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MOTHER'S DAY | SUNDAY, MAY 12

Though no 'bed of roses,' motherhood's rewards are many

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Since 1914, with President Woodrow Wilson's signature making it official, Mother's Day has been celebrated in the U.S. on the second Sunday of every May.

The annual springtime recognition of mothers and motherhood is this Sunday, and for Amy Smith, mom to three, the day is especially meaningful.

Smith grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, but a job transfer for her father transplanted her family to Sanford when Amy was 12. In July after her senior year of high school, a blind date set up by friends found Amy side-by-side with Josh Smith, whom she knew by name but hadn't previously met. Meeting blind for the first time that summer, they hit it off.

"The rest was history," said Amy. "A year and a half after we met, we were married."

But the young couple soon received news, she said, "that no one wants to hear."

"We would never be able to conceive children due to some medical problems," said Amy. "There was a short time in my life that I didn't know if I would ever have the opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day, other than to honor my own mom and mother-in-law."

The unwelcome news, however, did not deter the Smiths.

"We knew right then that it would not stop us from having the family we desired," Amy said. "I had always said I wanted to adopt. I didn't expect it to be the only option of growing our family, but God decided that was the plan for our family."

The couple — Amy is a blogger and stay-at-home mom; Josh is youth pastor at Community Baptist Church in Siler City — soon began searching for adoption agencies, quickly finding a local agency that worked with birth mothers from all over the United States. "Just nine months after



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From left, Camila, Cameron and Ryan Smith burn off energy and have a lot of fun with pogo sticks.

starting all the paperwork," Amy said, "we were parents to our now 16-year-old."

A few years later, they began "the adoption journey again," Amy said, through the same agency.

"It wasn't as fast the second time around, but that was OK," Amy said. "God knew the perfect baby boy for our family. He is now 12 years old."

Several years later, she said, "our desire to have another child continued."

They chose the third time to go through the route of fostering to adopt. They were licensed as foster parents in November of 2014 with Chatham County Department of Social Services.

"Immediately," Amy said, "we had our sweet little girl placed in our care. After 806 days of fostering her, we had the privilege to adopt her."

For Amy and Josh, there

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Enjoying happy family time are Josh and Amy Smith with their children Cameron, 16; Ryan, 12; and Camila, 6.

Confederate monument remains the center of attention

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — For the third consecutive meeting of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, it was all most people wanted to talk about.

The "Our Confederate Heroes" monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse, where the commissioners meet, was the subject Monday of a short presentation and 45 public comments, with a smattering of opinions on keeping it in place, removing it and returning it to its owners and alternate options.

By final count, 27 individuals spoke in favor of removing the monument, 16 supported keeping it in place and four proposed different solutions. No final decision on the monument was made. County attorney Richard "Jep" Rose told the News + Record last month, and commissioners confirmed after Monday's meeting, that potential legal options will be discussed in a closed session on May 20.

Several of those speaking in opposition read a uniform statement supporting removal of the monument as soon as possible. Multiple speakers claimed the monument was a testament to white supremacy and part of the South's effort to paint a different history of the Confederacy.

"The Lost Cause was a romantic myth about the South," said Chatham resident Vickie Atkinson. "The South was on the wrong side of history. We were defending slavery. The South lost the war. I'm glad we did. We were wrong."

Roslayn Darling said she

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It's 50: Siler's Wren Memorial Library celebrates golden anniversary

BY DAVID BRADLEY
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SILER CITY — They help the community find jobs, learn new languages, and work with updated technology, and the public can access it all at a surprising cost.

The Wren Memorial Library in Siler City opened its doors on May 9, 1969, and is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Older library concepts and ideas are being replaced, as the Wren is changing the paradigm of "library," and with that comes a new attitude. Computers and technology have brought new patrons — an average of 200 per day — through their door, to find new methods of learning, living, and enjoying the world and knowledge around us.

It wasn't always this way. Back in the history of most libraries, the concept was a building with cramped, ill-lit spaces, a moldy

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Laura Sanders, left, who is deaf/mute, comes into the Wren Library several times a week. Branch Manager Mike Cowell has picked up some sign language over the years and is able to use this skill with Sanders and other patrons.

How does the problem affect Chatham County?

Growing heroin presence, youth affinity for benzos top list of concerns

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

GOLDSTON — On April 4, a short documentary was shown to the small crowd gathered in the Goldston Town Hall.

It was called "Kids," and it looked at three teenagers, either Northwood students or recent graduates, who died from opioid or related overdoses in between 2016 and 2017 — Zafer Estill, Boone Cummins and Lara Summers.

The short film also featured interviews with family members about their lives.

Cummins' mother Julie spoke after the documen-

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'One Chatham' Q&A event focuses on inequality, solutions

CN+R Staff Report

The dividing line between Chatham County's "east" and "west" may not be an official boundary drawn on

a map, but the socioeconomic differences between the two halves are anything but imaginary.

The county's 2018 Community Assessment

shows that those living in the more affluent "east" are:

- much more likely to own homes (52.4 percent, vs. 39.5 percent in the west) than rent (7.9

percent in the east, 22.4 percent in the west.)

- better-educated, with 92.5 percent of those living in Pittsboro with high school or higher degrees, compared to

just 66.4 percent in Siler City

- three times as likely to describe their health status as "excellent," and half as likely to need support for daily living

activities

- earning about twice as much — with household incomes in the east roughly double

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

There will be a joint meeting with **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** with the **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** at 6 p.m. on May 9 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center located at 1192 US-64 Business in Pittsboro.

- The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold a work session on the Chatham Park Tree Element at 6 p.m. on May 13 at Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

- The **Chatham County Board of Education** will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. on May 13 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro.

- The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular session at 7 p.m. on May 20 at Siler City Town Hall Courtroom located at 311 N Second Avenue in Siler City.

THURSDAY

- The **Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will meet at 7 p.m. on 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.

SATURDAY

- Chatham County Public Libraries announce the launch of their early literacy initiative, **Chatham Babies READ!** with a reception and an early literacy workshop for parents titled **Every Child Ready to Read** at 10 a.m. at the Chatham Community Library on Saturday, May 11. Through Chatham Babies READ!, Chatham County Public Libraries hope to reach parents of babies up to 12 months of age, and engage them in the importance of early literacy for their children. Welcome packets will be distributed to new parents at each library branch (Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro, Goldston Library, and Wren Memorial Library in Siler City), and through the Chatham County Health Department's Clinical Services Division. This is an early literacy workshop compiled by the Association of Library Services to Children and the Public Library Association, both divisions of the American Library Association. The workshop will cover basic concepts

of early literacy, school readiness, and early literacy activities for families to do every day. Parents and caregivers of babies and young children are encouraged to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served.

- Chatham Community Library will host "**Sincere Forms of Flattery: Blacks, Whites and American Popular Music**" from 1 to 3 p.m. on May 11 in the Holmes Meeting Room. This program is free and open to the public. Funding is made possible by the NC Humanities Council.

MONDAY

- **Circle of Support** for those who have lost a loved one to death will be meeting Monday, May 13 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 may 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.

- Biologist and genealogist Ginger Smith will speak at 2 p.m. on May 19. Smith will discuss the types of DNA tests that are com-

mercially available, how to choose a test based on what your goals and expectations are, and how the various tests can satisfy your genealogical needs. The program, "**Using DNA to Break Down Genealogical Brick Walls**," is sponsored by the Chatham County Historical Association, and will be held in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse. The program is free and open to the public.

- 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.

- **Mammal Skins and Skins** - 6:30 p.m. Thursday May 23, at the Bynum Store. What are some of the mammals living in the Lower Haw? Join The Friends for the Lower Haw for a hands-on program that will introduce you to species commonly found in North Carolina through their skins and skulls. Beyond identification, skins and skulls

can reveal insights into animal behavior - what it eats, if it is a predator or prey, its habitat, and how it camouflages. Patricia Thomas-Laemont, professor at Elon University with a background in behavioral ecology and mammals, will share some of the fascinating secrets about mammals that are revealed in their bones.

- Chatham Community Library is pleased to have Colonel Sion Harrington present "**Ships Named North Carolina**" at 6:30 p.m. on May 23 in the Holmes Meeting Room. The program will cover the five warships that have borne the State's name; Ship-of-the-Line (1823), the Confederate Ram (1863), the Armored Cruiser (ACR-12), the Battleship (1941), and currently, the nuclear submarine SSN777. Harrington, United States Army (Retired), spent nearly four decades in the military, which included duty with the 82nd Airborne Division; XVIII Airborne Corps; 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne); the United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command; as well as, hostile fire area deployments to Grenada and Bosnia. Colonel Harrington dedicated his final working years to the collection and preservation of North Carolina military history as the Military Collection Archivist for the State Archives of North Carolina, retiring in 2011. His presentation honors the men and women of North Carolina who have served in the military in defense of their state and nation. This event is free and open to the public.

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

- **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.

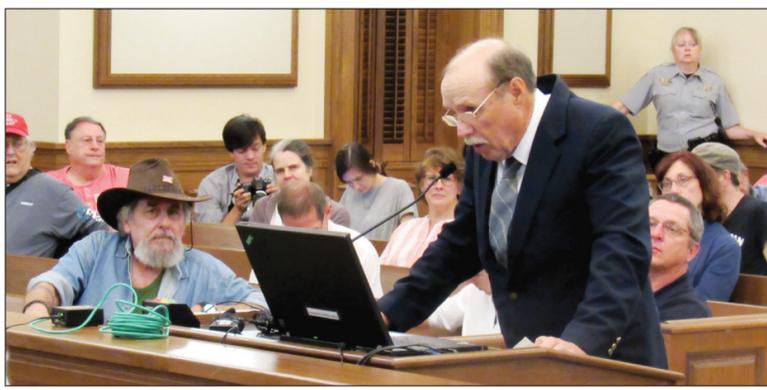
- **Motorcycle Association** - The Motorcycle Association for Chatham, Western Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.

- **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 CCCC. 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.



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Wilkie appointed to commissioners

Andy Wilkie speaks Monday night before the Chatham County Board of Commissioners prior to his unanimous appointment to the board. Wilkie, a Goldston resident and Chatham native, formerly owned and operated a charitable thrift store in Sanford after time in the Army Reserves. He's been a member of the Chatham County Historical Association and Chatham Arts Council. Wilkie joins the board as budget discussions get under way and a decision looms on the Confederate monument in downtown Pittsboro, right outside the commissioners' meeting room.

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MONUMENT: Speakers cite poll that supports the monument

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was in favor of removing the statue, but spoke more broadly, encouraging those in attendance to find common ground on issues.

“I think we need to do a much better job in this county of focusing on the things we can agree on. I think all of us love this county, care about this county,” she said. “Those of us who came from other places are here because we want to be here. We chose to live in Chatham County. No one that I know came to tear this county apart.”

Of those who spoke in favor of keeping the monument in place, four said they lived in other counties but came to speak on the issue; two of them said they either had land or a business in Chatham. Wake County resident Randy Wynn said slavery would have ended on its own without the war.

“It ended for the wrong reason,” he said. “It ended because we lost the war.”

Multiple speakers who wanted the statue to remain



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Chatham resident Scott Gilmore speaks Monday night on the topic of the Confederate soldier monument in downtown Pittsboro during Monday's meeting of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

cited a poll from The Chatham Journal. More than 75 percent of respondents to the unscientific survey, which counted 5,514 votes, said the monument should remain. There was no stipulation in the poll that only

Chatham residents should vote.

Pam and Brantley Webster spoke prior to the public comments and presented a petition with 3,012 signatures to the board in support of

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ROSALYN DARLING, Chatham County resident

keeping the monument in place.

Pam Webster said the monument “does not stand as a memorial of hate,” but instead is a “memorial to those who fought and died” in the Civil War for the South. Brantley Webster said those who are against the statue “spin half-truths and undocumented lies.”

“They seek to divide the people of this county,” he said. “Many would portray us as racist. I am not and no one I associate with is racist, at least that I know of.”

The public comments were preceded by a presentation on Chatham history by Gene Brooks, a local historian. He spoke about the county’s origins and the culture of the area throughout its early years and the Civil War.

Brooks did not specify whether he preferred keeping the monument or removing it, but did encourage the commissioners to “learn from” history.

“Is it any wonder that those that survived wanted to recognize the courage and devotion of those that were lost after the war?” he said. “We don’t need to erase history in America. We need to learn from it. I don’t care what it is. I gave so much of my life to that cause.”

The commissioners will next meet on May 20, their regular meeting time, to hold a public hearing on the just-released budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

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MOTHERHOOD: ‘Don’t try to be perfect because you won’t be perfect’

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were several motivations in their desire to adopt.

“Aside from just wanting children,” she said, “we knew there were children out there who needed a good home. We are far from perfect but we do our absolute best to be the best parents we can be to all three of our children (and any other children who come through our care).”

Amy said she is “extra thankful” on Mother’s Day “because I do have that opportunity to be someone’s mom ... three ones! It is more about celebrating the influence my own mom had on my life and celebrating the fact that I get to be a mom than it is about me as a person. I

am just an ordinary mom, nothing special. I have plenty of flaws and I sure don’t get parenting right every time, but I have the opportunity. That in itself is such a great joy.”

A few years ago, Amy created, and continues to produce, a blog — you can find it at myfourandmore.com — which deals in large part with parenting.

“I had been doing product reviews for a couple of other blogs when I decided I wanted to venture out on my own,” said Amy. “I love sharing about our travel adventures, but my main emphasis is on adoption and fostering. We have met so many amazing people over the years and feel blessed to know so many other adoptive parents. Not everyone has

that opportunity to know so many adoptive families, especially not from the beginning.”

The goal of the blog, she said, is to create awareness of the need for foster parents and also help encourage those who are considering adoption or have adopted.

“There are many, many blessings and joys with adoption, but there are also obstacles to face and struggles along the way,” she said. “I want to be that familiar voice that keeps adoptive parents going through the struggles. I may never meet my readers but I hope they can gain some insight and personally feel connected through my blog.”

Motherhood, Amy said, isn’t all a “bed of roses, and I am sure I won’t ever see all the fruits of my

labor. But there are so many rewards. Hugs and kisses at a minimum of every night, even from my 16-year-old; sitting around the dinner table hearing the kids sharing the ups and downs of their day; uncontrollable laughter during a family game night; or snuggles during a movie are among some of my favorite rewards.”

Those may, as Amy said, be “just moments,” but they are rewarding.

“Knowing that I get to be the one to hear ‘I love you,’ I get to be the one they feel safe enough to open up about the good and also the bad things going on in their lives, is a reward that I am so thankful for,” she said.

For the Smith family, this Sunday’s Mother’s Day celebration will

“I am just an ordinary mom, nothing special. I have plenty of flaws and I sure don’t get parenting right every time, but I have the opportunity. That in itself is such a great joy.”

AMY SMITH, blogger and mom to three children.

involve little fuss.

“My husband and I don’t really do much in the way of gifts for each other,” she said. “We spend our ‘gift money’ on going out somewhere as a family on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day.”

And for new mothers, she offers some advice.

“Don’t try to be perfect because you won’t be perfect,” she said. “No mom is perfect. But you will be the perfect mom for your child, whether it be your biological child or adop-

tive child. God has a perfect plan and He chose you to be their mom. That is a huge responsibility, but it is an even bigger honor to know that you are who God knows your child would need to teach them, support them, and most of all, love them. Give it all you have and don’t give up when the hard times come. They will come, but you will see your efforts pay off in the end.”

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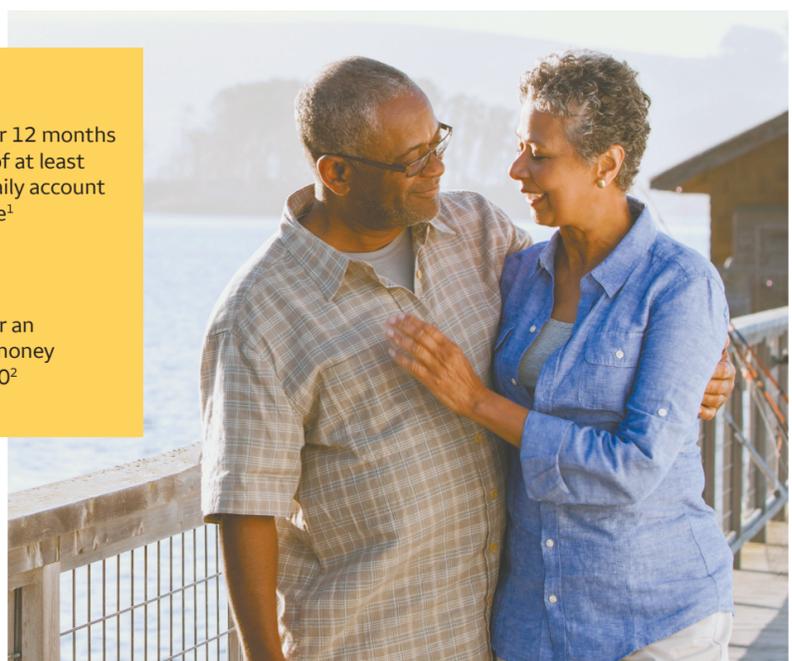
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Roaring success of Spring Chicken Festival guarantees it'll keep on cluckin'

It was billed as the First Annual Spring Chicken Festival, a name most wordsmiths would agree is misleading — given that technically, there's no such thing as "first annual," since an event can't be "annual" until the second one comes around.

No matter. The roaring success of the "first" Spring Chicken Festival in downtown Siler City on Saturday — the rebirth of a once-major event which gave a nod to the impact of the poultry industry on the town — guar-

antees a second and, we hope, many, many more to come.

Annual? No question about it. From the time the event officially began at 10 a.m. on Saturday until the combination of the heat and the appearance of storm clouds on the horizon led some vendors to begin tearing down their booths about an hour before the advertised closing time of 6 p.m., Chatham Avenue was thick with people. The Siler City Parks and

Recreation Department, the event's organizer, estimated 5,000 people were there. If you were among them, you might have guessed higher, given the density of the crowd. The huge attendance contributed significantly to the mood, as did the absence of rain, the abundance of all kinds of great grub, superb music and the enthusiasm that comes with being a part of something special.

"We never expected 5,000 people," Siler City Parks and Recreation Director Joseph

Keel told the News + Record. "Now we know that we only see the event is going to grow. We see people planning their high school reunions, their family reunions around the Spring Chicken Festival."

Keel said the festival was a "much-needed" event that gave a boost to Siler City, and thanks to the generosity of sponsor Mountaire Farms, and the tireless work of those on Keel's staff, it came off without a hitch.

So well, in fact, that on Mon-

day morning, Keel and his team were nearly overwhelmed with voice mail messages and calls of congratulations — followed, of course, by a department meeting that included planning the 2020 version of the event.

The 2nd annual (yes, we can say it) Spring Chicken Festival is scheduled for next May 2. Keel promises it'll be bigger and better.

It'll be hard to improve upon the inaugural event, but somehow we have no doubt he'll be proven right.

It's time to celebrate our mothers

I'll be visiting my mother on Sunday, giving her a few things I hope will make her happy and feel appreciated.



RANDALL RIGSBEE

Randall Reflects

She enjoys candy and crosswords, so my wife and I got her some milk chocolates and a paperback book of puzzles.

If our roses, which are in peak bloom now and looking pretty, can hold their beauty through the end of the week, we'll pick some and create a colorful bouquet of home-grown flowers for her.

And to avoid crowds ahead of any last-minute Mother's Day rush, we went card-shopping last weekend, finding a suitable one with sentiments not too saccharine, but sweet nevertheless, and a price tag appropriate for such fleeting use.

We may add a few more items to the Mother's Day gift package before our visit on Sunday, but we could shop from now until the end of time and still struggle to find tokens that truly encapsulate and demonstrate complete appreciation for the wide scope of a mother's essential role in our lives.

I know a little bit about being a father, but unable to walk in a mother's shoes, I can only use my imagination as to what motherhood really feels like.

But I value one clue, in particular, that offers me a little insight into the mystery of motherhood.

In a shoe box full of photographs somewhere among the other mementos in my mother's house, an old black-and-white photograph, circa 1967, communicates in a subtle way volumes about my mother and, I think, all mothers.

Taken at the Museum of Life and Science in Durham (then called the N.C. Children's Museum and, to the wonderment of several generations of youngsters, boasting large plaster replicas of dinosaurs), the photo captures a pudgy me — not long past toddler stage — lying on my considerable belly and peering over the edge of a wooden foot bridge spanning Ellerbe Creek. Just outside of the frame of the picture is my mother, visible only by her forearm, her hand clutching one of my baby fat-swollen ankles to prevent me, the youngest of her three children, from rolling off the bridge and into the drink.

Although I'm the primary subject of the picture, that captured moment in time, for me, is an illustration not so much of my fat little self but of my mother's enormous love and caring. Without fanfare or thanks or anyone giving her instruction, she's taking action to keep me safe.

The picture used to irritate me. How much cooler, I used think, it would be to have a picture of me, in all my youthful daring, looking precariously and unencumbered into the vast (six-foot) drop below, without my meddling mother's arm messing up the effect.

But I got over that a long time ago and now I see, and value, the picture for what it shows me now.

Most of us, I believe, have been fortunate to be raised by mothers who, like mine, always had our best interests at heart, staying out of our way as much as possible so we can experience the world, but still holding on as long as possible to protect us, as mothers do, from the many hazards the world offers, including short drops from bridges.

I read today that Americans will spend \$25 billion on Mother's Day gifts this year, as we sons and daughters attempt to honor our moms. My small amount of spending on cards and crosswords won't put much dent in that amazing monetary figure.

But I don't think it's tangible gifts my mother — or any mother — is looking for on Mother's Day. Such stuff is nice enough, and necessary, but it isn't the promise of flowers in the future that keep our moms clutching our ankles to shield us from doom.

They do it because they love us. And the best thing we can do is love them back.



Baseball, church homecomings, love and several other signs of spring

Years ago, a British poet by the name of Alfred Tennyson penned a poem entitled "Locksley Hall" in which he noted, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. Spring is the season for love."



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

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State must face reality on roads

RALEIGH — At a recent North Carolina Dept. of Transportation committee meeting, my John Locke Foundation colleague Joe Coletti offered this blunt assessment to state policymakers: our system of road financing isn't sustainable.

JOHN HOOD
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"There simply isn't enough money to do it all," Coletti told the committee. He observed that the amount of gas taxes collected per mile traveled is lower in inflation-adjusted terms than it was a generation ago. Our cars get more miles to the gallon, for one thing, so a per-gallon tax can't keep up. And a growing, albeit still small, share of our cars are electric or hybrid vehicles for which the gas tax is obviously in-

adequate as a means of charging drivers to use government roads.

There's really no doubt that we will have to move eventually to a system that charges drivers according to mileage and vehicle weight. Such a system should also vary the price according to time and congestion, just as utilities charge more for electricity during peak hours.

Getting from here to there will be tricky, however. Tolling new roads or lanes can be unpopular, at least at first, as policymakers in North Carolina and elsewhere have discovered. For the entire road-and-street system as a whole, a GPS-based mileage charge could get the job done. But it would invite even more public scrutiny.

Of course, no system for funding transportation is free from major challenges. Raising gas and car taxes angers the public, as well. Dipping into general revenues, from sources such as sales and property tax-

es, may be more salable politically but has the obvious defect of severing the relationship between the cost individuals impose on the road system and the price they pay to use it. It is inequitable and inefficient.

Coletti's point is not simply that we have a mismatch between tools and tasks. More broadly, we have a mismatch between means and ends. Because North Carolina and other states rely so much on transfers from the federal government, for example, and those federal dollars come with lots of strings, we end up using scarce dollars to build new roads rather than maintaining our existing ones, even though the latter ought to be the higher priority.

And the truth is that while transportation investment can be productive, it isn't infinitely valuable. No matter how we pay for new roads, some of the ones currently on North Carolina's wish list are unlikely ever to be built

and we should be okay with that. The extent to which their long-term benefits, expressed as greater mobility or safety or economic development, will exceed their long-term cost is unclear.

Just as most other valuable things do, roads have diminishing marginal utility. When North Carolina built its first true statewide road network in the early decades of the 20th century, the payoff was gigantic. During successive waves of road-building — during the interstate boom, for example, and the belt-and-connector program enacted during the administration of Gov. Jim Martin — the benefits also exceeded the costs, although not by as much.

There are still valuable roads and lanes to build, to be sure, and I'm happy to report that state policymakers have done their part to move such projects forward. North Carolina is spending hundreds of millions more a year on road construction and maintenance than we

used to, because state legislators and governors of both parties cooperated to reduce dramatically the transfer of gas and car taxes to non-highway purposes.

But no reform of our financing system, no matter how carefully designed and skillfully marketed, can generate enough revenue to fund all desired roads at a cost that won't provoke intense opposition from taxpayers. As Coletti put it, "because there is never enough money to do everything that everyone thinks should be done, the state needs to identify the core needs for transportation funding."

Thus, policymakers must set firm priorities and stick to them. In many cases, the right answer will consist not of "how to" but, simply, "no."

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When are the candidates coming to N.C.? Joe Biden's already been here

When are the 20-plus Democratic presidential candidates going to come to North Carolina?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

We are suffering from their absence as they concentrate on the early primary and caucus states. "Suffering" is my term. Others may count their absence as a blessing.

Joe Biden has already been here, as I explained in an earlier column I wrote in 2008 when Biden became Barack Obama's choice for running

mate.

Here is the gist of what I wrote back then.

I am responsible, at least in part, for one of Biden's early political visits to our state more than 30 years ago.

Back in 1986, I was the Democratic candidate for Congress in a district that had been represented by Republicans for many years. The race was close. Lots of senators and members of Congress came to campaign with me. I loved hobnobbing with famous political personages like Jim Wright, Claude Pepper and Charles Rangel — and future presidential candidates Bill Bradley, Dick Gephardt and Gary Hart. But these visits often drove our campaign volunteers crazy trying to figure out how to readjust our schedule, develop an "appropriate" program for the visitor, and gather respectable crowds to greet them.

One of these visitors was Joe Biden. His staff gave our campaign scheduler Marcia Webster only a day or two to prepare. She called some of the loyal supporters who never said "no" even to the most challenging requests.

One of these, Brenda Barger, remembers that she and her husband Hugh hosted a small group at their farm near Davidson. Davidson mayor Russell Knox and College Union director Shaw Smith came to meet Biden and hear him tell about a run for president some day.

Amy Steele, whose ability to organize campaign operations was unexcelled, took on the task of gathering a group of supporters to meet Biden in Statesville. She got a young couple, David and Sally Parker, to host an event.

But, as Sally Parker remembers now, they had planned a trip with their children that day to Carowinds in Charlotte, leaving Amy and her crew to prepare. Sally says, "Amy had a magic wand." When the Parkers returned and Biden arrived, their home and garden were full of fresh flowers and a big crowd.

Biden was charmed. So were the Parkers. Sally remembers being impressed with Biden's speech. "Except," she told me, "although everybody wore big red buttons that said 'DJ' he kept calling you 'DJ.'"

Later, Sally quizzed Biden about his views on capital punishment. She remembers his thoughtful listening and response to her concerns. Biden was a hit with the Parkers. Amy and David got Sally to pose for a photo sitting on Biden's knee to remember his visit.

Our campaign manager Henry Doss remembers Biden's visit to campaign headquarters where Elizabeth, Doss's five-year-old daughter, was visiting and drawing a picture of a red dog. She told Biden a story about that dog. "For that moment," Doss recalls, "he was really interested in what Elizabeth was telling him and giving her his full attention. I think one of Biden's greatest strengths is his ability to engage from moment to moment. This builds on his authenticity. He is what he is, and that's what makes him powerful. I've always been in awe of his grasp of world affairs, and his comfort level around power. But his encounter with Elizabeth illustrates his rare ability and desire to connect with people. Maybe he even learned something about the red dog."

When Biden comes back to our state to campaign he will find some North Carolinians who still remember him well.

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

History not learned from 'drive-by' statue

TO THE EDITOR:

There was one glaring omission, as there always is, in the telling of the great sacrifices by confederate soldiers by Southerners with a fetish for the Lost Cause, and it was on display at the recent county commission meeting.

If you want to find out if a Civil War buff is sincere in their claim that the war wasn't about slavery, ask him or her how they feel about Robert E. Lee's most competent general, James Longstreet.

The reason you won't see him

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played at any re-enactment, or a statue of him outside of Gettysburg, or his brilliance in battle celebrated by people reveling in the glories of resisting Northern Aggression, is that Longstreet had the audacity to criticize Lee's tactics and admit that the war was about slavery. Worst, still, he defended black elected officials in the town of Colfax, Louisiana against a white mob in 1873.

Despite routing Union troops at the Second Battle of Bull Run and Chickamauga, and holding the Rebel ground at Antietam and Fredericksburg, all of which earned him the nickname "Old War Horse" by Lee, his subsequent

sin of attempting to reconcile with formerly enslaved people disqualified him of respect by most Southerners.

Dear lovers of confederate history: if you think Longstreet was a traitor, you're a racist plain and simple. If you think Southerners were unanimous in their support for fighting the U.S. government, you are tragically mistaken.

No one is learning history from a drive-by monument. It's there to celebrate what we as a community believe in, and we don't believe that racist crap anymore.

Mark Barroso
Pittsboro

Why we need to close the skills gap

Any well-run company listens closely to its customers and Moore's based Lowe's Home Improvement is a good example of a home-grown business that listens. While many of us do-it-yourselfers frequent their stores, Lowe's largest customer base is professional contractors. Mike Mitchell, Lowe's skilled trade director, says "When we start talking to (pro customers) about how we can help them run their small business, labor shortage comes up almost every time."

Simply put, contractors are turning away business, taking too long to complete existing jobs or even losing money on jobs because they can't find enough skilled workers. The skills gap is real. Nationally, three million jobs could go unfilled by 2028 because of labor shortages. Lowe's wanted to

know why young people aren't choosing trade professions as a career choice, so they formed a consortium of about 60 organizations to examine the problem and come up with solutions toward filling job shortages. This unique undertaking, dubbed Generation T, includes a diverse range of groups from appliance manufacturers, like Bosch, to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

One big stumbling block is that many young people lack awareness about what kind of future they might have working in trade professions and how much they might earn, so this consortium is going into schools to inform students about career pathways. Skilled carpenters, plumbers, HVAC technicians and other tradesmen can earn six figure salaries. The project is also providing tools, appliances and equipment for experiential study in high schools.

But to fill the skills gap additional training or certification beyond high school is required. A recent report from The John Belk Foundation and Carolina Demography talks about our

"leaky" pipeline in providing skilled workers. It says that 67 percent of all jobs in our state next year will require some level of training or certification beyond high school. Currently, only 47 percent of our 5.3 million working adults meet those requirements.

The skills gap is further complicated when you understand that our working age population is shrinking, due to the retirements of baby boomers. Older workers remaining in the workplace need new training if they are to continue to earn living wages.

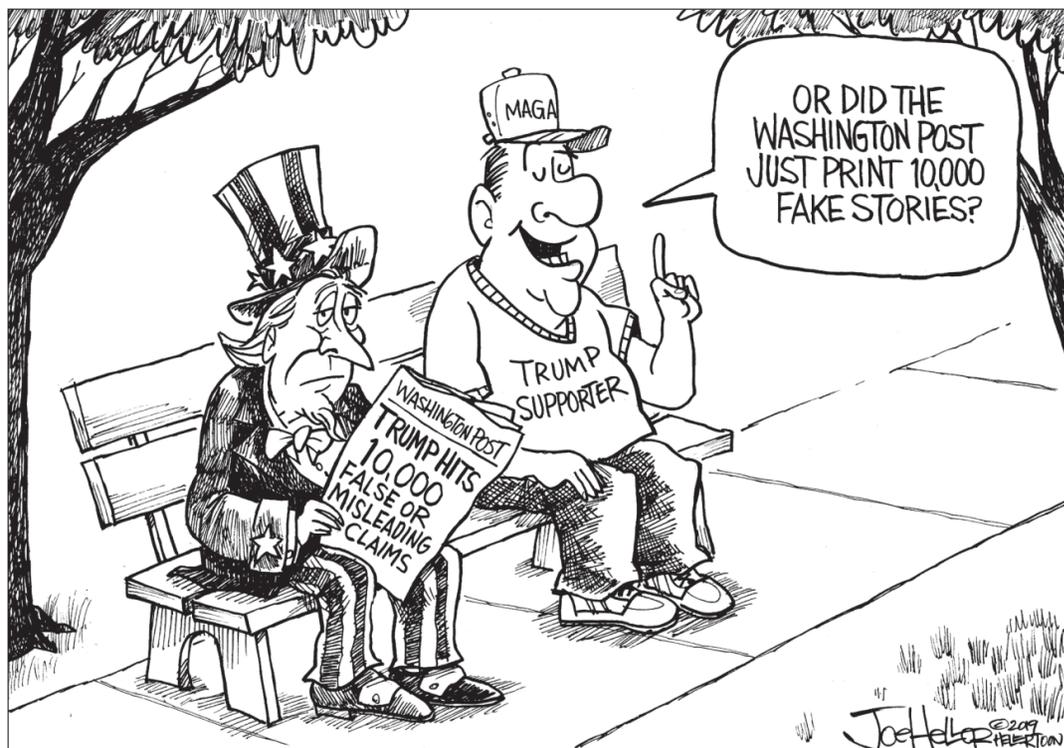
Gen T has great potential. Not only can it be expanded laterally, meaning across the state, but can be replicated vertically into other sectors where there are rapidly expanding job needs. The 10 fastest-growing jobs in North Carolina right now are statistician, credit counselor, nurse practitioner, operations analyst, occupational therapy assistant, physician assistant, home health aide, diagnostic medical sonographer and physical therapy aide.

Lowe's Generation T was designed specifically

for the construction industry, but it is the model or template that demonstrates how the skills gap can be addressed in other job sectors. It clearly points out the importance of bringing together all stakeholders, from trade and professional groups, equipment and other manufacturers, educators, employers and even end users to find solutions.

Continued economic growth and prosperity demands we meet these needs. Our employers need workers if they are to remain vibrant and our people need jobs. North Carolina has the expertise and resources to meet this great challenge. Let's close the gap.

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LIBRARY: Hub of community offers classes, materials, technology

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card-catalog filled with book titles, periodical guides to look up magazines and their contents, and a librarian who would whisper “Shhhh!” It didn’t invite you in, and seemed to want to get rid of you.

A committee to organize the Siler City library was established in February 1941, and included vice chairman E.A. Resch, father of Alan Resch, the former publisher of the Chatham News and Chatham Record. The Wren started in the basement of the Siler City Town Hall with 4,000 books, according to 1969 story by the late newspaper publisher.

After two bond issues to raise \$100,000, and a \$25,000 donation by William M. Wren, the library found a new home in its own building, in 1969.

Fifty years later, the library has used the foundations of that starting point to continually update the services offered to the community.

When current branch manager Mike Cowell started working at the library, the state-of-the-art was a card catalog or printed periodical guide to look up references.

“Twenty years ago when I came in as a temp, we used the card catalog and a stamping machine,” Cowell said. “Before that, a woman who had been here 16 years said that when she started, they actually stamped the books on the card in the back.”

The Wren has been replacing those outdated concepts with improved customer service, contemporary technology and concepts, and materials that suit the needs of the various demographics in Siler City. It is a hub in the community, offering technology, meeting spaces for clubs and businesses, as well as the classic offerings of a library including a wide selection of books, DVDs, and other materials.

One of the first concepts they got rid of was the idea that a librarian was always glaring at you, keeping the public quiet, and not interested in helping.

The Wren staff has a different attitude, and a customer-friendly approach.

“It’s the bedrock, and foundation, of the services provided,” said Cowell. “To meet the needs of patrons and community.”

For the library’s staff, it’s not only about the books, or tech, or movies, or e-books. Rather, it’s the personal touch that goes beyond mere “customer service,” and it’s that special gift that turns a simple help experience into something far more powerful.

For example, one patron who had experienced a bad job interview visited the public library, just needing someone to talk to about her experience, said librarian Mary Earle.

“It feels like that is so rewarding when something like that happens,” Earle said. “We help people look for jobs all the time, and when they tell us that they got the job, that we helped them write their resume and send it in. There was one lady that was coming in for over a year, but something told me to go over at the computer, and she was just exhausted and had been looking for a job forever. I sat down with her and we filled out a job as a substitute teacher, and later that week she got the job, and it was very powerful. It was one of those moments where I realized how important it was for us to take the time to help someone, because you can change their life just for a simple gesture of being there for them, and smiling.”

“I hear a lot of people say the library is going away because so many are reading on their smart phone,” said Angie Ritter, the Wren’s outreach coordinator. “I think the library is making changes that will still gonna be vital to the community because we still offer great programming that you can’t get online and also I think



Staff photo by David Bradley

Angie Ritter is in charge of outreach for the Wren Library and spoke to a patron at the ‘Day of the Books’ celebration at Siler City Elementary School in April. The event brought literacy agencies such as the library in contact with the public to make them aware of their services.

we’re focusing more on customer service and people will come back for that.”

And the services go beyond the four walls of the Wren. Ritter, as outreach coordinator, carries the library to the people. “I really feel connected to the community and I feel like what I do makes a difference. Just on the individual level, people are so excited to have that access to the library when otherwise they wouldn’t.

Ritter goes to homes throughout the county to deliver books, DVD’s and other requested materials to people who can’t go to the library.

“I take the library to people who can’t come to the library,” Ritter said. “It’s super exciting, because for a lot of them I might be their main social interaction. So it’s good on that front because, I really get close to my patrons, and it’s exciting to them because they have access to everything in the library and that opens huge doors for them personally.”

New technology has changed the concept of visual aids at the library. Flannelgraphs were used years ago, but now the library has a projection TV system that can be controlled with a smartphone, and computer technology is available for the public. Anything that can be done on the computer can be done at the library.

“Even four or five years ago people went to an employer to get a paper application,” said Cowell. “Now people come in and we assist them with making an application online. Lots of people come here to do their internet services, pay bills, do Facebook, whatever they want to do.”

A classic library concept of the bookmobile has changed to be an outreach service by the library. When the economy went bad a few years ago, Cowell said that they had to close down the bookmobile because of the costs involved.

The new outreach services don’t use a bookmobile, but they do deliver books, DVD’s and other materials to patrons that can’t get to the Wren. They also have a courier service available to get materials from other libraries.

“We have a courier service that we do Monday, Wednesday and Friday,”

Ritter said. “If someone came in and requested something on Monday, it would be here by Wednesday from Goldston or Pittsboro, and that’s a free service as well. And we even have agreements with other libraries in the state; if there’s something that you are really interested in, but it’s in a library in Randolph County, we could also get that sent over, but that does cost. It’s only \$4 from anywhere in the state, and that just covers charge of getting it.

But there are some things that are really rare, and that’s one of the only ways you could get it. But Ritter takes the library all across Chatham County with types of materials that have been requested.

“I go to assisted living centers, and they have book clubs there,” Ritter said. “I collect things for them, like puzzles, and games, you know, stuff that they can do.”

Some community members are wanting to do more with the library, but only speak Spanish, and so the library has adapted to this as well. Now the library has a Spanish-speaking librarian, and Spanish books and literature. Getting the word out about having a Spanish speaker was difficult.

“That first day I just saw kids; unfortunately I didn’t see their parents,” said librarian Juana Gomez. “When their kids told them, then the adults came in when kids told them there’s a Spanish speaker here. It’s good to let them know that there aren’t just English materials here. There are children’s and adult books in Spanish, and honor books in Spanish as well.”

Some of the patrons who speak Spanish are also interested in learning English, and the library has a selection of these books on the shelf.

“I believe there are some books that help them to learn English,” said Gomez. “I think that’s what they like, because unfortunately they may not be able to go to classes or go online to learn English, so to have that for free, for a three-week period loan, is really good for them.”

“The goal of the library is that they want everyone to be served and helped with a friendly attitude,” said



Staff photo by David Bradley

The headlines 50 years ago in the Chatham News were all about the new Wren Library and its new permanent structure. Now, 50 years later, the library building is the same, but the services offered are expanding the concept of ‘library.’

librarian Melissa Stenit. “The staff tries to help everyone with their research, give help with a computer document that they need, put a smile on children’s faces, just to get them the library card when they turn five, or help them socialize. The library offers story time for the little ones, sometimes a parent will ask what age is best. But all are welcome to come in and try out programs.”

The Wren is an informational hub, with technology, a variety of reading materials for their patrons, and access to the world around us, but after 50 years of life, they’re just getting started. The libraries’ services continually adapt to meet the needs of the community with technology, computers and wi-fi, outreach, and multi-lingual services.

“I think it will grow, not only just with physical

books,” said Gomez. “We have a lot of programs, and online programs, not just Spanish, that the patrons want to learn. We have some that want to learn French. Whether it be a certain language, or multiple languages, I think it will grow. Or vice-versa, someone that may not speak English will have those resources. I think it will grow.”

To borrow a book or a DVD, access the computer to just look at Facebook or interact with the world, get an e-book must cost a fortune, right?

What does it cost if you can’t get to the library to pick out a book or DVD, and need it brought to you?

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“It’s a place where the poorest of poor can come, and get treated just like the richest of the rich,” said Cowell. “And everybody needs something from the library sometime.”

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OBITUARIES

LADDIE DARRELL GUNTER



Laddie Darrell Gunter, 78, of Goldston died Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Mr. Gunter was born in Chatham County on October 6, 1940, the son of Charles and Flonnie Lillian (Womble) Gunter. Laddie had been a member of the National Guard and had worked for Goldston Lumber as a forklift operator. He enjoyed NASCAR Racing, watching football and basketball. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gerald and Raeford Gunter; sisters, Nadene Crabtree, Shirley Poe, Dorthlene Franklin, and Bernice Badders.

He is survived by his son, Ricky Darrell Gunter and wife Jill of Bear Creek; daughter, Vicky Newsome and husband Ken of Tampa, FL; brother, Charles S. Gunter, Jr. and wife Faye of Siler City; grandchildren, Maverick Gunter, Savannah Newsome, Sheridan Senechal and husband Justin; great-grandson, Chase Senechal; and several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend a special heartfelt thank you to Well Care Home Health for the loving comfort and care given Laddie.

The family received friends Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. A graveside service followed Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Rives Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, 4258 Rives Chapel Road, Siler City with Rev. Tripp Foltz officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, W. Chatham Relay For Life, C/O Ann McDaniel, P O Box 526, Siler City, NC 27344 or a charity of donor's choice.

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



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A group of Chatham County residents and members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office gathered May 2 outside the sheriff's office to pray for the United States, North Carolina and Chatham County.

Chatham celebrates National Day of Prayer

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Around 20 people gathered a little after noon on May 2, standing near the flagpole outside the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

"The great commandment's out there to love the lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength," Chris St. Jean, pastor of Grace Family Fellowship in Siler City, said to the assembled group. "But then the second one is just like it, to love your neighbor as yourself. In the scripture, who's your neighbor? It's everybody. It doesn't matter what race, nationality you are. We're really all brothers and sisters. It's just that sometimes we don't like to act like it."

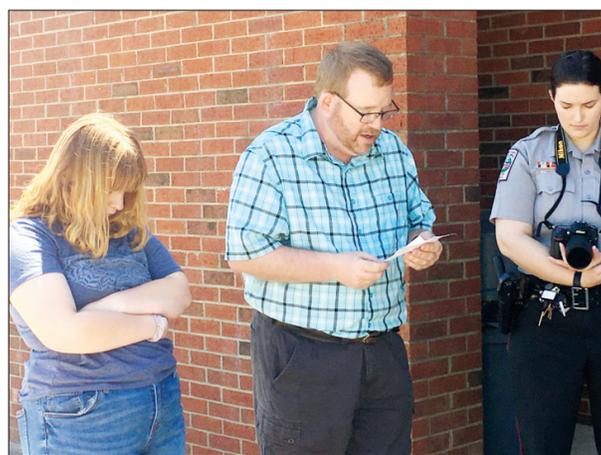
With that, St. Jean called on the group to bow their heads in prayer.

The small event in Pittsboro, organized by the Chatham County YMCA, was one of thousands across the country last Thursday as part of the National Day of Prayer, a nationwide celebration of prayer and unity.

The official version of the event was authorized by law in 1952, when President Harry S. Truman signed a bill requiring presidents to proclaim a National Day of Prayer by each president at an appropriate time. In 1988, the law was amended to say the day would be the first Thursday of May.

Sarah Wright, the wellness director at the Chatham YMCA and organizer of Thursday's event, said it was part of the YMCA's mission to have events like this.

"We put Christian principles into practice through



Chris St. Jean, pastor of Grace Family Fellowship in Siler City, leads a group in prayer May 2 at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office as part of the National Day of Prayer.

programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all," she said, quoting the Y's mission statement. "One of our core values that we have in the Y is faith. It's for all. We just wanted to bring the community together and pray for our community together."

Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson and some of his staff attended the event. Roberson said he felt the Y's efforts to have this event were "a positive thing."

"It's a good day to think of other people, regardless of your religious background," he said. "Loving other people and having compassion for one another is always a good thing."

Chatham's stamp on this year's National Day of Prayer extended up to Washington, D.C. In a press release Thursday, U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.), Chatham's represen-

tative in Congress, stated that he co-sponsored a congressional resolution to recognize the National Day of Prayer. Along with being a former minister, he serves as the House co-chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.

"I cling to the promise that we find in the book of Jeremiah declaring that God listens when we pray," Walker said. "My hope is that we would seek His divine wisdom for guidance and protection. Prayer is a source of strength and hope for so many Americans — a source we must recognize and protect. Though politics can be divisive at times, prayer should be a uniting force for Congress and for our nation."

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DEBORAH S. COLEMAN

Mrs. Deborah S. Coleman (Debbie), 60, of Sanford, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family will receive friends at the family home. She was born in Columbus County, on July 28, 1958 to Milton (Joe) Smith and Shirley Smith Murphy. She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father, Kendall Murphy, and her husband, Joe P. Coleman. Debbie worked for many years at Cascade Fibers, and the Sanford Herald.

Debbie is survived by her son Shane Coleman; one granddaughter; brother, Leo Smith; and sister, Tammie Lynch, all of Sanford; two step-granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

CHARLOTTE (HARRIS) ROGERS

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

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

Her parents, James and Emeline Harris, and a brother, Ernest Harris preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Tony Rogers, Sr. of the home; daughter, Sherrie

Rogers Baldwin of Chapel Hill; son, Tony Rogers, Jr. of Pittsboro; four grandchildren; sister, Nellie Farrington; and brothers, James Harris and Thomas "Chick" Harris, both of Pittsboro.

ROBERT GRAY WEST, JR.

Robert Gray West, 64, of Sanford, passed on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Sanford Health & Rehabilitation.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at New Zion Baptist Church.

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ALVIN MCKOY

Alvin McKoy, 66, Greensboro passed on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro.

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SHERMAN BROOKS

Sherman Brooks, 67, of Siler City passed on Monday, April 29, 2019 at his home.

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JAMES LEO DEAN

James Leo Dean, 67 of 2 Broadway, passed on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at his residence.

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SHARON STUCKER

Sharon Stucker, 75, of Sanford, passed on Monday, May 6, 2019 at her residence.

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Chatham Central's Paige named CCS Teacher of the Year

From Chatham County Schools

BEAR CREEK — The plane touched down at Raleigh-Durham International Airport around 1:30 a.m. April 30.

Laurie Paige made it home around 3 a.m.

She woke up at 6 a.m. There was history to teach at Chatham Central High School. No way in the world she'd miss out on that.

"No. Never," said Paige, vibrant even on less than three hours of sleep. "Honestly, I was so

excited to get back to the classroom."

When she arrived, there were visitors, Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick D. Jordan among them.

"It is my distinct pleasure to recognize you as Chatham County Schools Teacher of the Year, Ms. Paige. Congratulations," Jordan announced.

Paige accepted a bouquet of flowers from her superintendent and a roar of praise from her students.

"One of the best teachers I've ever had," Chatham Central student Jay Mashburn said.

"Laurie Paige is a leader," Chatham Central Principal Dr. Karla Eanes said. "Laurie

Paige is a teacher not just of students but of her colleagues. She challenges us, she pushes us."

That positive peer pressure extends beyond Chatham Central, beyond the school district, actually.

That's why Paige was at the airport during the wee hours the other day. She is a national staff developer for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). Paige had been in San Diego receiving

training for that work.

AVID is a system of learning that, in part, teaches students how to

"Laurie Paige is a leader. Laurie Paige is a teacher not just of her colleagues. She challenges us, she pushes us."

KARLA EANES, Chatham Central Principal

take notes efficiently and organize them meticulously. That approach is so finely tuned at Chatham Central that the school earned distinction as a national demonstration site for AVID. It means educators from all over the country are poised to show up in Bear Creek to learn how to generate the sort of

student success that's happening at Chatham Central.

Paige is Chatham Central's AVID coordinator and helped establish the program at the school in 2006. She's been teaching there since 2000 and, all told, has been investing in students as an educator for 19 years.

And even after hopping off a red-eye that brought her across the country from learning more about mining the most out of educators, she insisted on being in front of her students just mere hours after landing.

Skipping school was not an option for her. "That's just not what we do," Paige said.

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Laurie Page, center, of Chatham Central High School was named Chatham County Schools' Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020 last week. She is flanked by district Superintendent Derrick Jordan, left, and Chatham Central Principal Karla Eanes, right.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chatham's GIS mapping portal premieres new conservation viewing app

Chatham County's geographic information systems (GIS) data portal now features a new application that allows users to see important conservation-related locations as features on county GIS maps. The tool will assist several county departments, but also will help county advisory boards, developers, property owners, and any groups involved with conservation.

The conservation viewer app adds to the existing tax and land records viewer an array of datasets, including:

- State-designated Significant Natural Heritage Areas, which are areas of land or water important to preserve the state's natural biodiversity
- North Carolina's Biodiversity & Wildlife Habitat Assessments
- State-managed areas, such as federal and state forests and parks
- Impaired waters, as determined by the Federal Clean Water Act
- Water quality monitoring sites used the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Designated wetlands, as determined by DEQ
- Riparian streams and related buffers

Chatham County GIS Manager Nick Haffele said, "The new viewer allows the user to visualize these conservation elements for any number of reasons. Combining state-collected data with our county data provides a more complete picture of potentially significant ecological features and impacts."

GIS staff worked with the county's Planning Department, Watershed Protection Department and other partners to implement the conservation viewer. Planning Director Jason Sullivan said, "We initially started this project as an evaluation tool for developments that qualify or want to qualify as conservation subdivisions. However, the tool also will be very helpful to several county and town departments."

As an example, Sullivan said that planning and watershed protection staff can use the tool to screen proposed developments by identifying areas with unique environmental qualities that may require additional review. Local government advisory boards, environmental groups and residents will find the tool helpful when researching specific policies or best practices.

Local educators can use the conservation viewer for science instruction and other classes, while property owners or those looking to buy land in Chatham may want to know about significant ecological features on or near the property in question.

To access the Chatham GIS Conservation App, visit <http://gisservices.chathamnc.org/conservation>. The viewer offers several filter options and also has a search function.

County collection centers to be closed Memorial Day

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling division has decided to add Memorial Day and Labor Day to the Collection Center holiday schedule.

Starting this year, all twelve Collection Centers will be closed for Memorial Day, which is Monday, May 27 this year.

"Most of the businesses that our drivers haul the trash and recycling to are closed on Memorial Day and Labor Day," says Kevin Lindley, Environmental Quality Director. "This causes the drivers to be behind the rest of the week as they work to get all the containers they would normally pull on a Monday. Plus, it causes centers to get full and stay full longer."

In addition to Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Collection Centers are closed on the following holidays each year: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and close at 2 pm on Christmas Eve.

Visitor our website for details at www.chathamnc.org/recycle or contact the Main Office at 919-542-5516.

Library system announces early literacy initiative

Chatham County Public Libraries has announced the launch of its early literacy initiative, called Chatham Babies READ!

The program is designed to reach parents of babies up to 12 months of age, and engage them in the importance of early literacy for their children. A reception and celebrating the launch is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro, followed by a workshop for parents called "Every Child Ready to Read."

New parents visiting libraries in Pittsboro, Goldston and Siler City, as well as the Chatham County Health Department's Clinical Services Division, will receive a package comprised of a tote bag, a booklet containing early literacy tips and reading recommendations, a bib, a nursery rhyme themed growth chart and a board book for families to read together. The set was put together thanks to grant funding from the Women of Fearrington and donations from Friends of Chatham Community Library and the Artist Studio Project.

The workshop will cover basic concepts of early literacy, school readiness, and early literacy activities for families to do every day.

Parents and caregivers of babies and young children are encouraged to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Katy Henderson at (919) 545-8085 or katy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org.

County extends deadline for applicants to serve on social services board

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Department of Social Services still seeks applications for one vacancy on

the County Board of Social Services. The deadline to apply to serve is May 31.

Applicants for the Board of Social Services must reside in Chatham and be willing to do the following:

- Serve as an advocate for the interests of the Department of Social Services and its employees and clients.
- Promote better public understanding and support of social services programs and serving as a liaison between DSS, public officials and the general public.
- Promote closer working relationships between the Social Services Board and the Board of County Commissioners.
- Provide the time and effort needed to actively participate and constructively fulfill board duties.
- Attend board meetings and other related meetings as needed. The Social Services Board typically meets monthly at 3 p.m. on third Wednesdays at the County Social Services office in Pittsboro.

This appointment will fulfill the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2021 and could then be eligible for reappointment. The appointment will be made by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

To complete an online application, visit: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhs/2018-Social-Services-Commission-Nominee-Appointment.pdf>

Any questions may be directed to Jennie Kristiansen, Social Services Director, at 919-642-6976 or jennie.kristiansen@chathamnc.org.

May household hazardous waste event set for 18th

The May Household Hazardous Waste event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. HHW events are a way for residents to dispose of hazardous materials safely at the county's Solid Waste & Recycling Main Facility, 28 County Services Road, Pittsboro.

Decals are not required, but residents will need to show their NC Driver License with their current address. HHW is only for households; no hazardous waste from businesses will be accepted.

At HHW events, the county accepts such items as paints, solvents, stains, bleach, aerosols, cleaners, pesticides, brake fluid, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, etc. For a complete list, please visit the Household Hazardous Waste webpage or contact the Solid Waste & Recycling Division at 919-542-5516.

Latex paint can be safely dried out and put in with your regular trash instead of bringing it to the Household Hazardous Waste collection. When dried and solid, latex paint can be taken to any of the 12 Collection Centers (decals required) or put in with your curbside trash. To dry it out, take off the lid and let it sit outside in a covered area. Add kitty litter or sawdust to speed up the drying process. Approximately 60 percent of the material brought to the HHW collection is liquid latex paint. It is the most costly item we collect. To save our budget for handling the more hazardous wastes, we encourage residents to dry it up for disposal.

HHW events are typically held the third Saturday of each month, March through November.

Ships named North Carolina to be focus of library presentation

The Chatham County Library is hosting a presentation later this month on the history of ships named after North Carolina.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Sion H. Harrington III, a nearly 40-year veteran of the U.S. military, will discuss the ships at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro. The program will cover the five warships that have borne the State's name; Ship-of-the-Line (1823), the Confederate ram (1863), the Armored Cruiser (ACR-12), the Battleship (1941), and currently, the nuclear submarine SSN777.

Harrington's military service included duty with the 82nd Airborne Division; XVIII Airborne Corps; 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne); the United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command; as well as, hostile fire area deployments to Grenada and Bosnia. Colonel Harrington dedicated his final working years to the collection and preservation of North Carolina military history as the Military Collection Archivist for the State Archives of North Carolina, retiring in 2011.

Colonel Harrington's presentation honors the men and women of North Carolina who have served in the military in defense of their state and nation. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at (919) 545-8084.

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EDC's Byrd leads strategy to bring jobs, investment to Chatham County

In a job she describes as sometimes feeling like a contest of “whack-a-mole,” Alyssa Byrd serves as president of Chatham Economic Development Corporation. She leads operations for the organization and is responsible for implementing strategies to promote and strengthen the economic well-being of Chatham County.

After graduating from the UNC-Chapel Hill, she joined Chatham Economic Development Corporation in 2011 and has assumed roles of increasing responsibility since. She enjoys serving the community and is active with several organizations, including Chatham Chamber of Commerce, Pittsboro Main Street, Triangle CREW, Siler City Development Organization and the Research Triangle Regional Partnership. She is also a member of the North Carolina Economic Development Association and the International Economic Development Council.

You've been at the EDC since 2011 and functioned as the president for an extended period before taking on the role officially in February. Can you talk about what your role involves and the responsibilities you have as president, and how your prior roles within the EDC prepared you for leading the organization?

I don't think my prior roles within the organization ever prepared me for the volume of emails, phone calls and meetings I have now!

Previously, I led marketing and communication efforts. I was lucky enough to work with two incredible mentors and previous EDC presidents, Dianne Reid and Kyle Touchstone. I learned firsthand two styles of leadership, management, strategic-thinking — you name it. I like to think I've adopted the best qualities of both, but I'm not even close.

My role as president is to lead the implementation of a five-year strategic economic development plan that supports our mission (more on that in a second) and to manage a public-private partnership that serves the entire county.

My day-to-day responsibilities are dynamic, and generally involve working closely with local, regional and state leaders, businesses and partner organizations like the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and Central Carolina

Community College.

An EDC's traditional role focuses on recruitment. Before we address that, though, can you give an overview of the other things you and your team (which includes Sam Rauf, the EDC's project manager) do?

Chatham EDC's mission is to bring new investment and jobs to Chatham County by recruiting established companies, supporting existing employers and nurturing entrepreneurship.

Existing businesses are an important part of Chatham County's economic health, which is why we have a team member dedicated to business retention and expansion efforts — Sam Rauf. We want Chatham County to be more than a good place to do business. We want to make it a place where businesses thrive. Sam's role is to create trusted relationships with employers and connect them with the resources they need to be successful.

While we no longer have a staff member dedicated to entrepreneurship, the Small Business Center at Central Carolina Community College is an excellent technical assistance resource for small businesses.

Our strategic plan addresses specific issues — like supporting the development of industrial sites and being a partner in workforce development — while being mindful of economic realities and community desires. And while we're driven by our strategic plan, we're guided by policies adopted by leaders in Chatham County, Siler City, Pittsboro and Goldston.

Your office recently announced the news the EG-Gilero, a Morrisville-based medical device manufacturer, was investing \$4 million to create a location in Pittsboro that would create 60 jobs. When it comes to recruiting business and industry, what's involved in attracting a company and its investment to Chatham County? What's the process like for you? What happens in the run-up to an announcement like that?

There are a lot of factors that drive a location decision by a company, but one of the biggest advantages we can create for ourselves is to build strong relationships with our partners. Economic development is a team effort, and having a good rapport with real estate brokers, elected officials, state partners and others makes working a project that much easier.

Each project is different. There are technical issues, like utility capacity, transportation access, the development

timeline and the laborshed. Other times, subjective factors like quality of life and company culture can drive a project.

For EG-GILERO, Chatham County had the asset they needed: an industrial building that matched their requirements in a location near their Morrisville headquarters. Plus, as a medical device manufacturer, they knew the Research Triangle region was a match for workforce needs.

There were a lot of pieces to the puzzle, but because of our strong partnerships, everything fit together. Chatham County supported an incentive agreement, Central Carolina Community College has connected for workforce development needs, and recently, the North Carolina Department of Commerce announced a \$300,000 building reuse grant for the company and Town of Pittsboro.

Chatham County's growth projections are well-documented, thanks to projects like Chatham Park. What does that growth in population mean for the EDC and jobs in general in Chatham?

I left the EDC for about seven months in 2016 for a role at a commercial real estate firm in Raleigh. It was a great experience and I came away with a much better understanding of factors that drive non-industrial commercial real estate development. One of the top issues is the number of rooftops and density in an area.

Businesses of all sizes need people, whether customers or employees, so they're paying close attention to the number of residential building permits and average daily traffic counts. Continued growth in our population, particularly within our towns, is going to open the door for new opportunities. More people, services and amenities will only make Chatham County more attractive for recruitment projects.

You work in a collaborative atmosphere, connecting with officials on the state and local level to move projects forward. Can you speak to the challenges, and opportunities, that this kind of work creates, and how you navigate through that process?

One thing that makes our region special is that, while we often compete with neighboring counties, we do it in the most collaborative way possible. We're a region that supports each other, from opening our playbooks for each other to cheering for each other's accomplishments.

We can't be successful if we're not operating on a regional level, and efforts



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

ALYSSA BYRD

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ALYSSA BYRD, Chatham County EDC

like the Carolina Core marketing initiative, regional water and sewer partnerships and multi-county workforce development programs are creating stronger bonds. Ultimately, regionalism builds better resiliency for our communities.

So, while economic development presents challenges that sometimes feel like whack-a-mole, there is a great sense of camaraderie from peers across the region and state who are willing to help and give advice.

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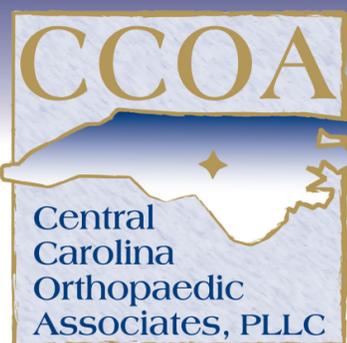
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Tuesday, May 14

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

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

Wednesday, May 15

BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Berry Parfait w/Fr Tst Sticks, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Zesty Garlic French Bread, Ham & Cheese Combo, Carrot Souffe, Celery & Cucumbers w/Dip, Rainbow Fruit Dessert Cup (**TexMex Beef w/Chips & Cheese, Chicken Grinder, Deli Club Wrap Combo, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, May 16

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Friday, May 17

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CHURCH NEWS

GETHESEMANE - MT. SINAI HOLY CHURCH

A Mother's Day service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on May 12 with mothers of the church participating.

Revival services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, May 13 through 15. Bishop Roy McKoy will be the Evangelist for the week. All will be welcome at any of these services. The church is located at 243 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek.

THE FATHER'S HOUSE MINISTRIES

A yard and craft sale is scheduled from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 18 at The Father's House Ministries closet, located at 536 Bascom Chapel Road in Robbins.

Thanks for being a part of our important ministries.

LYSTRA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Take and Wear Clothes Closet will be open from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on May 18. Anyone who needs clothes is welcome to come and shop. Everything is free! There is no advantage in arriving

before 8:45.

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

HOLLAND CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Holland Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will sponsor their annual plate selling at 11 a.m. on May 10 with fish and grilled chicken plates with sides. You may eat in or take out. Call the church office at 919-362-7831 for more information.

Rev. Elaine Thomas of New Endland A.M.E.Z. Church in Sanford, will be the guest speaker for Mother's Day, May 12, in the 10 a.m. worship service. The missionaries are asked to wear white suits with your stoles.

Sunday, May 19, Holland Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will have their annual homecoming in the 10 a.m. worship service, with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Ricky Frazier, Presiding Elder of the Durham District. Lunch will be served following that service.

The public is welcome to attend any or all of these events. The church is located at 360 Burgess Road, Apex.

CANDACE HALL HONORED

A student at Elon University and a resident of Snow Camp, Candace Hall was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest of all disciplines collegiate honor society.

NEWS BRIEFS

Walker named Chatham Chamber Ambassador of the Quarter

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Connolly Walker has been named the Ambassador of the Quarter by the Chatham Chamber of Commerce.

Walker has been part of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Team since June 2018. She is also a member of the Chamber's Young Professional Group and a participant and soon-to-be graduate of the Leadership Chatham Program.

Walker came to Chapel Hill in 2010 as an undergraduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill. She was an intern for Pam Herndon State Farm in her freshman year and became a full-time team member in 2014. She currently serves as the team leader, agent aspirant and office manager for Pam Herndon's Chatham County office.



Submitted photo

Connolly Walker

Chatham County budget proposes property tax rate increase

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne proposed a 4.19-cent property tax rate increase Monday night as part of his presentation of the draft 2019-2020 county government budget.

The proposed budget totaled \$125,027,012 in the General Fund taking into account a 67-cent property tax rate. LaMontagne proposed the tax rate increase while citing difficulties from Hurricanes Florence and Michael and continual rain throughout the year.

"Absolutely no one wanted to end up recommending a property tax increase, our first in three years," LaMontagne said in a news release. "We held the continuation budget as flat as possible and only approved the most critical departmental expansion requests, knowing that we had a perfect storm of new growth-related expenses hitting at the same time we have seen several revenue streams level off or reduce. We also have three major capital projects recently added to the Capital Improvement Plan that require new funding."

LaMontagne said development services revenue was "still good," but building inspections saw a 4 percent decrease and environmental health review revenue decreased by 15 percent. Coupled with new capital projects like expanding the Emergency Operations Center and a new Central Services building for Chatham County Schools, the tax rate increase was needed, he said.

Chatham joins surrounding counties like Wake (10 cents) and Alamance (8 cents) in proposing property tax rate increases.

Before the budget is finalized, the board will hold public hearings on May 20 in Pittsboro and May 21 in Siler City to get input and will hold work sessions on May 23 and May 30, if necessary. The county's goal is to have the budget finalized by June 17, ahead of the state deadline of June 30.

The News + Record will explore the budget further in next week's edition.

— Zachary Horner

Siler City Pharmacy offers drug takeback program for leftover household medications

SILER CITY — Siler City Pharmacy has established a medication take-back program for easy disposal of leftover, unused and out-of-date prescription and over-the-counter medications.

In an effort to help reduce the risk of drugs in the home that can potentially harm children, teens or adults, Siler City Pharmacy has set up a secure, safe drop-off location in its pharmacy at 202 E. Raleigh St. in Siler City.

Unused medications in the home are a source of drug abuse in millions of homes, with the opioid crisis in the United States fueled in part by that availability: More than 83 percent of opioid prescription medications taken by new users are obtained from a friend or relative. Overall, 192 Americans die every day from a drug overdose.

"We want to provide our community with a safe, secure opportunity to clean out their medicine cabinets in addition to making their homes and communities safer. We are proud to be the only pharmacy in town to offer this service to our community," said Angelynn Fox of Siler City Pharmacy. "We want to remind people that they should not flush drugs down the toilet. Traces of drugs can appear in community drinking water. Our drug disposal unit, which is easily accessible in the pharmacy, is a great answer to that problem and it's simple to do. All you do is come in, look for the receptacle and take it from there. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked."

Fox said there are some things that can't be taken in the receptacle, such as inhalers, liquids, and needles, but pharmacy staff will be on hand to help patients determine what can and cannot be disposed of in the receptacle. The collection receptacle will be available in the pharmacy from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Siler City Pharmacy partnered with Inmar to manage the drug take-back program. The company has a long history as the industry leader

in handling prescription and over-the-counter drug returns safely, securely and discreetly for major and regional chain drug stores and independent pharmacies and hospitals across the U.S.

Residents can learn about new voter ID requirements at upcoming seminars

The Chatham County Board of Elections will host two free public seminars this month to explain the new voter photo identification requirements that take

effect in 2020 elections.

The seminars will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 20, at the Chatham County Agriculture Conference Center, 1192 U.S. Hwy. 64 W. Business, Pittsboro.

Beginning in 2020, voters will be required to provide photo identification before they vote. This includes both in-person and by-mail voting, with some exceptions. In November 2018, North Carolina voters approved an amendment to the N.C. Constitution requiring voters to present photo ID at the polls.

As part of this education process under N.C. Session Law 2018-144, each county board of elections must hold at least two voter ID seminars before Sept. 1. Besides voter photo IDs, the seminar will cover the types of voting options (absentee-by-mail, one-stop early voting, Election Day voting, and provisional voting), the availability of free North Carolina voter ID cards for those without other options, and residency requirements for voting.

For more information on voter ID requirements in North Carolina, please visit www.ncsbe.gov/Voter-ID. If you have questions, please contact the Chatham County Board of Elections at 919-545-8500 or email elections@chathamnc.org

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SILER CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Changes coming soon for town personnel

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY—Several changes for Siler City staff were announced within the last week which include positions of top leadership.

Town Manager

Siler City's town manager Bryan Thompson announced two weeks ago that he has accepted a position with Chatham County as its

new Assistant Manager. Thompson's last day will be July 15, a date chosen to ensure that the town's budget process was complete prior to his departure. The town later announced that the town's Finance Director Roy Lynch would be taking over the role in an interim capacity following Thompson's departure. In addition to finance experience, Lynch also previously was town manager for Liberty before accepting the Finance Director job

with Siler City.

Chief of Police

Thompson announced at the Siler City Board of Commissioners' meeting on Monday that the search for a permanent Chief of Police is nearing its conclusion. He expected an announcement would be made either Friday or Monday of next week. Thompson also noted that Interim Chief Jeanne Miller had requested that last Monday would be her last day. Thompson noted that

Miller had initially been installed as interim for a time period that was estimated to be four months. However, because several offers to Police Chief candidates fell through, the process has extended for nearly a year. The board expressed its gratitude for Miller's work.

Code Enforcement Officer

At the board meeting on Monday, Thompson announced that Sergio Borrayo, the town's code

enforcement officer, will be resigning to take a position in Chatham County as an inspector, a position he had been working toward for some time, according to Thompson. The town had already been considering how the inspections department would move forward following the retirement of its long-time inspector. To cover those responsibilities, the town contracted with the inspections department at Chatham County. The town is working toward a

similar situation to cover the responsibilities of Borrayo though slightly differently. The town is working with a potential private contractor from Greensboro to negotiate services while the town determines how best to move forward. Once the negotiations are complete, the full details of the proposal will return to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

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OPIOID: Substance abuse, mental health are often connected

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tary played and told his story. Boone was just one day away from going to rehab, to finding some help for his addiction, when he died of an overdose related to Xanax.

The effect of opioids on Chatham County can perhaps be found most visibly at the high school level, but fear among law enforcement and community members is that it could spread further in the future without education.

Benzos and opioids

While Chatham's youth are partaking in opioid abuse, the No. 1 concern for some parents and the school system as a whole are "benzos."

Short for benzodiazepines, benzos are sedatives usually prescribed for anxiety or insomnia. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, benzos "work to calm or sedate a person" by raising the level of a neurotransmitter in the brain. Examples of benzos include Valium, Xanax and Klonopin. NIDA adds that more than 30 percent of opioid-involved overdoses also include benzos and that most people prescribed opioids have been prescribed benzos concurrently. The effect has been so drastic that the CDC issued new guidelines for opioid prescribing in 2016 recommending separating the prescriptions, if necessary.

Rob Schooley is the School Health, Physical Education and Wellness Instructional Program Facilitator for Chatham County Schools. He said that many students are hearing about medicines like Xanax from TV shows and commercials

and get interested. "But it's been overshadowed by the opioid epidemic," Schooley said. "Withdrawal from benzos is actually more dangerous."

Julie Cummins said at April's opioid event in Goldston that many kids don't get scared by Xanax and similar medicines.

"They seem to have a decent understanding, at least when they're starting out, that oxycontin (and other opioids), 'That stuff will kill me,'" Cummins said. "But Xanax is in every song that kids hear on the radio, it's in every fun teenage movie that they go to see in the movies. It's around us all the time."

She added that some pills are made to look like Xanax but have fentanyl, a dangerous and sometimes deadly opioid, in them.

"These are prescriptions and they are very dangerous," she said. "These are not things you're supposed to be on long-term."

A heroin problem

Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control show that opioid prescriptions are going down, in the country, state and county. But law enforcement officials fear the next wave: heroin.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the number of people dying nationwide from overdoses involving heroin has risen from 2,399 in 2007 to 15,482 in 2017. The agency added that "the increase in deaths involving heroin is driven by the use of fentanyl." The Drug Policy Alliance says roughly 4.9 million people in the U.S. reported using heroin at least once in their lifetime.

Heroin is a semi-syn-

thetic opioid, derived from morphine, that was created in 1874 and first released as an over-the-counter drug in 1895 as a cough suppressant. But the addictive nature of the drug led to its ban in 1924.

The 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment, a project of the Chatham County Health Department and Chatham Health Alliance, reported that 1.7 percent of county residents said they had a friend or family member who used heroin at least once in the last 12 months. Of Chatham County students, there was no specific statistic on heroin use, but 27.2 percent of high schoolers said they had "offered, sold or given an illegal drug on school property in the past 12 months" in a 2017 survey, along with 5.7 percent of middle schoolers.

Since heroin has many of the same qualities as opioids, law enforcement officials like county Sheriff Mike Roberson said it could be the next big problem in Chatham, as nearby communities like Sanford and Durham are already struggling. The Lee County Sheriff's Office reported arrests of six individuals on five occasions in March for heroin possession within the county and at least one more in April, and in February, ABC11 reported that six people were arrested by the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Carrboro and Chapel Hill police departments as part of a heroin and fentanyl trafficking ring bust.

"We have heroin here, but it's not to the extent it could be if we don't get on this issue," Roberson said at the Goldston event.

Sgt. Ronnie Miller from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office said nearly all of the heroin in

the county has fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50-100 times more powerful than morphine, in it.

"Once these pills get hard to find, (people) may turn to heroin," Miller said. "A percentage of those people will turn to heroin, and we have to think about that."

Getting needed help

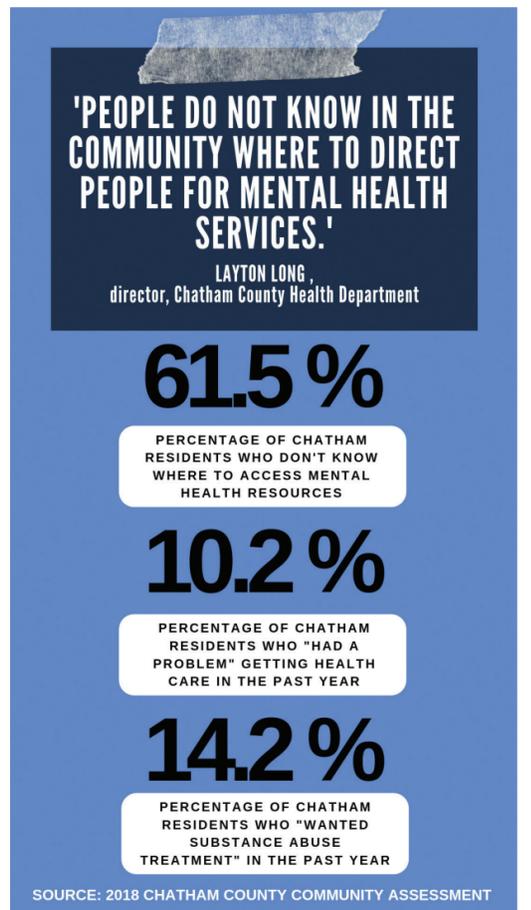
Substance abuse and mental health counseling are often linked. Layton Long, Chatham's public health director, made the connection at the meeting in Goldston.

"People do not know in the community where to direct people for mental health services," Long said. "It's important for people like yourselves to come out and learn about it so you can communicate it to the people you connect with."

County leaders have expressed concerns in recent years over access to healthcare as a barrier for the county's well-being in general. The CCHA listed "access to comprehensive health services" as the "top issue affecting Chatham County" and the "seventh-leading issue affecting quality of life for Chatham residents."

Just 39.5 percent of residents surveyed said they "know where to access mental health services." Out of the 14.2 percent of residents who wanted substance abuse treatment in the past five years, 85.3 percent got the help they sought.

For some, treatment can be the different between life and death. Anna Stanley, program director at Chatham Recovery, said any addiction to any drug is usually not the only issue facing someone, and that her organization places a lot



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

of focus on mental health counseling.

"Most of those addicted are not addicted in a vacuum," Stanley said. "We think it's really important to treat the whole person."

Long said that treatment is an option for people, but it's expensive and "there's not enough money" out there for it.

"But you can come out on the other side with a positive outcome," he said. "If you're not able to get into treatment,

you're not getting cured. If you're not able to stay in treatment, you're not getting cured."

COMING NEXT WEEK: What is Chatham County doing to try to combat the opioid epidemic? For most, it's about education and awareness. Read about that and more in next week's News + Record.

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or more than average income in households in the west

Those living in the less affluent “west” are up to 10 times more likely to live below the poverty line, particularly if they’re a child or a senior citizen.

Those stark differences will be the subject of an event called “One Chatham,” a community conversation sponsored by Our Chatham and the News + Record, on May 15. It’s free to attend and the public is invited.

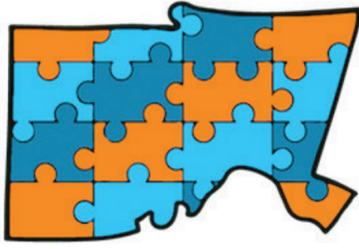
At the town hall-type event, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Holmes Room of the Chatham Community Library, five local panelists will talk about the socioeconomic differences and field questions from the audience.

“We know Chatham County is growing, but if we’re not addressing inequality and inequity, we don’t have a strong foundation for that growth,” said Alyssa Byrd, the president of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation and one of the event’s panelists.

“Our hope through Our Chatham is to create a real dialogue with such a diverse community, no matter if that diversity is color, religion, economic or social status,” said Eric Ferkenhoff, a lecturer at UNC and a journalist with 27 years’ worth of experience who oversees the Our Chatham project. “There are gaps in understanding between people of different groups, neighborhoods and sides of the county.”

One Chatham is Our Chatham’s first foray into taking the dialogue into a live public forum.

“With One Chatham, we’re firming up this commitment by partnering with the News



OUR CHATHAM

+ Record and bringing the stakeholders in this vast area together,” Ferkenhoff said. “We are strongly hoping that May 15 is not a one-time deal. We want to continue the conversation, online, in person and through such events well into the future on a range of issues that are important not to us, but to the community.”

Alexis Allston, Our Chatham’s project manager, has organized the One Chatham event. She’s graduating this month from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in reporting, as well as a second major in political science, and will start her professional career with the Texas Tribune this summer.

“We’ve heard from many of our readers that economic inequality between east and west Chatham County has continued to grow,” she said. “The issue is more relevant than ever with the upcoming construction of Chatham Park, a development sure to bring affluent newcomers to east Chatham. Economic disparity in Chatham County affects the availability of affordable housing, the quality of schools, and drives up the cost of living in west Chatham and Siler City due to the presence of wealth in east Chatham.”

Tami Schwerin, the executive director of Abundance NC, based in

Pittsboro, will be one of the five panelists. She said community perspective was vital in the conversation.

“In order to have solutions, we need perspectives from all corners,” she said. “I would love to see all the weavers, the local politicians, municipalities, the non-profits and the small businesses at the table to bring everyone together. The more diverse the better. Change is coming. That is the only thing we can be sure of and as Chatham hits this growth, we have an opportunity to create something exceptional. Let’s make it beautiful and equitable.”

News + Record Publisher and Editor Bill Horner III, who will help moderate One Chatham, said the event’s goals are to help people in Chatham County understand what the problem is, how it impacts the county as a whole and to begin dialogue about specific ways to address the challenges created by socioeconomic inequality.

“We’re calling it ‘One Chatham’ because even though Chatham residents on either end of the socioeconomic scale have a difficult time relating to those on the opposite end, we’re still a part of one Chatham County,” he said. “We’re looking to provide a forum to help the community as

a whole create a shared vision for what Chatham could be.”

Ferkenhoff said Chatham’s diverse population should be celebrated, as should the opportunity to use education as an equalizer.

“We hope this forum helps to open eyes and bring a new level of understanding to the problems — but just as important, the solutions — that are there,” he said.

“We hope to see as many people as possible at the One Chatham community discussion,” Allston said. “A diverse set of voices will provide the best chance to brainstorm tangible solutions to the economic disparity issues that Chatham County is facing right now.”

Schwerin agrees, saying community resilience is at stake.

“We are only as secure as our least secure residents and community members,” she said. “In order to have truly resilient communities, we must look at everyone’s socioeconomic situation. We are all connected. I believe the answer is in addressing scarcity and working towards abundance. Abundance of time, money and resources and love.”

Byrd encouraged those interested in Chatham’s future to attend.

“Personally, I’m looking forward to the event and learning more from panelists,” she said. “Chatham County is a bedroom community — more than half of our local workforce commutes out of the county for work each day — and that changes

how people interact and participate within their community. I would really encourage those residents to join us — be part of the conversation and see the work that happens here each day to strengthen our present and future.”

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WHAT: One Chatham, a town hall-type community conversation featuring five panelists, an audience Q&A session and a discussion about socioeconomic inequality in Chatham County

SPONSORED BY: Our Chatham, a project of the UNC School of Media and Journalism, and the Chatham News + Record

WHEN: 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15

WHERE: The Holmes Room of Chatham Community Library, 179 Hwy. 87 N. in Pittsboro

WHO: Featuring a panel of speakers including Alyssa Byrd, president of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation; Paul Cuadros, an award-winning investigative reporter and executive director of the UNC Scholars’ Latino Initiative; Susan Levy of the Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; Tami Schwerin, the executive director for Abundance NC; and Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, a policy analyst for Chatham County

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Taking one for the team

Jordan Matthew's Diana Mendoze defends against Providence Grove's Jordan Waugh in the first quarter of play during Senior Night at Jordan-Matthews in Siler City. The Jets defeated the Knights 6-2.

Jets edge Warriors in state playoff play-in game

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RANDLEMAN — Pencil Jordan-Matthews into the NCHSAA 2A State Playoffs as the Jets survived a wild affair with Wheatmore in Randleman on Thursday afternoon to take a 12-11 victory in a showdown to decide third place out of the 2A PAC 7 Conference.

Jordan-Matthews looked in full control of the game after erupting for six runs in the second to go up 6-0 before adding four more in

the third to take a 10-3 advantage.

Wheatmore responded with eight runs in the top of the fourth to take an 11-10 lead before J-M tied the game with a run in the bottom of the fourth, and pushed across the game-winner in the sixth with three consecutive two-out singles by Huston Causey, Seth Moore and Thomas Smith.

Luke Hinshaw hit one batter in the top of the seventh but retired the next two outs on a

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Woods Charter routs Cornerstone 9-0 in CTH soccer action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Elena Ising pumped in three goals Friday afternoon to spark Woods Charter to a 9-0 rout of

Cornerstone in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference action.

Woods Charter (8-4, 10-6) torched Cornerstone (2-9, 4-12) for six goals in the opening half en route to the easy win. Elise Moses added a pair

of goals for the Wolves while Anna Mitchell, Eloise Maclean and Danielle Vaughn chipped in a goal apiece.

Alex Christian worked all 51 minutes in goal to get the win.

Reigning conference champ Lady Bears repeat, defeat Lady Knights

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — A pair of costly Chatham Charter infield errors in the bottom of the fifth opened the door for Chatham Central to snap a 1-1 stalemate with a four-run uprising while Raynee Redington held the Lady Knights hitless over the final six innings as the regular-season Central Tar Heel 1A Conference champion Lady Bears captured the league's tournament title as well with a 5-1 victory Thursday night on the winners' field.

Improving to 8-0 all-time against its county rival, Chatham Central raised its overall record to 14-3, while Chatham Charter slipped to 11-6 for the year.

Redington allowed both of the Lady Knights' hits and their lone run in the top of the first before limiting Chatham Charter to just one base runner the rest of the way to earn the win in a complete-game outing.

The junior right-hander issued one walk and fanned a dozen batters to match her season-high while throwing a total of 110 pitches, including 76 (69 percent) for strikes.

"I had a goal coming into this game to reach 100 strikeouts for the year and dug down deep to reach it," said Redington, who finished the evening with a total of 108 whiffs so far this season. "My teammates did a great job backing me up by making no mistakes in the field whenever Chatham Charter put the ball in play."

Lady Bears' coach Jimmy Rodriguez related the two big keys to the victory were Redington's effort on the mound and his team's aggressiveness on the



Submitted photo

Chatham Central celebrated the defense of its 1A Central Tar Heel Conference tournament title in softball last Thursday night in Bear Creek with a 5-1 triumph over Chatham Charter.

base paths.

"Raynee threw the ball hard and did a nice job hitting her spots," he said, "while we took advantage of our speed when we loaded the bases in the bottom of the fifth to break the

game open."

Lady Knights' hurler Taylor Poe also went the distance on the hill and suffered the loss after giving up six hits while walking one and fanning two, with only two of the five runs

she surrendered being earned. The freshman right-hander tossed a total of 86 pitches, including 48 (56 percent) for strikes.

"I thought Taylor pitched a good game but errors were

the difference, and that's been our story all year," remarked Chatham Charter coach Jennifer Dameron. "With only one senior and one junior on

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Sliding for home

Northern Durham's Jessie Woller gets ready for the late-arriving ball as Northwood's Jamie Christensen watches teammate Erika Seils sliding into the plate in the bottom of the fourth inning.

N. Guilford knocks off Chargers in opening round

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BROWN SUMMIT — Despite a valiant effort here on Thursday night, the Northwood boys lacrosse team fell 12-10 to Northern Guilford in opening round action of the NCHSAA 1A/2A/3A State Playoffs.

Northwood closes the season at 7-7 overall while Northern Guilford improves to 13-2 overall and was scheduled to host Chapel Hill in second round play on Tuesday back in Brown Summit.

Lars Hoeg and Nate Little went out with a bang as the senior Chargers duo each recorded three goals in the loss with Hoeg adding three assists and Little another assist.

Jake Mann chipped in two goals and an assist for Northwood while Dustin Egnaczak also added two goals.

In the field, Sam Kellam had a nice game for the Chargers with five ground balls while Andrew Norman recorded nine saves in goal while working all 48 minutes.

Saturday was our town, our community, our county — and it's state playoff time!



DON BEANE
Sports Editor

Some friends and I have gotten quite a lot of chuckles this week after listening to many from outside the county talk about how surprised they were that the Siler City Chicken Festival on Saturday was

Well done!

Now I know there was a lot of great food, but I could only eat so much, and thank God I chose the BBQ chicken cooked by David Martin and Gees Grove Church. Now I've been an owner of a catering business, and cooking BBQ chicken the right way is not as easy as it seems. But David and Gees Grove did it right, the best I've eaten in a LONG time. And Kendrick Williams down at Walmart reported to me that the fish was just as good, and I would assume the BBQ was a well, so it was a good day!

I also enjoyed hearing David Hart getting on the Ferris wheel, despite his fear of heights. After about what had to be at least an agonizing 30-minute wait, the Dave Man pulled it off. He, Barry Hayes and WNCA have always been first class in representing Chatham County and Saturday was certainly no exception; they were second to none.

Other great sights for me were all the youngsters playing games and having such a great time, and all the churches that showed up continuing to display that they are a backbone of such events and the county.

Of course, seeing a lot of guys that I've coached and that are like my kids such as Cliff Brooks, Derrick Lee, Brandon Blakely, Cody Duncan, and seeing them with

their families and friends, was and is always a blessing.

Some pleasant surprises were all my classmates that I saw such as Sheila Joyce, Angela Brookbank, Barden Moody, Joe Fox, and Freddie Blakely. And I used maiden names, sorry girls (and sorry to you too, Sam Burgess, but we shared enough "p'ircles" (inside remains of a pizza circle) and barely made it to work at 1 p.m. at the Siler City Swimming Pool so many times one summer that you can forgive me this once). It really was great to see them, and I did hear Trent Thrift was also there.

As far as sports goes, the county baseball, soccer and softball teams will be in playoff mode this week, so be sure to support these locals athletes as Jordan-Matthews, Chatham Central, Chatham Charter and Northwood all qualified in baseball, Chatham Central, Northwood and Chatham Charter (first time ever — congrats Knights and Coach Jennifer Dameron) qualified in softball, and Woods Charter, Northwood and Jordan-Matthews made the states in girls soccer. It's always a great time watching our Chatham County student-athletes show what they can do against teams from across the state! So good luck to all of them!

such a success. Well, simply put, it was Siler City and the surrounding communities, and exactly what they are.

So often mis-portrayed, Siler City and West Chatham are, and have been, a great community and areas of all races and ethnicities that get along, live in harmony, go to school together, go to church together, play sports together, hit the gym together, work together. It truly seemed to surprise some.

As was the fact that around 5,000 people attended, which made it reminiscent of the early Siler City Chicken Festivals.

The event itself was outstanding. Hats off to Mayor John Grimes, the Siler City Recreation Department — and all that were so involved to make it such a success.

First things first, David Martin, I told you I would give you a shout out, and here it is brother!



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Janet Solano gets through defenders in recent high school action.

Carrboro blanks Jordan-Matthews in girls' soccer

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

CARRBORO — Carrboro dished out a king-sized whipping on visiting Jordan-Matthews Thursday night in area girls soccer action in Orange County.

Entering as the 10th-ranked 2A team in the state, Carrboro (13-1-2) took the non-conference win 6-0 over Jordan-Matthews (12-7) in a contest which saw the host Jaguars net three goals in each half.

Dani Kaufman-Sedano and Julia Conner each scored two goals for the victorious Jaguars while Bryn Holt-Ling and Sarah Wesley added a goal apiece.

Taking the win in goal for Carrboro was Lucy Daniels with three saves while Savannah DePaz added three saves.

Yasmin Rivera and Jennifer Parroquin played well for the Jets offensively while Hannah Jones captured five saves while taking the loss in the net.

Staley hurls no-hitter in Bears victory over rival Knights

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Caleb Staley came within two pitches of hurling a perfect game in holding Chatham Charter without a hit while league-leading Chatham Central took advantage of seven errors by the Knights to nab a 4-0 Central Tar Heel 1A Conference victory Wednesday night on the losers' field.

The triumph elevated the Bears to 6-0 atop the league standings and 9-7 overall, while Chatham Charter sank to 7-2 in the conference and 8-4 for the year.

Becoming the first Chatham Central pitcher to toss a no-hitter since Zack Burke accomplished the feat against South Davidson on April 28, 2014, Staley matched his season high of 12 strikeouts while only permitting a pair of base runners.

After issuing a full-count walk to Jaron Hendrickson leading off the bottom of the second and plunking Noah Carter on a 1-2 pitch with two away in the same inning, the senior southpaw retired the last 16 batters he faced while throwing a total of 95 pitches, including 62 (65 percent) for strikes.

"I felt real comfortable on the mound tonight," said Staley. "I threw mainly fast balls and had confidence that my teammates would make plays behind me in the field, and they did."

Bears' coach Brett Walden remarked it was important to get a complete game from Staley with his team playing three games in three days. "I felt like Caleb understood the magnitude of



Chatham Central's Caleb M. Staley lets one fly fast and true towards the plate in recent high school action in Siler City. Staley pitched a no-hitter, the first for the Bears since 2014.

Staff photo by David Bradley

the game and didn't try to do too much other than just pitch," Walden said.

"He worked ahead for the most part so they had to try and hit his pitch. When he throws well we have a chance to win games where we aren't great offensively."

Freshman Landon Hussey started on the hill for the Knights and suffered the loss after the left-hander allowed six hits and three runs (one earned) while fanning two.

Reliever Connor Murphy threw the final two frames and gave up one hit plus an unearned run besides whiffing one.

"I didn't think Landon pitched all that bad, but mistakes in the field killed us," said Chatham Charter coach Bill Slaughter. "If we make the routine plays it could

have been a 1-0 ball game. Staley was in control all night and did a great job. We just didn't have an answer for him because we couldn't get anybody on base and put any pressure on him."

Chatham Central gave Staley all the offensive support he needed when the Bears forged a 1-0 advantage in the top of the second. Jackson Gray notched a one-out infield single, went to second when Holden Johnson bunted his way on base and came in to score on a throwing error.

The winners boosted their lead to 2-0 in the visitors' fourth as Carter Fuquay opened the inning by reaching first when his infield pop-up was dropped.

After Fuquay advanced to second when Drew Cox reached on a

throwing error, Gray sacrificed both runners up a base prior to Zach Ritter bringing Fuquay home with a sacrifice fly to center.

Chatham Central stretched its advantage to 3-0 in the top of the fifth as Michael Moore lined a leadoff base hit to center and was sacrificed to second by Tyson Measamer before Staley helped his own cause by stroking a run-scoring opposite-field double to left.

The Bears then proceeded to plate the game's final run in the visitors' seventh. Lofton Dodson led off the frame by grounding an opposite-field single to right and raced to third as Moore reached on an infield miscue prior to dashing home when Measamer lofted a sacrifice fly to center.

Bears put exclamation point on CTH title

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BURLINGTON — Chatham Central is officially the 2019 Central Tar Heel Conference baseball champions — exclamation point.

The Bears overwhelmed host River Mill 18-3 on Thursday afternoon to close league play at 12-0 while moving to 15-7 overall.

Chatham Central exploded for nine runs in the top of the first and never looked back in taking the laughter.

The locals would lead 10-1 after two innings, 11-3 after three, 14-3 after four, before adding four more runs in the fifth to make the final 18-3.

Carson Brewer paced the Chatham Central effort at the plate with a 2-for-2 outing that included two runs, three RBI, and a double while Colin Lagenor was 3-for-5 with a run and three RBI.

Adding a 2-for-4 effort with two runs, two RBI and a double was Drew Cox while Lofton Dodson was 1-for-2 with two runs, hit by a pitch and two RBI, Jackson Gray 1-for-3 with an RBI-double, Zack Ritter

1-for-3 with a run, Holden Johnson 1-for-1 with three runs, an RBI, a double and two walks, Riley Lagenor 1-for-2 with two runs, an RBI, a walk and a home run, and Micah Gurley 1-for-1 with a run, hit by a pitch, and an RBI.

Gurley picked up the win on the mound for the Bears after working three innings and allowing four hits, three runs (two earned), six walks and striking out four.

Brewer notched the save after going the final two innings and yielding one hit, one walk and whiffing a pair.

River Mill was paced by Avery Dorsett as the plate who went 2-for-2 with a run while Antonio Bowden was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Dorsett suffered the loss on the hill for the Jaguars after lasting .2 innings and allowing three hits, seven runs (five earned), and three walks while Will Hatchel allowed a walk and hit in .1 innings of work, and Dustin Moorefield four hits, eight runs (four earned), four walks and three strikeouts in four innings pitched.

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the roster I feel like we've come a long way with such a young squad to put ourselves on the threshold of making a first-ever state playoff appearance in just our third year of existence."

The Lady Knights jumped out to a 1-0 advantage their initial turn at the plate as Taylor Jones belted a one-out double to the left field fence and scored one out later on Sydney Bowman's base hit to left.

Chatham Central answered with a run in its half of the first as Mary Grace Murchison and Bailey Barker slapped back-to-back one-out singles to left and Olivia Hudson reached on an infield error to load the bases before Maddy Elkins brought in Murchison with a sacrifice fly to center.

The teams then battled through three scoreless innings prior to the Lady Bears putting together their game-winning rally in the home fifth.

Lindsey Johnson led off the frame by reaching first when her routine ground-

er to the right side of the infield was bobbled and advanced to second on a wild pitch.

Johnson then held her position at second as Gracie Gaines blooped a base hit to center before Lindsay Polston's potential double-play grounder up the middle was misplayed, filling the sacks.

After Johnson dashed home on a wild pitch to give Chatham Central the lead for good, Redington drew a free pass to reload the bases.

With all three people on base running on the next pitch, Murchison pushed a perfectly-executed bunt between first and second with the defense out of position, allowing her to reach first while Gaines, Polston and Redington all came in to score.

"We work on bunts all the time in practice, and Mary Grace had good control as to where to place the ball to catch Chatham Charter off-guard," explained Rodriguez. "With all three base runners on the move they all had time to score before the defense was able to react."

Redington then proceeded to retire the Lady Knights in order over the last two innings to seal the triumph.



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Chargers tame Chapel Hill in conference baseball

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — Northwood pounded Chapel Hill 13-5 on Tuesday afternoon in Orange County to capture a key 3A Big Eight Conference clash in area high school baseball action.

The Chargers struck for a run in the third to take the lead for good behind a single to right by Brandon Crabtree, walks to Tyler Johnson and Dylan Hitt, and a sacrifice fly to center by Michael Posse to give the locals a 1-0 advantage.

In the fourth, Northwood erupted for six runs to race in front 7-0. All six runs came

with two outs and the uprising was started when Chapel Hill hurler Porter Loneyan plunked Quin Powell with a pitch.

From there, the onslaught was on as Crabtree walked, Johnson was intentionally walked, and Hitt smacked a two-run double to left to send the Chargers up 3-0. Moments later Posse walked, Deuce Powell belted a two-run single to left, Beau Weathers was hit by a pitch, and a Tiger error allowed Posse and Powell to score.

Trailing 7-0, Chapel Hill showed some grit and responded with four runs in the home half of the fourth highlighted by a single by T. J. Zimmerman

and a bases clearing triple to center by Jackson Snider.

Northwood kept the pressure on, however, and sent across three more runs in the fifth to push the lead back to 10-4. A bunt single by Crabtree coupled with a Chapel Hill error led to the runs, all unearned.

After a Solomon Donaldson triple in the bottom of the frame led to a run for the Tigers to trim the deficit to 10-5, the Chargers added three insurance runs in the top of the seventh to make the final 13-5. Johnson had a double to lead things off before Hitt added a single, and Justin Szczypinski an RBI-single in the uprising.

Brandon Powell led the Northwood offensive attack with a 2-for-3 day that included three runs scored and a walk while Deuce Powell chipped in a 2-for-4 outing with two runs, three RBI and a walk.

Also for the Chargers, Hitt was 2-for-4 with two runs, three RBI, a double and a walk while Tyler Johnson was 1-for-3 with three runs, and RBI, a double and two walks. Quinn Powell 1-for-4 with two runs, and Szczypinski 1-for-5. Hitt, Weathers and Tyler Johnson each stole a base.

Picking up the win on the mound for the Chargers was Tyler Johnson who went three

innings and allowed two hits and a walk.

Hitt also worked two innings and yielded three hits, five runs, and one walk while Szczypinski went two innings and allowed one hit, one walk and struck out one.

Chapel Hill was led at the plate by Snider who was 1-for-3 with a run, a triple and three RBI.

Loneyan took the loss after going 3.2 innings 81 and allowing 3 hits, 5 runs, and striking out 4.

Matt White worked 3.1 innings in relief and allowed 6 hits, 8 runs (4 earned), 2 walks and fanned 1.

Jordan-Matthews girls pick up pair of 2A PAC 7 Conference wins

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Jordan-Matthews girls soccer team picked up pair of 2A PAC 7 Conference wins last week in Siler City over Providence Grove and Wheatmore.

On Wednesday evening, the Lady Jets trounced Providence Grove 6-2 behind two goals apiece from Jennifer Parroquin and Iris Grandos.

Jordan-Matthews (9-2, 12-6) broke open a 1-all game at the break with five second-half goals.

Ashley Ruiz and Yared Zagada each chipped in a goal for the Jets while Brisa Romero added an assist.

Providence Grove (4-7, 6-10) out-shot received a Jordan Waugh goal in the opening period and an Alisha Holt score in the second to lead the visitors offensively.

Hannah Jones earned the win in goal for the Jets after working all 80 minutes and making eight saves while Sarah Jackson suffered the loss for the Patriots after going the distance in goal and making 17 saves.

Earlier in the week on Monday night, Jordan-Matthews edged Wheatmore 2-1 in a key conference clash in Trinity.

The Jets scored in the second half to break a 1-all tie at the half and

take the 2-1 win.

Parroquin continued a spectacular sophomore campaign with two goals for J-M while Grandos collected an assist on one Parroquin goal and Diana Mendoza an assist on the other.

Tyler Comer scored the lone goal for the host Warriors off an assist from Emma Baynard.

In goal for the Jets, Jones went all 80 minutes and recorded nine saves to get the win while Kristina Ell suffered the loss for the Warriors after going 65 minutes and giving up two goals and making four saves. Victoria Lowe spent the final 15 minutes in goal for Wheatmore and collected a save.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Janet Solano gets ready for a header as Providence Grove's Alisha Holt, JM's Ashley Ruiz and Grove's Taylor Waugh look for the next play.

Chatham Central sweeps Cornerstone in diamond play

BY DON BEANE
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BEAR CREEK — Chatham Central took a double header sweep of Cornerstone Wednesday evening in Bear Creek in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference play.

In the opener, the Bears rode the arm of Michael Moore who

fired a five-inning, one-hitter than included five strikeouts and a walk.

The Moore effort trumped a great outing by Cornerstone ace Max Green who went four innings and allowed one hit, one run, walked two and fanned two.

Carter Fuquay scored the winning run in the bottom of

the fourth after singling and later scoring on a base hit from Riley Lagenor.

Moore had the only other hit the Bears while Drew Clark was 1-for-2 to lead the Cardinal at the plate.

In the nightcap, the Chatham Central pitching was strong once again as Caleb Staley allowed just two hits and a walk

in the five inning 4-0 victory while striking out five.

The Bears plated three runs in the first and then another in the third to cruise to the 4-0 win.

Colin Lagenor was 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Chatham Central offensively while Moore was 2-for-3 with a run, Cox 1-for-2 with an RBI, Staley

1-for-3 with two RBI, and Tyson Measamer 1-for-3.

Nathan Townsend and Johnny Dean were each 1-for-2 in the loss for Cornerstone while Jaron Henderson suffered the defeat on the hill after going all five innings and allowing eight hits, four runs (three earned), no walks and fanning three.

Johnson mound gem lifts Northwood past Chapel Hill

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Tyler Johnson hurled a complete game Thursday night to lift Northwood over Chapel Hill 3-1 in a crucial 3A Big Eight Conference tilt.

Northwood (11-4) answered a run by Chapel

Hill (7-7, 9-10) in the first inning with two in the home half of the frame to give Johnson all the support he would need before the locals added an insurance run in the fourth.

The visiting Tigers scored in the first behind a Solomon Donaldson walk, a NW error, and an RBI-single by Will Eble.

The Chargers responded with two runs in the bottom of the first without recording a hit.

Dylan Hitt drew a one-out walk before Michael Posse reached on an error, Eble hit Deuce Powell and Beau Weathers to drive a Hitt, and Posse later scored on an RBI-ground-out from Justin Szczypinski.

Johnson would allow singles to Connor Basset, Trevor Liebe, and Will Epstein in the top of the third but would get out of the bases-loaded jam by coaxing a two-out fly ball by T. J. Zimmerman to Landon Johnson in center field.

Northwood made Chapel Hill pay for the missed opportunity in the bottom of the fourth when the Chargers used walks to Quin Powell and Tyler Johnson

and an RBI-single to center by Hitt to go up 3-1.

Tyler Tachman would lead off the seventh with a single to left for the Tigers and Donaldson would single to left two outs later to give the visitors one last chance with runners at the corners.

Johnson bowed his neck, however, and closed the contest by getting Liebe to line sharply to Posse at third on a 1-1 count to send the Chargers to the 3-1 triumph.

Johnson scattered six hits in the seven innings to get the win while walking just one and striking out three.

Northwood managed just one hit at the plate by Hitt to deal Eble a tough loss after he worked just .2 innings and allowed two earned runs while walking one and hitting a pair of Chargers. Zimmerman went 5.1 innings and allowed one hit, one run, four walks and struck out four.

Donaldson led the Tigers at the plate with a 1-for-3 effort that included a run and a walk while Tachman, Zimmerman and Basset were all 1-for-3.

Bears maul River Mill in regular season finale

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BURLINGTON — Chatham Central made short work of River Mill in softball Tuesday afternoon as the Bears mauled the host Jaguars 15-0 in a five-inning, 1A Central Tar Heel Conference affair.

The contest was the regular season finale for both clubs as Chatham Central will take a 12-0 CTH mark and a 12-3 record overall into the league tournament.

River Mill, meanwhile, closes the season at 1-11 in the conference and at 3-12 overall.

Chatham Central bolted to an early 2-0 advantage after one before tacking on three runs in the second, four in the third, five in the fourth and one more in the fifth to cruise to the easy win.

Olivia Hudson led the Bears offensively on Tuesday with a 3-for-5 effort that included two runs, five RBI and a double while Bailey Barker

was 2-for-2 with four runs scored, three RBI, two doubles and three walks.

Adding another multiple hit game for the locals was Addie Fields who went 2-for-2 with two runs while Raynee Redington was 1-for-02 with two runs, an RBI and a walk, Carmen Edwards 1-for-2 with a run and a double, Mary Grace Murchison 1-for-3 with four runs, an RBI, a double and two walks, Lauren Collins 1-for-3 with two RBI, Gracie Gaines 1-for-2 with a run, Madelyn Elkins 1-for-3 with an RBI, Lauren Oldham 1-for-2 with two walks, and Lindsey Johnson had two RBI.

Chatham Central stole 10 bases on the day led by Redington with four, Barker and Murchison with two each, and Collins and Oldham with one apiece.

Oldham went all five innings to get the win and allowed seven hits, three runs, two walks and struck out six.

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pop up and a strikeout to seal the Jordan-Matthews victory.

Singles by Moore, Hinshaw and Chris Rios and a double by Camden Fuquay highlighted the six-run second for J-M while doubles by Moore and Carson Rickman, and singles by Hinshaw and Smith sparked the four-run third.

Trailing 11-10 in the bottom of the fourth, Jordan-Matthews would tie the game when Samuel Murchison reached on an error, moved all the

way to third on a sacrifice bunt from Causey, and scored on a sacrifice fly to right by Moore.

Moore led the Jordan-Matthews offense in the win with a 3-for-3 effort that included two runs, two RBI, a double and a sacrifice fly while Hinshaw was 2-for-3 with a run and two RBI.

Nick Halo led the Wheatmore offensive attack with a 2-for-4 outing that included two runs scored, three RBI and a walk while Hunter Smith was 2-for-3 with a run, an RBI and a walk.

Hinshaw took the win on the mound for the Jets while Camden Wishon suffered the loss on the hill for the Warriors.

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Chatham Central mashes Chatham Charter 15-2 to defend 1A CTH crown

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Taking advantage of 13 walks and five extra-base hits, Chatham Central broke open a close game by plating four runs in the top of the fourth before exploding for nine runs in the fifth to turn the contest into a rout as the Bears frolicked to a 15-2 five-inning run-ruled 1A Central Tar Heel Conference triumph over Chatham Charter Monday evening on the losers' field to wrap up the CTH regular-season title for the second straight year.

Spoiling the Knights' Senior Night while defeating its host for the third time in six days, Chatham Central swept the season series to climb to 9-0 in the league standings and 12-7 overall, whereas Chatham Charter fell to 7-4 in the conference and 8-6 for the year.

Bears' starting pitcher Carson Brewer hurled three innings to get credit for the win, allowing three hits and

one earned run while striking out one.

Riley Lagenor tossed the final two innings in relief and gave up a pair of hits and one earned run besides fanning two.

"Our guys were focused and knew what was at stake tonight (winning the conference title), and they really wanted to get a three-game sweep against their county rival," said Chatham Central coach Brett Walden. Carson and Riley both threw well this evening, and even though we had good approaches at the plate and were aggressive with the bat, it was a tight game until we finally busted it open in the fourth."

Carter Phillips opened on the hill for the Knights and took the loss after yielding three hits and a pair of earned runs while issuing one free pass in two-plus innings of work.

Chatham Charter relievers Trevor Golden, Cameron Kennedy, Tanner Kidd and Jaron Hendrickson combined to pitch the last three innings and

collectively surrendered seven hits and 13 runs (12 earned) in addition to walking a dozen batters and whiffing three.

"With our two top pitchers unavailable, I knew we would use four or five guys on the mound tonight," said Knights' coach Bill Slaughter.

"Not only did Chatham Central's pitchers do a good job silencing our bats this evening," said Slaughter, "but with all the walks we gave up we didn't give ourselves a chance to win."

The Bears seized a 1-0 advantage in the top of the second as leadoff batter Caleb Staley tripped to the right field fence and scored when Carter Fuquay lashed a base hit down the left field line.

Chatham Central increased its lead to 2-0 in the visitors' third as Lofton Dodson rapped a leadoff single to center prior to the Bears loading the bases on free passes issued to Michael Moore and Staley before Fuquay coaxed a walk to force in Dodson.

Chatham Charter responded with a solo run in its half of the frame to close the gap to 2-1 as Golden led off with an opposite-field base hit to right and came in to score two outs later when Jacob Brannon stroked a double into the left field corner.

But Chatham Central then sent 10 batters to the plate in the top of the fourth and tallied four runs to stretch its advantage to 6-1.

Drew Cox drew a full-count leadoff walk and stole second prior to advancing to third when Hunter Strickland bunted his way on base.

Following Dodson's bloop single to left that scored Cox, Moore walked on four pitches to fill the sacks.

After Strickland came in to score when Tyson Measamer hit into a double play, Staley belted an opposite-field double to left to drive in Dodson.

A walk and a hit batter then reloaded the bases prior to Lagenor receiving a full-count free pass to force in Staley.

The winners paraded 14 batters to the plate in the visitors' fifth and proceeded to extend their lead to 15-1 as Dodson reached on a one-out infield error before walks to Moore and Measamer filled the bases.

Staley's two-run single to right drove in Dodson and Moore, and following a walk to Fuquay that once again filled the sacks, back-to-back free passes issued to Collin Lagenor and Riley Lagenor brought in Measamer and Staley.

Cox then smashed a bases-clearing double into the left field corner prior to Strickland drawing a full-count walk. Dodson followed with a double off the left field fence to drive in Cox before Moore's double down the left field line plated Strickland.

The Knights managed to tally the night's final run their last turn at bat as Kidd slammed a one-out triple up the alley in right-center and came home on a two-out wild pitch.

Lady Bears topple Grizzlies in CTH tourney semi-finals

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Chatham Central used a six-run fourth here Thursday afternoon to best Clover Garden 8-0 in semi-final round action of the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference Tournament.

By virtue of the victory, the regular season champions moved on to host Chatham Charter that same evening in Bear Creek in an attempt to defend its tournament crown from a season ago.

Chatham Central (14-3), fresh off an unbeaten regular season title in the CTH, tallied a run in the first and another in the second before putting the game away in the fourth.

Raynee Redington went 3-for-3 with three runs, two RBI and a double to pace the Bears offensively while Mary Grace Murchison slugged a homer in a 1-for-2 outing with a run and an RBI, Bailey Barker was 1-for-2 with a run, an RBI and a sacrifice fly, and Gracie Gaines 1-for-1 with a run, an RBI and a sacrifice fly.

Also for Central, Lindsay Polston was 1-for-1 with an RBI while Lauren Collins was 2-for-2 with a run and a triple, and Addie Fields 1-for-1 with a run.

Lauren Oldham took the win on the mound for the Bears after going an innings and fanning two while Remington allowed four walks and struck out five as the Chatham Central duo closed with a four-inning no-hitter.



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Northern Durham pops out in the fourth inning

Northwood's Hannah Weigle runs near the batter's box to catch a pop fly during their game with Northern Durham Wednesday evening. Northwood's Emma Douglass backs her play in the top of the fourth inning.

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Serena York, 45, of Pittsboro, was charged April 29 with identity theft, resisting a public officer, driving with license revoked not impaired and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She was held under a \$1,500 bond with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Shaun Millington, 47, of Pittsboro, was charged April 30 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a May 21 court date in Wilmington.

Angela Abrams, 47, of Pittsboro, was charged April 30 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$100 bond with a May 21 court date in Wilmington.

Tristan Brinkman, 32, of Pittsboro, was charged April 30 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with a June 26 court date in Waynesville.

Marqua Adams, 28, of Siler City, was charged April 30 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with a May 29 court date in Greensboro.

Rolin Rork, 39, of Moncure, was charged May 1 with fondling/indecent liberties with a child. He was released under a written promise with a May 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Rachel Ohara-Brill, 28, of Chapel Hill, was charged May 1 with failure to appear. She was held

under a \$700 bond with a May 6 court date in Graham.

Rodney Lopossay, 26, of Bear Creek, was charged May 1 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a June 3 court date in Asheboro.

Jonathan Gaspar, 23, was charged May 1 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a May 23 court date in Hillsborough.

Brandon Moore, 31, of Siler City, was charged May 1 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a May 20 court date in Asheboro.

Billy Peepless, 30, of Whitsett, was charged May 1 with cruelty to animals. He was released under a written promise with a May 14 court date in Greensboro.

Theodore Page, 72, of Pittsboro, was charged May 1 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with a May 30 court date in Hillsborough.

Sarah Gray, 22, of Bear Creek, was charged May 2 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$500 bond with a May 8 court date in Pittsboro.

Matthew Gordon, 30, of Bear Creek, was charged May 2 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$13,200 bond with a May 7 court date in

Siler City.

Tamia Edwards, 22, of Sanford, was charged May 3 with damage to property. She was held under a \$500 bond with a May 15 court date in Pittsboro.

Brandon Jeffries, 26, of Carrboro, was charged May 4 with resisting a public officer. He was held under a \$500 bond with a May 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Bruce Banks, 44, of Siler City, was charged May 4 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a May 8 court date in Pittsboro.

Brandon Hill, 25, of Siler City, was charged May 5 with resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer and impersonation of a law enforcement officer. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a May 15 court date in Chatham County.

Angel Navarro, 22, of Martinsville, Va., was charged May 5 with possession with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver a Schedule I controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Chatham County.

Michele Cline, 31, of Martinsville, Va., was charged May 5 with possession with intent

to sell/manufacture/deliver a Schedule I controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor child abuse. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Chatham County.

Matthew Cox, 30, of Pittsboro, was charged May 5 with resisting a public officer and assaulting a government official with a deadly weapon. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with a May 13 court date in Chatham County.

Brent Heninger, 48, of Holly Springs, was charged May 5 with driving while impaired. He was released on a written promise with a May 22 court date in Chatham County.

Larisa Moore, 26, of Sanford, was charged May 6 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$300 bond with a May 29 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Perla Ayala of Siler City was cited April 30 for failure to reduce speed on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Omar Sanchez, 24, of Asheboro, was charged May 1 with probation violation. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a May 6 court date in Asheboro.

Hannah Hilliard of Siler City was cited May 3 for failure to

stop-steady at a red light on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Jose Arriaza of Siler City was cited May 4 for driving while impaired, no operator's license, possession of an open container and failure to maintain lane control on East Fifth Street in Siler City.

Marisol Ramirez of Siler City was cited May 4 for driving while license revoked and canceled/revoked/suspended certificate/tag on Harmony Drive in Siler City.

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Charles Straughan of Chapel Hill was cited April 29 for failure to reduce speed on Lystra Road in Pittsboro.

Matthew Leshear of Pittsboro was cited April 29 for exceeding a safe speed on Dewitt Smith Road in Siler City.

Nathaniel Mall of Apex was cited May 1 for failure to maintain lane control on N.C. Highway 751 in Pittsboro.

Seth Millard of Greensboro was cited May 1 for driving while impaired on N.C. Highway 87 in Pittsboro.

Betty Owen of Staley was cited May 2 for failure to yield for blue lights/siren on West Raleigh Street in Siler City.

Online Positive Parenting Program available now for parents

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Free online support is available to North Carolina families with young children through a program unveiled last week for residents in all 100 counties.

The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) offers advice and ideas to help parents create "a positive home environment for their children," according to a press release from the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

The resource is accessible to North Carolina parents through the pro-

gram's Triple P Online and Teen Triple P Online courses.

"The Positive Parenting Program (PPP) is a parenting curriculum that has been widely studied for efficacy and I think it's a great option for any parents or caregivers who are looking for simple strategies to help them better care for children," said Jennie Kristiansen, director of Chatham County's Department of Social Services.

The Triple P online roll-out throughout the state is the largest of its kind in the country, according to state officials. Free access is available for 25,000

North Carolina parents and caregivers on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Every family across our state can benefit from learning more about positive parenting," said Marshall Tyson, N.C. Public Health Children and Youth Branch Head and Triple P Program Manager for North Carolina. "Regardless of where you live in the state, what your background is, or if you're raising children with a partner or as a single parent, online resources from Triple P can provide you with support to help you build a stronger foundation for your child."

Triple P is evidence-based, backed by more than 35 years of research, and is currently available in more than 25 countries around the world, state officials said.

The program debuted in North Carolina in 2016 with in-person parenting courses in 46 counties. The launch of Triple P Online and Teen Triple P Online extends these services to families who might not be able to participate in person,

such as those who live too far away from course sites or who are unable to commit to in-person sessions.

"Parenting can be challenging and for families in Chatham County, there are few parenting resources available," Kristiansen said. "PPP is a positive step toward increasing offerings. The online curriculum can be done anywhere and consists of either six or eight, one-hour modules that can be started and stopped at any time. We hope that other PPP programs, including in-person options, will be available here in the future."

The Triple P Program gives parents simple, practical strategies to help them manage their children's behavior more

confidently, prevent behavioral problems from developing and create a positive home environment for their family,

according to a press release from the state. Parents and caregivers of children up to 16 years old in North Carolina may sign up at tripleparenting.com/nc-en/triple-p. Once parents receive an access code, they

can participate in Triple P Online's eight modules or Teen Triple P Online's six modules at their own pace. Each module takes about an hour to complete. Many courses are available in both Spanish and English. "Expanding access to Triple P is in line with our commitments shared in the North Carolina Early Childhood Action

Plan to ensure more children grow up in safe and nurturing homes across the state," said Rebecca Planchard, Senior Early Childhood Policy Advisor for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. "We know that every parent and caregiver wants what's best for their child, and this program provides free resources for families to build more positive relationships."

Funding for the online programs totals \$1.7 million, using a combination of grant money from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and state funding through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health and Division of Social Services.

If users have questions, they can call Jennie Kristiansen at Chatham County Department of Social Services at 919-542-2759.

Randall Rigsbee may be reached at rigsbee@chathamnc.com.

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Pittsboro hears grant, annexing proposals

BY CASEY MANN

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners held several public hearings last month that will likely find their way back to the board after review by the

town's Planning Board.

The first hearing was the first of two public hearings required for the town to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. The town is seeking a CDBG grant under the Economic Development

Building Reuse Program. EG-GILERO, a manufacturer of medical devices, purchased a vacant building in downtown Pittsboro. The company, which will likely create 60 jobs in Pittsboro, purchased the Hanks Street building, which previously housed Biolex. The CDBG grant, which is managed by the N.C. Dept. of Commerce, is a way to incentivize improvements to empty buildings. The first public hearing was strictly based on the economic impacts of the project. A second hearing, which will address the specific aspects of the project, will be conducted at a later date.

The second hearing was a zoning request by Luke McMahan, a local resident, musician, and sound engineer who is interested in opening a music studio in town. According to the town's ordinances, parcels zoned as an RA-2 Zoning District, including the property McMahan is leasing, do not allow for a music studio. McMahan is asking for a special use permit so he can

proceed with developing a studio at the site. The proposal was sent to the Planning Board for review.

The next hearing was at the request of Commissioner Michael Fiocco on behalf of EG-GILERO. The hearing was to address an amendment to the Downtown Overlay District to allow properties that are zoned for non-residential and are located adjacent to, or across the street from properties zoned commercial, to be allowed to have a 0 feet setback for front and corner side yards. This proposal was also sent to the Planning Board for review.

The final hearing was for a request by Chatham Park for the town to annex Chatham Park Way, which includes approximately 17.5 acres. Chatham Park Investors built the Chatham Park Way which stretches from U.S. Business 64 to the U.S. Hwy. 64 Bypass. The annexation request was sent to the Planning Board for review.

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Shakori's 17th year brings music and dance to Chatham

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILK HOPE—The air was warm and the sun was high on Thursday as the 17th Spring Shakori Grassroots Festival opened its gates to visitors from across the state and the region. The quiet former farmstead, just off an unassuming and quiet country road in Silk Hope, hosts the festival each spring and fall.

The first attendees began to arrive, greeted by a “Happy Shakori” from the Dog House, the nickname for the shelter for the parking crew. People filed in, grabbed their parking permit and their wristbands, and packed camping equipment into backpacks and wagons and headed into the 72-acre property, searching for the perfect camping spot.

Opening day always feels like a family reunion, where annual Shakori-goers greet friends they only see each year at the event. The crowd is a blend of out-of-towners and locals, some of whom have attended the event for more than a decade. For many of the Chatham residents who attend, this is the only festival they go to each year. Some come for the day, seeking shady spots to set up chairs and hammocks to listen to music and leave in the evening. Others use the festival as an opportunity to camp with their friends and children, a tradition that provides an opportunity to spend quality time with their families.

With four separate stages and an old front porch, the event is rich with music from nearly every genre. The Meadow Stage is the largest, hosting larger bands and headliners. Just a short walk away is the Grove Stage, which is smaller, but a favorite for some of the bands who play the event regularly, like Dr. Bacon and the Tan and Sober Gentleman. The Grove Stage lets the performers perform close to their audience, but provides



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Lukas Nelson was the headliner for Shakori, playing to a huge crowd on Thursday night.

enough space that festival goers can dance with freedom.

A short walk up the hill leads to two different tent stages. The Dance Tent is reminiscent of a circus tent, with vibrant yellow and purple stripes. The tent hosts a dance floor which provides attendees the chance to dance more formally. Across the gravel road sits the cabaret tent, complete with a dance floor, which often hosts more intimate performances and in the late evening, a vinyl lounge where DJs spin tunes for the night owls. The front porch, located on the old farm house, hosts jam sessions and lessons, providing an opportunity for burgeoning musicians to participate in the festival.

As it always seems to happen at Shakori, the weekend's festival endured rain showers on Saturday. The festival has the well-earned reputation of rain — it even survived Hurricane Matthew in 2016 — and festival goers come prepared for the inevitable precipitation. Some may take shelter in their campsites,



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Many Chatham County residents take the opportunity to camp and spend time with friends at Shakori.

or hunker down in one of the music tents to wait out the rain while dancing, and others frolic in the rain at the outdoor stages refusing to let the rain stop them.

By Sunday, skies began to clear for the festival's final day. Sunday is a popular day with single ticket locals, who check out the vendors, bring their kids to play in the children's area, and listen to the last day of music. Sunday's draw is more than just

it being a day of convenience. The festival closes out each year with an all-star jam featuring Donna and the Buffalo, the founders of the event, and their musician friends. This year Preston Frank joined them on stage as well as Kat Wright, a soulful singer who performed several times throughout the weekend. There's no telling how long the jam will last and, for many, it's the highlight of the weekend. It signals the



Staff photo by David Bradley

Singer Kat Wright performed multiple times at Shakori including during the All-Star Jam which closes out the event on Sunday night.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Jeb and Jordan Puryear, two of the original members of Donna and the Buffalo, created Shakori 17 years ago. Here they are on the front porch sharing history and some tunes.

end of a long, music-filled weekend and the time to bid good-bye to the Shakori family ... until this fall. Shakori's 17th Annual

Fall Grassroots Festival will occur October 3-6. Casey Mann can be reached at CaseyMann@Chathamnr.com

Chatham teachers join 'Day of Action' rally in Raleigh

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Multiple Chatham County teachers were among the thousands who marched in Raleigh May 1 in support of five initiatives related to public education.

Dawn Streets and Malinda Quinn, both social studies teachers at Margaret B. Pollard Middle School in Chapel Hill, were among the educators who took the day off to participate in the North Carolina Association of Educators' "Day of Action," a march in downtown Raleigh and a rally outside of the state legislature building.

"We have lawmakers whose actions do not support public education," said Quinn, who teaches sixth grade. "Tax dollars have been taken from the public schools and given to private ones. Public schools have worked on smaller and smaller funds each year which means not purchasing textbooks, learning resources, or other supplies. I went to Raleigh because I hear so much incorrect information in the media and wanted others to be aware of this."

Quinn was quick to mention that she appreciates the Chatham County Boards of Commissioners and Education help in supplementing "some... funding gaps" left by the state, but said that "many other districts are not so fortunate." In the 2018-2019 budget year, the Chatham County government provided the sixth-highest county-level funding per pupil to its public schools in the state.

The NCAE listed five goals of the event, among them increasing the schools' minimum wage to \$15 an hour and meeting national standards for support positions like social workers, counselors and nurses. Streets

referenced those positions are one of her main motivations for attending.

"I feel strongly that we must provide more support staff, that our custodians and bus drivers receive a competitive salary, that teachers with advanced degrees receive appropriate compensation, that teachers receive the same level of respect as other professionals, and, ultimately, that all students have equal access to a top-notch education," she said. "Ideally, our voices absolutely will be heard

and important action taken."

Quinn said Chatham's state representatives — Rep. Robert Reives II and Sen. Valerie Foushee, both Democrats — took time to "express support" for the teachers. Both legislators posted messages on social media in support of the rally. Foushee posted a photo of herself and Reives with some rally attendees.

"There may be no single issue more important than equitable education of our children," Foushee wrote the day before the

event. "If we can't come together on this, we can't come together on anything. I stand with teachers, students and parents who, like me, want the best for their children."

Reives, wearing a red tie to match the shirts worn by those rallying, posted a video to his Facebook account in support of the educators who marched.

"We all know that education is the great equalizer and the key to unlocking untold

potential in our young people," he said. "We also know that these young people are our state's most valuable resource. That's why I'm wearing red in support. That's why I am committed to supporting education as we move to develop the budget this session."

Both Streets and Quinn said they attended last year's event and would go again in the future.

"As a Social Studies teacher I must practice what I preach," Streets

said. "An important goal of Social Studies is to educate about government processes, the reciprocal relationship between government and the people, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. My participation in the rally is not about personal gain. It is solely about support of one of our most important societal institutions — public education."

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Siler City's Spring Chicken Festival draws 5,000

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — About 5,000 people poured into the streets of downtown Siler City Saturday for the inaugural Spring Chicken Festival, a turnout that guaranteed the event's continuation.

Siler City's Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Keel, who provided the estimate, noted that there were many people at the event that he had never seen before, with visitors coming from all over the county and the region. The event was organized by the town's Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Mountaire Farms, the poultry processing company that opened a plant downtown this year.

"We never expected 5,000 people," Keel said. "Now we know that we only see the event is going to grow. We see people planning their high school reunions, their family reunions around the Spring Chicken Festival."

Keel also expressed gratitude for Siler City Mayor John Grimes and the Siler City Board of Commissioners for the vision and the support of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vendors lined N. Chatham Avenue, packing their tents and tables side-by-side as scores of visitors meandered up and down the street, checking out the variety of wares available. Music filled the air as bands played both on the main stage on W. Raleigh Street and at the Rotary Stage near the Chatham Rabbit on N. Chatham Avenue. Children of all ages enjoyed the Ferris wheel and climbing wall, as well as other games and activities.

Siler City Parks and Recreation Administrative Support Specialist Daniel Spivey noted that he heard compliments all day.



Staff photo by David Bradley

A warm Saturday and a threat of rain didn't keep the crowds from attending the Spring Chicken Festival Saturday in downtown Siler City. Chatham Avenue was blocked off for fun, food and face-painting, with more than 5,000 people attending.

"People said there was something for every person, for every age, and a huge diversity of people," Spivey said.

Keel noted that he spent Monday morning listening to voice mail after voice mail left on the Parks and Recreation line with people complimenting the department and the town for the event.

"I was thrilled to see the community coming together," Keel said. "This was a much needed event for Siler City."

"Everyone is excited," Keel said. "Our social media was blowing up all weekend. I kept hearing people who were there say to people on the phone, 'Hey I'm at the Chicken Festival, you need to come out.'"

Keel also was gratified that many who he called "veterans" of Siler City, such as Barry Hayes of WNCA radio, noted that Saturday's Spring Chicken Festival was at least twice as large of the orig-



Staff photo by David Bradley

Blake Whitley paints the face of Chase Hayes, 3, in one of several face-painting booths at the Spring Chicken Festival.

inal Chicken Festival that used to take place more than two decades ago.

With the event's success, Keel is keen to continue to build onto the Spring Chicken Festival and make it even better. On Monday morning, the entire staff of the Parks and Recreation department gathered in Keel's office in town hall to debrief on the event

and to begin planning for next year's Spring Chicken Festival while it was fresh on their minds, Keel said.

"The Sand Band killed it," Keel said of one of the bands that played during the event. "We've already booked them for next year."

Keel notes that next year's event may have some minor adjustments, but he believes next



Staff photo by David Bradley

Ruth Interiano, 10, takes a climb on the rock wall set up on Chatham Avenue at Saturday's Spring Chicken Festival.



Photo courtesy of Eva Mann

Jordan-Matthews' Jazz Band opened the festival, performing on the main stage on West Raleigh Street.

year's festival should be similar to this year's.

"We don't want to fix what isn't broken," Keel said.

The Second Annual

Spring Chicken Festival is scheduled for May 2, 2020 in downtown Siler City.

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Disjointed, uncertain 'Long Shot' misses most of its marks

There's an entire subset of Seth Rogen's film canon in which he plays schlubs who find themselves in romantic relationships with attractive women beyond their station. It began with "Knocked Up" and continued through "Pineapple Express," "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," "Observe and Report," and "Neighbors." Call it personal wish fulfillment, or call it typical Hollywood patriarchy.

NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

This narrative device re-emerges in "Long Shot," in which Rogen's character, Fred, hooks up with the tall, smart, blond girl who used to babysit him when he was a dopey 13-year-old. Fred grows up to become a self-destructive, out-of-work journalist, while his erstwhile babysitter is Charlotte, a single woman who just happens to be the U.S. Secretary of State and a presidential candidate.

Sounds like a match made in Hollywood screenplay heaven. After Fred and Charlotte meet-not-so-cute

LONG SHOT

GRADE: C

DIRECTOR: Jonathan Levine

STARRING: Charlize Theron, Seth Rogen, O'Shea Jackson Jr., Andy Serkis, June Diane Raphael, Ravi Patel and Bob Odenkirk

MPAA RATING: R

RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 5 min.

at a D.C. soiree and reminisce about their former adventures in babysitting, Charlotte rather inexplicably offers Fred a job as her chief speech-writer. The progressively idealistic Fred is initially reluctant to team up with another centrist, compromising politician, but he relents because, well, Charlotte is beautiful. And even though Fred behaves publicly in embarrassing, insubordinate ways that would get any other staffer fired in a hot second, Charlotte keeps Fred around because, well, this is a movie.

Fred needs structure in his life and Charlotte is too uptight, so soon their late-night research sessions turn romantic, to the horror of Charlotte's minders. The film's fulcrum is an international environmental proposal Charlotte is championing that various special interests, including a Rupert Murdoch-esque

media magnate (Andy Serkis), would like to pick apart. The effort also puts Charlotte at odds with sitting President Chambers (Bob Odenkirk), an oofish former TV actor largely out of his depth who isn't seeking re-election because he wants to make it in the movies (the allegory here is wielded like a sledgehammer). The rest of the film is a series of vignettes in which Charlotte gets her groove back, like when they drop molly and a stoned Charlotte is unexpectedly summoned to negotiate the return of an American hostage.

"Long Shot" is held together by Theron's dexterous talent, which seamlessly shifts from drama to farce and everything in between. You can believe Charlotte as a put-together politician or a party girl, and she's single-handedly responsi-



Photo courtesy of AG Studios

Charlize Theron and Seth Rogen star in the rom-com 'Long Shot.'

ble for whatever chemistry exists between Charlotte and her man Fred. Otherwise, the film unfolds like an amalgam of "The American President" and the Claire Underwood-Tom Yates affair in "House of Cards," minus any murder.

Tonally, the film is all over the place, uncertain whether it wants to be an oddball romance, an excessively scatological comedy, or a mild commentary about our zeitgeist. It tries to be all

three and accomplishes none. Even the pillars of Charlotte's eco-initiative that everyone gets so worked up aren't explained beyond the buzzwords "bees, trees, and seas," hardly the sort of lofty ideological heft that illuminates are politically bankrupt times. We're left with a dude who risks little for a woman way out of his league, next to a woman expected to risk a lifetime of accomplishment to be with some dude, all because he remembers

her platform when she once ran student body president. The message is supposed to be that love conquers all. But the truism foisted upon us is that love is really, really blind, and a little foolish, too.



State legislature to wrestle more with ICE detainers bill

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

The central North Carolina area, including Chatham County, has seen multiple raids from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in recent years.

If a recently-submitted bill in the state legislature is approved, the federal agency will have more power in the state.

The N.C. House approved last month House Bill 370, which would require county sheriffs to "comply with, honor and fulfill any request" made in detainer requests from ICE on any person charged with a criminal offense.

The legislation passed the House 63-51 along party lines, with Chatham's Rep. Robert Reives II, a Democrat, voting against. Reives cited the opposition to the bill from the N.C. Sheriff's Association, the lobbying group and professional organization for sheriffs across the state.

"Sheriffs that believe we need to be tougher on ICE and sheriffs that don't believe we need to be tougher on ICE banded together and said we need to be against this bill," he said.

In a statement, Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson did not share his opinion on the bill or say whether or not he was one of the sheriffs that supported opposing the bill. He simply said he would follow whatever was passed.

"Legislature is tasked with creating laws, just as we are entrusted with enforcing laws," Roberson said. "Regardless of opinion, it is our duty and responsibility as law enforcement professionals to uphold the Constitution and enforce the criminal laws of our state."

Reives said the bill "did not seem to have the best intentions," saying legislation supporters were targeting specific sheriffs who had pledged to not comply with ICE requests — Wake, Mecklenburg and Durham counties elected such sheriffs last year.

Citing sheriffs in "several North Carolina counties," a press release from House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) quoted lead sponsor Rep. Destin Hall (R-Caldwell).

"These sanctuary sheriffs are simply putting partisan politics ahead of public safety," Hall said. "This bill only applies to illegal immigrants who have been charged with crimes. Most sheriffs in our state are already doing what this bill requires, and they're doing it voluntarily. They're doing everything they possibly can to help protect their communities."

A stipulation requiring law enforcement to check on the citizenship status of someone arrested for a felony or impaired driving offense was already in state law, but HB370 extends the stipulation to any criminal or impaired driving offense. Reives said that part of the law made it clear that it was not designed to address "the problem that it states to address," immigration.

"It's a frustrating issue for me. The same people at our level feel like it's such a big issue now had super-majorities for the last six years and did nothing. You've had complete federal control for the last two years, and you did nothing. It's offensive to take an issue like this that needs real solutions and politicize it."

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A 'FARM AND ART' DINNER

Pittsboro's Local on Main set for May 19

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro will host its inaugural Local on Main, Pittsboro's Farm and Art Dinner from 5-8 p.m. on May 19 in downtown Pittsboro.

The event is a fundraiser for Main Street Pittsboro, an organization through the N.C. Dept. of Commerce, dedicated to "economic development within the context of historic preservation."

"That means we aim to keep Pittsboro's downtown core unique, fun, and vibrant to attract shoppers and new businesses that are (ideally) locally-owned

while being mindful of the town's history that ultimately sets Pittsboro apart from all other small towns," a release from the organization said.

Local on Main will feature area farmers, chefs, restaurants, craft beverages, and visual and performing artists for a pop-up dinner on Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro's main street downtown. Hillsboro Street will be closed from the courthouse to Thompson Street to accommodate the event.

It will begin with a cocktail hour in the Page Vernon Pocket Park. Attendees will then move down the block to sit at tables and

chairs and dine on a three-course dinner prepared by local chefs using local foods. About a dozen chefs are collaborating to create the meal using ingredients from 24 local farms. Guests will be entertained by more than eight visual and performing artists throughout the event.

Tickets for the event are \$100 and there are also opportunities to volunteer. For more information, visit Main Street Pittsboro's website at www.mainstreetpittsboro.org or via email at mainstreetpittsboro@gmail.com.

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About: A native of Morristown, New Jersey, McCann works as the public relations coordinator for Chatham County Schools. A graduate of Broughton High School in Raleigh and UNC-Chapel Hill, McCann started in the position in January 2017. "The job affords me the vantage point of seeing what goes on behind the scenes to make schools work," he said. McCann and his wife have two daughters.

First job: My first real job wherein I had to do business with Uncle Sam was bagging groceries and pushing carts at a Winn-Dixie supermarket in Southeast Raleigh. Old ladies would tell me, "Don't mush my bread!" To this day, I prefer bagging my own groceries. Not sure if that's why I like going through the self-checkout lines or whether that's because I'm antisocial. Anyway, as a teenager, one of my parents said I needed to make my own money if I didn't want to wear the kind of sneakers they wanted to buy for me. So I learned how to bag with the best of them. Today, some might find it strange that one day I might be at work crafting words for the superintendent, and the next day I'm ordering 100 gallons of iced tea for our back-to-school kickoff.

Life on other planets?: No.

Does the early bird really get the worm?: It does.

Least favorite saying, and why you don't like it: When people say, "Good question" just to buy time to answer the question.



On a snow day, you'd stay home and binge-watch: "The Andy Griffith Show."

What's the best use of a snow day?: Catch up on work.

The book you're currently reading: "The Cost of These Dreams: Sports Stories and Other Serious Business," by Wright Thompson

One day, when you have time, what would you like to learn how to do?: Swim.

What do you plan to do after retirement?: What's that?

Favorite city in the whole world: Such fond memories of Greater Orlando.

Favorite place to eat: I love Indian food, but it costs so much.

The credo or motto you like to try to live by: Spike Lee made a movie about it: "Do the Right Thing."



Where would someone be most likely to find you on a Saturday night?: Home.

What was your dream job when you were a child?: I was going to be the next Dwayne Ballen, who was a black sports anchorman for what was WTVD in Durham.

What are some of your favorite things?: I dunno — raindrops on roses, brown-paper packages tied up with strings?

What's the worst injury you've ever had?: I broke my left collarbone playing Pop

Warner Football for the Garner Vikings.

What would you like to know about the future?: How long I have left.

Do you have a tattoo?: No.

Favorite season?: Summer.

Biggest pet peeve?: Fake people.

What talent do you wish you had?: I wish I could play a trumpet.

Ever seen a ghost?: Naw!

What's your cell phone ringtone?: The old-school phone ring.

Who's your best friend and why?: My man Cliff Richardson is a dude who gets me without me needing to fill in a bunch of gaps.

If you could go back in time and change one historic event, what would it be?: I'd have a little conversation with Adam and Eve — in that order.

How do you define success?: Genuine peace.

If you could instantly learn one language, which would it be?: Espanol.

What advice would you give your younger self?: Actually read the books the teacher assigns.

Would you rather explore outer space or the ocean floor?: Space. I can't swim, remember?

Chatham's 4-H STEM club explores science

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Once a month, between four to eight Chatham County students meet at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center to discuss STEM, elements the group find interesting, and learn about science in an applied way.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The club meets to encourage

and educate participants to engage in the world of STEM and see its effect on everyday life. The program is led by Rob Bergmueller, a volunteer with both the STEM club and the NC Cooperative Extension's Master Gardner Program. The STEM Club works in a collaborative style, allowing the interests of the students involved to dictate where the discussions will go next.

The club held its first

meeting in February with an introduction to STEM, what it means, and what it could mean for their future. From there, the students decided that they were interested in learning more about electricity so Bergmueller developed programs in conjunction with Chatham's 4-H Club to ensure the programs meet scholastic requirements.

Bergmueller discussed safety when dealing with electricity, learning the basics of

Ohm's Law, and built a lamp over the next several meetings. During that discussion, Bergmueller talked about other ways that electricity affects the world, including communication. When Bergmueller mentioned Morse code, it sparked an interest. So now the students are learning Morse code and researching semiconductors as they move closer to applying their skills in amateur radio.

"Never give up," Bergmueller said to the students. "If someone tells you that you are not good in math, but you really like math, then prove them wrong."

Bergmueller believes part of the problem with math is that students are not being taught how to use calculus, geometry in a way that's relatable. He feels that the way it is currently being taught, it's hard to envision how learning calculus would be useful. When exploring a topic with the group, Bergmueller tells great stories weaving science, medicine and engineering together while showing how each of these disciplines are important to be, for example, a heart surgeon. He never talks down to the students, but explains things, concepts, and connections in ways that are simple to understand, allowing the students the opportunity to take it all in.

Club member Eric Sullivan, an 8th grader, has always been interested in science. When he heard about the 4-H STEM club, he jumped at the opportunity. That was the case for each of the other members, as well. Sarah Sessoms, a senior at Northwood,

wants to go to N.C. State to study veterinary science. The STEM Club, she says, gives her an opportunity to expand and explore skills that could help her not only in her future career, but in doing things around her home too.

Deon Bailey, a 7th grader from Pittsboro, is new to the area. He joined because he had been a member of the STEM Club at his previous school. The STEM Club gives him a chance to explore things he's interested in while getting to know new friends. Finn Cobler, the youngest member, is in fourth grade and wants to work on computers when he grows up. His favorite thing about the STEM Club is that it gives him something different to do and he really relished the chance to build his own lamp.

The 4-H STEM Club meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information about the STEM Club, contact Victoria Brewer, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development at (919) 545-8303 or via email at victoria_brewer@ncsu.edu.

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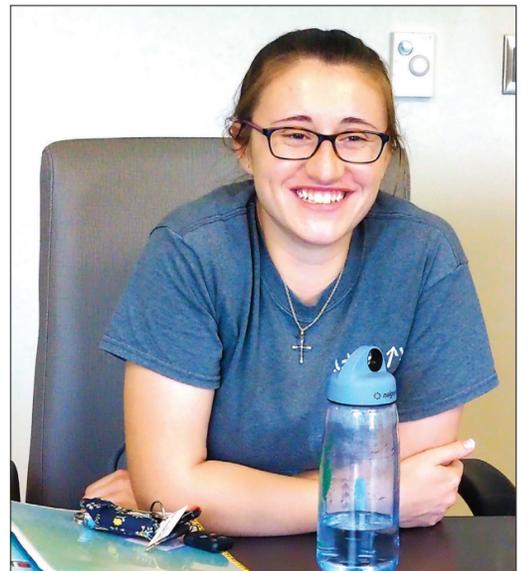
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Robert Bergmueller leads the club members through a session where they are learning Morse code.



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Sarah Sessoms, a senior at Northwood, says the skills she's learning at STEM Club will not only expand her knowledge, but will help her in her everyday life.

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CHATHAM COUNTY - Utilities Superintendent - Responsible for supervising and participating in the installation, repair, maintenance and/or construction of water and sewer lines and facilities, water meters and other related equipment. This position is responsible for assigning, directing, training and inspecting the work of personnel; planning preventative maintenance of hydrants, meters and valves; responding to citizen inquiries and complaints; obtaining quotes and overseeing contract workers and other duties as apparent or assigned. Minimum requirements: High school diploma or GED and moderate experience in the maintenance, repair and/or construction of water and sewer lines or meter maintenance including some supervisory experience

or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Special Requirements: Grade B Distribution certification upon hire, Grade 2 Collection certifications upon hire and a valid Class A CDL driver's license in the State of North Carolina. Salary Grade 62: \$43,128. Position closes May 20, 2019; 5:00pm. For more information and full job requirements, visit www.chathamnc.org EOE. My9,1tc

CHATHAM COUNTY - Emergency Management Specialist - This position is responsible for assisting with the coordination of the County's emergency management program, SARA Title III hazardous materials program, and Radiological Emergency Preparedness program, along with serving as Staff Duty Officer for the department during evenings, weekends, and holidays. Duties include developing plans for

preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery; reviewing previous responses, identifying problems and implementing solutions; serving as a technical consultant for outside agencies; applying for and managing grants; conducting training and drills; working with internal and external stakeholders and other duties as apparent or assigned. Note: This position will be required to maintain 24-hour availability when on-call to respond to emergency situations in the county. Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Emergency Management or related field and two (2) years of experience in emergency management or related field; or an Associate's Degree in Emergency Management or related field and four (4) years emergency management field and administrative work experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Salary grade 66, \$52,425. Position closes May 20, 2019 at 5 p.m. For more information and full job requirements, visit: www.chathamnc.org EOE. My9,1tc

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE Position, 20 hours per week. Walnut Grove Apartments, Pittsboro, NC, 919-542-2669, My9,16,23,30,4tc

BELK BUILDING SUPPLY is in search of a hard working, reliable, individual to join our team. This position includes a variety of responsibilities including loading/unloading building materials and delivery to job sites. Valid drivers license and positive attitude required. Must be able to lift 75lbs. Forklift experience, experience with building materials, and experience in customer service preferred but not required. Full time with benefits. Apply in person to 510 S Chatham Ave. Siler City. My2,9,2tc

YMCA OF THE TRIANGLE - Chatham YMCA is hiring for 2 full time Youth Directors. These roles are responsible for leading and developing assigned Youth Programs and part-time Youth staff. They plan and promote high quality and engaging programming for After School and Summer Camps, with an emphasis on safety, relationships, skill development, character development, group control and fun. A bachelor's degree in a related field is preferred and/or 1-2 years of related experience. Must be able to relate to diverse groups of people from all social and economic segments of the community. An ability to speak multiple languages is desired, but not required. Interested candidates should email: Alex.mayfield@ymcatriangle.org. Visit our website at: www.ymcatriangle.org/jobs. My2,9,2tc

SEEKING FULL-TIME HANDYMAN w/5 years experience, in Modular Home Building Industry and/or stick-built industry. Must have valid NCDL. Pays \$15 - \$20 per hour, based on experience. Apply in person at Suits Homes, Inc., 1000 East 11th Street, Siler City or call 919-548-7953. A11,tfnc

CHATHAM PTA THRIFT SHOP is looking for a part-time truck driver. Must have a clean driving record and be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Our Cole Park Store is looking for a senior clerk to run a cash register. Some lifting may be required. A4,tfnc

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SPECIALIST for Siler City office. Perfect for a candidate who is open to part-time employment and flexible hours. Starting 10 hrs./week with possible transition to full time. Experience in accounting required. Use of Quickbooks Enterprise preferable. Apply online at: https://jso.re/2io8h or https://cadinc.com/about/careers or mail resume with cover letter to PO Box 318, Siler City NC 27344. My2,9,16,23,4tc

CNAs - PITTSBORO Christian Village is accepting applications for CNAs, all shifts. Apply in person, 8:30am-4pm Monday-Friday, at 1825 East Street in Pittsboro. M22,tfnc

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY - CNAs needed for CAP cases in Siler City and also Pittsboro. If you need work, please contact us at 919-545-2027, F22,tfnc

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 Finn 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 Finn. Those indebted to Katherine Campbell Finn 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,My9,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 188 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **THERESA JUANITA BROWN** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and 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,My16,4tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 191 NORTH CAROLINA 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 A25,My2,My9,My16,4tc

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RENEE P. LUBEROFF NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **RENEE 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. Nancy Luberoff, Executrix c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty. Trust Counsel 205 Providence Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514 My2,My9,My16,My23,4tc

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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@cppl.com or 352-333-9292. My2, My9,2tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DAVID BRUCE HEINING-BOYNTON NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **David Bruce Heining-Boynton**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Audrey Heining-Boynton as Executrix of the decedent's estate on or before August 7, 2019, c/o Samantha Reichle, Attorney at Law, 205 Providence Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix. This the 2nd day of May, 2019. Audrey Heining-Boynton, Executrix c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty. Trust Counsel 205 Providence Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514 My9,My16,My23,My30,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified on the 30th day of April, 2019, as Executrix of the Estate of **MAVIS MELDRUM**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of August, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 9th day of May, 2019. Cynthia A. Schreiber, Executrix of the Estate of Mavis Meldrum c/o J Alan Campbell Law PO Box 850 Hillsborough, NC 27278 My9,My16,My23,My

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on **Monday, May 20, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below: Legislative Request: A legislative public hearing request by Chris Sanders of Sanders Automotive for a rezoning of Parcel No. 77022, located off Ruth Lane and US 15-501 N, being approximately 7.07 acres, from Conditional Use District O & I and R-1 Residential to Conditional District Neighborhood Business, Baldwin Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312. My9,My16,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on **May 20, 2019 at 7 pm** in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §278 Number of Parking Spaces Required (residential uses within C-C), §279 Parking Requirement (sales, motor vehicle sales, emergency services, and excluding storage, stairways, closets, elevator shafts from gross floor area calculation), §287 Vehicle Accommodation Area Surfaces (include #57 & #67 stone) of the UDO. The proposed item is available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the request are invited to attend the public hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on May 13 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
The Chatham County Council on Aging is accepting proposals for its transportation services for project year beginning July 1, 2019. Interested agencies may contact Dennis Streets for details at 919-542-4512, or dennis.streets@cha-

thamcoa.org. Closing bid date is May 24, 2019 at 5 p.m. Chatham County Council on Aging reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive as an informality any immaterial irregularities or minor errors contained in a proposal. My9,1tc

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Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **LEVI E. BYRD**, 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 9, 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. Lisa Garrity, Executrix 203 S Salem St Apex, NC 27502 My9,My16,My23,My30,4tp

PUBLIC NOTICE
The tentative budget meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 for the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District was presented to the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District Board on May 7, 2019 and is available for public inspection at the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District Water Plant, JR Moore & Son Store located in Gulf and/or the Goldston Public Library. A public hearing will be held at **6:00 pm on June 4, 2019 at the Town Hall Building in Goldston, NC**, at which time any persons who wish to be heard on the budget may appear. Jane Owens Treasurer/Board Member

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SUBMISSION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BUDGET

The Chatham County budget for 2019-2020 has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and a copy is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the budget at **6:00 p.m. on May 20, 2019 in the Historic Courthouse, Pittsboro** and at **6:00 p.m. on May 21, 2019 in the Siler City Courtroom, Siler City**. A copy of the budget is online at www.chathamnc.org. Additional copies are also available for inspection in the County's three libraries. May 7, 2019 Lindsay K. Ray Clerk to the Board My9,1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Willow Oak Montessori proposes for the 2019-2020 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 20, 2019 - May 24, 2019 in the office of Pete Rubinas located at 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 170, Chapel Hill, NC. My9,My16,2tc

MAY: OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Chatham's Council on Aging provides connection opportunities

Chatham Council on Aging

This year's observance of Older Americans Month is themed, "Connect, Create, Contribute." The Chatham County Council on Aging fires on all cylinders in providing opportunities to connect with friends, community and services.

In addition, the council's eastern and western senior centers provide a wide array of programming to create one's future by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment. The council's volunteer core of more than 250 strong is where people of all ages can contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

Since 1963, when President John F. Kennedy formally proclaimed May as Older Americans Month, our nation has used this month to honor older adults and bring awareness to the issues surrounding aging. Once again this year, the

Chatham County Board of Commissioners acknowledged the importance of older adults and their contributions to our community by proclaiming May as Older Americans Month.

Commission Chairman Mike Dasher noted, "Chatham is at the leading edge of this demographic shift with about a third of our population aged 60 and older. For maybe the first time in North Carolina history, there are more people aged 60 and older than under 18 years. The Council on Aging is helping lead our community's efforts to celebrate, engage and serve seniors and their families."

This July, the council will begin celebrating 45 years of service to Chatham County older adults and their families," said Melanie Girard, Development and Communications Director for the Council. "Our council continues to serve Chatham seniors with Meals on Wheels, in-

home aide personal care and caregiver respite, congregate nutrition, assistive devices, minor home repair, and many other services. Our senior centers offer many engaging activities, outings, exercise groups, clubs and opportunities to connect with others with similar interests. We are starting to out-grow our building in Pittsboro and we don't expect to slow down."

The council again held its opening ceremony for Senior Games and SilverArts on April 26 with more than 175 people in attendance to enjoy performing arts, lunch, Senior Games competitions and SilverArts displays. Senior Games is now well under way with more than 250 competitors, a 20 percent increase in participation over last year.

Go to www.chathamcoa.org for information on services, programs, calendars, volunteer opportunities or to make a donation.



Submitted photo

Chatham Charmers Cheer

This group of Chatham County seniors formed a cheerleading squad with the help of two Northwood High School students for the opening ceremony of the county's Senior Games. Cheering were, from left, Zandra Gregory, Debbie Lee, Rosemary Szydlek, Jackie Green, Lois Rice, Wanda Stone, Rene Rasmussen-Scotnick, Dorothy Rasmussen, Catherine Green, Marylou MacKintosh and Kaitlyn Beal.

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