to the Big Apple — and we hope it is. But it's really designed to help high school artists experience the best the world has to offer and get new perspectives that can change their lives. As people and organizations in our community have learned about that emphasis, they have stepped forward to help.

The Wren Foundation provided a full student scholarship for the second year. The Galloway Ridge Charitable Fund paid for students to see Plácido Domingo perform at the Metropolitan Opera and experience street art and graffiti technique. The Jordan-Matthews PTA made a substantial contribution to reduce the cost for families. And several individuals including Mark and Elizabeth Zeringue, Robert and Jane Wrenn, Robert Heuts and an anonymous contributor also helped make this possible — as did everyone who contributed over the last year by purchasing a raffle ticket, having supper at our barbecue fundraiser, joining us for the character breakfast last fall or attending Sing and Play.

It may sound like a quick, five-day trip, but JM's New York Arts Adventure really is a lot.

Every once in a while, you wonder if it's too much. But then you're captivated by the students' insightful conversations with renowned personalities over lunch in New York. You watch how they're inspired exploring backstage with an actor on Broadway.

You hear them walking down West 27th Street talking among themselves about how something isn't anything like what they thought it would be. Or how some-

thing they experienced is their new favorite thing. Or how what they just learned emboldened them to pursue a passion or changed the way they think about what their futures can be.

That's when you realize it may be a lot. But given the payoff, it's not too much at all.

## Tuesday with 'Sleep No More'

**BY LINDLEY ANDREW**

This morning we departed from RDU, and after an hour in the air, landed at LaGuardia international airport. We then took a van ride to our hotel where we got our first true look at the city.

Next, we took the subway to Ellen's Stardust Diner, where we ate lunch while listening to waiters and waitresses, all of whom have been on Broadway, sing and dance. The food was delicious, and the fun atmosphere was even better!

After eating lunch, we walked through Times Square and headed towards the Empire State Building. Once there, we went all the way up to the observation deck where we were able to get a great 360-degree view of the city. The wind was intense on the observatory, but the amazing views were totally worth the crazy, wind-blown hair! After visiting the Empire State Building, and taking a little bit of rest time at the hotel, we headed to our first theatrical experience of the trip, an interactive show based on Shakespeare's "Macbeth," called "Sleep No More." The interactivity of the show was unlike anything any of us had ever done before, and all of us left more excited and chatty than we came in!

To end the night, we grabbed a late dinner at NY Pizza Suprema. The



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**In front of the Washington Square Arch in New York's Greenwich Village.**



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**A flower placed on the 9-11 Memorial last Friday for Edward Lichtschein is one of many placed each day to commemorate the birthday of those killed in the terrorist attacks.**



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**Samantha Zarate takes a photo of the 9/11 memorial during a quiet visit to the location where the Twin Towers once stood.**

pizza was amazing! It was authentic and delicious! Definitely a must-try in New York!

## Wednesday with Jessie Austrian, 'Tootsie' on Broadway, Andy Grotelueschen and 'La Traviata' at the Metropolitan Opera

**BY JENNIFER HENDERSON**

After our first day in

New York, we were ecstatic to begin our next day's adventures. We woke up to car horns and doughnuts from the Doughnut Project. The doughnuts were amazing and my favorite had to have been the vanilla bean doughnut.

After a bit of exploring, we headed to Joe Allen for lunch with Jessie Austrian, an actress and director who is the cofounder of Fiasco Theater Company. Jessie discussed life in the theater business with us and gave us wonderful advice for our futures in theater. The food was incredible, but Jessie was

even better!

Following our amazing lunch with Jessie, we arrived at the Marquis Theatre on Broadway to watch "Tootsie." The show was hysterical and filled with incredible actors. Following the show, Andy Grotelueschen, who played Michael's roommate Jeff, showed us around backstage and even introduced us to costars Santino Fontana and Lilli Cooper! Seeing how they ran the show backstage was insightful and a great look into what a career in theater is like.

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# NEW YORK: Student artists tell about their adventures in NYC

Continued from page B6

After much, much more coffee and getting lost in the subway, we took the 1-train to the Metropolitan Opera House to watch “La Traviata.” We got to watch many incredible opera singers perform, including world-famous Plácido Domingo. Their talent was inspiring to all of us and will be undoubtedly be a highlight in our trip.

To end off the day, we ate a very late dinner at Chandni, an Indian-Pakistani food buffet. While the entire meal was delicious, the naan bread with tikka masala sauce stood out. It was life changing. I will probably have dreams about it.

## Thursday with a street art tour and workshop with JCORP and ‘The Play That Goes Wrong’

BY NATALIE SANTIAGO

We woke up to bagels and cream cheese from Murray’s Bagels, which was really good. Then we went on a graffiti tour around the city and made a piece of our own in a studio.

We went to Katz’s for lunch and I had tuna salad sandwich which was really good. Katz’s is known for their salami sandwiches. After lunch we went to the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), which was really cool. There were a lot of amazing pieces.

In the evening we went to the “Play That Goes Wrong.” It was really funny and I enjoyed it a lot. We went to the Shake Shack for dinner. The burgers were really good and they are known for their fresh lemonade.

## Friday with Peter Marks, ‘Chicago’ and a Late-Night Session at Jazz at Lincoln Center

BY SYDNEY SUITS

This morning, while most of the group explored downtown Manhattan, Corrine, Lindley and I walked Washington Square Park and surrounding areas. The park was gorgeous; all the plants in full bloom. Music was playing and there were plenty of dogs to meet.

The group that traveled downtown went to the 9/11 Memorial, Wall Street and took a ferry ride past the Statue of Liberty. The trip was full of great views and the emotional experience of the memorial reignited strong patriotism throughout the group.

For brunch, we met with the renowned Broadway critic and Pulitzer Prize winner Peter Marks. He was the embodiment of a down-to-earth New Yorker. And to prove his NY authenticity, he enjoyed his fourth cup of coffee for the day as we discussed our thoughts of the new show, “Tootsie.” We also talked about shows JMArts has done

and our experiences in them. I told him about my time playing Sonny in “In The Heights” and how it connected with me personally. Afterwards, he said he couldn’t wait to tell his buddy Lin — Lin Manuel Miranda — all about our experiences with his musical. Needless to say, that made our day. Peter was a pleasure to talk to and showed us how, even with all of his accomplishments, he’s a regular person with a great heart and a common love of musicals.

After a well-needed nap, we headed to “Chicago” — the musical that is. We collectively held this musical to a very high standard, for it is a well known and very long-running show. The musical was entertaining and comedic yet didn’t entirely meet our expectations. The lead for the show was much more of a model than an actress. Nonetheless, we still enjoyed ourselves. Our seats were to die for. Often I made eye contact with the actors and actresses, making my heart skip a beat every time.

To end our day, we walked to Columbus Circle. Mentally preparing to leave, our anxiety was soothed by the good, good vibes, and fabulous music. Not to mention the view that was to die for.

## Saturday morning Dim Sum, Chinatown and a look back at five days in New York

BY SAMANTHA ZARATE

On our last day here in the city that never sleeps, fully packed, we made our way to the lobby for our last adventure. We took a taxi down to Chinatown and met up with Kirby Pate (Chip and Rose’s son), a podcast producer and JMArts member, at Nom Wah Tea Parlor for dim sum. We had an incredible time while trying authentic Chinese dishes like turnip cakes, soup dumplings, pork siu mai and steamed spare ribs.

After that, we split up into two groups. One group went to the Law and Order courthouse that’s used in the show, while the other group went to Canal Street, a well-known area for its great bargaining. I was in the group that went to Canal Street and I bought some cute and inexpensive gifts for my parents back in Siler City.

Sadly, this trip filled with



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Friday morning began with a visit to the 9/11 memorial and the Freedom Tower.

music, art and food had to come to an end. We went back to the hotel to get our luggage and made our way to LaGuardia Airport. As soon as I got on the airplane, I felt just a little bit sad having to leave the busy city. But if I’m being honest, all of that sadness drifted away when I looked at my airplane window and saw North Carolina’s beautiful pastures.

I have enjoyed every second of experiencing this crazy city. Being there made me realize that the arts is like a little family full of love and desire to see everyone succeed. All I can say is that I can’t wait to go back.



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Andy Grotelueschen, one of the stars of ‘Tootsie,’ jumps in a photo with Jordan-Matthews artists on the Marquis Theatre stage. Andy (Jeff Slater) took the students backstage and on stage to discuss the new Broadway musical and meet his costars Santino Fontana (Michael Dorsey/Dorothy Michaels), Lilli Cooper (Julie Nichols) and Julie Halston (Rita Marshall). The group also met several of the other cast and creatives, including ‘Tootsie’ book writer Robert Horn.



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A view of Manhattan from the group’s ride on the Staten Island Ferry.



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Jordan-Matthews artists stop for a photo outside the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center before ‘La Traviata’ with the legendary tenor Plácido Domingo.



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The Jordan-Matthews group poses with Peter Marks, chief theater critic for The Washington Post. Marks was part of a news team that received a Pulitzer Prize.

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**ABOUT AARON HALL:**  
Raleigh native Aaron Hall now calls Pittsboro home. He produces "Taj Talk" and hosts the Chatham County Round Up on WCHL radio and works as president of Taj Media Productions. He can be reached at Aaron@TajTalk.com

**What was your first paying job, and what did it teach you?**  
A paper route. I like getting up early.

**What's the most difficult job you've ever had?**  
Building commercial air conditioning systems.

**What advice would you give someone considering doing the same line of work as you?**  
Be an entrepreneurial person.

**Your standard order at a coffee shop?**  
Double espresso.

**Who is your personal hero?**  
My dad, Carl H. Hall Sr.

**Your ultimate "happy place"?**  
Being with my children.

**Coke or Pepsi?**  
I do not drink soda.

**Where is your dream location to retire?**  
Bora Bora.

**Favorite weekend getaway:**  
Spending time with my

children.

**Which do you like better: starting or finishing?**  
It depends.

**When will robots take over the world?**  
They already have.

**Life on other planets? Yes or no?**  
Yes.

**Stay up late or get up early?**  
Get up early.

**Does the early bird really get the worm?**  
Usually.

**Least favorite saying:**  
"Does that make sense?"

**On a snow day, you'd stay home and binge-watch:**  
A book.

**Dogs or cats?**  
Dogs

**Favorite N.C. celebrity?**  
Thelonus Monk

**Ever danced in the rain?**  
Whenever possible.

**What habit would you most like to break?**  
Paying taxes

**What celebrity would you most like to hang out with for a day?**  
Dr. Claud Anderson.

**What is one toy you wanted as a child but never**

**received?**  
A go-cart.

**What's the best use of a snow day?**  
Cooking.

**What's the most amazing thing about you that most people wouldn't have guessed?**  
My love of flowers.

**What is the most significant of your life's goals that you haven't yet accomplished?**  
Going to outer space.

**What makes your home special?**  
My children.

**Who was the best teacher (in school or at work) you ever had?**  
Clarence Beebe.

**The trait you most deplore in yourself:**  
Procrastination.

**Your strongest trait?**  
Positive outlook.

**Words or phrases you overuse:**  
"Certainly."

**What was the last thing you did that really made your boss proud of you?**  
I am the boss!

**The book you're currently reading:**  
Other Books from the Bible.

**The TV program that's a**

**"must-see" for you:**  
Sanford and Son.

**How many hours per week do you spend online?**  
Too many.

**What's your favorite website?**  
TajTalk.com

**If money weren't an object, but you still had to work, what would your job be?**  
Farming.

**What radio station do you listen to most frequently?**  
WNCU.

**If you were ever to seek political office, you'd run for:**  
Supreme Leader.

**One day, when you have time, what would you like to learn how to do?**  
Become a jazz pianist.

**What do you plan to do after retirement?**  
Travel with my children.

**What's been your wildest adventure?**  
The Confederate statue discussion.

**Your ideal vacation would be:**  
Bora Bora.

**What's your favorite one-day travel destination?**  
The beach.

**What's your favorite snack food?**  
Grapes.



Aaron Hall

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# Jeremiah Drive: Under water again, for the 5th time

**BY CASEY MANN**  
News + Record Staff

Jeremiah Drive is the sole access road to the homes of 26 residents in northeastern Chatham County, which has been dealing with severe flooding for several years.

Last week, the residential area experienced its fifth flood since hurricane-based flooding occurred last September. Residents received an email from Steve Newton, Chatham County's Director of Emergency Management, on April 14 warning of the potential for more flooding. He sent another on April 18 warning residents that the road will likely be flooded for several more days because of forecast weekend storms, leaving residents inhibited by flood waters.

Newton noted that "additional rain and downstream conditions along the Cape Fear have meant Jordan Lake levels are still high, eight days later."

"The County has been notified by the US Army Corps of Engineers that with additional rain forecast tomorrow [April 19] Jordan Lake levels may reach or exceed 231 feet by Monday (4/22/2019)," the email read. "At 231 feet there will be 3.5 feet of water over the road, which will continue to prevent most vehicle access to your neighborhood."

On Monday, Newton said the levels at Jordan Lake only elevated to a little over 229 feet. Though not as bad as expected, the levels were expected to still leave Jeremiah Drive under water for the next several days.

In a communication sent by Jeremiah Drive resident Paye Stanley, each of the previous floods averaged about two weeks in duration. This means that those residents have not been able to access their homes for 72 of the last 141 days, according to Stanley. She also noted that residents have been "cut off" from their homes for every holiday including last Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Easter, thanks to the flooding.

The comforts of home and access to it are not the only things with which the residents struggle. When the road floods, the residents have limited access to services such as fire departments, police departments and mail delivery. Emergency access requires the use of the Chatham County Swift Water Rescue Squad, which ferries first responders in and then they and the patient out.

"We have residents out

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

In January, residents were informed that the N.C. Dept. of Transportation, working in coordination with local elected officials, will be funding improvements to raise the road to help alleviate flooding during rain events. The expectation at the time was to have construction complete in July.

NCDOT Division Engineer Brandon Jones was the main point of contact of NCDOT for the residents. Even though he has since taken on a different position at NCDOT, Jones continues to provide updates to the residents about the construction progress.

"We are still on schedule and hoping for a mid to late May start date barring water levels and final sign off from the Corps," Jones communicated via email to Stanley. "We have finalized wetland evaluations and dirt resources. I will follow up with you and the community regarding construction expectations as we approach beginning the project."

Jones confirmed to the News + Record that the project is still on target to begin as scheduled, but he noted water levels at Jordan Lake will need to recede in order for the work to be performed. Additional flooding during the scheduled construction period to delay the completion of the road elevation, currently scheduled to be finished in July.

The flooding on Jeremiah Drive is a direct result of water levels on Jordan Lake. According to Newton, the road flooding had been an occasional occurrence in the past, perhaps happening every few years or so. But excessive rainfall over the past several months has made it a regular occurrence. Jones responded similarly in January when the announcement to elevate the road was made.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineering controls the elevation of Jordan Lake and they must consider many factors to determine when to release water," Jones told the News + Record. "This past fall we have had record rainfalls over a very large area of the water-

sheds and downstream rivers. This has meant the road has been flooded for a much longer duration than in the past."

Newton notes that while the Corps must "strike a balance" between flooding above the dam and potential flooding below the dam, the Corps "will aggressively attempt to reduce lake levels as soon as conditions allow." In the meantime, Newton continues to connect with residents to keep them up to date with anticipated water levels

to permit residents to make accommodations as best they can.

"Emergency Management continues to work closely with the US Army Corps of Engineers to keep residents informed of the current situation, while the county works with the Army Corps and the NC Department of Transportation to mitigate future flooding impact," Newton said.



**Residents of Jeremiah Drive are again suffering flooding from Jordan Lake. The road has been underwater for at least 72 of the last 141 days.**

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## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Adam Webster, 32, of Siler City, was charged April 16 with assault on a female. He was held under no bond with a May 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Deborah Thomas, 50, of

Pittsboro, was charged April 16 with driving under the influence, speeding and reckless driving. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a May 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Kenton Edwards, 23, of Pittsboro, was charged April 16 with failure to ap-

pear. He was held under a \$350 bond with a May 6 court date in Graham.

Kevin Hammer, 44, of Goldston, was charged April 16 with failure to appear. He was released under a written promise with a May 13 court date in Raleigh.

Joshua Brady, 31, of Siler City, was charged April 16 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$250 bond with an April 30 court date in Siler City.

Maria Harris, 33, of Pittsboro, was charged April 17 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$6,000 bond with a May 23 court date in Raleigh.

Robert Andrews Jr., 49, of Siler City, was charged April 17 for violating conditions of release. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with an April 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Trent Brewer, 47, of Siler City, was charged April 18 on a true bill of indictment for robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was held under a \$500,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Louis Alston, 29, of Siler City, was charged April 18 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$600 bond with a May 14 court date in Siler City. He was

also charged April 18 with simple possession of a Schedule II controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia and held under a \$500 bond with a May 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Tracy White, 52, of Bear Creek, was charged April 19 with failure to pay fines. He was released under a \$450 bond with a May 22 court date in Sanford. James Kendall, 29, of Rockingham, was charged April 20 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with a May 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Cedric Locklear, 56, of Chapel Hill, was charged April 21 with drunk and disruptive behavior and resisting a public officer. He was released under a written promise with a May 15 court date in Pittsboro.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Verna Ellis of Bear Creek

was cited April 18 for a safe movement violation on South Chatham Avenue in Siler City.

Sewchand Achaibar of Siler City was cited April 19 for a safe movement violation on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

William Strickland, 54, of Raleigh, was charged April 20 with felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and felony possession of a firearm by a felon. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Omar Neville, 30, of Chapel Hill, was charged April 20 with assault on a female and child abuse. He was held under no bond with a May 21 court date in Siler City.

Rashaad Farrar, 30, of Staley, was charged April 21 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under no bond with a May 8 court date in Pittsboro.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### NCDOT awards contract for work to preserve bridges over Jordan Lake

State transportation officials have awarded a contract for a project to preserve two bridges over Jordan Lake.

The bridges, on eastbound and westbound U.S. 64, were built in 1971. The work is expected to extend the use of the bridges by another 25 years.

The work calls for repairing the bridge decks and structural elements including joints, bearings, columns and girders.

The lowest of seven bids was filed by American Contracting and Services Inc. at \$1.6 million. Work may begin as early as April 29 and is scheduled to be complete by Sept. 1, 2020.

The contractor may close one of the two lanes on each bridge for safety purposes. Lane closures are not allowed on holidays or during holiday weekends.

### Chatham County Schools students among nation's best in Beta

PITTSBORO — Several Chatham County Schools students have earned an opportunity to showcase their talents at the Beta National Junior Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from June 15-18. To make it there, they emerged in February during competition at the North Carolina Junior Beta Club Convention in Greensboro. Chatham winners include:

- J.S. Waters School**  
Tyler Rives, third place, sculpture
- Riley Maynor and Carolyn Belk, third place, technology
- Shelby Holder, Jayley Martin, Mary Gaines and Andrea Chavez, first place, service
- Bennett School**  
Olivia Jones, first place,



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Bo Lilly (left), works with the district's federal programs and confers with district internal auditor Carol Chapman at the school system's main offices on April 11.

## District's financial reporting lauded for transparency, quality

ASHBURN, Virginia — The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International has recognized the Chatham County Board of Education with ASBO's Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended 2018. This award reflects the school system's commitment to transparency and high-quality financial reporting.

"The COE's mission is to promote and recognize excellence in financial reporting, specifically through a district's [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or] CAFR," ASBO International Director of Recognition Programs Molly Barrie said. "The CAFR informs parents and other stakeholders about the financial and economic state of the district, making it an important communications tool for building trust and engaging with the school community."

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Kailey Green, second place, painting  
Skylar Brigham and Olivia Jones, second place, portfolio

Grace Greeson, fourth place, creative writing  
**Bonlee School**  
Ellie Phillips and Abby Johnson, fifth place, technology

Sanaiya Cheek and Kelsey Andrews, fourth place, service project

**Chatham Middle School**  
Reagan Smith, Buck Thornton, Carolina Fernandez, Ahtziry Ramirez, Chelsea Prieto, Estefani DePaz, Dayanara Camacho, Jennifer Garcia, Byron Martinez, Angel Gonzalez, Macy Beavers,

Nathalie Gonzalez; first place, living literature

Anna Ichel Vicente, Bria Moffitt, Carolina Fernandez, Jennifer Garcia, Jaylyn Baldwin, Cecilia Munoz, Karsyn Vann, Nathalie Gonzalez, Estefani DePaz, Nora Funez; first place, banner

**Silk Hope School**  
Ann Maupin, Caroline Matthews, Julia Vitaro, Natalie Hamel, Logan Gunter, Sarah Dekaney, Chloe Dickerson, Andrew Duncan, Rafael Soto Monter and Caleb Colison; second place, living literature  
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# Spring Chicken Festival set for May 4

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The inaugural Spring Chicken Festival in historic downtown Siler City will turn the streets of Siler City into a chicken-inspired midway, complete with a Ferris wheel, a 28-foot rock wall and inflatable attractions, all of which will be free for use by those in attendance.

The May 4 event is being funded by a single sponsor, Mountaire Farms, which held the grand opening of its \$170 million, 265,000 square-foot poultry plant in Siler City last week.

The festival is being called “a new take on the old festival that began in the late 1980’s and that so many remember and have cherished memories of” by the town’s Parks and Recreation department.

“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 importance in the county’s economy while highlighting everyone and

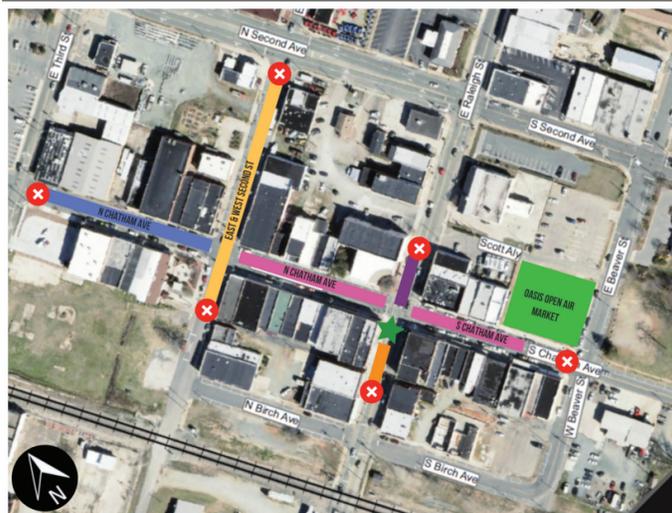
everything that makes Siler City a wonderful place to discover, live, work and play.”

There will be more than 110 vendors throughout the festival spanning art and craft vendors, local merchants and businesses, raffles and giveaways, food vendors and food trucks, bakeries, churches, civic groups, organizations and non-profits. Food vendors will be located along Chatham Ave offering a variety of foods including Chicken Wings, Fried Chicken, Cheeseburgers, hot dogs, Hispanic food, seafood and more. Many of vendors have registered to sell carnival-style treats such as funnel cakes, Deep Fried Oreos, and ice cream.

The “kids attractions” including the Ferris Wheel will be located on Second Street. Pirates from the Pieces of Eight Troupe will be welcoming children aboard their Pirate Ship and there will be a Touch-A-Truck event as well.

East Raleigh Street will host the Classic Car Show where cars will be showcased throughout the event. Oasis Open Air Market, located on the corner of Chatham Avenue and Beaver Street will be presenting the Beer Garden from noon until 9 p.m. with great craft beverages by several breweries and wineries. There will be a DJ located at the Beer Garden as well as a Dunking Booth.

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 at Oasis Open Air Market from 3 - 4 p.m. to dunk Siler City Town Manager, Bryan Thompson. All donations from that hour-long fundraiser



## SPRING CHICKEN FESTIVAL

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- FOOD VENDORS
- KIDS ATTRACTIONS  
*Ferris Wheel, Bounce Houses & Games*
- NON-FOOD VENDORS
- BEER GARDEN  
*Presented by: Oasis*
- BAND PARKING
- CLASSIC CAR SHOW
- ★ STAGE
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will benefit the Chatham County Relay For Life. There will be a main stage on Raleigh Street. Live music will begin there at 11 a.m. with the cool sounds of the Jordan-Matthews Jazz Band under the direction of J.C. Harper as they take the main stage to open the Spring Chicken Festival. The band will

perform classics like “St. Louis Blues” and “Stand By Me,” as well as newer favorites as “Uptown Funk.” The Sand Band, featured in the 2018 Carolina Beach Music Awards in Myrtle Beach, will be live in concert beginning at 1 p.m. The Sand band is a variety/Dance Band based in Pinehurst,

covering favorites from Motown, Classic Rock, Oldies, and Carolina Beach and Shag music. Award-winning, acoustic country band and Siler

City’s own Nu-Blu will close out the festival beginning at 4 p.m. Spring Chicken Festival can be found on Facebook or at [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org).

# Siler’s Bryan Thompson to take new role in Chatham

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City Town Manager Bryan Thompson is moving — but not very far.

Thompson, the town’s manager since 2013, informed the Siler City Board of Commissioners that he will be resigning his post in July in order to take on the position of assistant county manager for Chatham County.

Thompson told the News + Record the July 14 date was set to ensure that the town’s budget process is completed smoothly and to allow for a proper transition to the next town manager. Thompson sent a letter to the Siler City Board of Commissioners on April

15 announcing his resignation.

“I hope you can fully appreciate the substance of my sentiment when I express my deepest gratitude and pride in having served in this role,” Thompson’s letter read. “I hope you will agree that as a result of the collective leadership from you and our devoted staff, many accomplishments have been realized through our efforts and commitment to enhancing the well-being of our community.”

Thompson’s letter went on to say “this departure from my present responsibilities with the Town of Siler City does not represent a departure from my interest, and to a real

extent, involvement with the continued progress for our community; as I have accepted the position of Assistant County Manager for Chatham County.”

Siler City Mayor John Grimes noted that while he was sad to see Thompson leave, he was looking forward to seeing all that Thompson would do in the future.

“He’s done so much for Siler City,” Grimes said. “He told us where we needed improvement, created a plan of action, and gave us a good estimate of what it would cost. And the people he has hired have all been really solid. It’s a loss for the Siler City community and its citizens. However, he is not traveling far

so hopefully we’ll be able to access him when we need advice or clarification.”

Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne,

who hired Thompson for the position, noted his appreciation for Thompson and the role he will fill.

“I am very happy to have Bryan as our new

assistant manager,” LaMontagne said. “His knowledge and experience will surely be an asset to the county.”



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## Mountaire makes donation to Siler City Fire Department

Mountaire Farms in Siler City donated \$3,000 to the Siler City Fire Department to purchase new extrication equipment. This donation will provide for the expansion of the department’s extrication capabilities for not only Siler City, but the surrounding communities as well. The equipment can be used in industrial rescues, auto extrication, building collapses and many other similar type incidents. The Siler City Fire Department covers events that occur within 66 square miles in and around Siler City. The department receives about 500 calls per year, according to Siler City Fire Chief Scott Murphy. The department has two career firefighters, five part-time fire fighters and 38 volunteer firefighters. “We are greatly appreciative of the substantial donation from Mountaire Farms,” Murphy said.

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## LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 151** 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 A4,A11,A18,A25,4tp

**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 A4,A11,A18,A25,4t

**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 A4,A11,A18,A25,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 143** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executrices of the Estate of **ROBERT J. DEVIDO** aka **ROBERT JOSEPH DEVIDO** 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 11, 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-Executrices: Elise Anne Devido 851 Fearrington Post Pittsboro, NC 27312 Judith Madolin Devido 650 Commerce St Mineral Point, WI 53565 A11,A18,A25,My2,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM **IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 19 SP 49** BARBARA O. GAINES, Executor of the Estate of CHARLES D. GROCE, deceased Petitioner vs. ELIJAH EVERWINE together with all other heirs, devisees, and all creditors and lien holders regardless of how or through whom they claim any and all other persons claiming an interest in the Estate of CARMEN GROCE JORDAN, DECEASED Respondents **NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**

**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **GLORIA MAE PAYNE**, late of Bear Creek, 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 the offices of Daniel G. Rawlins, Attorney for the Estate, 105 S Fourth St, Mebane, NC 27302, on or before the 11th day of July, 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 11th day of April, 2019. Cheryl Briscoe, Executrix of the Estate of Gloria Mae Payne c/o Daniel G. Rawlins, Attorney for the Estate 105 S Fourth St Mebane, NC 27302 A11,A18,A25,My2, 4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 110** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **GEORGE MICHAEL TERRY** 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 11, 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. Janice Poe Terry, Executor 4738 Old US 421 N Siler City, NC 27344 Lewis Fadely, Atty. 119 N. Fir Avenue Siler City, NC 27344 A11,A18,A25,My2,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 166** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JOSEPHINE L. MOURA** 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 11, 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. Janice Cruz, Executrix 144 North Fields Circle Chapel Hill, NC 27516 A11,A18,A25,My2,4tp

**TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ALL CREDITORS AND LIEN HOLDERS REGARDLESS OF HOW OR THROUGH WHOM THEY CLAIM AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CARMEN GROCE JORDAN, DECEASED.** Take notice that a Petition has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is a public or private sale of certain real property in Chatham County, North Carolina described in the Petition in order to make assets to pay claims and costs of administration of the Estate of Charles D. Groce, deceased. You are required to file a response to the Petition not later than the 21st 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 the 9th day of April, 2019 /s/ Paul S. Messick, Jr. N.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 Petitioner A11,A18,A25,3tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** All persons having claims against **KATHERINE CAMPBELL FINN** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 24th day of January, 2019, are notified to present them to

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David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 A18,A25,My2,My9,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**19 E 106**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **BRENDA BATES GAINES** 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 18, 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 Wesley Holt, Executor 300 Hoyt Scott Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 A18,A25,My2,My9,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**19 E 188**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **THERESA JUANITA BROWN** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corpora-

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Kimberly Dawn King, Executrix 285 Hillcrest Ave Goldston, NC 27522 A25,My2,My9,My16,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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# How will Chatham County find and pay for resources for new schools?

**BY BRENDAN DOHERTY**  
Our Chatham

Chatham Park officials estimate that the largest mixed-use development in the state will generate 6,051 additional students in Chatham County. For context, Chatham County Schools currently serves 8,840 students.

More students, naturally, means more teachers. This thought wasn't lost on William Rosenfeld, a self-described elderly professional who has "been very interested in education quality and funding for many decades."

With that in mind, Rosenfeld asked Our Chatham to report on how CCS will "find (and pay for) teachers?" with the Chatham Park development.

Much of the growth is still a while down the line, with no CCS in Chatham Park actively under construction or even formally announced. But the need for future schools is undeniable, as long as plans hold for Chatham Park to generate an additional 60,000 residents for Chatham County in the next 40 years.

With Rosenfeld's question in mind, Our Chatham reached out to CCS about its plans for future hiring, sought the opinions of others involved with education in North Carolina for their thoughts and asked a Chatham Park representative whether or not he's concerned about the need for teachers. Here's what we learned.

**Finding teachers is tough now – and could be harder in the future**

It's hard for CCS to put a number on how many teachers it will eventually need to hire as a result of Chatham Park because it will depend on how many students the development produces.

"When it comes to hiring, teaching positions are based on the number of students we have," CCS Public Relations Coordinator John McCann wrote in an email. "Obviously, we have no students from the Chatham Park community at this point, and Chatham Grove Elementary School has not opened."

Chatham Grove, unrelated to Chatham Park, is one of two future CCS schools currently under construction, and is slated to open by the 2020-21 school year.

But regardless of what the number works out to be, CCS is expected to need to fill far more teaching positions than it currently has. This current school year (2018-19), CCS has 624 teachers for its 8,840 students, according to data from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. That breaks down to one teacher per every 14.17 students.

If the estimated figure of an additional 6,051 students generated from Chatham Park is accurate, that increase alone would call for 427 new teachers should the current teacher-to-student ratio be kept.

Hiring that many teachers may be difficult because of the state of the teaching profession in North Carolina.

According to Mark Jewell, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, there are currently 1,500 vacant teaching positions in North Carolina. He said the state is seeing fewer people enter the profession, which doesn't bode well moving forward.

Jewell cited pay as a deterrent to potential teachers. In March, WRAL reported that new estimates from the National Education Association place North Carolina 29th nationally in average teacher salary for the 2018-19 school year at \$53,975, up from 37th in 2017-18.

However, that amount is still considerably below \$60,462, the national average, and Jewell expressed frustration over the State General Assembly's decision in 2013 to eliminate salary increases for teachers with master's degrees and the lack of raises for experienced teachers.

In 2017, North Carolina legislators passed a budget that eliminated state health care for retired state employees hired after January 2021.

"We do still have a teacher shortage crisis, and you know we talk about continuing growth because our state still is growing in population," Jewell said. "It seems as though, 'How are you going to fill these positions,' right?"

Jewell said hiring teachers can be difficult in rural areas. That's where Chatham County comes into play.

"You're talking about having to drive a while or looking for places to live, so that's a drawback," said Chatham County Board of Education Chairman Gary Leonhard.

Chuck Smith, a representative for Preston Development Company – the firm behind Chatham Park – wrote in an email that Chatham Park "does not have any concerns about whether there will be an adequate number of school teachers coming to Chatham County in the future."

"Chatham County is becoming part of the Triangle," Smith said. "While there may be other areas of the state where it will be more difficult to attract teachers, the urban centers are attracting more people than ever and the teachers choosing to work in our state are more likely to locate in the urban areas."

Smith did acknowledge that the current lack of one- and two-bedroom apartments in Chatham County is an impediment to attracting beginning teachers but thinks Chatham Park will remedy this.

"As Chatham Park grows it will provide more housing choices and lifestyle choices than presently exist today in Chatham County making a teaching job in this area more attractive than it has ever been," Smith wrote.

The Chatham Park website states that starting prices for houses in the initial residential sections of the development will be in the \$250,000-400,000 range. Smith did not respond to a follow-up question on the expected price for one- and two-bedroom apartments in Chatham Park by time of publication.

According to Census data, the median household income in Chatham County is \$59,684, 18.6% higher than the state average (\$50,320). It also costs less to make ends meet in Chatham County than it does in some neighboring counties. According to the United Way of North Carolina's "Our Money Needs Calculator," a one-adult household must have an annual income of \$23,455 to make ends meet, a smaller amount than Orange (\$25,464), Wake (\$25,287) and Durham (\$24,373).

Compared to other school districts in rural areas, CCS does have the advantage of being located close to the Triangle, McCann said.

"It will remain important for us to help prospective teachers understand that while Chatham County Schools is in a rural area, our employees are able to access the amenities associated with larger cities in relatively short drives," McCann said. "As well, our employees have lauded our school system for having a support structure that makes for good working conditions."

If CCS struggles to attract traditional teachers, Jewell said alternatives including Teach For America and lateral entry might have to be explored.

Ultimately, local funding at the county level might be a determining factor, which is where the payment part of Rosenfeld's question comes into play.

**Local supplements play a big role in teacher hiring**

In North Carolina, teaching positions are funded by the state based on average daily membership. The ratio varies from grade to grade – the state funds one kindergarten teaching position for every

16 students and one 10th-12th grade position for every 29 students – but the general idea is that the more students you have, the more teaching positions will be funded.

However, it's up to local districts to secure adequate funding from their local counties to supplement state salaries for teachers. According to Jewell, there's "bidding wars" being waged by districts throughout North Carolina to entice potential hires.

In CCS' case, Chatham County has played an important role in funding the district and, consequently, contributing to its local supplement.

During a presentation at a Chatham County Board of Education meeting on March 11, CCS Chief Finance Officer Tony Messer presented information on the proposed 2019-20 district budget. He said 35% of the district's funding comes from local sources, and that CCS ranks sixth out of 116 districts in North Carolina in per-pupil county funding (\$3,510). Overall, CCS ranks 43rd in total funding per pupil.

"If we weren't sixth in county funding, just imagine where our ranking would be," Messer said.

In his presentation, Messer said the district is requesting a local current expense increase of \$1,540,000, partially due to an emphasis on employee compensation.

This school year, Leonhard said, CCS changed its local supplement scale for teachers from set to sliding. Beginning teachers now receive a 12% local supplement, and more experienced teachers receive a 14% supplement.

According to data from the DPI, the average teacher supplement in CCS for the 2017-18 school year was \$5,057, which ranked seventh in the state. However, neighboring districts Wake (No. 1, \$8,649), Chapel Hill-Carrboro City (No. 2, \$7,904), Durham (No. 4, \$6,931) and Orange (No. 5, \$6,274) each ranked higher.

The presence of those nearby districts just above CCS in average teacher supplement speaks to the difficulty CCS might have moving forward in attracting teachers. Chatham County has certainly pulled its weight in funding CCS, but that trend will have to continue moving forward.

The toughest part, Leonard said, is getting new teachers in the door.

"Our county commissioners have been wonderful to work with," Leonhard said. "I honestly believe once we get people here, they want to stay."

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# Chicken is back in Siler City

## Mountaire Farms officially opens Siler City plant

**BY CASEY MANN**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — A crowd of elected officials, Mountaire executive staff and community leaders gathered April 16 at the Mountaire Farms poultry plant in Siler City to celebrate an official ribbon cutting for both the plant and Mountaire's Health and Wellness Center for employees.

"We are so glad you chose Siler City to expand," Siler City Mayor John Grimes said, noting he spoke for the entire Siler City Board of Commissioners. "We welcome the jobs and our small businesses welcome the additional money being spent around town. We're glad you're here. Chickens have come home to roost in Siler City."

Chatham County Commissioner Diana Hales also welcomed Mountaire on behalf of the county board.

"You are building on that proud tradition of hiring local workers and keeping farmers producing," Hales said. "Work translates into dignity for the worker."

The \$170 million investment is estimated to bring approximately 1,250 jobs to Siler City, a town of about 8,000 residents.

Siler City suffered during the economic downturn around 2008, coupled with the loss of the Townsend chicken processing facility that had previously been located on the site of the current Mountaire plant.

"Thank you for your investment in Siler City," said Alyssa Byrd, President of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation. "This investment has truly invigorated the town."

N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler noted that agriculture is the largest industry in the state, with poultry accounting for about 71 percent of the industry's receipts.

"The sun is shining both literally and figuratively on Siler City and Chatham County," Troxler said.

N.C. Lt. Governor Dan

Forest noted the value of investments like Mountaire in the community.

"This is a dream come true for small towns like this across the state," he said. "We are very grateful for the investment you made in North Carolina and the investment you made in Siler City."

Phillip Plylar, President of Mountaire Farms, expressed the company's appreciation for the welcome and the support the company received from both the town and the state.

"We are grateful for being able to open this plant in the great state of North Carolina," he said. "Because North Carolina gets it. They embrace this opportunity. They the farmers. We're going to provide an opportunity for our workers and our community."

Paul Nelson, Director of Processing Operations for Mountaire in Siler City, echoed that sentiment.

"To the town of Siler City, thank you for all that you've done," he said. "Jack [Meadows, Siler City Planning Director] and Bryan [Thompson, Siler City Town Manager], every time we came to see you, you had a door open to us. All the elected officials and staff were all so kind."

The officials and executives participated in the ribbon cutting for the plant and for the Health and Wellness Center. All employees that participate in Mountaire's insurance plans are eligible to receive free health care at the company's center on the site, which is operated by Premise Health. The center has a primary care doctor on staff with other health care professionals to provide a range of services to employees and their families free of charge.

"To be good stewards of all the assets God has entrusted to us is part of our Mountaire creed," Dee Ann English, Executive Vice President of Mountaire said. "We believe our Health and Wellness Centers are a big part of fulfilling that commitment since our people are our greatest asset."



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After getting a hard hat and other protective gear, visitors on the plant tour saw the start of the process of creating the packages of chicken seen in stores.

### Touring the plant

Following the ribbon cutting, attendees were given a tour of the 265,000 square-foot facility. For safety, each attendee was provided slip proof shoe covers, gloves, a long smock, similar to a lab coat, a hair net and, if necessary, a beard net, a hard hat, ear protection, and a set of headphones which connected to a set worn by the tour guide so that attendees could hear instructions and details of the plant during the tour.

When entering the processing area, the sound was overwhelming. Even with the ear protection and the headphones, the sounds of the machines were roaring. As the tour commenced, hundreds of workers kept to their tasks of sorting, inspecting, de-boning, and packaging chickens. On conveyor belts near the ceiling of the plant, chickens and chicken parts were carried to different areas of the plant above the heads of attendees, workers, and the equipment.

The plant is kept at a very cool temperature to ensure the quality of the chicken. Workers



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The Mountaire Farms plant ribbon-cutting took place in Siler City April 16, and was well-attended by company executives and state and local government officials. The plant is expected to employ about 1,250 workers.

wore layers and winter gear to perform their work. Many of them wore stop watches to ensure they maintained the correct productivity level required to process 70,000 chickens in a day. Person after person were lined up along assembly lines, processing the birds and their parts. The plant is currently processing 625,000 chickens

per week but has the capacity to process 1.4 million in that time. The water required to perform the work is significant, with the plant estimated to require about 1.25 millions of gallons a day when at full capacity. The plant uses water for sanitation and processing, with drains and concrete "streams" throughout the floors of the plant. Attendees did not visit

the "slaughter" portion of the plant, but Mountaire noted that it likes to keep the turnover of live birds to customer as close to a day as possible. This, it was explained, was to provide the customer a product with as much shelf life as possible. It was also noted that the entire plant, which is massive, is cleaned at the end of each day.



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Linda Harris and Bob Kenney shared a few moments during the ribbon-cutting at the new Mountaire plant in Siler City on April 16.



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The official ribbon-cutting for the Mountaire plant and the Health and Wellness Center was held April 16, with Mountaire staff and executives, and government officials from Siler City and the state of North Carolina participating.



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Mountaire President Phillip Plylar and Dr. Zuber talk at the ribbon-cutting event. Plylar said that he appreciates the support received from the community, and that he knows that North Carolina understands and will embrace the opportunity.



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Chairman of Mountaire Farms Ronnie Cameron, left, is pictured with Siler City Mayor John Grimes and Mountaire Farms CEO Kevin Garland.

# Chatham's Carson Scholars honored

9 local students being recognized at awards ceremony

CN+R Staff Reports

Pittsboro — The Carson Scholars Fund has announced that 505 scholarships have been awarded to exceptional students across the nation.

North Carolina celebrates 18 new and 20 recognized students being named 2019 Carson Scholars. These young adults are exceptional,

not only in the academic setting, but in their communities.

Carson Scholars are individuals in grades 4-11 who display outstanding academic achievement (at least a 3.75 GPA) and humanitarian qualities. Students receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and the coveted honor of being named a Carson

Scholar. The recipients being honored in North Carolina and specifically, Chatham County, are attached. Information on all 2019 Carson Scholars can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2VNn5rb>

To celebrate their accomplishments, 38 scholars from North Carolina were scheduled to be recognized at the North Carolina Awards

Banquet on Wednesday at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center.

The Carson Scholars Fund will also recognize scholars across the country at six additional regional banquets.

2019 CARSON SCHOLARS (FIRST TIME RECOGNITION)

- Alexandra Anthenien, Grade 8, Horton Middle

School

- Allison Bender, Grade 8, Bonlee School
- Evan Bland, Grade 4, Pittsboro Elementary School

- Naya Cole, Grade 7, Silk Hope

- Riley Lagenor, Grade 11, Chatham Central High School

- Jacquelinne Marroquin, Grade 10, Jordan-Matthews High

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- Jaycee Sansom, Grade 11, Chatham School of Science & Engineering

2019 RECOGNIZED CARSON SCHOLARS (REPEAT RECOGNITION)

- Caroline Bowman, Grade 6, Margaret B. Pollard Middle School

- McKinley Rogers, Grade 12, Jordan-Matthews High School

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# USAF Thunderbirds to headline Wings Over Wayne Air Show this weekend in Goldsboro

CN+R Staff Reports

GOLDSBORO—Wings Over Wayne Air Show is set to take place at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro on April 27-28. The event is free and gates open at 9 a.m. both days. The opening ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., and flying performances take place between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Spectators will experience the finest air power in the world as the USAF Thunderbirds take to the skies as this year's main headliner. For the first time in WOW history, the new F-35A Demo Team and C-17 Team will showcase their capabilities. Other favorites in the flying line up are the Army Black Daggers Jump Team, the Air Force Combined Arms Demo, Tora, Tora, Acemaker T-33, plus many more.

In addition to the aerial performances, Wings Over Wayne offers plenty of family-fun entertainment on the ground with static displays of recent and heritage aircraft, a Jet Truck, and military drill demonstrations. The brand

new KC-46A Refueling aircraft will also be an exciting addition to the ground display, as this is set to be operational by the USAF this year. The event also includes a Kids Zone featuring bounce slides, trampolines, and obstacle courses. Kid Zone tickets are available for purchase the day of the event for \$10.

A new addition this year is a Beer Garden, featuring craft and commercial beverages, located on the flight line. Tickets for the Beer Garden can be purchased in advance online or at the event starting at \$30/person. The ticket price includes seating, optimal viewing of the show, shaded areas, and exclusive beer stations. Beer purchases are not included in the ticket price. Guests of the Beer Garden must be at least 21 years of age and kids are not allowed in the area.

"Wings Over Wayne is one of the world's best air shows," said Chuck Allen, Mayor of Goldsboro. "Seymour Johnson does a phenomenal job attracting the best lineup of airpower and performers, alongside the F-15E Strike Eagle and KC-135

aircraft already stationed at the base."

"It's hard to put into words our feelings about this two-day event. It's a blend of excitement, humbleness, and nostalgia, uniting people from different generations and backgrounds by calling on the common patriotic seams that bond us all. Military communities are known for supporting their bases, but the Wings Over Wayne Air Show and Seymour Johnson AFB breaks the mold and gives back to Goldsboro and the state of North Carolina in ways that can't be measured," said Ashlin Glatthar, director of travel & tourism for Goldsboro-Wayne County.

Other tips and helpful points of information include checking out the prohibited items list on the event website at [www.wingsoverwayne.com](http://www.wingsoverwayne.com). Guests of the show are allowed to bring clear reusable water bottles less than 32 ounces, and factory-sealed water to the show. Free potable water stations will be located throughout the public areas of the event. Lawn and tailgating chairs are also permitted.



Photo by Senior Airman John Nieves Camach

**Maj. Joshua Boudreaux, U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team left wing pilot, exits an F-16 Fighting Falcon while Staff Sgt. Alexander Reed, Thunderbirds tactical aircraft maintainer, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Molina, Thunderbirds aircraft structural maintainer, stand by.(U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman John Nieves Camacho)**

The air show and parking are free. Food, beverages, and souvenirs are available for purchase. Concessionaires

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