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How did we get the problem?

A crisis of addiction, pain and prescriptions

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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(Editor's note: this is the second of a five-part series about Chatham County's response to the opioid crisis.)

GOLDSTON — While discussing the drivers of the opioid crisis April 4 at an event at Goldston's Town Hall, Casey Hilliard, a health policy analyst with the Chatham County Health Department, listed a few of the instigators.

The reality of lethal synthetics. Drug use being viewed solely as a moral/legal issue. The over-prescription of pills.

She spoke about each, but got blunt on one topic. "Pain is real," she said. "I don't think the medi-

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Shakori returns for its 17th year



Photo courtesy of Shakori Grassroots Festival

The annual Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival returns this weekend celebrating music, art, and dance in Chatham County. One highlight will be Turkquaz, a 9-piece funk band from Brooklyn. For more on Shakori see page A11.

The next frontier for hemp



Staff photo by David Bradley

At a recent Hemp Workshop hosted by the Chatham Agriculture Extension at the Agricultural Center in Pittsboro, a representative talks with future hemp farmers about the lumen sensor device and the growth lights hanging above the cannabis plants. The device shows the user the amount of light needed by the plants in order to maximize their growth.

BY CASEY MANN
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Hemp farming is growing in North Carolina and the potential economic benefits are drawing interest from established farmers and new farmers alike.

After the first year of production, Hemp Industry Daily determined that North Carolina was the eighth largest producer of hemp in the country in 2017. The following year, the state had more than tripled its registered farmers, from 97 to 340. Two hemp workshops held by the Chatham County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension were sold out, with more than 250 attendees representing not just counties throughout the state, but five other states in the region.

What is hemp?

Industrial hemp is a variety of cannabis sativa. Marijuana is another variety of the same plant, but the two differ in significant ways.

The major difference is the amount of THC each plant contains. THC is the intoxicating substance in the plant. Marijuana averages around 30 percent THC while hemp contains usually less than .3 percent. Hemp also contains more Cannabidiol or CBD than marijuana, which is a non-intoxicating compound with numerous medicinal qualities.

Various parts of the industrial hemp plant can be used for a diverse array of industries. The hearty stalk and fiber can be used for paper, fabric, bedding, and even



Staff photo by David Bradley

Exhibitors from Hemp production industry companies talk with participants about the value of their products.

construction materials such as energy efficient hempcrete.

The flower can be used for seed for food or can be infused into CBD for products that have been scientifically proven to have positive health effects such as reducing pain, reducing anxiety and depression, and alleviating some cancer-related symptoms.

A majority of hemp grown in North Carolina, above 95 percent, is for CBD production. However, there are many who believe that growing the plant for fiber, especially

in North Carolina which has a rich history of textile production, is the next big move for hemp in the state. Hemp-cotton fabrics are stronger than pure cotton fabrics and it uses less water and has a shorter cultivation period than cotton.

Hemp for fiber production

Eric Henry is the owner of TS De-

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ANNUAL USPS FOOD DRIVE

Stamp Out Hunger set for May 11

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SILER CITY — It's business as usual on any given day for the Post Office to be bustling with activity, a stream of letters and packages constantly coming and going.

But for the thousands of men and women distributing mail nationwide on Saturday, May 11, activity will be busier than usual, with letter carriers bringing back as much, and likely more, than the mail they left with.

On that day, the U.S. Postal Service's Stamp Out Hunger food drive — always held on the second Saturday in May — will be conducted. This spring, the program marks its 27th installment.

For letter carriers, it means additional work, but they say they don't mind, because the extra toting is for a good cause, helping address the issue of hunger.

But it's not all on the carri-

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Evaluating a year's work

State tests come into focus for Chatham County

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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GOLDSTON — Chris Bowling is no different than his public school peers across the state at this time of year.

Bowling, first-year principal at J.S. Waters School in Goldston, is preparing his teachers and students for end-of-year tests administered by the state. These tests directly affect the school performance grade J.S. Waters will receive later in the fall, and he and his teachers will be evaluated at least in part by those results.

"A lot of teachers have testing anxiety just like the kids do," Bowling said. "They want kids to perform well, but they also know it comes back on them."

Students at Chatham County Schools institutions will begin state tests soon — elementary and middle schools on May 24 and high schools on June 3 — and while the anxiety might

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IN THE KNOW

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Northwood's Pickens wins Morehead-Cain Scholar, full ride at UNC. **PAGE B5**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will hold their regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on May 6 at Siler City Town Hall located at 311 N. Second Ave. in Siler City.

THURSDAY

• **Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation** - What happens in an acting class? If you'd like to see for yourself — and be entertained by high school actors — be sure to attend the free performance showcase for Jordan-Matthews High School's Scene X Scene Acting Intensive. The 45-minute showcase will be held at 7 p.m. on May 2, in the J-M Auditorium. Anyone interested in drama is encouraged to attend, especially elementary through high school students who might want to venture onto the stage.

FRIDAY

• The **2019 Relay for Life Main Event** will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. on May 3 at Bray Park in Siler City. Survivors may begin arriving at 4:30 p.m. for registration. This year's Relay theme is "Changing Lives of Chatham Champions." Live music includes performances by the Jordan-Matthews Jazz Band, 501 South, "Live Out" from The Hangout of Siler City, with Loves Creek Baptist Church Worship Team.

SATURDAY

• **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. Registration for participants will begin 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 is available on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MotorsForMusicCarShow>. All proceeds will benefit Northwood High School Band Programs.

• **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 visit us at www.chathamkids.org/benefit to buy tickets, sponsor, donate or advertise. Hope to see you there!

• **Eastern Randolph Farmers Market** will open Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m., hosted by Millstone Creek Orchards. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from May through August, for a weekend adventure. In addition to fresh produce, meats, eggs, breads and fresh flowers, local crafters and artisans will show off their talents and craftsmanship. All vendors produce and grow their products and goods locally. The market is located at 506 Parks Crossroads Church Road, Ramseur.

SUNDAY

• The **Chatham Historical Museum** will be open for First Sunday events, May 5, from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. It is adult and kid-friendly with 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 through June. Regular hours for the Museum is from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• The **Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9 in the conference room downstairs in the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting. To confirm meeting or for additional information, call the office at 919-542-8240.

• 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.

Classes. 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 to 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.

• 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.

• The **New Hope Valley Railway**, the Triangle's Train will host a Brew "n" Choo ride event of Saturday, May 18 from 3 to 8 p.m. at its rail yard in Bonsal, located off Old US1 South on the Wake-Chatham County Line. Rides are scheduled at 4, 5, 6, and 7 p.m. traveling eight miles round trip, lasting about an hour. Before or after the ride, visitors can tour the North Carolina Railway Museum, with tours planned 45 minutes before each departure time. Train tickets cost \$7 to \$10 and price varies for adults, seniors age 60+, and children 2 to 12. Children under two are free if sitting in the lap of a ticket holder. Food and drink will be available for purchase, but it is not included in the train ticket price. Future Brew & Choo ride events are planned for Saturdays, June 29, July 27, August 31 and September 28. NHVR's complete 2019 ride schedule can

be viewed at: TriangleTrain.com/schedule.

• 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, 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 discoloration 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 preregister for this event by calling 336-633-7788.

ALSO HAPPENING

• **Descendants of a Horton High School** alumnus or attendee are eligible to apply for the Horton High School Alumni Association Scholarship for 2019-2020. High school graduates, college students, and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Apply on HHSAA website: www.hortonhighalumni.com.

• **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.

• **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 Bo-jangles in Pittsboro. For further information, contact Ann Ritter, 919-984-2650 or email her at: ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu.

• **Circle of Support** for those who have lost a loved one to death will be meeting the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one meeting or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one to death. Hospice staff and volunteers will facilitate the Circle of Support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to register! Just come! If you would like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home: 984-215-2675.

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

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

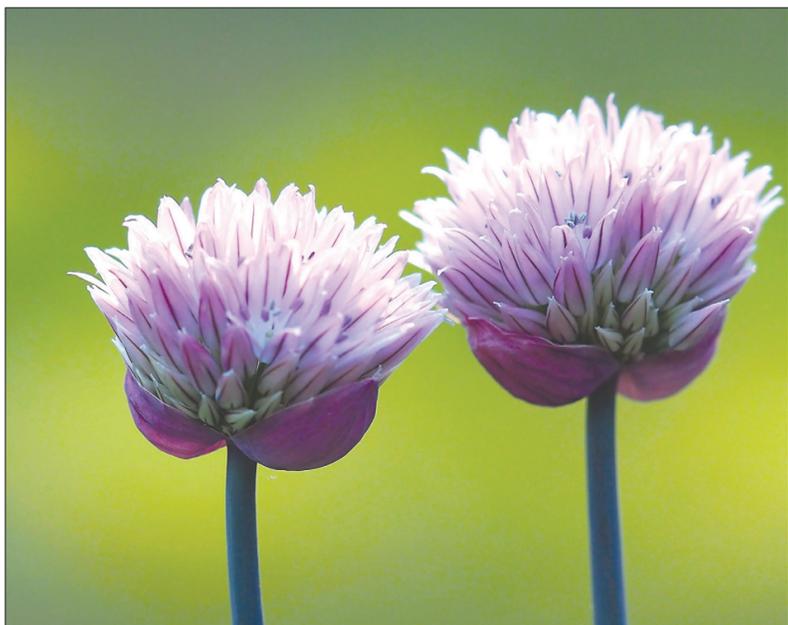
• **Motorcycle Association** - The Motorcycle Association for Chatham, Western Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.

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

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

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

• **Scout News**
• Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information.
• Pack 924 of Siler City First United Methodist Church meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.
• Pack 900 in Bear Creek meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Meroney's United Methodist Church following the school calendar. See <http://pack900.com> for more information.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

A lovely treat

It's spring and that means the flowers are blooming. Here a chive plant shows off its fuchsia blooms.



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Spring has sprung

The drops of dew on the vivid petals of this dianthus carnation demonstrate the delicate strength of nature.

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HUNGER: Blue plastic shopping bags can be filled with donated food

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ers.

To make the event a success, the Post Office depends on help from the rest of us.

To that end, Post Offices are asking customers to bag up nonperishable food items (appropriately dated for consumption) and place them by your mailbox on May 11 for your carrier to pick up and take back to the Post Office. From there, the collected food will be distributed in the community to those who need the help.

For the Siler City Post Office, that means thousands of pounds of food for the West Chatham Food Pantry.

Last year, Siler City's letter carriers handled donations totaling approximately 5,000 pounds, said Siler City Post Office manager Walt Amos. The year before, Siler City postal workers transported more than 3,000 pounds of food. "It's a good thing for

the community," said Amos, who's been with the U.S. Postal Service for 14 years. "Our carriers take pride in doing this, even though it's a little extra work, because there are hungry people in our community, people that don't have something to eat. There's a need."

In advance of the food drive, postal customers — including P.O. box users — early next week will receive in the mail a post card alerting them to the drive (it's written in English and Spanish) and a blue, plastic shopping bag they may use to package donations.

"We've done very well in the past with the food drive," said Amos. "And there's a real need here."

Volunteers with the West Chatham Food Pantry, in operation now for 12 years, confirm this.

"We serve about 175 families a week, people that need food," said Ken McPherson, who is one

of 300 or so people who volunteer their time, in some capacity, for the local non-profit agency.

In addition to those 175 families, the West Chatham Food Pantry prepares 210 backpacks full of food for qualifying students at Virginia Cross Elementary School, Siler City Elementary School, and Chatham Charter School.

The Stamp Out Hunger program "helps tremendously," said Diane Smith, chairman of the West Chatham Food Bank's board of directors. "Last year, donations were close to 5,000 pounds, which was amazing."

The timing of this year's Stamp Out Hunger program is good, too, Smith said.

"We are struggling a little right now," she said, noting that two "significant" grants on which the agency has depended didn't come through this year.

"So anything is a huge help," Smith said. Other food drives are

held throughout the year — the Siler City Lions Club recently completed a drive that netted 1,000 pounds of food for the pantry; and Jordan-Matthews High School also conducted a successful drive recently — and all are helpful, Smith said. But food doesn't stay on their shelves long — "It goes pretty fast," said Smith — and quantities must be constantly replenished to meet continuing needs.

Cheryl Hilliard is one of 11 rural carriers working out of the Siler City Post Office. A 24-year veteran, Hilliard said she's the "talker of the bunch," frequently stopping to chat with customers as she delivers the mail. Getting to know folks, she's seen, even on the stops along her route, the local need for food assistance.

Helping the post office effort, she said, is easy.

Customers only have to place their donated items in a bag at their mailbox

and, she said, it helps the carriers if customers raise the flag on their box to let carriers know there's an outgoing package.

Hilliard said she and her co-workers may have to make multiple trips back to the post office may 11, but it's no hassle.

"We don't mind doing that, at all," she said.

Her colleague, Mylynda Maher, is the Siler City Post Office's union representative, responsible for overseeing the Stamp Out Hunger Program. She orders the blue bags and post cards carriers will distribute soon.

"It's a busy day," she said of the annual drive, "but it's not bad when you consider it's for a good cause."

And while letter carriers face daily pitfalls — barking/biting dogs, insects and inclement weather are some of the more common work-related hazards — the job also comes with rewards, Maher said, including customers who offer cold bottles of water on hot

days, Christmas greetings during the holidays. Helping handle the outpouring of contributions for Stamp Out Hunger is another reward, she said.

"The bottom line is, it's a really good thing for the community to help out the less fortunate," Maher said.

Response from customers to the nationwide program is always good. Two years ago, reporting on the 25th edition of Stamp Out Hunger, the National Association of Letter Carriers provided critically needed goods to local food distribution centers in every state, with 71 million pounds of food collected in more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This figure boosted the quarter-century total to more than 1.5 billion pounds.

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TESTING: Some students given accommodations on testing day

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be hitting its highs now, schools begin preparing long before the calendar flips to May.

Following all the rules

On test day, students will go into rooms and take tests. Pretty simple, right?

Not quite. Some students will receive accommodations on specific tests, ranging from Braille and large-print editions of exams to read-aloud of certain sections. Making sure all of those accommodations are met and that students needing the same accommodations are grouped together is just one of the hurdles testing coordinators face.

Tania Poston is the

assistant principal and test coordinator at Siler City Elementary School. There's a whole handbook that outlines the rules for sample test items, the storing of test materials, prohibited items in the testing room, recognizing and reporting irregularities and mis-administrations, among other topics, she has to follow.

"Statewide, in years past, multiple times, rules get set because somebody has broken that and there's been tampering," Poston said. "The great thing about our district is that we don't even have tests on campus until about a week before the testing actually starts. Everything we need to do, we go to Central Services so that it is in a secure environment to get things

prepared for the test, to get them in the right groups, to get them in the right number."

Perhaps the most notable case nationally of violation of these kind of rules happened in Atlanta. In 2013, 12 educators were indicted — with all but one convicted two years later — for cheating and breaking rules on standardized tests. According to a New York Times report, the 11 defendants, a mixture of teachers, testing coordinators and administrators in Atlanta public schools, were convicted of racketeering related to inflating test scores and altering answer sheets.

Bowling gave an example of how strict test security is. Test materials are kept in the district's Central Services building



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Wendy Phillips, right, testing coordinator at J.S. Waters School in Goldston, goes over some testing material with principal Chris Bowling.

until anywhere from a week to the day before the test. When those tests arrive at the school, they are kept in a separate room that only a few people, sometimes just the testing coordinator, has a key to. On test day, testing administrators, usually teachers, come to pick up the materials and can't let them out of their sight until they reach the classroom.

Even if they get sick and have to use the bathroom.

"They have to take the test with them," Bowling said.

If a student becomes physically ill on a test, that test has to be bagged up and counted just like every other test. If a batch of tests comes back one less, even because of vomit, that's a problem.

"The testing coordinator job, it's a monumental task," said Larry Savage, principal at Siler City Elementary. "A lot of accountability. You've got to get it right."

Helping students get ready

Sarah Chicchi served as the assistant principal and testing coordinator at North Chatham Elementary School last year. She's now the principal at Virginia Cross Elementary School.

Like her fellow principals, Chicchi said test prep is a year-long process. Students will take NC Check-Ins, assessments given three times a year that, according to the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction, are designed "to provide individual and classroom level formative feedback." Those tests will give teachers and administrators an idea of where their students are at different points in the year.

It also allows students — particularly third graders, who will be taking end-of-grade state tests for the first time — to experience the environment of a state exam.

Closer to testing time, different schools will take different approaches to preparing students. At Virginia Cross this year, Chicchi said, a pep rally will be held the day before testing starts to help motivate students to try their best and improve. Each student develops a "realistic goal" for testing results, she said, designed to meet every student where

they are.

"We have kids from all different backgrounds," she said. "It might be their first day in an American school, they speak no English whatsoever. Holding that student to the same level as a student who has been in school as an English speaker for a long time, you have to take that into consideration."

Savage said the key word at Siler City Elementary is "stamina."

"We talk about this word 'stamina,' that the kids really need to have stamina on the test, especially the third graders," he said. "We deliberately try to start at the beginning of year expose them to EOG-type activities, but in shorter chunks. Then during the year, the teachers slowly expand the length of the reading passages they're looking through, building their stamina so they can read and engage in a text for a longer period of time slowly over the course of the year."

One focus of administrators is doing what they can to alleviate test stress on the part of students. Chicchi said she's had students in the past get physically ill on test day or just struggle with anxiety in general related to these exams.

"Some kids really do get very stressed, regardless of our educators' efforts and parents' efforts," she said. "Kids put that additional pressure on themselves because of the seriousness and what it's all tied to."

Proficiency vs. growth

The stress is understandable because, on the state level, the students are judged by the tests, the teachers are judged by their students, the administrators and schools are judged by their teachers and the districts are judged by their schools.

The state's school performance grades are measured by a complex formula that takes into account a school's proficiency on tests and whether or not they met expected growth from the previous year. In recent years, the formula has counted proficiency for 80 percent of the grade and growth for 20 percent, which Bowling said isn't exactly reflective of the process.

"There are some kids that are lower than others academically that may not get to proficiency in a specific year, but they grow," he said. "I've love for the state to more recognize growth than they currently do."

He may soon be getting his wish. On April 26, the N.C. House Education Appropriations Committee released its budget proposal for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 years, including several special provisions. One of those provisions alters the evaluation of proficiency and growth to a 51-49 split, respectively.

The state is also considering changes to the number of tests. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson said in January he was instituting some shifts in the number of testing, the number of questions on tests and changing policies around technology.

"New, personalized learning technology allows teachers to get the information they need about students' progress without high-stakes testing," Johnson said in a press release. "We will be working with local superintendents and state leaders to reform the system of over-testing. That way, we can give the teachers the time to do what they entered the profession to do: teach."

Chicchi, Savage and Bowling each said their schools focus more on growth than passing tests, while both are important.

"We all have a little bit of testing pressure, but at the same time, if you let it overwhelm you, you're not going to do your best," Bowling said. "The kids aren't going to do their best if they get too anxious about it. You've got to just trust the processes that you've taught them through the course of the year. How they've been doing all year should match up at the end of the year."

Chicchi said she hopes Virginia Cross students, teachers and staff don't get bogged down by the grade they receive.

"I think we're concentrating on just the good instruction that we do every day and what we do for kids every day," she said, "and try not to focus so much on the test because we know the good stuff we do every day will translate to good things on the test."

Savage said that, it might be cliché, but it's all about helping the kids.

"It can be stressful, but we focus on what we can focus on," he said. "Growth is what we're after and hard work is what we're after. What happens after that, we've done what we can and we'll deal with the good, or if there's areas for growth, which there always are, we'll work on that during the summer and come back stronger."

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THE CN+R EDITORIAL

Chatham, commission board will miss Walter Petty

Soon, someone will take Walter Petty's seat on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

They'll never, however, take his place.

Petty, the board's lone Republican, surprised his fellow commissioners, his party and all of Chatham County when he announced his resignation from the board at its April 15 meeting. The timing was critical. As Petty's business — Atlantic Power Solutions, which sells and services generators for agricultural, commercial and industrial clients — has grown, the additional travel and responsibilities have more and more prevented him from attending

commissioners' meetings and functions. He's also endured the loss of a child. And at the same time, the workload of the board (which now includes holding the keys to the future of the "Our Confederate Heroes" statue in Pittsboro) has demanded more of him as well.

Something on Petty's crowded to-do list had to give, so he made the painstaking decision to step away from the county's board, effective this week.

It's most decidedly a loss for Chatham County. Petty is the kind of politician who's becoming more and more a rarity among elected officials these days: someone who puts principles above personality and party. Where divisive

partisanship might reign, Petty was someone whose moral map always led him to the high road; someone focused more than anything else on what was right, and what was best, for Chatham County.

To his credit, Petty consistently stood firm on his convictions and never shied away from sharing his views — but at the same time did the hard work of finding common ground with the board's Democrats. The results were evident: far more majority board votes included him as among the "yea" votes than those which did not.

His amiability will be missed. He did the work a leader is supposed to do: come into board

meetings and other board-related work sessions in a thoughtful way, having prepared and done his homework, and always positioned to listen and give valuable counsel. Quick to listen, in fact, and slow to anger — traits which not only set a great example but endeared him to the rest of the board and to his constituency.

Like those who expressed — we don't think "shock" is too strong a word here — extreme surprise at his resignation announcement, we're disappointed in his departure. Character and high caliber are assets on any public body, and when they come in a package like Walter Petty (articulate, thoughtful, sincere, diplomatic and with a

perspective tinged with much wisdom), you want to keep it around.

Back when he made his announcement, the packed audience at Chatham County's Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro, there were scattered voices saying, "No!" Among those, one woman spoke — presumably for her political party, but really for all of Chatham County — when she said, "You're the only one we've got!"

The commission's four Democrats will carry on without Petty, and the county's GOP has nominated Andy Wilkie of Goldston as his replacement. But we'll always remember Petty as one of a kind.

Geeking out at sacred literary spots

With a deadline looming last Monday morning, I wrote a column, quickly, about the whirlwind road trip my wife and I took the week before, that column focusing on the intrinsic value of maps.



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

Fully rested this week, and without the pressure of a deadline, a few more musings on a couple of the places we visited were in order, I thought, so here's a bit more about our trip.

If someone were to create a Mt. Rushmore-esque tribute to American literature on the stone face of a mountain, the likenesses of Herman Melville, author of "Moby Dick," and Mark Twain, author of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," would be prominent, so we were thrilled to visit the homes where these two authors wrote their greatest works.

In Hartford, Connecticut, we toured the intricately-designed, 11,000-square-foot home of Mark Twain. The beloved novelist, humorist and social observer, though he died 109 years ago, is immortal through the priceless work he left us.

Here's one of my favorite Mark Twain quotes, from his memoir "Following the Equator." Twain wrote: "In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made School Boards."

Such quotes were available on t-shirts in the gift shop, along with a slew of other Twain merchandise, and we left with a bagful of our share, including a bottle of a beverage called Huckleberry Fizz.

Photos weren't allowed inside the home, and that was just as well. It was enough to inhabit this sacred space for an hour or so, to stand in the room where Twain composed "Huckleberry Finn," about which, no less an authority than Ernest Hemingway said was the spring from which "all American literature comes."

As a younger man, on the strength of "Tom Sawyer," "Huck Finn," and "Life on the Mississippi," I would have listed Twain as my favorite writer, and he's still high in my top five; but last summer, after reading "Moby Dick" for the first time (the skimming I gave it for a college course doesn't count) Twain's station on my list was supplanted by Melville, whose home in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, an hour-and-a-half drive from Hartford, was the final stop on our literary tour of the East Coast and, for me, the most special.

Where there were 14 of us (including our guide) on the Twain home tour, our visit to Melville's home (he named the two-story house "Arrowhead") was more intimate. My wife and I had arranged a couple of weeks prior to take a private tour of Melville's home, which hadn't yet opened for the season. As it happened, a fellow Melville admirer, a young man from Texas who'd driven to Massachusetts alone for the purpose, showed up at Arrowhead just at the time we did and, because of his good timing, took the off-season tour with us. Who the bigger Melville geek was — me or him — was up for debate, though the fact I showed up wearing a Melville t-shirt might have given me the edge, though he snapped far more pictures than I did; regardless, having another fan along for the experience made our experience immeasurably better.

Making our way slowly through Arrowhead, we saw the table at which Melville and his large family gathered for meals, the bedroom — and the actual bed — where Melville slept, the so-called piazza (most of us would call it a porch; but then, we aren't Melville) that inspired his "Piazza Tales," of which the short-story "Bartleby, the Scrivener" is one.

But the coolest and most awe-inspiring part of our two-hour tour was seeing — and not just seeing, but standing in — the study where Melville wrote "Moby Dick," the novel many bibliophiles (Hemingway notwithstanding) consider the world's best.

Unlike Twain's home, photographs were allowed, sort of, inside Arrowhead. A sign informed us that photos were permitted for "personal use," but our guide cautioned that Arrowhead's staff sort of frowns on the practice. To be respectful I limited myself to just a few choice opportunities for pictures.

The most revelatory artifact, one I couldn't resist capturing with my camera, was the harpoon Melville retained as a souvenir of his own whaling experiences and four years spent at sea, a period early in his life which, of course, influenced his writing, in 1851, of his masterpiece.

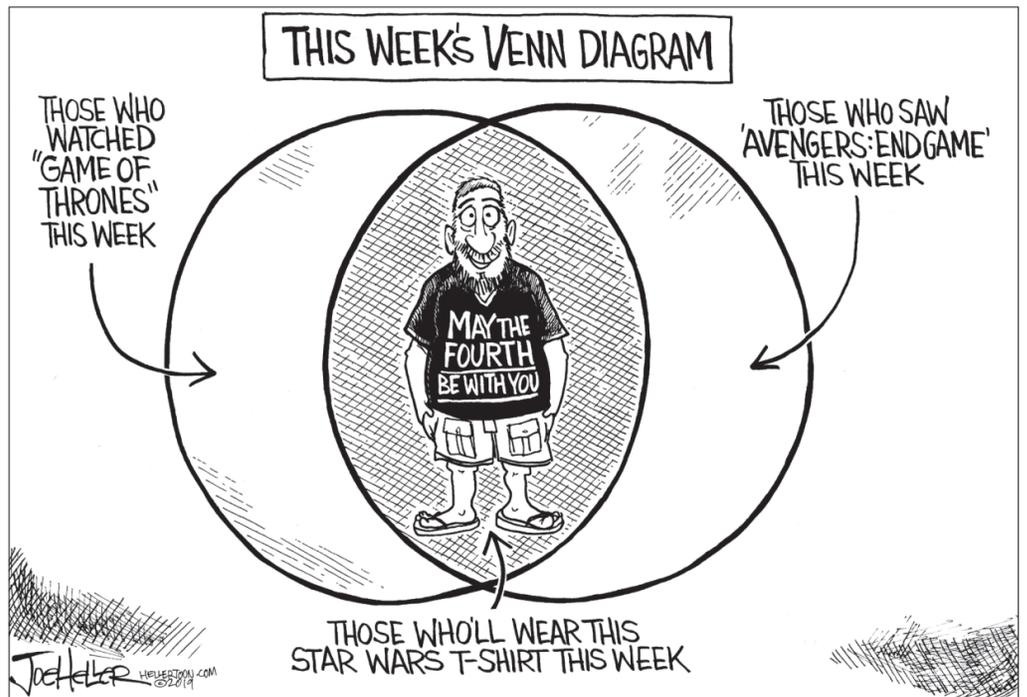
The old iron whaling tool — the author used it as a fireplace poker — stood upright against a brick fireplace in Melville's study, alongside his wooden walking stick.

Seeing all this — the study, the desk, the old whaling implement — was an experience difficult to put into words, so I won't even try.

Some experiences like that, you just can't sum up, maybe because they're so extraordinarily special.

In that spirit, and to end my two-part travelogue and bring it full-circle with a column last week about maps, I'll close with a quote from "Moby Dick," Melville here describing the fictional island, called Rokeokovo, from which tattooed harpooner Queequeg hails.

Melville wrote: "It is not down in any map; true places never are."



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BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

I believe if someone has an idea and the smarts and the energy and the desire and the hard work to make a go of a business or a service, then he or she should do that as best as they can and reap the rewards of it all.

I also believe what the Good Book says about taking care of the widows and orphans and those in need, namely that we should do that.

I do not, however, believe in taking care of folks who can work but won't. And I also don't believe that whoever made a go of a business or service is required to share part of their profit with me if I didn't have anything to do with earning it. If I don't have enough profit in my life, then it's up to me to find a better-paying job or take on a second one or cut my expenses.

I also know if I'm going to find a better job or add another one, then it needs to be in an area in which I have some interest and skill. That means I will never be an auto mechanic, but I would make a good mattress tester or fried chicken eater.

None of this self-awareness will ever win me the Nobel prize for economics; I know that. And I'm pretty sure I don't need or want the prize. At this stage of life, I don't think I have the energy to go for it. And since there are not, at least as far as I have been able to determine, any openings for mattress testers or fried chicken eaters or even for someone to eat fried chicken while lying on a mattress, I will stay where I am.

That doesn't mean, however, I don't appreciate those folks who are out there moving and shaking and trying new things and ideas but,

from my seat on the sidelines, I have noticed a new but growing business endeavor that seems to me to be something that just doesn't make sense.

Taxis and taxicabs have been around for who knows how long. Maybe it was right after Henry Ford did his thing. I remember two from my growing-up days in Pittsboro. One was owned by Wade Pugh, the other by Elbert Ramsey. How these two managed to make ends meet in the business world is something I'm not familiar with but I remember them being around for quite some time. Years ago, Siler City also had a taxi stand, as well as a bus station. And you could catch the Trailways or Greyhound at Dan McCrimmon's Drug Store in Pittsboro and ride to Durham for 55 cents — one way.

But taxis never seemed to be that much in demand in small towns. Maybe that's why the whole concept of Uber puzzles me. If by chance you don't know, Uber is when you drive your own car and give folks rides for a fee, working when you want to and being your own boss — in other words, sort of an independent taxi.

Granted, there are no guarantees the driver of any car you get into is the safest person to ever sit behind the wheel. Maybe they're the second version of Richard Petty. But, at least when you crawled into Yellow Cab you had some sense that there was a company behind your driver, a company who had screened its drivers.

Now, I'm not saying Uber doesn't pay attention to its driver candidates and does the best it can to find reliable folks. I have a cousin who is in the business in a North Carolina city. But I'm pretty sure I remember Mama telling me not to get into cars with strangers. She also told me not to get into cars of some people I did know but that's a different story.

I know that can work both ways. There's no guarantee that the next person Yellow picks up won't be

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an axe murderer. So maybe Uber and Yellow drivers pack heat; I don't know. But I do know it's sad when folks think they're getting in with Uber and they aren't but instead someone who intends harm. There are too many stories of such incidents not working out well.

The days when I thumbed to summer school at UNC in 1966 are long gone. They really were a bit more innocent than our culture of today. And, yes, there were times I got into the cars of total strangers. And then there was the time I was really stupid and got into a car with three guys who I'm pretty sure intended harm to me until they slowed down and I bailed out the door.

It's been a gazillion years since I've thumbed; that ride with the three guys cured me. I've always had my own ride since those days. And it's been just as long since I've picked up someone standing on the side of the road with his thumb stuck out. I think maybe the last time was when I lived at Harpers Crossroads and used to pick up Spike Moon on my way to Siler City.

So, good luck, Uber — and Yellow. Make a million. Drive safely and as the sergeant on the TV program "Hill Street Blues" used to tell the police at morning roll call, "Let's be careful out there."

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TO THE EDITOR:

I attended the April 15 County Commissioner's meeting at the Agriculture Center and was appalled at the treatment of Mr. Gene Brooks, retired Chatham County teacher, former Pittsboro Town Board member, revered local historian, and thoroughly erudite man.

For those of you who do not know Mr. Brooks, he was the elderly man who painfully made his way to the podium using a cane, who had to rest on his way up the aisle. Also, you may view the attached link recognizing him for his contributions: <http://chathamhistory.org/pdfs/GeneBrooksRecognizedforContributions.pdf>

His speech was at times hesitant, due to his health, and absolutely no accommodation was made to enable his ability to express himself. Several of the other speakers were allowed to run on past the

three minutes allowed, but Mr. Brooks was not afforded that courtesy. In fact, in light of Mr. Brooks' status as a respected local historian, the three minute allowance should have been waived. He had prepared a well-researched, thoughtful presentation, and was given scant time even to introduce himself.

It should also be noted that at least two individuals who had signed up to speak offered to donate their time to Mr. Brooks, and that those requests were ignored. I am sure others would have gladly pooled their time as well to offer to him.

None of us knows how much longer Mr. Brooks will be with us, but he is owed an apology from the meeting moderators for his shabby treatment last night. In addition to an apology, they owe him the opportunity to deliver his presentation.

Gene Brooks has been a priceless asset to all people who know and love Chatham County, for his work, his drive, his intellect, and his passion for bringing history alive to everyone.

Nancy Wood
Chatham County resident, 1982-Present

On meth/heroin, stealing

To the editor:
I want to share to all parents and family members who have a loved one on these hard drugs. It breaks our hearts to see our sons or daughters led away in handcuffs. Then we go bail them out thinking they will see what will happen to them. Then we go get them a good lawyer. We spend a lot of money but they just go back doing the same drugs. They are sick with this terrible disease.

Most of the stealing is drug related. Most of these drugs are coming across our southern border. (Some politicians) want open borders for their votes. They don't care about America.

Parents, it's hard love but just leave them in jail. At least they can't get any drugs. We the parents dread that phone call at night that our children are dead or charged with a serious crime.

If only they could be sent to rehab for six months to a year where they cannot leave. This would free up jail space and costs. There are some rehab places, but most of parents can't afford the cost.

Finally we are getting our jail expanded. Randolph County jail has a hole in the wall where you can't even hear the one you are visiting.

James Mitchell
Pastor, Church of Living

Respond wisely to offensive speech



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

RALEIGH — A few weeks ago, a Palestinian hip-hop artist named Tamer Nafir performed what he himself labeled an "anti-Semitic" rap during a conference held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "You look beautifully anti-Semitic," he told the audience as it sang and clapped along.

The interim chancellor of UNC-Chapel Hill, Kevin Guskiewicz, said he was "heartbroken and deeply offended that this performance happened." Other critics reacted similarly after viewing a video by filmmaker Ami Horowitz

that depicted not only Nafir's song but also offensive statements made by others participating in the "Conflict Over Gaza" conference, which was held March 22-24 by, among others, the UNC Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies and co-sponsored by a wide range of university departments.

The three-minute Horowitz video, inevitably, went viral. Local television stations and, eventually, other media outlets covered the controversy, which came on the heels of other troubling incidents on campus such as racist graffiti scrawled on the Unsung Founders Memorial and anti-Semitic posters discovered in the graduate library.

As distressing as these events are, they have created a teachable moment about freedom of speech on public property.

Perhaps I missed it, but I've seen no UNC official or

outside critics, including Horowitz, say Nafir or others espousing anti-Semitic or anti-Israel views should be banned from speaking at a public university. Nafir didn't exhort the audience to commit violence. He didn't threaten anyone. Regardless of whether you think his words were facially and appallingly anti-Semitic, or clumsily worded satire, or just ill-informed and awkward expressions of Palestinian rage, they constituted protected speech.

On public property, in particular, freedom of speech isn't constrained by intentions or offensiveness. If you want to grunt out an anti-Semitic rap on my property, I can boot you off of it. But if you are otherwise complying with the rules and expressing yourself on public property, no such response is permissible.

With what rules must you

comply? As I mentioned, you can't exhort people to violence or criminality. In addition, you may have to accept time, place, and manner restrictions that serve to facilitate and protect free expression on campus.

For example, not everyone can speak, hold an event, or march in precisely the same place at the same time. A scheduling system is not only permissible but necessary as long as it applies strictly to scarce public spaces and is administered fairly. Related to that, freedom of speech does not extend to a "heckler's veto." If my student group schedules a speaker on campus and you show up to shout down or obstruct the speaker, you aren't exercising free speech. You're trying to shut it down. Removing you is, again, not just permissible but necessary to protect freedom of speech.

As for the other recent incidents, obviously freedom of expression does not extend to defacing monuments or artwork. Posting announcements of upcoming events on a bulletin board may be permissible, but simply throwing anti-Semitic flyers around tables in the library isn't freedom of speech. It's littering.

To their credit, UNC administrators reacted to the "Conflict Over Gaza" incident swiftly and responsibly. Sponsoring organizations demanded that they be removed as listed co-sponsors of the conference and that any money they spent promoting or staging it be refunded. Martin Brinkley, dean of the law school, accused the UNC Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies of a "breach of trust" with its campus colleagues. So it was.

The organizers of the conference joined

Guskiewicz in condemning anti-Semitism. But they also contended that the video Horowitz produced had been "heavily edited" and "misconstrues the breadth of discourse that took place during the panels." When my Carolina Journal colleague Kari Travis asked for proof of this assertion, she was told that the conference had not been recorded.

Horowitz didn't record the entire event, either — because the organizers booted him from the public event, even though he was not exercising a heckler's veto or otherwise disrupting it. A teachable moment, indeed.

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What's the best 'ism' for the economy?



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

As a nation, we're now engaged in a new version of a debate I've heard many times in my 68 years of life, and which actually goes back several hundred years. It's the debate over how we should organize the economy. And — to get to the point — specifically it's the debate between *capitalism* and *socialism*.

The question about the best structure of an economy frequently arises during times of economic stress. Many during the Great Depression of the 1930s (actually before my time!) wanted a new economic foundation. Cries for fundamental change in the economy reemerged during the 1970s when rapid inflation was making us poorer.

Fast forward to today. While the economy has been expanding for a decade, two factors are creating apprehensive about the future. One is the overhang from the Great Recession of 2007-2009. Not all households have fully recovered from that economic downturn, and even among those who have, many worry it could happen again.

The second worry is about the rapidly changing job market. The ratcheting up of educational requirements, the disappearance of numerous middle-income jobs and the emergence of technology as a potential replacement for a variety of occupations are worries.

So what exactly are capitalism and socialism? The hallmark feature of capitalism is private control. Resources — like labor, machinery, technology and land — are privately owned, and owners control decisions about the use of those resources. The prices paid to use resources are also privately determined through the interaction of supply (quantity available) of the resources and the demand (willingness to pay) for the resources.

A socialist economy takes the opposite approach. In pure socialism, all resources are publicly owned, with the government being the representative of the government. The government determines what and how much is produced, sets all prices for outputs and inputs — including wages for workers — and develops plans for the long-run growth of the economy.

Both capitalism and socialism have fans and detractors. Supporters of capitalism say its focus on private ownership and decision-making is consistent with individual freedom and liberty. They say the setting of prices in the marketplace through negotiation between buyers and sellers is fair. The process is also quick to eliminate shortages or surpluses with fast movements in prices. Furthermore, competing sellers are constantly motivated to innovate and use resources more efficiently so they can lower their price and — at least temporarily — take business and profits away from competitors.

The pursuit of profits by capitalists is the major sore point for capitalism's critics. Detractors of capitalism worry

the system puts profits above all else, including the welfare of workers and care of the environment. Those questioning capitalism say the system's intense competition results in winners and losers and ultimately greater income inequality.

A concern for worker welfare, a clean environment and greater income equality are goals the promoters of socialism say can be better achieved by this system. Without the worry for maximizing individual profits, socialist supporters believe the government can take a broader view and consider all aspects of what makes for a successful economy for all. In particular, advocates say socialism can better consider the impact advances in technology will have on workers' lives, and therefore can manage the introduction of labor-saving technology so as to minimize disruptions and displacements.

Of course, like capitalists, socialist supporters attract a long list of complaints. At the top is the charge government bureaucrats can't expect to have the knowledge and information necessary to set millions of prices in the economy. Furthermore, because governments are accountable to voters, critics say socialist micro-managers will have an incentive to set prices too low, which can result in chronic shortages and bare shelves.

And although powerful interests attempt to influence governments in capitalist systems, those questioning socialism say the same will happen in socialism — and perhaps even more so

because socialist governments have more influence over the economy.

There is an alternative to pure capitalist and pure socialist economic systems. It is a "mixed system," which many say our country has had for decades. The notion is to keep capitalism but try to use the government to ease the system's rough edges. So they're still be the private incentives to businesses and workers that encourages innovation, self-improvement and delivering products and services to consumers at the lowest cost. Prices and wages will still be set in the marketplace, and there will still be people succeeding and those not.

But those not succeeding won't be forgotten and tossed aside. Instead, the government will have a broad "safety net" that catches people when they fall. However, the challenge is to have programs and plans in place that make the "safety net" actually a "success net," where people can bounce back and ultimately be successful on their own.

So, you decide — capitalism, socialism or the mixed system — which is the best way to structure our economy? This is one of the most fundamental choices we collectively make, and one that will likely be revisited frequently in the future.

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More about North Carolina's Scott family...



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Mountains of bitter controversies in the areas of race, labor, student unrest, and higher education administration were to confront Robert Scott after he became governor of North Carolina in 1969. Those mountains were just too much to cover in my recent column prompted by Rob Christensen's "The Rise and Fall of the Branchhead Boys," a UNC Press book coming out in the next few days.

It was not all trouble for Bob Scott. He and his wife, Jessie Rae, moved into the governor's mansion and enrolled their five chil-

dren in the Raleigh public schools. His father, Kerr Scott, had been governor from 1949 until 1953. Bob Scott followed his father's tradition of inviting friends to "possum dinners" with the main possum course accompanied with "barbecued spareribs, black-eyed peas, collard greens, bean soup with pig tails, corn bread, and persimmon pudding."

Christensen writes, "Scott may not have been the populist of his father, but he brought a common-man approach to Raleigh."

But times had changed. College campuses were erupting. Black anger was spilling in the streets. Historian Martha Blondi wrote that 1969 marked the "high water mark of the black student movement." Christensen writes, "During his first six months in office, Scott called out the National Guard nine times to deal

with civil unrest." In March 1969, he sent more than 100 highway patrolmen to Chapel Hill to break a food worker strike and force the reopening of the student cafeteria, overruling the actions of the university's president and chancellor (William Friday and Carlyle Sitterson).

This action and similar strong action against student-led disorder earned Scott praise by television commentator Jesse Helms and many others in the white community, "but he got different reviews from the black community."

Although he appointed the first black district and superior court judges, his pace of minority hiring and appointments was roundly criticized.

Increased desegregation of public schools resulted in more disruption. Speaking about the

1971-72 school year, Scott said, "Many schools were plagued by unrest, tension, hostility, fear, disturbances, disruptions, hooliganisms, violence and destruction."

In response to disturbances relating to school desegregation in 1971, Scott sent highway patrolmen and National Guard troops to Wilmington. Conflict there led to arrests, trials, and prison sentences for the group of protesters who became known as the Wilmington Ten.

Scott's stormy relations with UNC President Friday continued as Scott "decided to undertake the reorganization of higher education as his political swansong."

Scott's proposal to bring all 16 four-year institutions under one 32-person board was adopted by the legislature. Scott expected the new organization would

eliminate or minimize Friday's role. But Friday became president of the reorganized 16-campus system and led it until 1986.

Summing up Scott's time in office, Christensen writes that his legacy is "far murkier" than his father's, in part because the state was "less rural, less poor, more Republican, and more torn by societal dissent, whether civil rights, Vietnam, or the counterculture."

Both Terry Sanford and Jim Hunt acknowledged their connection to Kerr Scott. But Bob Scott never bonded with either of them. The breach with Hunt became a public battle when Bob Scott challenged the incumbent Governor Hunt in the 1980 Democratic primary. Scott was angered because Hunt had not supported Scott's ambition to be appointed President of the communi-

ty college system. Scott lost the primary by a humiliating 70-29 percent margin.

Ironically, in 1983 when the community college presidency opened up again, Scott won the job and served with distinction until his retirement in 1995.

Scott died in 2009 and was buried at the Hawfields Presbyterian Church near the graves of his father and grandfather. Kerr Scott's tombstone reads, "I have Fought A Good Fight...I have Kept the Faith." Bob's reads "He also Fought A Good Fight And Kept the Faith."

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HEMP: Proponents remain optimistic on its potential in North Carolina

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signs, a t-shirt company founded in 1977, who is making big efforts to build a manufacturing plant that will convert hemp fiber into hemp thread for fabric production, a first in the U.S. Henry notes that while the federal and state governments have passed legislation legalizing and supporting hemp production, the infrastructure to handle manufacturing the fiber was not in place.

"I think nobody was going to make an investment prior to it being legal at the federal level," Henry said.

Without domestic manufacturing facilities, hemp fabric is imported, mostly from China, which has a robust hemp manufacturing market. In fact, most of the hemp seeds and clones are also imported from China as the domestic market has not been able to keep up with the pace of growth in the industry.

Arlo Estill, owner of Hempsmith, a hemp fabric clothing line based in Pittsboro, is also hoping to see a hemp manufacturing plant in North Carolina. Estill is importing his hemp fabrics from China and is having the fabric sewn in New York. Those pieces are then sent to Pittsboro where he and his business partner Tristan Nelson do the embroidery, tie-dyeing, other personalization, the "final value-added" things, as he calls them for the Hempsmith line.

"I don't love the off-shoring," Estill said, noting the difficulty in contacting all the various entities if he receives product that have holes or irregularities.

Henry's TS Designs has a line of shirts called "Cotton of the Carolinas," t-shirts made from conventionally grown North Carolina cotton and processed in the state. The entire process, through the supply chain, can be traced back to the farmer. The point, Henry says, is to have a transparent supply chain where farmers have a seat at the table. Henry believes the same can be done with hemp production.

Estill noted, similarly stating, that "we have a cotton of the Carolinas, I would love to see a hemp of the Carolinas. I want to bring it home. I want to know the farmer, I want to know the sewer."

He added, "We have the best apparel manufacturing. It would be a boost to those industries and add another whole dimension other than importing from overseas."

Hemp for fiber is a different variety than those bred for flower or CBD, according to Henry. He has been working with the N.C. State University's industrial hemp department to secure fiber specific seeds and begin trials on the plant. He believes a manufacturing plant would need

10,000 acres of industrial hemp to justify the construction of the facility. Henry would like to see that all happen in North Carolina.

The fiber hemp plant grows taller and can be grown closer than those for CBD and are harvested before the plant flowers, removing the worry of the plant inadvertently developing a THC level above the legal .3 percent limit. The process uses only the stalks, no branches, leaves, or flowers. The inner layer of the stalk, the hurd, can be used for filtration and other construction applications. The outer layer of the stalk is used for fiber. The stalks would be separated in the fields at harvest.

The manufacturing process starts with the removal of the lignin, a kind of glue that gives the fiber its rigidity. In China, the stalks are soaked in water, however Henry is looking into the use of enzymes to perform the process. Following that, the process is similar to cotton where a gin straightens out the fiber and combs it. Those fibers are then combined with cotton to soften the feel of the fiber, and spun into a fiber to be used to create fabric.

"It looks like big cones of yarn, but you have to weave it, finish it, cut and sew it," Henry said.

Henry believes there are still a couple of years away from growing and processing hemp for fabric in the U.S., but thinks it is coming. While working with N.C. State University on the growing of fiber hemp, he is also working to find investors for the processing facility. He estimates that a 20,000 square-foot facility would only cost a couple million dollars.

"There's really not much to it from a processing standpoint," he said, noting the bigger challenge is trying to solve the supply of hemp from 10,000 acres in the burgeoning industry.

What we've learned so far — CBD production

Since the first hemp field was planted in North Carolina in 2016, experts have learned a lot, but there's a lot more to learn.

Caring for an industrial hemp crop has its own challenges. Because the regulation of hemp farming is new, North Carolina does not allow any farmer who cultivates the flower to use any sprays on the plants for pests or disease as they are unsure of any effect those sprays may have on the quality of the oils the flower produces. The equipment to harvest field hemp is expensive. In addition, as the program in North Carolina is young, a system of manufacturing and marketing is still

developing.

The most common form of hemp production is for CBD's, a process that focuses on quality versus quantity. Blake Butler, Executive Director of the North Carolina Industrial Hemp Association, says that interested farmers should view themselves like heirloom tomato growers. Butler urges growers to start small and scale up, starting with between two and five acres to learn about the crop. However, he notes that both the state and N.C. State University have made it a focus to get it right.

Phil Wilson, director of the N.C. Department of Agriculture's plant industry division, believes that the program is "ready to move to the next level based on what we've done so far." Specifically, he is urging hemp farmers to seek out NC producers when looking for clones to plant rather than China which has been traditionally the biggest supplier to farmers in the U.S.

Any hemp grown in North Carolina must have THC levels below .3 percent. Hemp fields are visited and tested. If any of the plants register above the allowed amount of THC, the entire crop must be destroyed. Wilson suggests that farmers begin scheduling their required THC crop testing as soon as budding begins. He also suggests separating different varieties so that if one variety tests over the allowed THC levels, only that portion of the crop would need to be destroyed.

Keith Edmisten, Cotton & Industrial Hemp Extension Specialist at N.C. State University, reviewed some of the struggles new hemp farmers encountered, mostly due to inexperience with the plant. For example, there were a lot of root problems due to plants being in pots to long before planting. Other plants encountered disease that caused them to fall over requiring \$3,000-4,000 of support systems per acre. Hemp does not like "wet feet," but needs water. It does require proper fertilization, but notes that it's best to only use nitrogen in order to prevent THC production. It does have pest problems, but to date, no pesticide has been approved for food grade hemp like those used for CBD production.

Even with these growing pains and challenges, proponents of the hemp industry remain positive on its potential in North Carolina.

"We have the opportunity of a lifetime to finally empower the farmer again," Butler said. "Everyone [state government, researchers, and farmers] wants to meet this gold standard in North Carolina."

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Hempsmith holds fashion show

BY CASEY MANN
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PITTSBORO — Hempsmith Clothing Co. in Pittsboro hosted its second annual East Coast Runway on Saturday, a sustainable fashion show with aspiring designers, several of which focused on clothing made from hemp fabric.

Hempsmith was founded in 2014 by Zafer Estill, the son of Lyle Estill and Tami Schwerin who own The Plant at Lorax Lane in Pittsboro. Zafer Estill passed away in April 2016 at age 19, leaving his brother, Arlo Estill, and his business partner Tristan Nelson to pick up where he left off. An ardent supporter of hemp, the environment, and his community, Arlo Estill has been on a mission to promote not just hemp clothing, but sustainable fashion.

Estill is a student in the College of Textiles at N.C. State University and his study of "fast fashion" has renewed his faith in the importance of "slow fashion," something the fashion show highlighted.

"Fast fashion is where there is new merchandise coming to the stores each month," he said. "People see the items and know it will be gone in a month so they think they have to buy it. Fashion is so fast, so cheap, the quality is awful, and it's tearing up the environment."

"It's not about the money," Estill said. "It's about the movement. The slow fashion. Hemp is a big player in the slow fashion movement."

For the East Coast Runway event, Estill brought together designers, including Hempsmith, each sharing six looks that highlighted clothing from hemp, recycled materials, or up-cycled from thrift stores. Designers Jennifer Jenette and Surya Leela's line was inspired by a "dedicated to versatility and sustainability, inspiration to be delighted, free, and empowered physically, an exploration of the natural and unbound, encouraging good health, good news, and good vibes going down."

Lizzie Barnhardt, a sophomore in Fashion and Textile Design at N.C. State University created her line, The Striped Lemon, from refurbished thrift clothes that had been re-invisioned and completely handmade. She says she has a "strong passion for recycling clothing and hopes to own a sustainable clothing company one day."

Emma Rigby is a second year Fashion and Textile Design student at N.C. State University. She named her collection "World on Fire," opening the collection with green to "show the vibrant and healthy earth, then transitions to orange to show the environment 'catching fire' as people mistreat it, and then



Staff photo by David Bradley

Models for the East Coast Runway fashion show show off a variety of clothing that offers sustainability for the environment.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Connections to previous generations are seen in the tie-die throwbacks offered in one designers collection at the East Coast Runway in Pittsboro.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Blends of world cultures are seen in the designs of Hempsmith during Saturday's fashion show in Pittsboro.

transitions into black to represent the darkness of the environmental crisis." Each outfit is made entirely out of hemp linen that she hand dip-dyed to "embrace the idea of sustainable fashion."

The youngest designer was Zoey Wisniewski, a sophomore at Carolina Friends School in Durham who has always had an interest in fashion. She was very excited to showcase her collection of

stylish yet sustainable clothes.

The models run the gamut of size, age, and race, an effort Estill emphasized.

"We wanted to promote diversity and a radical love for our own bodies," Estill said.

"We did this to bring the community together and give everyone the opportunity to show their work around the top of sustainable fashion," Estill said.

Pittsboro's Oak City Hemp helps local farmers

BY CASEY MANN
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PITTSBORO — Oak City Hemp, located at The Plant on Lorax Lane in Pittsboro, opened last March selling hemp products such as ointments, oils, salves and flowers.

Co-owner Patrick McClanahan Jr. says he started the business with partner Aaron Puryear because of a lack of quality in many of the hemp products he'd sampled.

"We couldn't find reputable, tested farm-to-table hemp, so we became that company," McClanahan said.

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

McClanahan was raised on tobacco farms in Benson and also worked ranches all over Texas. Three years ago, he moved to Colorado and began working on farms there. He noted he's always had a passion for the plant even through prohibition. McClanahan notes the efforts of William Randolph Hearst, the owner of a paper mill in the early 1900s, to produce a smear campaign against hemp to ensure his paper mill and pulp would be a viable business. He notes that Hearst lobbied against hemp and won by linking it to marijuana.

McClanahan believes the plant can save struggling farmers, particularly tobacco farmers.

"Cannabis can save these farms,

health and this country," he said. "We know this is possible because it has already been done. Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it."

This passion goes beyond simply selling the final product in Pittsboro. McClanahan consults with current and prospective hemp farmers.

"We consult because these farmers are new to this and we have a need for an ever-increasing yield for retail in North Carolina," he said. "Many farms last year lost their crop due to unpreparedness and mold. We train against this, primarily with tobacco farmers and vegetable farmers. It turned out that they were the most interested in hemp because the tobacco companies in North Carolina don't care about the farmers all they care for is the money. This has driven the pound of tobacco down to \$1.80 while they retail a quarter ounce pack of cigarettes for \$10. This is beyond unfair practices as that corners the market and drives up the price while reducing purchase prices on farms. These farmers have no choice but to sell to these companies as the law has them cornered as well. Certain companies can buy and certain can sell, creating a monopoly where the buyer names the price and ruins farms and families extracting money out of our state."

McClanahan's consulting includes full service assistance from buying to selling. It includes purchasing seeds to grow with proper genetics, acquiring clones that aren't root-bound and a viable market to sell to. They assist farmers in topping

crops, trimming training and tips for using all of the plant from trim to root. For their services, McClanahan charges \$150 an hour at a three-hour minimum, or \$5,000 a year for retainer services.

"I see a future where hemp bleeds into everything from textiles to food products," McClanahan said. "We speak with companies that are rebuilding the Henry Ford original hemp fiber cars that are stronger than ever. Hemp concrete that has more tensile strength. Hemp homes that are fire proof. Hemp used to clean up chemical spills since hemp is a bioaccumulator it will rid a land of toxins in a year to three. This means tobacco farms have an opportunity to go organic even after years of pesticide abuse. Hemp clothing meaning less waste in landfills as clothes have 10 times the shelf life. Hemp plastics that biodegrade in six months or less. Even biofuel is made from hemp for cars. The original car ran on this fuel."

Oak City's retail business includes hemp-based topicals and tinctures, CBD vape juice and more. The location is open from noon to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. The shop features a wide variety of hemp and Cannabidiol (CBD) products. Puryear described CBD as a non-intoxicating marijuana extract that is produced from the hemp plant. Recent studies of CBD focus on the compounds potential benefits for people suffering with anxiety, epilepsy and pain. Oak City Hemp sells everything from tinctures to topicals to flower to concentrate to vapes.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Oak City Hemp's co-owner Patrick McClanahan Jr. not only sells quality hemp products, but consults with hemp farmers as they navigate the industry.

McClanahan and Puryear can be reached at Oak City Hemp at The Plant on Lorax Lane in Pittsboro by email at oakcityhemp@gmail.com or by phone at 919-880-8164.

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OBITUARIES

REBECCA (BECKY) DAWN LINDLEY ANDREW



Rebecca (Becky) Dawn Lindley Andrew, 85, of Snow Camp died Friday, April 26, 2019 at UNC Hospice in Pittsboro.

She was born in Chatham County on August 25, 1933, the daughter of the late Mark and Gladys (Pace) Lindley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughters, Gayla Dawn Andrew and Janie Andrew Lindley, her son, Mark Kenneth (Kenny) Andrew, and a sister, Mary Neill Murchison.

She graduated from Silk Hope High School in 1951 and attended business school at Guilford College. Her entire career was spent working as a legal assistant beginning in the Siler City law office of Polk Dixon and later working for Lonnie T. Dark, a stint which spanned his entire career. At the end of her career, she worked alongside Attorney Jennifer Scott. During her 52 years of work, she thoroughly enjoyed meeting people, both clients and those in the field of law, and made many wonderful and lasting friendships.

She cherished her role as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She was endearingly known to many in the Silk Hope Community as "Granny Becky" or "Aunt Becky" as her home became the gathering spot for many children and teenagers in the community. Her natural talents in the kitchen and her welcoming demeanor meant there would be room around the table for family and friends.

She loved activities which kept her mind active. She would often be found playing Scrabble, completing crossword puzzles, putting jigsaw puzzles together, and playing Rook with her life partner and soulmate, Blake. She also loved having her grandchildren sit in "Granny's lap" while she recited her favorite nursery rhymes and told stories of both fact, fiction, and fairy tale. She loved visiting the beach and early morning walks looking for shells with her grandchildren and watching her favorite teams, the UNC Tar Heels and the Atlanta Braves.

Her love for Jesus, her church, and her family were evident in her words and actions. She often shared her faith story with other parents who have experienced the loss of a child, providing comfort during times of pain and grief. She was a birthright member of South Fork Friends Meeting where she served as an Elder, Clerk and Recording Clerk of Monthly Meeting, Sunday School teacher, member of the Friends Fellowship Class, church secretary, and member of the choir.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Blake L. Andrew, Sr.; a son, Blake L. (Lin) Andrew, Jr. and wife Angie of Silk Hope; granddaughters, Alyce Lindley Phillips and husband Mack of Bear Creek, Mary Lindley Needham and husband Andrew of Silk Hope, Lindley and Carisa Andrew of Silk Hope; grandsons, Mike Lindley and wife Tiffany of Silk Hope, Brandon Andrew of Snow Camp, and Brady Andrew of Silk Hope; great-grandchildren, Janie and Murphy Phillips, Dakota Collet and Eli Rodriguez; son-in-law Mike Lindley of Silk Hope, brother Darryle Lindley and wife, Nancy of Silk Hope; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. The celebration of her life will be conducted at South Fork Friends Meetings on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 3 p.m. Burial will follow the services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Janie Lindley Music Fund at South Fork Friends Meeting, 359 South Fork-Bethel Road, Snow Camp, NC 27349, or to UNC Hospice. A very special thank you to caregivers Carolyn Handley and Deborah Saunders and the caring staff at Chatham Hospital and the UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro for the excellent care they provided to her and our family.

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

TERRELL MITCHELL BROOKS

Terrell Mitchell Brooks, 74, of Siler City died Sunday, April 28, 2019.

The family received friends Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

The funeral was held Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darrell Garner officiating. Burial followed in Rives Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Siler City.

Mr. Brooks was born in Chatham County on December 11, 1944, the son of James Hoke and Eoline Wicker Brooks. Terrell was an Army Veteran and a self employed carpenter in home construction. He enjoyed deer hunting and was an avid NASCAR fan. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jimmy Brooks.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Peggy (Phillips) Brooks; daughter, Rena Gehman and husband Jimmy of Georgia; son, Paul Stancil; sister, Barbara Caiazza and husband Dominic of New Jersey; brother, Roger Brooks and wife Shirley of Siler City; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and a special Aunt Madeline Campbell of Sanford.

Memorials may be made to Hickory Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, 17721 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC 27207.

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

EDWINTA KAY JOHNSON STALEY



Edwinta Kay Johnson Staley, 73, of Perry Avenue, Siler City died Monday, April 29, 2019 at Chatham Hospital.

Mrs. Staley was born in Chatham County on November 13, 1945, the daughter of Lucian Dewey and Cornelia (Marley) Johnson. Edwinta was a 1964 graduate of Jordan-Matthews and an active member of Community Baptist Church. Her work history included Kellwood Hosiery, Brownie Lu's Restaurant and most recently a teacher's assistant. She was an avid UNC Tar Heel fan. She enjoyed Bluegrass Gospel Music, trips to the beach and time spent with her grandchildren. Edwinta maintained a long list of friends, chatting daily with them on the phone, sharing in their joys and concerns.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Janice Holt.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Larry J. Staley; son, Larry Edwin "Eddie" Staley and wife Denise of Pittsboro; sister, Salena Parks and husband Jerry of Ramseur; brother, David Johnson and wife Carol of Kissimmee, FL; grandchildren, Erin Danielle and Caleb Moses Staley.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church, 2575 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City. The funeral will follow Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Agan and Rev. Billy Joe Brady officiating. Burial will be in Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery, 805 Ashbury Church Road, Sanford, NC 27330.

Memorials may be made to Community Baptist Church Building Fund or Youth Ministry, 2575 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

OTIS ANDREW MOON

Otis Andrew Moon, 95, of Old Dam Road, Liberty died Monday, April 29, 2019 at Siler City Care & Rehabilitation.

Mr. Moon was born in Alamance County on September 14, 1923, the son of Jessie Ernest and Maude (Hinshaw) Moon. Otis was a member of Bethlehem Wesleyan Church where he had served as a lifetime Trustee and helped keep the yard clean. He was retired from Kayser Roth after 30 years of service in quality control and had also worked for ten years with Kellwood. Otis was a founding member of the Snow Camp Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting, gardening and cutting firewood. He could often be found helping a friend in a time of need.

Otis was preceded in death by his wife, Inez Keller Moon; son, Michael Moon; granddaughter, Heather Moon; his parents; brothers, Paul, Dacie, Elbert and Cletus; and sister, Minnie.

He is survived by sons, Tim Moon and wife Brenda of Bennett, David Moon and wife Susan of Liberty; sister, Anna Lois Collins of Liberty; grandsons, Mark Moon and wife Krystal of Liberty, Justin Moon of Wilmington; great-grandchildren, Alana and Ryan; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Terri Jones.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Wesleyan Church Cemetery, 9468 Snow Camp Road, Snow Camp with Rev. Don Southern and Rev. Roger Riffe officiating. The family will receive friends Thursday following the service in the fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Wesleyan Church, c/o Vicky Cheek, 1250 Major Hill, Snow Camp, NC 27349.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

He was born in Harnett County on June 12, 1957 to Virginia Smith Upchurch. He was preceded in death by his step-father, Burton Upchurch. He worked for 29 years at J.E. Womble & Sons in Lillington.

He is survived by his mother, Virginia; son, Uriah Parker of Erwin; daughter, Torrie Bell of Holly Springs; brother, Anthony Parker; and six grandchildren.

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

BRENDA IRENE HALL PATTERSON

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

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2019, in the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Minister Ray Moore presiding. Burial followed in the St. Andrews Church cemetery.

Brenda was born in Lee County, on April 28, 1972, to Johnny Hall of Vass. She was preceded in death by two sons, Shannon Clarke and Justin Patterson.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Elton Patterson of Cameron; daughters, Whitley Agusta Clarke and Chelsea Alexandria Patterson, both of Cameron; a son, Jasey Gilbert Patterson of Cameron; brothers, Buddy Hall, Jr. of Cameron, Josh "Boo" Hall of Sanford, Brandon Hall of Washington; sisters, Lorie McMillian of Sanford, Kathy Winans of Cameron; and two grandchildren.

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

HOPE GLADDEN

Hope Gladden, 64, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at his home.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Vaughn officiating.

He was born in Lee County on November 21, 1954 to the late Billy Thurn Gladden and Minnie Evelyn Simpson Gladden.

He is survived by his son, Brian.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to your church or other special charity in memory of Hope.

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

MARION KIDD

Marion Kidd, 90, of Robbins, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Pinelake Health and Rehab. Facility in Carthage.

The graveside service was held at 1 p.m., Monday, April 29, 2019 at High Falls Friends Church Cemetery with Reverend Chris Wilson presiding.

Marion was born October 15, 1928 to the late Efland Archie Shields and Etta Brady Shields in Moore County. She was employed with Klopman Mills in Ramseur for many years, and she was a member of High Falls Friends' Church. Marion was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Kidd and one grandson.

Survivors include daughter, Patricia Goodhue of the home; son, Robert "David" Kidd of Wilmington; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

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

JACK CARY PIERCE

Jack Cary Pierce, 85, of Sanford, died on April 29, 2019.

The funeral service will be held at Morris Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. The body will be shown from 1 to 2 p.m. Burial will take place immediately after the funeral service at Buffalo Cemetery.

Jack was born on November 6, 1933 to the late Thurman Cary Pierce and Ellen Thomas Pierce. He graduated from Benhaven High School. He spent the majority of his career in construction work where he was a foreman for water, gas, and electrical lines.

Jack is survived by wife, Susie Deal Pierce; sons, Greg Pierce of Sanford, Tim Pierce of Chesapeake, VA; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Flowers are welcome, but in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church in memory of Jack Cary Pierce.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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

ANITA SUE (BELL) BULLARD

Mrs. Anita "Susie" Bullard of Pittsboro passed on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Knotts Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, James Bullard; children, Robert "Jason" Gholson, Chris Gholson, Marian Gholson, Kimberley Hicks; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

TODD SCOTT COTTEN

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

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Terrell's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Scott is preceded death by his father, James W. Cotten; and grandparents, Nelson and Hazel Cotten, Jerod and Pearl Brown.

He is survived by his mother, Doris B. Meyers; sister, Cynthia Cotten Newkirk; and brother, Troy Cotten.

MRS. FRINCO LUCILLE SCURLCK REAVES

Mrs. Frinco Lucille Scurlock Reaves, 90 of Pittsboro, passed on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Chatham Hospital in Siler City.

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Alston Chapel United Holy Church with interment following in the church cemetery.

Survivors include her husband Nathaniel Reaves; her son Nathan Reaves; her daughter Pam; and two grandsons.

ALFRETUS GILLIAM

Alfrettus Gilliam, 88 of Sanford, passed on Monday, April 15, 2019 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019 at New Life Praise Church SBC. Interment followed in Lee Memory Garden.

FRANK MURPHY JR.

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

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 12 p.m. at Emmanuel Glorious Church of God. Interment followed in Lee Memory Garden.

THELMA INEZ (WILSON) MARSH

Mrs. Thelma Inez Wilson Marsh, 85, of Bear Creek, passed on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Gethsemane Holy Church with interment following at Mt. Sinai United Holy Church Cemetery in Sanford.

Survivors include her children John Lee Marsh of Sanford, Richard Earl Marsh of Moncure, Doris Jean Raines of Goldston, Phyllis Ann Marsh, Debra Kaye Marsh, and Wayne Andre Marsh, all of Bear Creek; 17 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; siblings, Olivia Epps of Fuquay Varina, Edna Horton of New Hill, Joyce Smith of Sanford, Chester L. Wilson of Cary, and Tessie Wilson Watson of Siler City.

JAMES DAVIS TAYLOR

Mr. James Davis Taylor, 69, of Pittsboro, passed on Friday, April 26, 2019 at the VA Hospital in Durham.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church, with interment in the church cemetery.

Survivors include one son, Jermaine "Tim" Moore; two grandchildren; father, Jim "JD" Taylor of Pittsboro; sisters, Shirley Taylor-Edwards, Sylvia Townsend, Cathy Taylor of Pittsboro; brothers, Michael Taylor of Pittsboro and Cedric Taylor of Durham.

CHARLOTTE DELORES (HARRIS) ROGERS

Mrs. Charlotte Delores Harris Rogers, 67, of Pittsboro, passed on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at UNC Hospice House.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

MRS. PEGGY WOODS

Mrs. Peggy Woods, 83, of Siler City, passed on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

ASHLEY NICOLE JOHNSON

Ashley Nicole Johnson, 30, of Bear Creek died Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

The funeral was held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Brandon Butler officiating.

Ashley was born in Orange County on November 4, 1988, the daughter of Richard Andrew "Ricky" Johnson, II and Angela Renee Johnson. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Richard Andrew "Andy" Johnson, III.

She is survived by one daughter, Alianna Rae Poe; mother, Angela Renee John-

son; sister, Hannah Johnson of Bear Creek; brothers, Kaelan Johnson of Siler City, Brandon Johnson of Hope Mills; grandparents, Marvin and Betty Maness of Siler City and Georgia Rogers of Southport.

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

LYNN PARKER

Lynn Parker, 61, of Broadway, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2019 at his home.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home in Sanford.



How will Northwood be affected when the new Seaforth High School opens?

BY BROOKLYN COOPER
Our Chatham

Last year, Chatham County Schools announced the opening of two new schools: Chatham Grove Elementary, scheduled to open in fall 2020, and Seaforth High School. Because Chatham Grove has an earlier timeline, the county hasn't made plans for Seaforth's attendance zone yet. However, Chris Blice, chief operations officer for CCS, shared the districting process for Chatham Grove, which will look similar for Seaforth. The Operations Research Education Laboratory from N.C. State University works with CCS to make logistical decisions such as the location of a new school and the projected population. CCS then uses this information to make proposals to the county's Board of Education about attendance zones. After the board gives feedback about the proposal, CCS hosts public Community Input Meetings at schools affected

by the opening to collect opinions in the form of a survey. The school system also uploads a presentation to its website with a link to the survey for residents who weren't able to attend the meetings. CCS officials make changes to the proposal based on the survey data—in the case of Chatham Grove, it resulted in the addition of another attendance zone. Once the board approves the final proposal, CCS and other officials implement the plans. Chatham Grove's final proposal will be published in July, and then CCS will direct its attention to Seaforth. Although Seaforth doesn't have an attendance zone yet—and some students are concerned about whether they will have to swap schools—CCS does have a plan for phasing in students. The school will open with ninth and 10th graders. By the third year, when the first 10th graders are seniors, Seaforth will officially have ninth through 12th grade students. "I'm quite familiar with when you get to be

a junior or a senior how intensely loyal your feelings are about your high school and your desire to stay there," Blice said. "The goal with opening at nine-10 is to eliminate some of that." Northwood's Crowd Control Right now, Northwood High School is Pittsboro's only high school, and it's feeling the strain of the exponential growth of Chatham County. The building was designed for 1,000 students, and the student population is now at 1,365, according to the school's website. Northwood's outside trailers have added about 20 classrooms to the school, but some teachers have to share rooms to accommodate the number of students. Educators teach three class periods per day, which leaves one period open for each classroom. "Sometimes, it means there are three home teachers and one teacher who floats between three different classrooms—that's very rare," Assistant Principal Zack Chutz said. "Usually, two

teachers will share one classroom. They'll teach two periods a day in that classroom and then their third period class will be somewhere else." Seaforth's building plans say the school will accommodate 1,200 students with a maximum capacity of 1,400. Northwood received an almost entirely new administrative staff for the 2018-19 school year, with a new principal and two new assistant principals. Principal Bradford Walston visits every class every day, which has helped him develop

relationships within the school. "It takes me 90 minutes to touch every classroom in the building," Walston said. "It's a brief drop in: 'Hey, how are you doing?' If somebody needs something or if something's going on, the kids know they can step out, and teachers know they can step out." Both Chutz and Walston agreed that Seaforth would alleviate some of the logistical problems of having a population over the capacity of the building, such as large lunch periods and

crowded class changes, but they noted that their solutions have been effective. Parent Tammy Trotter, who has two freshmen and a senior at Northwood, said Walston's ability to build rapport with the community over a short period of time is "amazing." "Before school started, when my boys were starting football practice as incoming freshmen, and my daughter was working out for cross country, [Walston] was out there meeting parents and kids," Trotter said.



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'One Chatham' community conversation focuses on county's socioeconomic inequalities

The economic disparities in different regions of Chatham County are well-documented. On May 15, "One Chatham" — a community conversation about the issue and a look at ways to bridge the socioeconomic gap — will be held. It's a free public forum sponsored and produced by Our Chatham and co-sponsored by the News + Record. This week, we speak with the two organizers of event — Our Chatham's product manager, UNC-Chapel Hill senior Alexis Allston, and Our Chatham Editor Eric Ferkenhoff, a lecturer at UNC's School of Media and Journalism.

Allston will graduate this month from UNC with a degree in reporting, as well as a second major in political science. A graduate of Enloe High School in Raleigh, she'll start her career at the Texas Tribune later this month. At Our Chatham, she's worked to promote the new site's reach so readers in Chatham can benefit from its inquisitive, reader-focused community journalism.

Prior to coming to North Carolina, Ferkenhoff lived and worked in Kansas City and Chicago, working for various news

organizations, including the Chicago Tribune, ABC-Chicago, The Boston Globe, Time and The New York Times. His main role at Our



Allston

Chatham is recruiting students to engage the community, making sure all stories are accounted for and assigning enterprise pieces, as well as editing all copy. Ferkenhoff has been a journalist for 27 years.

"One Chatham" begins 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.

What is Our Chatham and where does it fit within the Reese News Lab?

Our Chatham is a project at the UNC-Chapel Hill's Reese News Lab in the School of Media and Journalism. Our project is funded by the MJ-School's Center for Innovation and Sustainability in Local Media, which was created with a grant from the Knight Foundation. Working with Our Chatham

provides UNC journalism students with the opportunity to learn about a new model of reporting, a model that focuses on listening to and



Ferkenhoff

engaging the community that you're writing for in order to best serve them. Our mission is to fill the unmet information needs of the people who live, work and play in Chatham County, North Carolina. We do this by collecting questions from the community and answering them with news stories — examples of questions we've been asked that we have answered include, "Why is broadband Internet so poor in rural Chatham?" and "What can the county do to keep our water clean?" We want to fill the need for longer-form journalism in Chatham County, and teach UNC student journalists about sustainable local journalism at the same time.

Why have a community conversation event?

Our Chatham's mission is to "connect the curious

across the county." We believe the best way to do this is to bring everyone together in person. You all have intelligent questions, and it's about time we all came together to discuss a few answers. It's easy to become disconnected when reading about an issue on a screen. Being part of a real-time community discussion is much more engaging, and we believe it's more likely to generate real solutions to a serious issue Chatham County is facing: a socioeconomic divide between the east and the west.

Why is the topic of economic inequality so significant in Chatham County?

We've heard from many of our readers that the economic inequality in Chatham has done nothing but rise as the years have gone by. Concern is particularly rising with the looming construction of Chatham Park in Pittsboro, a development that is sure to bring affluent newcomers to Chatham. Other well-off neighborhoods like Governors Club, Briar Chapel, and Fearington are also located in the east side of Chatham. On the other hand, Siler

City and west Chatham are experiencing a completely different type of growth. The opening of Mountaire's chicken plant has opened up hundreds of jobs, many of which are for unskilled labor. People moving to west Chatham for these new jobs may find that the cost of living is too expensive, driven up by the presence of wealth in east Chatham. Such a stark divide in socioeconomic status between east and west Chatham could impact cost of living in Chatham, the availability of affordable housing, and the local economy.

So what's going to happen on May 15?

We will have four panelists present for a Q+A style discussion:

- Alyssa Byrd, President of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation
- Tami Schwerin, Executive Director for Abundance NC
- Susan Levy, member of the Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, Policy Analyst for Chatham County

The discussion will be

driven by the audience! Throughout the forum, we ask our audience members to submit questions to us. We will choose questions to ask our panel of experts, who will facilitate discussion on socioeconomic inequality based on the questions from the audience. This is an excellent opportunity to hear answers to your exact questions. The discussion will take place from 6-8 p.m. at Chatham Community Library. It is free and open to everyone, and light refreshments will be served.

How can folks take part and learn more?

Mark yourself as "going" on our Facebook event by going here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/835249176845161/> It has all the details of the date, time, and location of the event. The forum is free to attend for everyone, so all you need to do to take part is bring yourself, your questions, and your curiosity! And, bring your friends, of course. Be sure to invite anyone that you think would be interested in attending. We want to hear as many voices as possible; it's a community discussion, after all!

Wilkie named to replace Petty on commissioner board

NEWS + RECORD STAFF

Pending approval, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners will soon have a new face, one that's familiar with the

political process.

The Chatham County Republican Party has nominated Andy Wilkie of Goldston as the recommended replacement for Walter Petty, who resigned from the board earlier this week.

In an email to the commissioners, the party cited Wilkie's time as a paratrooper in the Army Reserves and creation of Project Help, a non-profit serving the homeless in Sanford.

Wilkie was the Republican nominee for N.C. House District 54 seat in 2014, but he lost the election to Democrat Robert Reives II.

Petty, a Republican representing District 5, had served on the

board since 2010 and was re-elected to a third term last year. According to state law, he was to be replaced by someone from his same district and political party. That replacement was to be submitted to

the commissioners by the local party, in this case the Chatham GOP.



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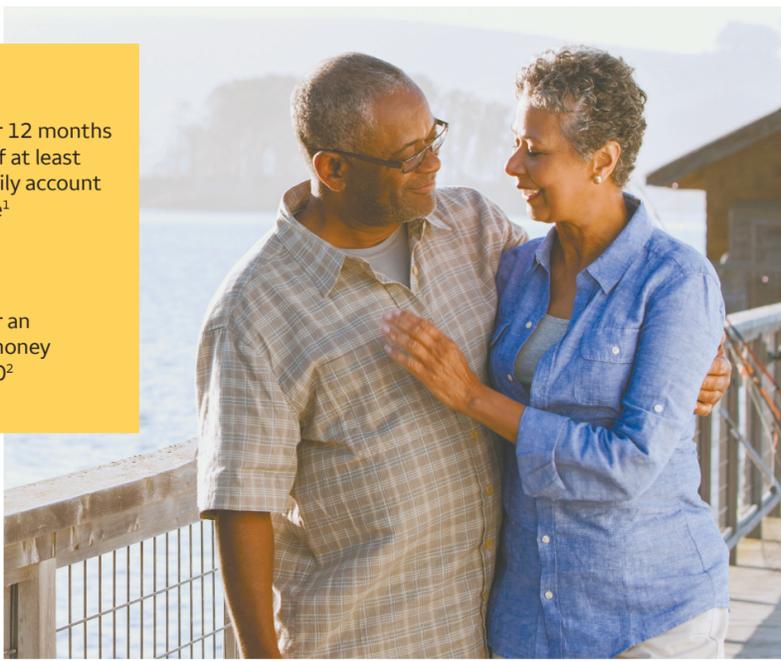
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NEWS BRIEFS

Chatham hospital leaders meet Gov. Cooper, talk Medicaid expansion

RALEIGH — Chatham Hospital Interim President Jeffrey Stickler and board Chairman Mary Beck met last week with chief executives from other rural hospitals, N.C. Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy Cohen and Gov. Roy Cooper to discuss expanding Medicaid.

The roundtable, which also included leaders from hospitals in Murphy, Southport, Asheboro, Mount Airy, Fayetteville and Rocky Mount, “focused on the challenges and opportunities in providing health care to rural communities and how expanding Medicaid can help.”

Stickler and Beck presented Cooper with a resolution in support of Medicaid expansion and other improvements to the healthcare system.

“We believe that protecting the health of communities such as Chatham County and the surrounding area and our state as a whole means protecting all hospitals and the citizens they serve,” the resolution read in part. “This requires a focus on chief health care initiatives such as closing the insurance coverage gap, maintaining the integrity of Certificate of Need laws, maintaining and expanding Medicaid supplemental payments to critical health care providers and protecting one of our state’s strongest assets: affordable and accessible health insurance for our state employees and retirees.”

The resolution was passed by Chatham Hospital’s Board of Directors on April 16.

In a statement, Cooper praised the possibilities that would come with expanding Medicaid.

“Closing the health care coverage gap would be a boost for rural communities,” he said. “Expanding Medicaid will help thousands of North Carolinians get access to affordable health care, invest billions of dollars in our economy and create thousands of good-paying jobs.”

Siler City names interim town manager

SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners, following a closed session during its budget work session last week, named town Finance Director Roy Lynch to serve as Interim Town Manager.

Lynch’s Interim Manager post is scheduled to begin July 15, the day Bryan Thompson, Siler City’s current town manager, is set to begin his new duties as the Chatham County Assistant County Manager.

“It is the hope of Mayor

(John) Grimes and the Board of Commissioners that this decision will represent a clear sense of continuity and stability for the organization while the selection process for permanently filling this position vacancy is concluded,” Thompson said.

Thompson noted that Lynch will become more involved in the various day-to-day activities of the manager’s office leading up to the date that he assumes his interim responsibilities. Lynch had previously served as the town manager of Liberty before taking the job as Finance Director for Siler City.

“I would like to...thank Roy for his willingness to take on this additional role during the upcoming period of transition, as I know he will serve us all well in this capacity,” Thompson said.

Two Chatham County churches earn Earth Care Congregation status

PITTSBORO — Two Chatham County churches — Chapel in the Pines and Pittsboro Presbyterian — have been certified as Earth Care Congregations by the Presbyterian

Church (U.S.A.).

According to Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), “Pittsboro Presbyterian Church and Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church are two of the 233 churches that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God’s earth this year. The congregations’ activities and commitment will inspire others to respond intentionally to God’s call to care for the earth.”

The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God’s charge to “till and keep” the garden.

To become an Earth Care Congregation these congregations affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all facets of their church life and completed projects and activities in the fields of worship, education, facilities and outreach.

Started in 2010 by PC (U.S.A.) Environmental Ministries, the goal of this program is to inspire churches to care for God’s earth in a holistic way through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. The certification honors churches that make that commitment and encourages others to follow their example.

As an example of their environmental stewardship, Pittsboro Presbyterian Church in the autumn of 2017 had

solar panels installed on their building. Chapel in the Pines is currently in the process of doing likewise.

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CHURCH NEWS

MAYS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning worship services on May 5 will feature Pastor Gregg Lamb bringing the message “Breaking Barriers 2: Being the Church.” Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m., with worship service at 10 a.m.

For the month of May, at 6 p.m. each Sunday, services will feature “Honest Questions to Honest Answers,” and prayer time.

Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 24 Rosser Road.

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES

Spring Revival will be held at New Beginnings Ministries at 7:30 p.m. through May 3. The Wednesday night speaker will be Rev. Sherry Gray, the Thursday night speaker, Pastor Timothy Worthy and the Friday

speaker will be Pastor Alfred Richardson.

A pre-anniversary service for Pastor Phyllis Carter will be held at 3 p.m. on May 5. Our guest will be Pastor Cedric Lee and the Unity Powerhouse congregation.

All are welcome to come and fellowship with us. We are located at 155 Pondarosa Road, Siler City.

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hickory Grove Baptist Church invites you to experience revival at 7 p.m., May 5 through 9, when various speakers will present the gospel each evening: Sunday, Marty Garner; Monday, Rev. David Hicks, Tuesday, Danny Spivey; Wednesday, Daniel Spivey, and Thursday, Buster Lucas.

The church is located at 17721 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek.

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Tuesday, May 7

BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Mandarin Oranges (**Breakfast Round, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Mini Pancakes w/ Cheese Stick, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sun-Believabe 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches (**Breakfast for lunch: Sausage Biscuit w/Eggs, Fr Tst Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Ham & Cheese Combo, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sun-Believabe 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Fruit)

Wednesday, May 8

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

LUNCH: Big Daddy’s Cheese Pizza, Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl, Ham & Cheese Combo, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad w/

Dressing, Fresh Fruit, Birthday Treat (**Big Daddy’s Cheese Pizza, Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl, Chicken Tender Wrap Combo, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit, Birthday Treat)

Thursday, May 9

BREAKFAST: Pancake Wrap Sausage Bites, Peaches (**Pancake Sausage Wrap, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Sweet Thai Chili Chicken w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Loaded Mashed

Potatoes, Seasoned Broccoli, Fresh Fruit (** Add: Deli Club Wrap Combo, Chilled Applesauce)

Friday, May 10

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

LUNCH: Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, Crispy Chicken Sandwich, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Vegetable Blend, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Blueberry Crisp (**Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, Chicken Nuggets w/

Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Vegetable Blend, Marinated Tomatoes, Blueberry Crisp, Fresh Fruit)

Lincoln Financial Service in Greensboro, NC

Congratulations to Tramane Brooks of Siler City, NC for graduating Basic Training with the United States Army. Tramane is a graduate of Jordan Matthews High School who attended Pembroke University and later transferred to Eastern Carolina University where he also graduated. Tramane is a father to his 3 beautiful daughters Adeline, Scarlet and Emerson. He is also a loving husband to his beautiful wife Tiffany Barber Brooks. Tramane has worked at



Lincoln Financial Service in Greensboro, NC until he found his calling and went into basic training where he graduated SPC Tramane Brooks, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry.

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Shakori Grassroots returns for 17th year

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

The Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival, set for this weekend, continues to grow in popularity while maintaining its mission of bringing quality music to Chatham County.

The event, which was the vision of Jeb and Jordan Puryear of the world famous roots band Donna and the Buffalo, connected with the Shakori Hills Community Arts Center 17 years ago and has hosted the 4-day Grassroots Festival twice a year ever since to raise money for the center.

The brothers will share the history of Shakori during a session at Shakori's "front porch" at 12:30 Saturday.

This year's festival with host more than 50 musical acts on its four stages. The headliner, aside from Donna and the Buffalo, will be Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real, a project by the son of country music legend Willie Nelson. Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real have been Neil Young's band on multiple albums and tours since 2015 and recently appear as Bradley Cooper's band in the film "A Star is Born."

Nelson, who co-produced the hit movie's soundtrack, was a recent recipient of a British Academy of Film and Television Arts award for the original music in the film, along with his co-writers Lady Gaga and Cooper. Nelson will play the Meadow Stage at 8 p.m. Thursday, followed by Donna and the Buffalo.

Another highlight will likely be Ellis Dyson & The Shambles, a swing-ragtime group from Chapel Hill, who will be playing on both



Staff photo by Casey Mann

Donna the Buffalo stampedes onto the stage at Shakori this year with solid folk, roots and zydeco flavors for the Herd.

Friday and Sunday. For Sunday's set, the group will welcome Katharine Whalen from Squirrel Nut Zippers.

Turkuaz is a nine-piece funk band from Brooklyn that has been making a name for itself on the festival circuit. The band includes horns, two female singers and a male singer/guitarist, who together create rhythms and harmonies that will make you get up and dance. They will play Sunday night just before the all-star jam that will close the event.

Songwriter Kat Wright, who will play on both Saturday and Sunday nights, is a soul singer supported by an eight-piece band including bluesy jazz horns. Wright's voice has a soulful sound with a hip spin to it which hearkens to the sound of Amy Winehouse.

Driftwood, an Americana/Folk-Rock band



Photo courtesy Shakori Grassroots Festival

Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real

fresh from a performance at Merlefest, will play Friday night. And if you like country, check out the stylings of Blue Cactus, a Chapel Hill husband and wife duo. Steph Stewart's vocals have the high lonesome sound similar to Patsy Cline. Along with her husband, Mario Arnez, the pair create

"cry-in-your-whiskey" country.

For an international flair, check out Diali Cissokho & Kaira Ba with their full band for Senegalese sounds on Saturday. Or see the performances of Albizu, who will perform three times. The band combines jazz from Miami with a Cuban/South American

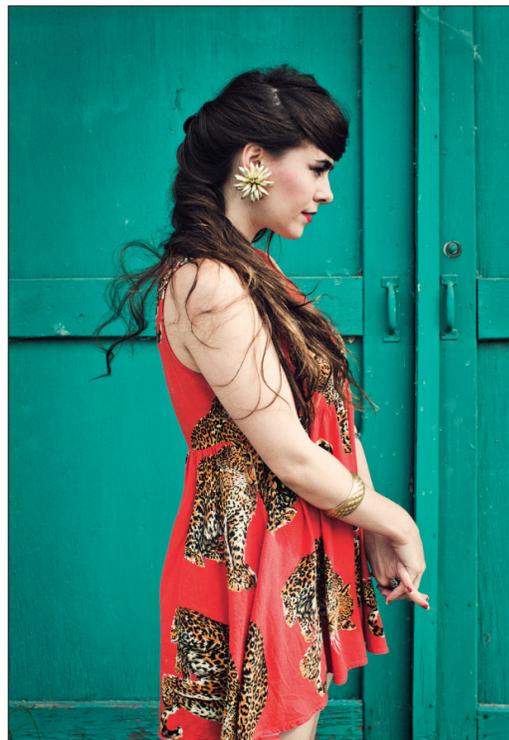


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Kat Wright

influence.

Shakori Grassroots Festival has collaborated with another music-driven non-profit, The Music Maker Relief Foundation whose mission is to give back to the roots of Southern American music, for the Music Makers Blues Review on Friday. The performance will feature artists that Music Maker has supported over the years including Cool John Ferguson, Pat 'Mother Blues' Cohen, and Harvey Dalton Arnold.

The Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival is likely the biggest event to occur in Chatham County each year. While seeking to find quality music to share, the festival also main-

tains a family-friendly and Chatham-centric mentality.

Children under the age of 12 are allowed in for free and youths aged 13-15 are charged at about half the price of the adult ticket. In addition, Chatham County residents are offered special rates of about \$20 less than the regular rate. Tickets can be purchased as four-day passes or for individual days. Tent, vehicle, and recreational vehicle camping passes are also available.

For specific rates, visit the festival's website at www.shakorihillsgrassroots.org.

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Chatham schools closed May 1, citing large number of absences ahead of rally

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Schools followed many of its nearby public school district brethren earlier this week, with the Chatham County Board of Education voting unanimously April 25 to close school for students on May 1.

In a press release, board chairman Gary Leonard said the number of employees requesting leave for May 1, the scheduled date of a teacher march and rally in downtown Raleigh, and the “potential for last-minute requests due to emergencies or illnesses” enacted a “compelling need” to not hold classes that day. May 1 was to be an optional workday for staff.

“We would prefer to have a normal day of school, but we simply would not have enough personnel on hand to ensure that our classrooms are adequately staffed,” Leonard said. “That being said, we remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students



and continue to support our system of public education and the work of our dedicated employees.”

During the emergency meeting April 25, district Superintendent Derrick Jordan said a flurry of personal leave requests were submitted in the prior days. He said there were “as many as 30” in one school and at least 19 in another. One school had nine bus drivers that submitted leave requests.

“We noted a potential challenge fulfilling the number of substitute positions that would be required,” Jordan said. “The challenge that presents is that we have almost 50, as of today, unfilled substitute requests, and that does not take into account the possibility of the issuing of emergency requests that could happen closer to the day or on the day of.”

The district joined Lee, Chapel-Hill

Carrboro, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Wake and several other public school systems across the state as being closed for students on May 1. The N.C. Association of Educators set the date for its rally, encouraging teachers across the state to take a personal leave day to ask state legislators for improved funding, expansion of Medicaid and more support personnel like nurses and counselors, among other reasons.

CCS’ press release said the number of absences not covered by substitute teachers was “initially manageable,” but an increase in requests this week made the change necessary. The release also stated the missing class day will not be made up “because the district’s academic calendar exceeds the number of instructional hours required by North Carolina law.”

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson came out against the timing of the rally in early April, and the Chatham school board had discussed possibly closing at its April 8 meeting.

OPIOIDS: We were told and trained ‘that you should not ever be in pain’

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cal system has figured out how to address pain appropriately while at the same time removing opiates. That’s where you see folks turning to heroin and other things.”

The opioid problem could be described as a problem of pain that’s stretched out for thousands of years, but has found a footing in the 21st century, for a few reasons.

The addictive nature

The earliest record of opium, the base substance in opioids, is from 3300 B.C., according to “Heroin Death: How to Stop the Opioid Crisis,” a book by Chatham County resident Dr. Joe Mancini. Mancini spent his career in family medicine before spending the last 10 years in addiction medicine.

Opium comes from the pulp of the poppy seed plant. Once it is dried, it can be smoked or ingested. For thousands of years, it existed in that form and became a common trade item. Morphine, a commonly-used painkiller, was derived from opium in 1804, kicking off a nearly 200-year period of the development of new medicines used to treat pain — oxycodone, Percocet, Oxycontin, Vicodin, fentanyl and more.

In “Heroin Death,” Mancini lists three reasons opioids are addictive: they’re the only “mood-altering substance that give direct pain relief,” they “provide an intense degree of euphoria,” and withdrawal symptoms are so “extremely painful and intense” that they “make it very difficult not to

seek another dose to get relief.”

Anna Stanley, the program director of Chatham Recovery, explored the depths of the science of addiction at the April 4 meeting in Goldston. She said that when opioids are taken, “the brain starts to add opioid receptor sites.”

“Over time, you need more and more because you’ve got more of these receptor sites that are screaming out, saying, ‘I need more opiates,’” she said.

Not getting that fix can lead to the aforementioned withdrawal.

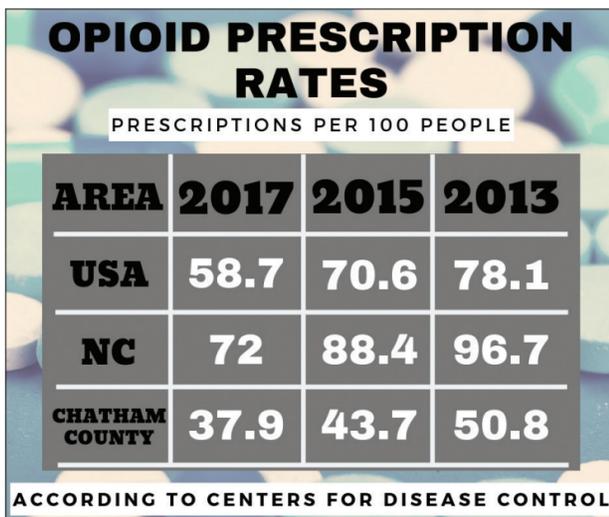
“It’s not deadly for most people, but you pretty much feel like you’re going to die,” Stanley said. “You just feel really bad, and the only thing that can make you feel better is to take another opiate.”

The problem of pain

Dr. George R. Hansen of the Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and Dr. Jon Streltzer of the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii penned a report called “The Psychology of Pain” for the journal of the Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America in 2005. In the report, the pair wrote that the same centers in the brain activated by pain are activated by social rejection. Getting turned down for a date or left out by friends produces the same psychological response, it appears, as pain.

Drs. Hansen and Streltzer also wrote about the effect of chronic opioid use on pain, saying that continual use can lead to “enhanced pain sensitivity.”

“Patients dependent on daily doses feel worse when the medication wears off, and closer to baseline levels of pain



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

temporarily when they take it, even though the overall pain condition fails to improve,” the report said. “These patients may see opioids as necessary for survival.”

Opioids, by their very biological make-up, are designed to become “necessary.”

Layton Long, the county’s public health director, spoke briefly on the idea of pain at the Goldston meeting.

“We were told and we were trained that you should not ever be in pain,” Long said. “So we placed a demand on the doctors for us to not be in pain. That’s not the reality of life.”

Too many pills

One of the common problems associated with the opioid epidemic, as cited by Hilliard, is

over-prescription of the pills.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opioids are often prescribed for pain after surgery or injuries, and for health conditions like cancer.

The CDC said the United States saw 58.7 opioid prescriptions written per 100 people in 2017. In North Carolina, the number was 72, while Chatham saw just 37.9. In 2013, just four years before that, the rates were 78.1 in the country, 96.7 in the state and 50.8 in the county.

While the overall number of prescriptions has been declining, the amount of opioids in morphine milligram equivalents (MMEs) prescribed per person — a way to calculate opioids taking into account type and strength — is three times higher than it was in

1999. While Chatham County’s number two years ago is on the low end, surrounding areas aren’t all in the same boat. Just to Chatham’s south, Lee County’s opioid prescription rate is 114.2 per 100 residents — enough for each citizen to have at least one — and Moore County had 102.8 prescriptions per 100. Wake County’s rate was 47.5 per 100 residents, while Durham had 41.6 and Orange had 36.7.

According to a report from doctors and researchers from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, there were 240 million opioid prescriptions in the U.S. alone in 2015. The authors of the study — surgery and health policy professor Martin A. Makary, surgeon Heidi N. Overton and researcher Peiqi Wang — wrote that physician overprescribing was “a major contributor” to the epidemic.

“The opioid crisis is the latest self-inflicted wound in public health,” the report’s abstract states. “Too many people are leaving the hospital with bottles of opioid tablets they don’t need.”

Sgt. Ronnie Miller of the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office said at the Goldston event that the availability of these pills is one of the department’s main concerns.

“There’s a bunch of pills in a lot of medicine cabinets,” he said. “What we would like to see happen, through education, is for people to realize how powerful and destructive these drugs can be.”

Next week: in Part 3 of this series, we’ll look at the use of heroin, benzodiazepines and opioids in Chatham County.

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Stackhouse chosen to USA South Athletic All-Conference

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO — Former Jordan-Matthews standout Hannah Stackhouse just completed an outstanding sophomore campaign for the Greensboro College softball team.

And now she has the hardware to prove it.

Stackhouse helped the Lady Pride improve to a 25-16 campaign in 2019 with a 9-7 league mark from a 16-22 mark overall and 6-10 record a year before.

Greensboro College closed by dropping a 2-1 best-of-3 series to Salem College in Winston Salem to just miss an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Stackhouse did her part in the series, going 4-for-9 with two doubles, three RBI and a stolen base including a 2-for-3 performance with an RBI-double and an RBI-single in a 2-1 victory in game one. The Siler City native went 2-for-4 with an RBI-double and stolen base in the game two 3-2 loss before Salem won the series with a 7-0 triumph in game three.

Greensboro College placed five individuals on the USA South Athletic Conference postseason teams. Stackhouse, who was an at-large selection to the second-team, posted a .337 batting average with 21 RBIs.

Allyson Loy was named to the first-team All-East Division and All-Conference teams, while Maddy Wetherholt, and Jasmine Worthy also earned second-team All-East Division accolades.

Loy ranked second on the Pride roster with a .373 batting average while recording seven RBIs with two doubles and two triples. Additionally, Loy batted .442 in conference play and recorded 11 stolen bases in 12 attempts.

Wetherholt paced the Greensboro pitching staff with a 13-5 record to go along with at 2.47 ERA in 119 innings pitched while Worthy posted a .319 average to go along with a team-leading 23 stolen bases.

Daisy Martin was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Stackhouse is the daughter of Robin and Charles Stackhouse of Siler City.



Submitted photo

Greensboro College standout Hannah Stackhouse sets to fire to first base in collegiate softball action this spring. The Siler City native was selected to the 2019 USA South All-Conference team this past week after hitting a robust .348 this season.

Barker, Lady Bears hammer Knights 13-0

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Chatham Central dominated from the start to finish here Friday afternoon in a 13-0 rout of Chatham Charter in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference softball action.

The Lady Bears (11-0, 11-3) plated four runs in the first before adding three in the second, five in the fourth, and one in the fifth to take the five-inning win.

Chatham Charter (7-4, 9-5) managed just five hits in the loss.

Raynee Redington notched the win on the mound for Cha-

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Wheatmore ousts J-M in opening round of PAC 7 Conference tournament

BY DON BEANE
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SILER CITY — Wheatmore erupted for six runs in the opening two innings and cruised to a 10-4 victory over Jordan-Matthews in opening round action of the 2A PAC 7 Conference softball tournament Monday night.

Jordan-Matthews (5-14) will now wait and see if it qualifies for the state playoffs while the win likely sealed a bid for Wheatmore (10-10).

A Skyler Swaney single and an RBI-double to the center field wall by Abbey Parrish with two down sent the visiting Warriors up 1-0 after one before singles from Victoria Blevins, Kailey Wilbanks, Kynnedey Thrift and Swaney, and a double by Kendall Lewis highlighted the five-run outburst in the second to up the lead to 6-0.

Jordan-Matthews got on the board in the home half of the third when Avery Headen stroked a two-out single to right and later scored on an Eve Long RBI-double to the centerfield fence.

Trailing 6-1, the Lady Jets could not muster any runs in their next two at-bats, and Wheatmore made the locals pay in the top of the fifth with a four-run outburst which pushed the lead to a comfortable 10-1 for the visitors from Randolph County. Lewis doubled to start the onslaught before Thrift and Swaney followed with singles, Blevins was hit by a pitch, and Wilbanks and Parrish added RBI-singles.

Jordan-Matthews continued to battle and plated three runs in the bottom of the seventh behind Navi Gould mashing a two-run home run after a Joana Nino single, and Ashlyn Ray singled and later scored on an



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Aubree Wilson slides into second base in the second inning of Monday's game at JM, as Wheatmore's Victoria Blevins misses the out.

RBI-triple off the bat of Headen to make the final 10-3.

Headen was 2-for-4 with a run, an RBI and a triple to pace J-M at the plate while Gould was 1-for-3 with a run and two RBI, Long 1-for-3 with a double

and an RBI, and Ray 1-for-4 with a run.

Wheatmore was led offensively by a 3-for-4 effort with two RBI from Swaney while Wilbanks was 2-for-4 with two RBI, Lewis 2-for-4 with two

doubles and two runs, Parrish 2-for-4 with a run, a double and an RBI, and Thrift 2-for-5 with two runs and two RBI.

Jocelyn Mitchell took the loss on the mound for the Jets after going all seven innings and

allowing 13 hits, 10 runs (nine earned), and striking out two.

Taking the win on the mound for the Warriors was Swaney who went all seven innings and yielded six hits, four runs, one walk and fanned six.

Burke, Mount Olive baseball fall to North Greenville in conference championship

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

TIGERVILLE, S.C. — You certainly can't fault Zack Burke for the 10-7 loss by No. 3 seeded Mount Olive to top-seed North Greenville in the championship finals of the Conference Carolinas Tournament on Sunday down in Tigerville, S.C.

Burke came in with the Trojans starting at a 7-3 deficit in the fourth inning.

The former Chatham Central star and local product put

Mount Olive on his back and hurled six strong innings to give the Trojans a chance at an upset of the regular season champion and the No. 2 ranked squad in the NCAA Division II ranks.

Burke went the six innings and allowed four hits, three runs, four walks and struck out three.

Unfortunately, the early lead built by North Greenville (40-9) was too much to over come as

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Former Chatham Central star Zack Burke pitched six strong innings on Sunday afternoon for Mount Olive in a tough 10-7 loss to North Greenville at the 2019 Conference Carolinas' Tournament finals in Tigerville, S.C. Burke and UMO have two more games in the regular season before awaiting a bid to the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Submitted photo

Chargers sweep Hornets in Big Eight

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

DURHAM — Northwood continued to surge late up the 3A Big Eight Conference standings with a sweep of Durham Hillside last week in area baseball action.

The Chargers (9-3, 14-8) routed Hillside 14-4 in Durham on Thursday night behind a combined one-hit effort of Jason Sczypinski and Mason Bae.

Sczypinski picked up the win on the mound after working three innings and allowing one hit, three runs, five walks, and striking out three.

Bae notched the save after working the final two frames and yielding no hits, one unearned run, two walks and fanning four.

Northwood scored five runs in the top of the first before adding three more in the second, and one more in the third to go up 9-2. The Chargers plated five more in

the fourth to pull away for the 14-4 triumph in five innings.

Deuce Powell had a big day at the plate offensively for Northwood as the junior went 3-for-4 with a run and two RBI while Sczypinski was 2-for-3 with a run and two RBI, Hitt 2-for-2 with three runs, an RBI, two walks, and two stolen bases.

Also at the plate for the Chargers, Michael Posse was 1-for-3 with a run, three RBI, a triple and two walks, Landon Johnson 1-for-3 with an RBI, Tyler Johnson 1-for-3 with three runs, two RBI, a triple, a stolen base and a walk, and Beau Weathers 1-for-3 with a run, an RBI and a double.

Tyler Spruill was 1-for-2 with a walk, two runs, an RBI and a homer to lead Hillside offensively while Amaree Leak was 1-for-2 with a triple and Cameron Ponton 1-for-3 with a double.

Josephus Shabazz took the loss on the mound after work-

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AREA SPORTS CALENDAR | WEEK OF MAY 1-7

Wednesday May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3	Saturday-Tuesday May 4-7
BASEBALL	BASEBALL	SOCCER	NO EVENTS SCHEDULED
Cornerstone vs Chatham Central BOYS: 7 p.m. in Bear Creek	Chatham Central vs River Mill BOYS: 4 p.m. in Burlington	Cornerstone vs Woods Charter GIRLS: 5:15 p.m. in Pittsboro	
SOCCER	Chapel Hill vs Northwood BOYS: 6 p.m. in Pittsboro		
Hillside vs Northwood GIRLS: 6:30 p.m. in Pittsboro	SOFTBALL		
Providence Grove vs Jordan-Matthews GIRLS: 6 p.m. in Siler city	Northwood vs East Chapel Hill GIRLS: 4:30p.m. in Chapel Hill		
Chatham Central vs Cornerstone GIRLS: 5 p.m. in Greensboro	SOCCER		
River Mill vs Woods Charter GIRLS: 5:15 p.m. in Pittsboro	Jordan-Matthews vs Carrboro GIRLS: 6 pm in Carrboro		
SOFTBALL	BOYS LACROSSE		
Northern Durham vs Northwood GIRLS: 6 pm in Pittsboro	Northwood vs Northern Guilford BOYS: 7:30 p.m. in Greensboro		

Lady Bears overwhelm Grizzlies

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BURLINGTON — Chatham Central smacked 21 hits en route to a 17-5 demolition of Clover Garden last Thursday afternoon in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference softball action.

Chatham Central (10-0, 10-3) sent five runs across in the first but Clover Garden countered with two in the bottom of the frame and three in the second to tie the game at 5-all. A six-run outburst by the Bears in the fourth coupled with two more in the fifth, and four more in the sixth to all but end the contest.

Lauren Collins led the potent Central offensive assault with a 4-for-5 day that included two runs, an RBI and three doubles while Raynee Redington was 3-for-4 with four runs, a double and four stolen bases, Mary Grace Murchison 3-for-5 with three runs, five RBI, a triple and a home run, and Olivia Hudson 3-for-5 with one run and two RBI.

Also at the plate for the

Bears, Bailey Barker was 2-for-4 with three runs, three RBI, a walk and a homer while Carmen Edwards was 2-for-2 with two runs, five RBI, a double, four home runs and a walk, Morgan Rush 2-for-2 with a home run, Megan Rush 1-for-2 with an RBI, and Madelyn Elkins 1-for-4 with two runs and an RBI.

Redington picked up the win on the mound for Chatham Central after working four innings and allowing no hits, no runs, walking two and striking out 10.

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Collins pitched two innings as well and allowed four hits, five runs (four earned), and fanned a pair.

Clover Garden was led at the plate by Savannah Worsham who went 2-for-3 with two runs, two RBI and a double while Lexier Roberts was 2-for-4 with two runs, and Sarah Chapman had a double in a 1-for-3 effort.

Worsham suffered the loss on the hill after hurling six innings and allowing 21 hits, 17 runs (14 earned), four walks and striking out none.

Delving into some pleasantly surprising Chatham County athletic history



DON BEANE
Sports Editor

Basketball certainly is in the rear view mirror and the spring season is in full swing. But I would be remiss not discussing what I thought was a nice discovery back during the start of the year.

Now, let me first state that some people in Chatham County surely know this, but many I've talked to haven't heard, and it's been a topic that has made for some interesting conversations.

It's common knowledge women's sports in the United States lagged behind greatly throughout history especially before Title IX was written and signed into law by Republican President Richard Nixon in 1972.

Since that time, sports in America for females has steadily

increased into the success story that it is today.

Back in the winter I was researching a story on the Woods Charter girls basketball team, or lack thereof, and six girls having to make the decision to play with the boys team. Three did. The story never took off for various reasons which I respectfully accepted.

But in my research to find out if this was the first co-ed boys team ever in the county, I discovered it undoubtedly was.

Now keep in mind, I've heard Chatham County called many things from us being yahoos to this and that, especially on the west side. And that's not easy for me to swallow because I love being an American, from the south, from North Carolina, from Chatham County, from West Chatham, and this area - period. I would not trade it for any place in the world. Simple as that when it comes to me.

So to say it made me proud to find out that girls in Chatham

County were playing high school basketball before 1972 is an understatement. But it didn't stop there as I continued to dig in The Chatham News/Record archives, and my research took me back to the 60's, then the 50's, then the 40's.

All of a sudden I was seeing something flash before my very eyes that I never expected — girls basketball while World War II was going on.

My curiosity was piqued by this point, so I got on the phone to talk to one of the wisest historians of Chatham County athletics that I could think of: Hall-of-Famer Ronald Scott, who played and coached it all in the Chatham Central area.

I didn't get Coach Scott right away, so I immediately called Coach Gerald Binkley to get his input, then Coach John Phillips.

The information I got from those two state champion coaches was fascinating, as is most conversations with them

about sports in general.

Then in speaking with Coach Scott, the history of girl's basketball in Chatham County was really brought to light. From finding out that some local high schools competed in a yearly state tournament down in the Sandhills area to basketball games being played on outside courts and in gym auditoriums, it really was a wonderfully informative conversation with a man who has forgotten more sports in Chatham County than I know.

In the end, I personally dated girls basketball games in The Chatham News/Record all the way back to the early 1920's.

Coach Scott and I came up with a consensus belief that girl's basketball likely start around 1915-1916.

To put this in perspective, World War I was just getting into full swing, the Titanic had sunk less than five years before, and the NCHSAA didn't hold its first state championships for

girls basketball, combined at that, until 56 years later in 1972.

Now, roughly 103 years removed, well over a decade, it's exciting to me that this county was undoubtedly at the forefront in girl's basketball in the state of North Carolina, and one would think, the nation as mainly collegiate teams were forming back in those years. In fact, the first public women's basketball game in the South was played at a men's only club, the Southern Athletic Club, in 1895, and things slowly developed at the college level in the next three decades.

So the next time someone is quick to put down Chatham County for this and that, be sure to point out we have a great deal of positives in our history, and things to be proud of in all areas, including athletics, and being one of the pioneer areas for women's basketball at the high school level.

Measamer double lifts Chatham Central to 10-9 victory over Chatham Charter

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Tyson Measamer doubled to the right field fence to drive in Lofton Dodson from second base with the deciding run in Chatham Central's final turn at bat as the Bears battled back from squandering a five-run lead in the top of the seventh to edge Chatham Charter 10-9 in a wild Central Tar Heel 1A Conference contest Saturday afternoon on Jimmy Warford Field.

The game ended up being played at a neutral site after Jordan-Matthews offered the use of its home field due to rain the previous night making fields at both Chatham Central and Chatham Charter unplayable.

The league-leading Bears improved to 8-0 in the conference standings and 11-7 overall, while the Knights (7-3, 8-5) lost to Chatham Central for the second time in four days.

With the score tied 9-9 going into the home seventh, Dodson drew a leadoff walk and stole second before Michael Moore was given an intentional pass.

Measamer then stepped to the plate and smashed a 1-0 offering from losing pitcher Gavin Crumpler to deep right to secure the victory.

Although he struggled through the final three innings, Bears' reliever Micah Gurley received credit for the win despite surrendering four hits and five runs (two earned) in addition to walking three and fanning four.

Chatham Central starter Michael Moore lasted just one and one-third innings, giving up no hits but allowing two runs (one earned) while issuing five free passes and striking out one before Carter Fuquay came on to hurl two and two-third innings in relief, yielding four hits and a pair of earned runs besides walking two and whiffing two.

"Up 9-4 entering of the top of the seventh I was thinking all we needed was three outs, but when Chatham Charter's nine-hole batter drew a full-count leadoff walk I began to feel anything could happen," said Bears' coach Brett Walden.

"They ended up sending nine batters to the plate in the inning and rallying to tie the game before Tyson managed to pull us through. Michael didn't have his best control this afternoon, while Micah is not particularly suited to throwing long stretches. But this victory takes a lot of pressure off us as now we're in a good spot to claim the conference title if we can win at

least one out of our last four games."

Crumpler was handed the loss after giving up two hits plus an earned run while walking four (two intentional) and striking out two in one and two-third innings of relief.

Knights' starter Connor Murphy tossed four innings and was tagged for seven hits and four runs (three earned) in addition to issuing five walks and fanning three prior to Carter Phillips giving up two hits and five runs (one earned) while allowing one free pass.

Chatham Charter coach Bill Slaughter declined to comment following the outcome.

The Knights jumped out to a 1-0 lead their initial turn at the plate as Murphy coaxed a full-count leadoff walk, was sacrificed to second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and tallied on a two-out infield error.

Chatham Central responded with a pair of runs in its half of the frame as Dodson belted a leadoff opposite-field double into the right field corner and moved to third on Moore's opposite-field single to right prior to scoring when Measamer hit into a double play.

Caleb Staley then reached on an infield hit, stole second and scored when Fuquay singled to



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Charter's Tyler Kidd holds position on second base as Chatham Central's T. Chase Murray tries for second in their game April 24 at Chatham Central High in Siler City.

center. Chatham Charter pulled even in the visitors' second as the Knights loaded the bases with walks to Crumpler and Murphy plus Jacob Brannon's infield hit with one away before Crumpler came in to score when Jaron Hendrickson was nicked by a pitch.

The Bears seized a 4-2 advantage in the home third as Moore coaxed a full-count leadoff walk and dashed to third on Staley's opposite-field base hit right prior to the latter taking second on a throwing error.

Moore then scored on a wild pitch as Staley advanced to third and tallied on a two-out infield miscue.

Chatham Charter rallied in the top of the fifth to tie the game at 4-4 as Ryan White and Phillips led off the frame

by poking back-to-back singles to left before both runners moved up a base on a wild pitch.

Following a walk to Landon Hussey that loaded the sacks, Noah Carter and Murphy each plated a run when they reached on a fielder's choice.

Chatham Central then seemingly broke the contest open by sending 10 men to the plate in the bottom half of the inning and scoring five runs to take a 9-4 lead.

Drew Cox opened the frame with a walk, stole second and was sacrificed to third prior to tallying on Gurley's base hit to left.

Zach Ritter sacrificed Gurley to second but was safe on an infield error before both runners came in to score when Dodson sped all the way to third on a throwing error.

After Moore plated Dodson with an oppo-

site-field single to right, free passes issued to Measamer and Staley filled the bases prior to Fuquay's infield hit that brought in Moore.

But the Knights would answer right back by batting around in the visitors' seventh to even the count at 9-all.

Following a leadoff walk to Tanner Kidd, Murphy reached on an infield error before Brannon grounded a single to left to load the sacks.

One-out later Hendrickson delivered a two-run base hit to right prior to Brannon sprinting home on a wild pitch.

Phillips' two-out double to right then brought in Hendrickson before the former came around to score on a pair of wild pitches, setting the stage for Measamer's game-winning hit in the bottom half of the inning.

Morgan, Jets pound Wildcats 14-2

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Christopher Morgan went four-for-four at the plate to spearhead Jordan-Matthews' 15-hit assault while J-M pitchers Samuel Murchison and Kevin Cano combined on a two-hitter as the Jets spoiled Eastern Randolph's Senior Night by soaring past the Wildcats 14-2 in a six-inning run-ruled PAC 7 2A Conference match-up under the lights Tuesday evening on Grady Lawson Field.

Murchison helped his own cause by collecting three hits, including a pair of doubles, while Camden Fuquay and Chris Rios notched two hits apiece as Jordan-Matthews improved to 7-4 in the league standings and 11-8 for the season, whereas Eastern Randolph dropped to 5-6 in the conference and 6-13 overall.

Murchison hurled five-plus innings to gain the win, allowing both Wildcat hits and a pair of earned runs in addition to walking five and fanning seven before Cano came on to record the final three outs, striking out one.

"When we score runs behind our pitchers we're really tough to beat," said J-M coach John Will Headen. "I thought we played focused tonight, both at the plate and in the field, and it was exciting to get that many hits in a conference game. Murchison threw well this evening, and when his pitch-count got high Cano came in to finish shutting Eastern Randolph down."

Wildcats' starter Colton Craven absorbed the loss after being shelled for eight hits and six runs (three earned) in three and two-third innings on the mound.

Eastern Randolph reliever Nate Canter threw one and one-third innings and was bombed for six hits and seven runs (four earned) while walking one and whiffing one before Mason Canoy completed the final frame, giving up one hit plus an unearned run.

"We've struggled all year offensively," remarked Wildcats' coach Mike Luther. "After getting 11 hits in our last outing I was hoping we could carry some of that momentum over tonight, but it just didn't happen. Murchison had probably the best velocity we've seen all year, and although we managed to get at least one runner on base every inning but one, we couldn't string hits together while we hurt ourselves by committing five errors."

The Jets grabbed a 1-0 advantage in the top of the first as Morgan led off with an opposite-field base hit to right, advanced to second when Murchison grounded a one-out single to left and moved to third on a fielder's choice prior to scoring on an infield error.

Jordan-Matthews added a solo run in the visitors' second as Seth Moore reached on a two-out fielder's choice and came in to score on Morgan's double into the left field corner.

J-M increased its advantage to 4-0 in the top of the third as Murchison opened the inning with a double into the left field corner and tallied on Fuquay's opposite-field base hit to right, with Fuquay taking second on the throw to the plate.

Fuquay then went to third on a groundout and came home on Luke Hinshaw's sacrifice fly to center.

The Jets stretched their

lead to 6-0 in the visitors' fourth as Cano led off with a single to left, went to second on a groundout and advanced to third when Thomas Smith reached on a fielder's choice.

After Smith stole second, Cano scored on an infield error as Smith moved to third before the latter tallied on Fuquay's base hit up the middle.

Eastern Randolph plated its two runs in the bottom of the fifth as Michael Glasgow drew a leadoff walk and advanced to third on a pair of wild pitches.

After Cade Snotherly coaxed a one-out full-count free pass and stole second, both runners came in to score on a wild pitch.

Jordan-Matthews then sent a dozen batters to the plate in the top of the sixth and tallied eight runs to turn the contest into a rout.

Following singles by Moore and Morgan plus a walk to Smith that loaded the bases with no out, Moore came home on a wild pitch prior to Murchison belting a two-run double up the gap in left-center.

After Fuquay reached on a throwing error that advanced courtesy runner Luke Martinelli to third, Rios drove in the latter with a base hit to center, and following Hinshaw's infield hit that reloaded the sacks, Fuquay came home when Huston Causey lofted a sacrifice fly to center.

Cano then brought in courtesy runner Landon Vickery with a groundout that moved Hinshaw to third before the latter tallied when Moore raced all the way to second on a throwing error prior to scoring the game's final run on Morgan's single up the middle.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Central's Reyna Baruch, left, runs to defend the ball against Woods Charter's Eloise MacLean in Wednesday's match at Chatham Central. Woods defeated the home team 9-0.

Woods Charter girls split pair in soccer action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Woods Charter girls soccer team split a pair of 1A Central Tar Heel Conference matches late last week to move to 6-3 in league play and to 8-5 overall.

On Thursday in Pittsboro, Woods Charter couldn't overcome a strong effort from Research Triangle in a tough 3-1 loss.

Grace Lincroft collected two goals and Danille Villaruel added another for the Raptors, who scored two goals in the second half after leading 1-0 at the half.

Research Triangle (8-1, 9-3) also received an assist from Rachel

...Woods Charter couldn't overcome a strong effort from Research Triangle in a tough 3-1 loss.

Boat while Peyton Morris took the win in goal.

Elena Ising scored the lone goal for Woods Charter in the contest while Alex Christian was saddled with the loss in the net.

Woods Charter rebounded with a 5-2 victory at home on Friday afternoon behind a brilliant five goal performance from Elise Moses.

Danielle Vaughn added an assist and Christian earned the win in goal for the Wolves who led 3-0 at the intermission.

South Caldwell blanks Northwood in tournament finale

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

FAYETTEVILLE — South Caldwell is the No. 8 ranked 4A club in the state for a reason.

And Northwood found out why on Tuesday evening.

South Caldwell (18-3) plated five runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back in an 8-0 victory which gave the Spartans third place

overall in the Terry Sanford Easter Invitational Tournament.

Northwood managed just four hits in the contest with Justin Szczypinski going 1-for-2 with a walk, and Dylan Hitt going 1-for-3 with a walk, and Landon Johnson 1-for-3.

Colby Rollins picked up the win for South Caldwell after working five innings and yielding two hits, four walks and striking out four.

Spartan reliever Ryan Parrish hurled the final two frames and allowed one hit and fanned three.

Two walks, a single by Owen Foxx, and a three-run homer by Hunter Ingle put South Caldwell up 4-0 before the home squad added another run in the first inning aided by a pair of Northwood errors.

Singles from Sam Rosario and Isaiah Kirby coupled with another Chargers error plated another run in the home half of the third to send the Spartans up 6-0.

South Caldwell put the game away in the sixth with two more runs to go up 8-0. A leadoff triple by Avery Raynor got the

Spartans rolling before Clay Canale and Kirby chipped in RBI-singles.

Ingle paced the Spartans at the plate with a 3-for-4 effort that included a single, homer and four RBI while Foxx was 3-for-3 with a run, and RBI and two doubles.

Tyler Johnson suffered the loss on the mound for the Chargers after going 5.1 innings and allowing nine hits, eight runs (seven earned), three walks and striking out three.

John Kurz hurled the final 2 innings and yielded one hit.

Eastern Randolph claws past Jordan-Matthews 3-0

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — There's a lot of truth to the old adage that boldly claims what goes around, comes around.

Forty-eight hours after Eastern Randolph was pounded 14-2 by Jordan-Matthews to ruin its own special night recognizing seniors, the visitors from Ramsey returned the favor behind timely hitting and the pitching of Avery Jones as the Wildcats managed to spoil J-M's Senior Night by clawing their way to a 3-0 PAC 7 2A Conference victory Thursday evening on Jimmy Warford Field in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Snapping a seven-game losing streak, Eastern Randolph closed out the regular campaign with a mark of 7-13 overall and 6-6 in the conference, whereas the Jets finished 11-9 for the year and 7-5 in the league standings while dropping into a third-place tie with Wheatmore.

Jones went six and two-third innings on the hill to register the win, allowing just three hits in addition to walking three and fanning six before Mason Canoy relieved to record the final out and pick up a save while issuing one free pass.

"We came into tonight's game with nothing to play for as we were already locked into fifth place," noted Wildcats' coach Mike Luther. "But we showed up with a lot of fire and passion to end the regular season on a positive note and give ourselves some momentum heading into next week's conference tournament."

Added Luther, "Whenever we play good defense we give ourselves a chance

to win, and Avery Jones was lights-out on the mound this evening, throwing strikes and keeping his pitch count down."

Jordan-Matthews' starter Luke Hinshaw hurled four complete innings and was saddled with the loss after yielding four hits and two earned runs besides whiffing two.

J-M reliever Camden Fuquay tossed one and two-third innings, giving up two hits plus an earned run while walking four and striking out four prior to Kevin Cano pitching the final one and one-third innings, surrendering one hit and fanning one.

"Eastern Randolph outplayed us in every aspect," remarked Jets' coach John Will Headen. "They got runners on, moved them over and got them in, while Jones threw the ball well."

Added the coach, "We never caught a break tonight and only got one runner as far as third base. We couldn't piece together anything on offense and got too much air under balls that we hit."

The Wildcats grabbed a 1-0 advantage in the top of the first as Cade Snotherly grounded a leadoff single to left, went to second on an infield error, stole third and came home on Nate Canter's sacrifice fly to right.

Eastern Randolph padded its lead to 2-0 in the visitors' third as Snotherly grounded an opposite-field leadoff base hit to right, stole both second and third and scored on Nyk Foland's sacrifice fly to center.

The winners then added an insurance run in the top of the fifth as Canter smashed a one-out double to the left field fence and came home when Canoy stroked a two-out opposite-field double to right.

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Lady Chargers hitting stride down the stretch in softball play

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SOUTHERN PINES — The Northwood softball team picked up three wins last week to improve to 6-4 in 3A Big Eight Conference play and to 11-7 overall.

Included in the victories was a wild 13-9 defeat of 4A Pinecrest and a sweep of Durham Hillside by a forfeit and a 20-0 decision.

Down in Southern Pines on Wednesday evening, Northwood used a four run first to never trail before icing the game with a six run fifth.

The Chargers wrapped out 22 hits in the victory including Hannah Weigle going 4-for-5 with three RBI while Lauren Davis was 3-for-4 with three runs and a triple, and Allison Coker 3-for-5 with two RBI and a double.

Emma Douglas chipped in a 3-for-4 effort with an RBI while Jamie Christensen was 3-for-5 with a run and two RBI, Chloe Lineman 2-for-3 with four RBI, Erika Sells 2-for-5 with a run, Mayci Springle 1-for-1 with three runs and an RBI, and Caroline Dorshimer 1-for-4 with two runs.

Pinecrest was led by Alyssa Parks who went 2-for-4 with a run, two RBI, a double, and a triple while Ashlee Ogburn was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI, and Olivia Morse 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Weigle picked up the win on the mound for the Chargers after hurling all seven innings and yielding 14 hits, nine runs (seven earned), no walks while striking out 12.

Gracie Hough was tagged with the loss for the Patriots after working seven innings and allowing 17 hits, 13 runs (six earned), one walk and fanning four.

Northwood also received a forfeit loss to Durham Hillside after mashing the same Hornet club 20-0 on Tuesday afternoon in Pittsboro.

The Chargers plated 17 runs in the first innings and three more in the second to stop the contest after

two and a half innings. Northwood compiled 11 hits offensively led by Chloe Lineman going 2-for-2 with two runs, three RBI, a triple and a walk while while Davis was 2-for-2 with two runs, a walk, a double and three RBI and a stolen base.

The Chargers wrapped out 22 hits in the victory including Hannah Weigle going 4-for-5 with three RBI while Lauren Davis was 3-for-4 with three runs and a triple, and Allison Coker 3-for-5 with two RBI and a double.

Adding a 2-for-2 day with an RBI and a walk was Weigle while Douglas was 1-for-1 with three runs, an RBI, a double and a walk, Christensen 1-for-1 with two runs, a walk and a stolen base, Trinity Frick 1-for-1 with a two-run triple, and Chandler Adams 1-for-1 with a walk and a three-run home run.

Mayci Springle also scored a pair of runs, drove in a run, walked three times, and stole a pair of bases for the Chargers while Grace Leonard scored three runs.

Weigle hurled a three inning perfect game, striking out eight of the nine batters she faced.

Wolves conquer Bears 9-0

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Woods Charter found the net seven times in the opening half here on Tuesday night in Bear Creek en route to a 9-0 whipping of Chatham Central in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference soccer action.

The visiting Wolves added two more goals in the second half to clinch the easy win.

Woods Charter (5-2, 7-4) was led by Elena Ising who scored four goals and collected two assists.

Elise Moses chipped in three goals for the Wolves while Danielle Vaughn added two goals and Anna Mitchel an assist.

In goal, Alex Christian worked the full 55 minutes to get the win.

Chatham Central fell to 1-7 in the CTH with the loss and to 1-9 overall.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Central's Brenda Soriano comes around Woods Charter's Anna Mitchell during Tuesday's game at Chatham Central. Woods Charter shut out the home team with a 9-0 score.

SWEEP

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ing 1.2 innings and allowing six hits, eight runs (five earned), four walks and striking out three. Jordan Grafton hurled the final 3.1 innings and yielded five hits, seven runs (two earned), three walks and fanned one.

A day earlier in Pittsboro, Northwood had to fight off a tough effort from Hillside which scored a single run in each of the opening three frames to go up 3-0.

The Chargers, however,

would explode for seven runs in the bottom of the fourth before adding four more in the fifth to race in front 11-3 on the way to the six run victory.

Posse had another big game for the locals as the sophomore slammed a homer, scored to runs, drove in four, stole a base and walked in a 2-for-3 outing.

Quin Powell chipped in a 2-for-3 day with two runs, an RBI, a walk and a triple for the Chargers

while Weathers was 1-for-1 with two runs, two RBI, a triple and a walk, Deuce Powell 1-for-1 with a run, three walks and two RBI, Tyler Johnson 1-for-4 with a run, an RBI and a stolen base, Luke Popp 1-for-3 with an RBI, and Hitt 1-for-4.

A day earlier in Pittsboro, Northwood had to fight off a tough effort from Hillside...

Popp picked up the win on the mound for the Chargers after hurling six innings and scattering five hits, allowing five runs (three earned), walking three and striking out 10. John Kurz

collected the save after working the final frame and allowing a walk and fanning one.

The Hornets were paced at the plate by Shabazz who went 2-for-4 with a run while Maliek Powell was 1-for-2 with a run, an RBI, a walk and a triple, and Leak 1-for-3 with two runs.

Spruill took the loss for Hillside after hurling three innings and allowing five hits, six runs, six walks and fanning two.

Collin McMillen worked three innings and yielded four hits, five runs (four earned), a walk and struck out three.

HAMMER

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tham Central, scattering the five hits in hurling the shutout while allowing no walks and fanning seven.

The Bears pounded out 11 hits led by a spectacular 4-for-4 effort by senior Bailey Barker who scored three runs, drove in four, and slammed a double and three triples.

Redington chipped in a 2-for-4 effort with three runs, a stolen base and a double while Mary Grace Murchison went 2-for-2 with three

runs scored, two RBI, a walk and a double.

Adding 1-for-2 efforts with a run scored each was Gracie Gaines and Lindsay Polston while Morgan Rush was 1-for-1, and Lauren Collins drove in a pair of runs and Carmen Edwards and Madelyn Elkins one apiece.

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Q&A: Petty talks time as county commissioner

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Commissioner Walter Petty took the entire Board of Commissioners by surprise April 15 when he announced his resignation, effective at the end of the month.

The Chatham County GOP has already announced its recommendation for a replacement, Ernie Andrew Wilkie of Goldston. Wilkie is a Chatham County native and Chatham Central High School alumnus. He ran a business in Sanford for 34 years and created a scholarship fund at Chatham Central that awards money annually to four Chatham Central grads.

Prior to his final day as a commissioner, Petty answered some questions for the News + Record about why he first ran for the board, his accomplishments and what he hopes to see out of his successor.

Why did you want to be on the board of commissioners in the first place?

I never had any political ambitions. I was approached in 2006 and declined with no second thoughts. In 2010, I was approached again by others. We were coming off a bad economic time and things just seemed different. This time, I couldn't get it off my mind. I have always enjoyed serving others but never considered politics to be that vehicle. I argued that I had no government experience, but people told me that's what they were looking for. I decided to give it a chance and here we are nine years later.

What was your first priority when you first entered office, and why?

When I came in office, we were faced with 91

AT A GLANCE



Walter Petty

- Chatham County native
- Wife Abby, three sons Adam, Jacob, Jonathan
- Graduated from N.C. State University in 1978 with degree in agriculture
- Owns and operates Atlantic Power Solutions, a generator sales and service company in Siler City
- First elected to Chatham County Board of Commissioners as a Republican in 2010; re-elected unopposed in 2014, 2018
- Board liaison to Agriculture Advisory Committee, Recreation Advisory Committee and Enhanced 911 Committee, among others

Resigned from Chatham County Board of Commissioners effective April 30

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner



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Commissioner Walter Petty, as of publication date, has resigned from the Chatham County Board of Commissioners a few months into his third term.

percent of our revenue coming from residential tax base. Over half of our workforce worked outside the county and 65 percent of spending was outside of the county. We needed to balance our revenue source, bring employment and consumer spending home. So my first priority was to create an environment that would encourage new business and the expansion opportunity for existing businesses in the county. That growth would diversify and expand the tax base producing the revenue needed to operate the county. It would also provide much needed employment opportunity.

I also looked for places to maintain or cut spending. I wanted to at least maintain the tax rate if possible. To accomplish this meant focusing on the core functions of government: education, law enforcement, and human services. I learned a lot in those days about funded and unfunded mandates that were required of the county. It wasn't an easy task and I didn't like doing some of the things needed, but tough decisions had to be made. Some people were happy and others not so much, but it accomplished the

intended purpose.

We now want to cover a few things you said in your resignation letter. First, you said you were proud of a "prolonged period of ZERO tax increase." Why was that so important for you?

Establishing a solid and steady tax base sends a strong message to citizens and businesses. It says a county is fiscally conservative and financially solid. Businesses look at long term results, they interpret steady and low taxes as a good place to invest for their future. If taxes are consistently increasing, they know their operating cost will do the same and will look for other places to do business.

Another issue is the income disparity across the county. A tax increase for some wouldn't be a blip on the radar, they would never notice it, but others just simply could not afford tax increases.

This financial approach also positioned the county to achieve AAA Bond rating. This rating allowed the county to borrow money at the lowest possible interest rate. The county was able to refinance existing loans and borrow new

money saving taxpayers at least a few million dollars.

With that said, there are times when taxes need to be raised because of increased operating cost and growth. When that time comes, every cost needs to be scrutinized and any increase needs to be incremental to prevent large increases.

You talked about trying to do your best "to stay from party politics or political agendas." Have there been certain temptations to that which have been difficult to deal with? Has the office or the board changed in the last 9 years due to political agendas or the parties?

A commissioner is elected to set policy and see that the county runs efficiently and effectively in meeting the needs of the citizens they serve. My goal was to focus on the things that have a direct impact right here at home and not get caught up in issues at other government levels. Sometimes there is a temptation and tendency to participate on things outside our jurisdiction. That conviction and participation should be done on a personal basis, not as a board.

You spoke a couple times about schools, particularly an increase in funding and the "first of its kind bonus program for our teachers." Why did you bring those things up? Did you see support of Chatham County Schools as important for your job, and why or why not?

As I mentioned earlier, education is a core function of government, so yes, funding from county government is important. I intentionally mentioned schools because Republicans typically get a bad rap when it comes to funding education. I'm proud of the working relationship between the school board and the commissioner board. Not very many counties can make that statement.

I was part of a team that was able to work across different boards and political parties for the good of Chatham students and teachers. That working relationship enabled us to developed

a bonus program for teachers pay. We also had another first when successfully building a joint school and county garage to service and repair all county vehicles, a joint garage (that) saved citizens at least \$2 million. Many people said a joint garage would not work and that they needed to operate separately. I argued there was no reason two facilities could not operate as one and we worked together for a successful venture.

In the recent years, with a Democratic majority on the board, did you feel your responsibilities change or effect wane? Or was it any different? It seemed to me like the other board members, who might have some disagreements on policies with you, respected you a lot.

Even though we had a difference in opinion, we had a mutual respect. In resigning, the remaining board members made what I believe to be heartfelt comments and I am very grateful. Each one of us are an elected official and have an obligation to represent the people that elected us. Sometimes when defending our positions in debate, things were often said out of the way. Then you learn to put it aside and focus where there is common ground to accomplish something everyone can agree on.

But yes, I did feel like my effectiveness suffered under the new board majority because some of our goals were different. There were only a couple of major issues where we never reached full consensus. One was the process

used for rezoning the county and the other is obviously spending. One must remember, when there is a difference of opinion the majority rules, that's democracy. The direction of the county is in the hands of the voters every two years. The voters wanted something different the last election just like they did when I was elected in 2010.

As long as an issue doesn't go against one's core values, diversity and creativity are not a bad thing. These attributes can be instrumental in bringing new ways of getting things done.

As you leave the board, what do you see as the role of a county commissioner not just in the county government, but in the community? What do you hope your successor carries into the office?

Integrity is the most important attribute. I hope the new representative has an understanding that it is always the right time to do what is right.

Is there anything you did or didn't do you wish you had more time to explore or explain?

I would like to have accomplished district voting. I think that representation by a commissioner is best when they are confirmed by the people in the district they serve. Even though the commissioners work for the county as a whole, the people of a district want to know their voice is heard.

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Northwood senior wins prestigious Morehead scholarship

CN+R STAFF REPORT

A Chatham County student has won a full-ride scholarship to UNC-Chapel Hill, joining 74 other high school seniors across the state, country and world.

Anna Louise Danek Pickens, a senior at Northwood High School, was named a Morehead-Cain Scholar Friday by the Morehead-Cain Foundation, the first merit scholarship program in the United States that gives students all-expenses-paid scholarships to UNC-Chapel Hill.

Pickens, who is interested in studying business and English in college, is president of the Future Business Leaders of America and speech and debate club at Northwood.

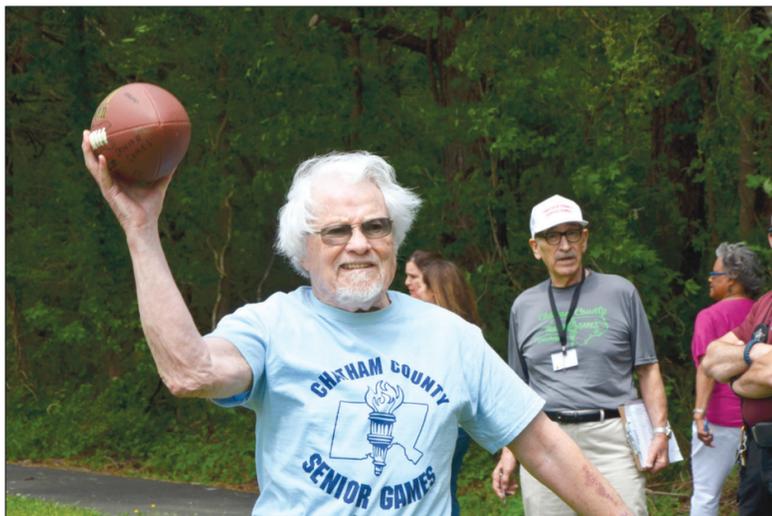


Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Anna Pickens

According to a UNC press release, she has also worked summer camps and participated in service projects and

mission trips through her church. Pickens has also won several solo and team dancing competitions.



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Going for the Gold!

John Combest competed in the football toss Friday at the Western Chatham Senior Center while in the Chatham County Senior Games. Combest, competing in the 85-89 year old category, said that he has a 2 year old hip, and it feels good to use it.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Purple Power!

The Chatham Charmers are a cheerleading group from the Senior Center, made up of women ages 50+. The Senior Games are adding more participants in fine arts and sporting events each year, with a 28% gain in competitors over last year.



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Senior Games are in action!

Conway Foxx, front left, moves over to the softball throw event. After the opening ceremonies were complete, the day featured softball and football toss events.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Agricultural Appreciation

Grace Conerly, right, a representative of the 4-H program, addressed an agricultural appreciation luncheon meeting Friday put on by Leadership Chatham. The group sent many of their members out to assist some of the farms and dairies in Chatham County in the work they do for us, and gave the luncheon as a gesture of thanks.



Staff photo by David Bradley

More Leadership Chatham

The 2019 Leadership Chatham class completed the day of assistance to farms and dairies in the county with an agriculture appreciation luncheon Friday. Groups were sent out to the various farms to assist with farm work, and to say thanks to the farmers for what they do.

Lighting the way to Siler City

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City Municipal Airport is getting a new beacon lighting system installed that increases safety for the community and pilots that use the facility.

A new tower, funded by a grant, has been in the installation process for months, curtailing the use of the airport until completion. At 10 feet taller than the older structure, the LED lighting system is designed to be seen over two miles, over a mile improvement from the previous incandescent lighting system. The new tower will also reduce costs and improve maintenance at the airport.

“The old bulbs went out every two or three months. They cost about \$30 each,” said Airport Manager Richard McCraw. “This is an exciting change because the light is clearer, cleaner and more powerful.”

The work has been going on for two months, McCraw said. The crews working to install the new system removed the over 20-year-old tower, and dug a hole 12 feet deep to stabilize the new, taller structure. While the tower has been out of commission, the airport hasn’t been able to use half the length of its runway.

Jason Davis was one of the workers installing the new device on Wednesday.

“This is a major upgrade for pilots,” Davis said. “They may be able to see it from two miles



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jason Davis tightens one of the bolts on the new lighting beacon at Siler City’s airport Wednesday. The new tower light will be able to be seen over two miles, with a cleaner, clearer light than was used before.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Nate Burcham, supervisor of the crew raising the new lighting tower at the airport, climbs the replacement structure as the 20-year-old beacon being replaced sits on the grass in front.

away, or more. The power of the old beacons light was less than a mile.”

Safety, always a concern for any airport, will be enhanced by the new system, Davis said.

“It’s an upgrade in safety for everyone,” said Davis.

The beacon replacement is an Federal Aviation Administration approved upgrade. They have allowed new

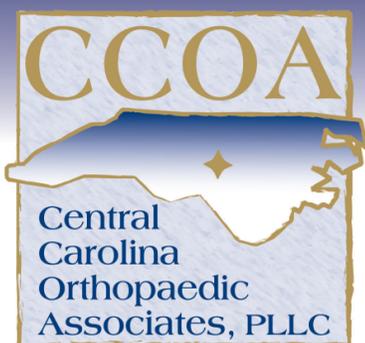
signage, lights on the taxiway and runway. All field electrics are new.

The completion date is not far off, McCraw said.

“They are a month ahead of schedule,” McCraw said. “They are reseating and smoothing areas that were dug up for the project. They should be done in the next two weeks.”

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nathan Scott, 43, of Pittsboro, was charged April 23 with driving while impaired. He was released under a written promise with a May 29 court date in Chatham County.

Christopher Benson, 43, of Siler City, was charged April 23 with violation of pre-trial release. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with an April 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Alexander Cook Wright, 22, of Durham, was charged April 24 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$200 bond with a June 5 court date in Burgaw.

Gabrielle Miller, 22, of

Siler City, was charged April 25 with trafficking in heroin and conspiring to traffic heroin. She was held with a \$350,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Lisa Marie Smith, 62, of Bennett, was charged April 25 with simple assault. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with no bond with a May 15 court date in Pittsboro.

Melissa Jones, 53, of Chapel Hill, was charged April 26 with simple assault. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with no bond with a May 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Eric Green, 38, of Pittsboro, was charged April 27 with possession of methamphetamine

and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released under a written promise with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Dallas Lawrence, 23, of Staley, was charged April 27 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, window tint violation and failure to appear. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Brandy Brooks, 40, of Pittsboro, was charged April 27 with simple assault. She was held under a 48-hour mandatory hold with no bond with a May 8 court date in Chatham County.

Jason Hoff, 42, of Chapel Hill, was charged April 27 with probation violation. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a May 14 court date in Chapel Hill. He was also charged with failure to appear on solicitation and held under a \$500 bond with a May 22 court date in Durham.

Keith Watts, 37, of Siler City, was charged April 28 by possession of firearm by a felon and assault on a female.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

CORRECTION: Last week, we misidentified the person cited for a traffic violation as Verna Ellis. The report should

have read: "Adonta Lee of Siler City was cited April 18 for a safe movement violation on South Chatham Avenue in Siler City." The News + Record regrets the error.

Brian Lavariega, 20, of Siler City, was charged April 22 with felony possession of marijuana, felony possession with the intent to manufacture/sell/deliver marijuana, felony maintaining a vehicle for the manufacture/sale/delivering of marijuana, felony possession of a stolen firearm, felony possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license revoked and having an expired registration plate. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Damos Alston, 23, of Siler City, was taken into custody April 23 on an order for arrest from Randolph County. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with an April 23 court date in Asheboro.

Preston Wilson, 24, of Beckley, West Virginia, was cited April 24 with misdemeanor larceny. He has a May 21 court date in Siler City.

Jose Llamas, 29, of Asheboro, was charged April 25 with driving under the influence, having no operator's license, failure to give name/address, fail-

ure to report an address and failure to stop at a hit and run. He was released under a written promise with a May 28 court date in Siler City.

Keith Watts, 37, of Siler City, was charged April 26 with simple possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was released on a written promise with an April 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Derek Headon, 51, of Siler City, was cited April 26 for shoplifting. He had an April 26 court date in Siler City.

Hector Garcia Medina, 27, of Siler City, was charged April 27 with assault on a female, assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats. He was held under no bond with a May 7 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Patrick Kelly of Hickory was cited April 27 for failure to maintain lane control/failure to report accident on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Brandy Reagan of Moncure was cited April 22 for driving while impaired on Moncure Flatwood Road in Pittsboro.

Jana Sims of Siler City was cited April 23 for unsafe

passing on a double yellow line on Henderson Tanyard Road in Pittsboro.

Janice Zirilli of Marshall, Va., was cited April 24 for failure to reduce speed on Seaforth Road in Pittsboro.

Gustavo Barcenas-Ordonez of Chapel Hill was cited April 24 for no operator's license and failure to reduce speed on Lystra Road in Pittsboro.

Flores Dionisio of Franklinville was cited April 24 for failure to reduce speed and no operator's license on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Kenneth Hackney of Pittsboro was cited April 26 for unsafe movement on Jack Bennett Road in Pittsboro.

Justin Cooper of Pittsboro was cited April 26 for failure to reduce speed/distracted driving on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Neil Nichols of Clayton was cited April 26 for unsafe passing on U.S. Highway 1 in Moncure.

Roman Santiago Jr. of Carrboro was cited April 26 for failure to reduce speed on Farrington Road in Pittsboro.

Patina Scarboro of Raleigh was cited April 26 for careless and reckless driving and restriction violation on Farrington Point Road in Pittsboro.

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Proposed communication tower in Pittsboro causes concern

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A proposed communications tower on Mitchells Chapel Road in Pittsboro is causing consternation for residents and for a competitor, SBA Communications, which has its own communications tower about 2,000 feet from the proposed location. Tillman Communications, which will be the owner of the proposed tower, participated in a required evidentiary hearing before the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners last week as required for a project such as this one. In the hearing, Larry Perry and

Karin Kemric, representatives for Tillman stated that the company had partnered with AT&T to provide 5G service to the provider in the Pittsboro area.

The proposed 300-foot tower would be located near the center of a 24-acre parcel that it would lease from the property's owner, Lynn Mann. The company's special use permit application states that the tower would be placed in an agricultural area and therefore would not have any impact on adjoining properties. The representatives acknowledged the SBA Communications' tower stating it was not 5G compatible. It also stated that the SBA Communications tower was already "full."

Two landowners near the proposed site spoke in opposition to Tillman's tower. Kathleen Greenlee, a resident whose home is about 500 feet from the property that would host the proposed tower, voiced multiple concerns. She noted that she had not been informed of the project, but noticed a public hearing announcement sign near her property and that was how she knew about the evidentiary hearing. She also stated that she did not believe the new tower was necessary.

"There is already a cell tower across the bypass that we see from our front porch," Greenlee said. "We don't want one that we see off our back porch as well."

Greenlee also voiced doubts that the communication tower would have no

effect of property values of adjoining properties.

"It's an eyesore," Greenlee said. "If I didn't own my home and saw it had a tower next to it, I would look somewhere else. We are not just a rural area. We have lots of neighbors. This affects people, not just land."

Pittsboro Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem Pamela Baldwin confirmed Greenlee's assertion about the community. Baldwin and her family attend services nearby at Mitchells Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

"That area is more residential than agricultural now," Baldwin said. This concern about property value was echoed by Sydney Taylor who attended the meeting with his wife Joyce.

"We were thinking about selling our property in the future," Taylor said. "If there was a tower there, they [potential purchasers] don't want to be there."

Taylor also raised questions about the town improving the connectivity to the area to town services. He asked if the town would be connecting water and sewer to the properties or creating a connection to the Hwy 64 bypass.

Amanda Robertson, a Pittsboro resident and environmental activist, also spoke in opposition to the tower. Noting that she had not initially intended to speak on the subject, Robertson stated that with the other tower so close, there was not a need to place another.

"How fast do we want to grow with a bunch of towers popping up?" she asked.

The intensity reached a peak when Bob Hornick, an attorney for SBA Communications also addressed the board, over staunch objections made by representatives for Tillman. Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry reacted to the objections noting that this wasn't a court of law, but a town proceeding which would follow its own rules. Hornick noted that the SBA tower currently carries AT&T communications and also has the potential to carry 5G which was a claim Tillman levied. He also noted that the SBA Communications tower did have space available for additional users.

"I suggest to the board that the tower is not necessary," he said.

Hornick also noted that based on the site plan submitted, the tower would be visible from the road. In addition, there tower would have a beacon light that would be visible to all to drive into Pittsboro on the Business 64 exit.

"It is not in harmony with the surrounding area," he said. "And it can be avoided as there's already a tower in the area."

The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners did not immediately act on the proposal, referring the matter to the Pittsboro Planning Board for its review and recommendation.

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Cook serves as House page

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH — Alexander Cook, a student at Northwood High School, recently served as a Page for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Cook is the son of Gerald Cook and Hui Cook and was sponsored by Representative Robert T. Reives, II (D-Chatham, Durham). Cook was appointed and introduced to the Members of the House during session on April 22.

The North Carolina House Page Program offers a unique and firsthand experience to students from across the state. Each year, the

program provides insight into government by connecting students with elected leaders of North Carolina.

Pages are given the opportunity to observe North Carolina lawmakers, lobbyists, staff, and constituents working together in the legislative process. Pages witness and learn how a bill becomes a law, the structure of state government, and the legislative process.

House Pages attend session and committee meetings each day. They are also given the opportunity to provide office assistance to members and staff of the House of Representatives.



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Alexander Cook, a student at Northwood High School, recently served as a page for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Heady 'Endgame' a milestone about family, failure, redemption

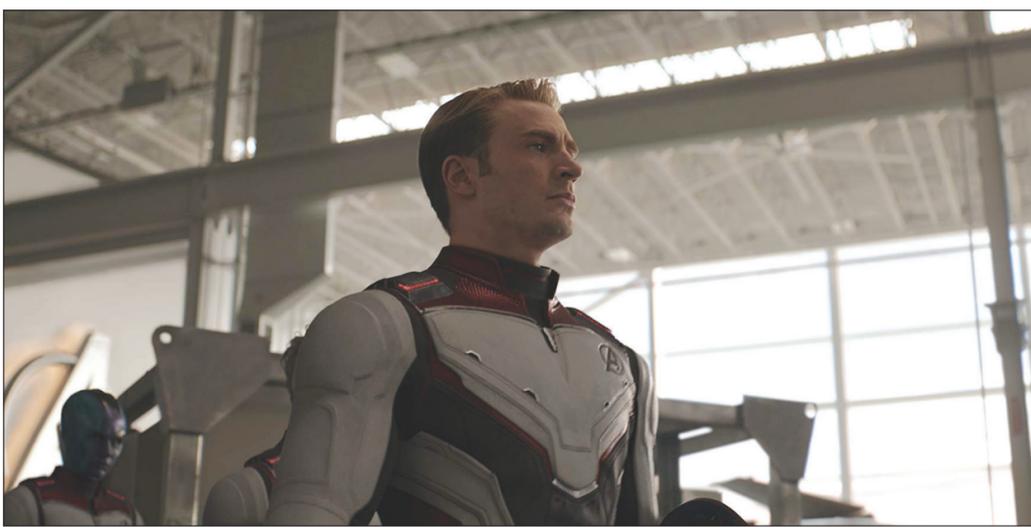
(Editor's note: this review contains minor spoilers.)

"Avengers: Endgame" begins and ends with atypical moments of quiet, scenes of both familial loss and reunion. They're fitting book-ends for a decade-plus superhero saga that became about family: between the characters themselves and also the relationship between the 22-film Marvel Cinematic Universe and its diehard audience. For all the legitimate criticism of Infinity MacGuffins and recycled villains and recycled plots, here we are, 11 years after "Iron Man" burst onto the silver screen to bring fun back to a genre that believed its only path to market redemption was dour, "Dark Knight"-era neo-realism.

"Endgame" balances the MCU's trademark levity with a reservoir of emotions that didn't need to be manufactured for this finale. They were already there, from the conflict between Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) and Steve Rogers/Captain America (Chris Evans), to the platonic love affair between Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson) and Clint Barton/Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), to the angst of loss and failure felt by Thor (Chris Hemsworth). The table was already set for this three-hour behemoth that's a grand retrospective as much as a cataclysmic climax.

Mere weeks after Thanos (Josh Brolin) snapped his bejeweled fingers to wipe out half the life in the universe, the survived Avengers — Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, Romanoff, James Rhodes/War Machine (Don Cheadle), Bruce Banner/Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Rocket (voiced by Bradley Cooper), and newcomer Carol Danvers/Captain Marvel (Brie Larson) — track down the weakened baddie in hopes of reversing his literal death wish. They don't succeed since Thanos has destroyed the Stones, so fast-forward five years later: Earth remains a derelict shadow of its former self, survivors unable to move on and rebuild mankind. A few Avengers attempt to carry on their legacy, consigned to police work in an increasingly dysfunctional society, sometimes against former friends who have gone rogue. Thor is drunken and overweight, the loutish lord of a fishing village named New Asgard. Banner has managed to merge his human and Hulk identities into an amalgam based off the "Professor Hulk" comic book version.

Although believed dead, Scott Lang/Ant Man (Paul Rudd) escapes from the quantum realm, where he was marooned since the end credits to "Ant-Man and the Wasp" and returns with a hair-brained idea of morphing quantum physics with Pym Particles to create time travel. The latter-day Avengers would return to specific points in time in order to reassemble the Infinity Stones and use them to bring back the dead. What ensues is a lavish MCU revue, as the Avengers revisit several formative settings: the



Courtesy of Marvel Studios

Steve Rogers/Captain America (Chris Evans) in a scene from Marvel's 'Avengers: Endgame,' in theaters now.

attack on New York City during the first "Avengers" film; Asgard before its demise; the planet Morag just before the arrival of Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) in the first "Guardians of the Galaxy"; a 1970 Army base housing an early version of S.H.I.E.L.D. headed by Stark's dad; etc. Cameos come with abundance, even including Natalie Portman's Jane Foster and Robert Redford coaxed out of retirement to briefly reprise Alexander Pierce.

Ultimately, past Thanos figures out the Avengers' scheme and devises a means to teleport to the present-day and thwart their plans. It all culminates with the usual MCU battle royale that's singular only in its scope, even more bloated than previous CGI clashes but also armed with the emotional resonance of

20 movies. Yes, the search for Infinity Stones and the inconsistent rules of their powers grew wearisome about eight years ago. But if you've come this far with the MCU, there's a level of acceptance in that narrative, along with the notion that Tony Stark will have another eureka moment to discover the secret to time travel in less than five minutes of screen time. Heck, the slipshod, loosey-goosey rules regarding the butterfly effects of time travel are rife with plot problems. And even to the end, directors Anthony and Joe Russo (and Larson) don't know how to adequately portray and utilize Captain Marvel, who is relegated to a glowing, glorified deus ex machina.

"Endgame" is a film about family, yes, but it's also about failure and redemption. Superheroes

AVENGERS: ENDGAME
GRADE: B +
DIRECTORS: Anthony Russo and Joe Russo
STARRING: Roberts Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Scarlett Johansson, Paul Rudd, Don Cheadle, Jeremy Renner and Brie Larson
MPAA RATING: PG-13
RUNNING TIME: 3 hr. 1 min.

often face demons with internal and external, but from "Infinity War" through "Endgame," the Avengers face the daunting task of reversing a failure — preventing universal genocides — so abject that it calls into question whether they're suitable heroes at all. It's heady stuff for a comic book movie, and a step beyond many of its popcorn-munching

MCU antecedents. Still, "Endgame" is more of a cultural and cinematic milestone than a superb standalone, full of plot holes but also palpable poignancy. There's a scene in the last act when the camera pans across the extended MCU cast, assembled in groups by the casts of their respective films. It was like a trip down memory road. It felt like our own endgame.



Staff photo by David Bradley

The bridge on Pittsboro Elementary School Road has been washed out for months.

Pittsboro working on temporary fix for flooded bridge

BY CASEY MANN
 News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Town of Pittsboro is considering a temporary fix for the replacement of the bridge and culvert on Pittsboro Elementary School Road that had been destroyed during flash flooding last September during Hurricane Florence.

The town took action to fix the damage immediately after the storms, hiring Wetherill Engineering to do an inspection and conduct a hydraulic analysis while staff pursued FEMA funds for the replacement. When the town received approval from FEMA, it outlined a tentative timeline for the repair with an estimated finish date of later this year.

According to Pittsboro town manager Bryan Gruesbeck, as the bridge is located in a flood plain, FEMA is requiring the town to create a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) to show how the bridge will impact the flood plain. Gruesbeck stated that additional requirements will add time to the replacement project.

At a Pittsboro Board of Commissioners meeting last week, Pittsboro

resident Martha Almond, who lives next to the culvert, addressed the board about the situation. Since the culvert was damaged, she noted, subsequent storms have caused her and her neighbors' homes to flood three times. The damaged culvert appears to have created a dam at the location, forcing water to go around and into the yards and crawl spaces of the neighbors. Gruesbeck acknowledged that soil borings indicate additional materials and rock will need to be removed.

Gruesbeck suggested that commissioners consider a temporary fix to the culvert and bridge in the interest of "safety and traffic." Pittsboro's Utility Service Director John Poteat has been investigating solutions and believes a temporary fix could be done in May, with the work taking a few days to complete. Gruesbeck discussed the option with commissioners last week, but did not have a confirmation of the estimated costs at that time. The commissioners generally agreed that staff should pursue the option.

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CHATHAM'S OWN CRAFT BEVERAGE DISTRICT

Change your future with a book

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record Staff

The “El Dia de los Libros,” or “The Day of the Book,” a festival held last Saturday at Siler City Elementary School, aimed to get books into the hands of children who otherwise may lose reading skills over the summer.

The event was held in conjunction with “El Dia de los Ninos,” or “The Day of the Children,” a Latin American holiday.

In Siler City, festival sponsors gave away bi-lingual books to kids of all age groups. The annual festival is a connection between children and their families and service organizations, including the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Chatham Literacy and the public libraries in Chatham County.

Research shows, according to a pamphlet prepared by the Chatham Education Foundation, that children living in poverty often don't have books available at home, which contributes to their loss of reading skills over the summer when school is not in session.

“Books in the home connect to literacy later,” said Erin Suwattana of the Chatham County Partnership for Children. “With parents, we tell them that no matter what



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jorge Jauregun, an actor from Mexico, created a story for the children about street scenes and traditional markets in Mexico.

their skills, sit down with your children, read, and look at the pictures. Children gain literacy skills from the interaction.”

Each child received a new bi-lingual book at the registration table, and then was able to meet with the funders and partners in the projects such as the Chatham Arts, the N.C. Arts Council, Chatham County Schools and Public Libraries, the Chatham County Partnership for Children, and Chatham Literacy to access

information in Spanish. Parents and their children could then pick out more books in Spanish or English to continue to read at home.

“It was a great way for families to find out about services that are available,” Suwattana said. “It brings together our agency partners to see the kids and connect with their families. It grows each year as more agencies come.”

Connections to their heritage were also part of

the event, with a dramatic interpretation of Mexican life in the street scenes of the city, live music, and dancing instruction. Free lunches were provided by Wendy's.

“Our goal was to celebrate literacy and the arts,” Suwattana said. “We want them to go home with four books and build literacy skills. To have books there in homes means families will read together.”

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Children's literacy agencies and funding partners came together Saturday at Siler City Elementary School to provide access to children and their families to Spanish books and information.



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Belarmino Vicente and his family go through the registration table for The Day of the Books at Siler City Elementary School. Each child receives a free bilingual book here before going into the building for more books and fun.

8 local student artists named 2019 JMArts Scholars

CN+R STAFF REPORT

SILER CITY — Eight students have been named JMArts Scholars by the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, all receiving scholarships to pursue intensive fine arts study this summer.

They are Laci Burt, Paige Colborne, David Gonzalez Hernandez, Myriah Pettitt, Conrad Suits, Jennifer Trejo Benitez, Jackie Vasquez and Jose Zendejas.

Scholarships are funded through individual contributions to the foundation and income generated from ticket sales for the annual fall musical, fundraising projects and admission from a few major concerts during the academic year.

“I'm excited to see our students' enthusiasm about deepening their learning in the arts,” said JMArts president Rose Pate. “They return ready to raise the bar for everyone in the fall.”

Five will study vocal music. Burt, Suits and Trejo Benitez will attend the UNC Music Workshop in Chapel Hill. Vasquez, a JMArts Scholar for the third consecutive year, will attend the ECU Summer Choir Camp, and Colborne will travel to Texas for the Septien Teen Music Crash Course 2.

The other three artists will study instrumental music. Zendejas will return to the ECU Music Camp to study

jazz for the second straight year. Gonzalez Hernandez will attend the NC State University Drum Major Leadership Camp in Raleigh, while Pettitt attends a similar program, the Drum Major Academy at UNC Charlotte.

“A week of immersion in the life of a college campus is critical to students who are considering majoring in the fine arts,” said Pate. “There's no better experience we can give students as they are facing that big decision, and I'm proud to share the best of Jordan-Matthews with the rest of the state.”

Since creating the awards seven years ago, JMArts has presented 62 scholarships to 40 students, with some

receiving awards to study for more than one summer. The initiative was designed to help young artists develop their talent, explore artistic options before making their college decisions and bring what they learn back to share with other Jordan-Matthews students.

Businesses and individuals interested in contributing to the JMArts Scholars program or other projects for high school artists may contact Pate at 919-742-2916 or rpate@chatham.k12.nc.us. Checks can be mailed to JMArts, PO Box 395, Siler City, NC, 27344.

More information about JMArts, including details about JMArts Scholars and upcoming events, is available at jmarts.org.



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JMArts Scholars preparing for study this summer are, standing from left, Jose Zendejas, Paige Colborne, Myriah Pettitt, Jennifer Trejo Benitez, Laci Burt, Jackie Vasquez, David Gonzalez Hernandez and, in front, Conrad Suits.

School district investing in employees benefit program

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Schools is in the midst of an agreement with a firm to provide an Employee

Assistance Program for its more than 1,000 employees.

The Chatham County Board of Education approved a program with Charlotte-based McLaughlin Young Group, which refers to itself as

a “human capital consulting firm,” to offer free or discounted legal, mental health counseling and family care services, among other resources.

The program will cost the district \$1.05 per employee per month,

totaling to approximately \$14,000 a year. Janice Frazier, the district's assistant superintendent of human resources, said district employees will be able to start taking advantage of the EAP next year. “We're always seeking

to identify and implement resources and support that will be positive for our employees,” she said. “The goal is taking care of our employees, but also working to retain our people, our employees. It's just an extra layer of

support that we feel will benefit both our employees and the district.”

Frazier said the program is intended to help relieve stress from things outside of school that might affect work time.

Employees will have 24/7 phone access to master's level clinicians. Each employee will receive three counseling sessions per issue, three hours of “critical incident response,” a free 30-minute in-person consultation for any legal issues and unlimited phone consultations on child-care, elder-care, adoption and pet care.

“Things that come up or factors that impact people in their personal lives can also impact the work life and their performance as well,” Frazier said. “Our goal would be to ensure that there are options for employees to seek support, as needed, in a wide array of areas that will benefit them both personally and professionally.”

McLaughlin Young will offer an orientation for supervisors and online orientation videos for all employees.

Frazier said the district did not have a similar program in place, but similar services are commonplace in corporations and schools. According to its website, McLaughlin Young has clients ranging from the University of South Carolina to Levi Strauss to the Federal Reserve Bank.

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 143 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executrix 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-Executrixes: 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 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

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 David R. Frankstone, Executor of the Estate of Katherine Campbell Flinn in c/o Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A., Attorneys for the Estate, 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834, on or before July 25, 2019. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Katherine Campbell Flinn. Those indebted to Katherine Campbell Flinn are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. 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,My9,4tp

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 corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before July 25, 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. Kimberly Dawn King, Executrix 285 Hillcrest Ave Goldston, NC 27252 A25,My2,My9,My16,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 185 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **ANDRE RICHARD REDMOND** 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 25, 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. Ute Marion Pierce, Executrix c/o Jonathan V. Rountree, Attorney for the Estate Jon Rountree Law Firm, PLLC 800 W. Williams St., Ste. 231-F Apex, NC 27502 A25,My2,My9,My16,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DOROTHY M. CAMPION-CORCORAN**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 24th day of July, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 25th day of April, 2019. Kathleen Lord, Executor, Estate of Dorothy M. Campion-Corcoran Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 A25,My2,My9,My16,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 184 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **SHIRLEY H. SPENCER** 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 25, 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. Linda Spencer Fowler, Executrix

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 191**

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CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **BELINDA KAY WIMBERLY** 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 25, 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. Donna Mitchell, Executrix 3462 Corinth Rd. Moncure, NC 27559
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc (CPCA) is opening bids for new and old contractors (HVAC, ELEC, PLUMBING) in Orange, Chatham, Anson, and Richmond counties. Bids

will be received May 6th through May 26th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a contractor for Central Piedmont Community Action in any of our counties, please contact Doug Dixon at (919) 742-2277 ext. 105, M-TH 7a.m. to 4:30p.m., My2,My9,My16,My23,4tc

NC DIV. OF ENERGY, MINERAL AND LAND RESOURCES' INTENT TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING STORMWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

Public comment or objection to the draft permits is invited. Submit written comments to **DEMRLR** at the address below. All comments received through Friday, June 7, 2019 will be considered in the final determination regarding permit issuance and permit provisions. Applications: The following facilities have applied for renewal of their NPDES permits to discharge stormwater from their locations in Chatham County: General Timber, Inc., 625 Farmville Coal Mine Road, Sanford, NC 27330. The facility discharges to Georges Creek, a class C stream in the Cape Fear River Basin. Permit No. NCS000122 and Arauco Panels

USA LLC - Moncure Facility, 985 Corinth Road, Moncure, NC 27559. The facility discharges to Shaddox Creek, a class WS-IV stream in the Cape Fear River Basin. Permit No. NCS000151. Stormwater Program Contact: Lauren Garcia, (919) 707-3648, lauren.garcia@ncdenr.gov. A copy of the draft permit is available at: https://bit.ly/2J5f51s. Additional permit documents are available for the reproduction cost at: DEM- LR Stormwater Program, 512 N. Salisbury Street, 1612 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1612.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RENE P. LUBEROFF

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **RENE P. LUBEROFF**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Nancy Luberoff as Executrix of the decedent's estate on or before July 31, 2019, C/O Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 205 Providence

Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix. This the 2nd day of May, 2019. Nancy Luberoff, Executrix c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty. Trust Counsel 205 Providence Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 157**

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JAMES NEWBY aka JAMES NEWBY SR.** 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 August 2, 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.

Kimberly Tyson, Executrix
140 Brookfield Circle
Sanford, NC 27330
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator, CTA of the Estate of **JAMES CRAWFORD LANE II**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before August 5, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 2nd day of May, 2019. RONALD P. COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, CTA JAMES CRAWFORD LANE, II 117 West Raleigh Street Siler City, North Carolina 27344 (919) 663-2533
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator, CTA of the Estate of **LEO DOUGLAS CAMPBELL**, late of

Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before August 5, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 2nd day of May, 2019. RONALD P. COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, CTA LEO DOUGLAS CAMPBELL 117 West Raleigh Street Siler City, North Carolina 27344 (919) 663-2533
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CALLING ALL DBE'S

CPPI is soliciting bids from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) for work on the City of Savannah Facilities at Interchange Court project. We are asking for bids to be turned in by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13th. The project features (10) new buildings and (1) existing building renovation for a new public works compound. For questions and for submitting a bid, please contact Adam Stillson at adam.stillson@cpqi.com or 352-333-9292.
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NEWS BRIEFS

CCCC's Phi Theta Kappa holds induction ceremony

SANFORD — Academic achievement and service were celebrated April 11 as Central Carolina Community College's Beta Sigma Phi

Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its spring induction ceremony.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized PTK as the official honor society for two-year colleges. The CCCC chapter sets a higher standard for membership eligibility than the national organization: a 3.7 grade point average rather than the 3.5 GPA that national requires.

Nicole Thompson, Phi Theta Kappa Alumna, was the speaker for the event held at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center.

"You have accomplished something great; you have shown the dedication and promise that this honor society desires," she told the inductees. "Be immensely proud of how hard you've worked to get to this point."

Thompson talked about the PTK family.

"Most of all, I'll never forget all the happiness and joy this organization gave to me," she said. "Because of this family, I now have a network of people I can lean on through thick and thin. Because of this family, I have become the strong, dedicated, confident woman that I am today. So, on this amazing day, I just have one last thing to say to you: Welcome to our family."

Dr. Rodney Powell, Chapter Advisor, gave the welcome and introduction of guests. CCCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman offered her congratulations to the new PTK inductees.

Phi Theta Kappa is composed of Greek words symbolizing wisdom, aspiration, and purity. A white rose on the table symbolizes purity, beauty of life, and intellectual associations, while the oak and laurel leaves on the PTK emblem represent stability, character, achievement, and success. CCCC had its own honor society, Alpha Theta Tau, from 1986 until the chartering of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter in 2010. Phi Theta Kappa officers – Daniel Painter (President), Paula Funes (Vice President), and Karmisha Hernandez Luciano (Secretary) -- conducted the induction ceremony.

In its years of existence, the college's Beta Sigma Phi Chapter has garnered a number of prestigious recognitions from PTK. These include the Five-Star ranking — the highest ranking a chapter can receive for excellence, and awards at regional PTK conferences. It has also reached out to the community with service projects, such as assisting food banks and shelters.

The 2019 spring inductees are: Bear Creek: Crystal Johnston, Tanner Whitt, Jamie Wilson Sanford: Bryan Aguirre, Evan Aldridge, Taylor Baile, Tonya Bourgeois, Christopher Bowen, Suzy Brito, Bertha Brown, Megan Bullard, Sheila Chamblee, Bailey Coffey,

Free Scene X Scene acting showcase highlights JM actors and their training

SILER CITY — What happens in an acting class?

If you'd like to see for yourself — and be entertained by high school actors — be sure to attend the free performance showcase for Jordan-Matthews High School's Scene X Scene Acting Intensive. The 45-minute showcase will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, in the JM Auditorium.

Students will perform scenes, monologues and acting exercises to provide a window into how actors begin training for the stage. A reception for the audience and cast follows in the JM Media Center, where guests can speak with the actors and talk with creatives involved in creating the annual fall musical — including director Jessica Nunn, musical director Matt Fry and producer Rose Pate.

Fry said he encourages anyone interested in drama to attend, especially elementary through high school students who might want to venture onto the stage.

Weekly evening sessions in Scene X Scene acting intensive began in February and were conducted by Nunn, who is founder of The Phoenix Theatre Company, a theatrical company based in Chatham County that performs mystery dinner-shows throughout central North Carolina.

Nunn is pleased with the enthusiasm and growth of the almost 20 participants in the program.

"The students have been all in — even the more reserved ones have jumped in and given everything a good go," she said. "They are beginning to realize that the more initial work they put into a character, the more they get back in ease of performance."

Studying acting can develop more than stage skills.

"I've tried to link what they're learning to 'real life' in terms of how our own memories can make it possible to relate to a character and, ultimately, other people," said Nunn. "Any sort of character study, even in the small



Submitted photo

Laci Burt, from left, Natalie Santiago and Hannah Redding 'freeze' during their devised fight scene. Students will create similar improvised scenes as part of the free Scene X Scene performance showcase on May 2 at Jordan-Matthews High School.

ways we've been able to do with this workshop, can be translated into the way we think about our own lives and the characters we encounter."

Pate, who also is president of JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, is delighted with the students' response to the workshop.

"We have a thriving musical program, but we get to spend very little rehearsal time building basic acting skills," she said. "I'm looking forward to the showcase and seeing what our students have learned about performing on stage."

Scene X Scene is produced by JMArts and made possible by a Grassroots Grant from the Chatham Arts Council. The project was supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

tourism, conferences and meetings county-wide.

MMBC is an industry-wide coalition that showcases the value that business meetings, trade shows, incentive travel, exhibitions, conferences and conventions bring to people, businesses and communities. The 2019 ambassadors list features 41 industry professionals across the nation from 15 states, Canada and Poland.

"The meetings industry is a significant part of our work in tourism," said Shah. "Meetings generate local spending and increased tax revenues in the county. This is huge benefit for local businesses, including vendors that support meetings and related events. Chatham County has numerous meeting venues of varying capacity, each involving local vendors that provide food and other meeting services. Organization meetings, conferences, retreats, and related events not only generate significant venue revenue, they help the organizations increase productivity and efficiency and provide opportunities for building stronger work relationships that ignite more business. I am honored to be selected for this important role. We have many opportunities for collaboration and sharing ideas about challenges, successes, etc., in our respective areas. Meetings happen in all sizes. We look forward

to hosting more groups here as Chatham County continues to grow."

The MMBC list of ambassadors includes professionals in the broader meetings industry.

Trina Camacho-London, MMBC co-chair and vice president of Global Group Sales at Hyatt Hotels Corporation, said, "Together with our board members, partners and network of supporters, MMBC Ambassadors will help spread the industry's value story in priority markets, with a focus on policymakers, business leaders and the media."

Ambassadors' activities in 2019 will include sharing statistics, case studies and personal stories about the industry's value and other activities that get out the word about the return on investment of meetings and conferences.

"We are delighted to have a strong, driven group of individuals joining our 2019 cohort," said Julie Coker Graham, MMBC co-chair and president and CEO of the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau (PHLCVB). "The Ambassadors have been critical to our success as a coalition, including our ability to reach key decision makers effectively. They bring a front-line perspective and remarkable passion for advocating the industry's value to people, businesses and the economy."

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Discussion to explore how African-Americans, European-Americans shaped American music

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Library will host an afternoon discussion on “Sincere Forms of Flattery: Blacks, Whites, and American Popular Music,” an in-depth look at how historic interactions between African Americans and European Americans shaped the evolution of American popular music. The event will take place from 1-3 p.m. on May 11 at the Chatham Community Library, 197 N.C. Highway 87 N, in Pittsboro.

Using musical instruments as well as rare recordings, North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholar Billy Stevens will help the audience understand the relationship between jazz and blues, ragtime and gospel, and how the first distinctly American musical genre, blackface minstrelsy, has influenced country musicians up to the present day. With its roots in slavery and the fusion of musical traditions

brought from both Africa and Europe, American music is a natural outgrowth of the unique culture of the American South. From rap stars to rock ‘n’ rollers, gospel shouters to big band crooners, from Stephen Foster to Elvis Presley, a pattern of contact and conflict between white and black cultures fueled the creation of confluent musical forms recognized worldwide as distinctly American.

The result is a better understanding of how our music reflects America’s social fabric, affirming the contributions of performers both famous and forgotten, while empowering minority communities often relegated to obscurity.

This event is free and open to the public and is made possible with funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council.

CORA summer program aiming to serve more than 1,500 children this summer

PITTSBORO — This summer, the

Chatham Outreach Alliance (CORA) is planning to resume SNACK! (Summer Nutritional Assistance for Chatham Kids), the organization’s summer program that distributes much needed food to Chatham County children who normally receive subsidized meals at school during the academic year.

In 2018, over 1,400 children participated in SNACK!, and CORA will expand SNACK! to serve more than 1,500 kids during summer 2019.

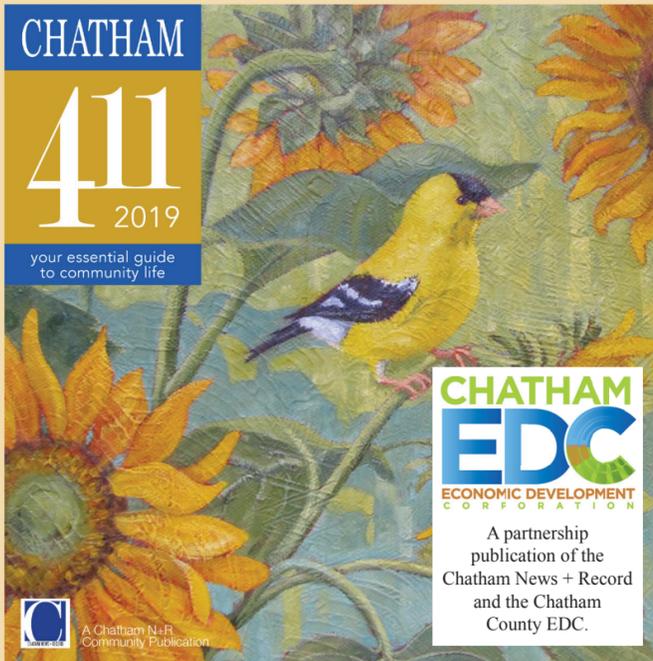
In Chatham County, 50 percent of public school children receive free or low-cost meals through the federal school lunch program because their family income is at or near poverty level. That is more than 4,300 Chatham County school children who likely will experience hunger this summer. The SNACK! Program will provide 21 healthy breakfasts, 21 lunches, 21 dinners and snacks for each week of summer vacation. Twenty sites across Chatham Coun-

ty, including churches, libraries, and community organizations, are partnering with CORA to distribute this food bi-weekly. Countless volunteers are working to make SNACK! run smoothly this summer and get nutritional assistance to families who need it.

To learn more about registering and how the program works, please visit <https://www.corafoodpantry.org/our-work/snack/> or contact Catherine Machanic at Catherine@corafoodpantry.org or 919-542-5020.

If you are interested in supporting this important program this summer, please consider becoming a SNACK! Champion! It costs \$150 to provide these meals for one child for the entire summer. If you want to make a donation to SNACK!, please visit <https://www.corafoodpantry.org/our-work/snack/> or contact Rebecca Hankins at 919-491-5896.

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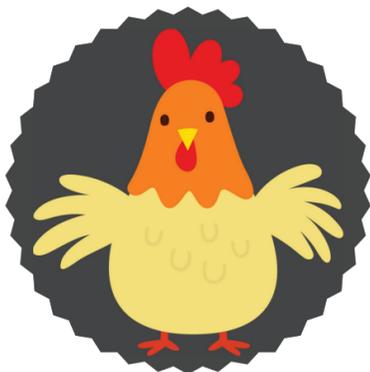
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