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Run for the Wall Stops in Siler City

Hundreds of motorcycles rolled into Siler City last Wednesday as part of the annual Run for the Wall event, a California-to-Washington, D.C., Memorial Day trek to honor veterans, POWs and MIAs. For full coverage see pages A6-7.

COUNTY BUDGET

Chatham board tentatively OK's 2020 plan

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners gave the OK last Thursday to the county's spending plan for fiscal year 2019-2020, including a 4.19-cent property tax rate increase and spending on major capital projects.

The vote — which was unanimous, including new Commissioner Andy Wilkie — came after a 5-hour workshop Thursday during which the board reviewed each category of spending and revenue. The budget ordinance, which will make the budget official, will be voted on during the board's June 17 meeting.

The budget was approved on a tentative basis, with one item still to be discussed at a May 30 workshop.

The board and county staff also addressed public comments about the budget during the meeting, particularly referring to the new emergency operations radio system and a discussed local option sales tax.

Mike Reitz, the county's emergency communications director, said the North Chatham Fire Department had sent five trucks to a fire in Apex the day before, but couldn't communicate properly with those departments.

"The current infrastructure is at the end of life," Reitz said. "The current system is just out-dated, doesn't provide good safety measures for responders. We have challenges every single day with communicating."

He played a clip of a sheriff's deputy calling in a traffic accident. The call was full of static, and the dispatcher asked for a repeat of almost all the information. Reitz then played a clip of what the new system would sound like, and it was much clearer.

"It's night and day, the difference between the two systems," he said. "The new system is light years ahead of what we have now, and puts us in position for future growth, future needs of the department."

The new system will cost the county \$18,909,295. The county will utilize some towers currently in use and build three new ones. Some of the older towers will be taken down once the new system is up and running.

Reitz said the "best-case scenario" is that the system is ready in 18-24 months — money will be borrowed in July and construction will begin a year later.

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As we lose habitat to development, people can make a difference on their own patch of land.

DEBBIE ROOS, the agriculture-sustainable/organic production extension agent for the N.C. Cooperative Extension



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

A bumblebee sips nectar from a Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), one of 200 species of pollinator planted in the garden.

Pollinator garden in Pittsboro feeds bees, local economy

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The pollinator garden at Chatham Mills in Pittsboro may be an official project for her job, but Debbie Roos also sees it as a personal labor of love.

Roos, the Agriculture-Sustainable/Organic Production Extension Agent for the N.C. Cooperative Extension, has effectively been able to create a botanical garden in — of all places — a parking lot.

Roos works with farmers, bee keepers, forestry and wildlife in her work with the

extension service. She began working on the pollinator garden at Chatham Mills 11 years ago. To get it starts, Roos was able to find a grant for a demonstration garden. Since then, she and her "amazing group of volunteers" have planted more than 220 species of pollinator plants that produce blooms and habitat for pollinators year-round.

A pollinator is an animal that is imperative for the fertilization of plants that create fruit or seeds. Pollinators carry pollen from one plant to another. Pollinator animals include many species of bees, pollen wasps, hummingbirds, butterflies and moths.

"As we lose habitat to development,

people can make a difference on their own patch of land," Roos said.

This is why Roos holds tours of the pollinator garden and workshops for pollinator garden design through the Chatham County Office of the N.C. Cooperative Extension throughout the year. Roos notes that the program is a good fit for her area of work because it's important to have pollinator habitat on farms. What began as an initial project that blended her love of bees, farms, gardening, and being outside, has become not only a significant project in her professional career, but an econom-

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Chapel Hill author mines Oz's emeralds for life lessons

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — Longtime publishing professional Peter Guzzardi, like many people who grew up in the 1960s and 70s, had lots of exposure as a child to "The Wizard of Oz," courtesy of perennial airings on network television.

"It was an annual ritual," recalled the Chapel Hill-based writer and editor. "We had a black-and-white TV. CBS would air 'The Wizard of Oz' and we would gather around dutifully — children and parents — to watch the film."

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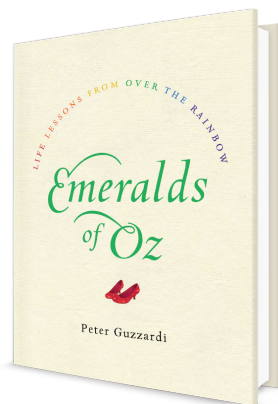


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Author Peter Guzzardi will be discussing his new book, containing life lessons drawn from the popular film 'The Wizard of Oz,' at McIntyre's Books in Fearington Village on June 1 from 11 a.m. to noon.

A kickstart to success

Chatham Middle peppermint study wins state recognition

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Macy Beavers and Brady Andrew's award-winning science project almost didn't happen.

"I was planning on doing something with peppermint," Beavers said. "I wasn't going to have a partner, but Ms. Angus" — Beavers' science teacher, Simone Angus — "she wanted us to have a partner. So I was asking around and

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Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Chatham Middle School eighth graders Macy Beavers, left, and Brady Andrew won state science fair honors for their experiment on the effect of peppermint on reaction time and how that might relate to standardized testing.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• **The Siler City Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on June 3 at the Siler City Town Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. Second Avenue in Siler City.

• **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on June 10 at the Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

• In honor of Memorial Day, the Chatham Community Library will host a screening of the film **Taking Chance** on Thursday, May 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Holmes Meeting Room. This is the true story of one soldier's death in battle, another soldier's journey of discovery and a nation's reverence and gratitude toward its war dead. Lance Corporal Chance Phelps (USMC) was only nineteen years old when he was killed during active duty. Now, as Lance Corporal Phelps is prepared for his final journey back home, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Strobl (Kevin Bacon), a volunteer military escort officer, makes it his personal mission to ensure that his fallen brother is laid to rest with the proper respect. This event is free and open to the public.

• **Randolph Health Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine** will offer a **free foot screening** on Thursday, June 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Randolph Health facilities at 503 N Fayetteville Street in Asheboro. Screening is free but registration is required. Call the Event Desk at 336-633-7788.

SATURDAY

• **Seagrove Wood Fired NC Weekend Pottery Tour** - There will be 13 individual shops with 19 potters who fire pots in wood-fueled kilns, in their individual shops from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 5 p.m. on June 1. Meet and Greet with the potters at STAR-work Tap Room with food truck and microbrews in nearby Star. Continuing Sunday, June 2 from 12 to 4 p.m. The event is free, unless you choose to purchase food and drinks.

• **A Community Prayer Event** will be held at Washington Park in Siler City from 3 to 6 p.m., June 1. There will be live music and other entertainment, prayers for our community and Chatham County, remembering all unsolved crimes. Join us if you can!

• **Pittsboro High School, Class of 1969** will hold their 50th year reunion at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro, on Saturday, June 1. For more information, call Brenda Bland White at 919-545-1004.

• **New Hope Audubon Society Bird Walk**, 7 a.m. Saturday, June 1. Meet in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Crossing Shopping Center in Chapel Hill for a 2 to 3 hour bird walk at a nearby site. If you have questions, contact Tommy Rickey at tsrichey@gmail.com. #2, Stream Watch, meet at 9 a.m. June 1. John Kent will lead a volunteer team conducting monthly water quality monitoring at several sites on New Hope Creek. If interested

in participating, contact jnkent25@gmail.com. Note: because start time and place may change based on regular crew availability, new folks interested should send John an email by Wednesday, May 29.

SUNDAY

• **The Chatham Historical Museum** will be open for First Sunday, June 2, from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is invited to enjoy our local history. On June 2 only, volunteers will be available from noon until 2 p.m. to scan photos of Chatham County veterans for addition to the Museum's permanent Tribute to Valor Exhibit. See the Chatham County Historical Association Website for more information. <http://chathamhistory.org> or email: history@chathamhistory.org.

• The second annual **PORCHfest Chapel Hill/Carrboro** will be held Sunday, June 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. on the Village Green at Southern Village. The free community gathering will feature games for the whole family, a bake sale and a 6 p.m. performance by the acoustic roots band Craicdown.

MONDAY

• Author and radio host, **Jon Steinman's tour** will stop at Chatham Marketplace in Pittsboro on Monday, June 3, to read, discuss, and sign his new book, **Grocery Story: The Promise of Food Co-ops in the Age of Grocery Giants**. Meet the author and the book signing, in the store from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 4 to 6 p.m., there will be a Book Reading and Signing. From 6:30 to 8 p.m., "Who Owns Your Grocery Store? Author Talk and Conversation with Evan Diamond, Chatham Marketplace General manager in Forest Hall, across the hall from Chatham Marketplace. There will be local food and drink! Tickets to the evening event at: <http://grocerystore.eventbrite.com>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Community Awareness Event on prescription drug misuse**, Monday, June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wren Memorial Library in Siler City - This program will provide an in-depth look at the local impacts of prescription drug misuse, opioids and the science of addiction, treatment and recovery. A screening of the documentary **Kids** will be followed by a discussion on the Good Samaritan Law. The safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs will also be addressed and demonstrated. Resource tables will offer free publications and displays. Guest speakers will include: Mike Roberson, Chatham County Sheriff; Casey Hilliard, Health Policy Analyst, Chatham County Health Department; Chatham County residents, Julie Cummins and Mary O'Donnell; Dr Joe Mancini, Chatham County resident and addiction expert; Kyle Smith, Insight Human Services; and Tammy Kirkman and Ronnie Miller, Chatham County Sheriff's Department. Community Awareness Events are a series of facilitated and respectful dialogues on serious and difficult topics. These events are free and open to the public.

• **Randolph Health Cancer Center** will hold a **free oral cancer screening** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6 at 373 North Fayetteville Street in Asheboro. Participants' gums, mouth, salivary glands, tongue, and lips for signs of various cancers. People experiencing sores or lesions in the mouth, thickening of the cheeks or white/red patches in the mouth, should register for this screening. Space is limited and appointments are required. Call 336-633-7788 to reserve a spot. Learn more about the event at: www.randolphhealth.org.

• **Chatham County 4-H** have a few summer camp slots still open! June 10 to 14; 4-H Adventures Day Camp at NW District Park - Week 1, \$110.00; June 17 to 21; 4-H Adventures Day Camp at NW District Park - Week 2, \$110.00, open

to ages 6 to 12 years old. Camp will run Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Campers are to be **DIRECTLY** dropped off at Northwest District Park (2413 Woody Store Road, Siler City).

• June 24 - 28; **MyPI North Carolina Youth Preparedness Day Camp**, \$50.00, open to ages 13 to 18 years old. Throughout the week, students will meet employees in emergency management careers, learn about technology used to help predict natural disasters, learn about preparedness using the national CERT curriculum, and ultimately work with their own family and those around them to develop disaster preparedness plans. The public is encouraged to visit mypinorthcarolina.org to learn more about this camp. Camp costs include snacks, insurance, and transportation. *Students must apply to participate in this camp; teens should submit applications online here: <https://mypinorthcarolina.org/students/student-application>.*

• **Jordan-Matthews High School, Class of 1979** will

hold their 40th year reunion from 6 p.m. until... on Saturday, June 8 at the Siler City Country Club, \$30 per person. RSVP to

Nell Smith at 336-214-2832.

ALSO HAPPENING

• **Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Chatham County**. Regular and substitute Meals on Wheels driver positions are available for Goldston (2), Bennett (1) and Bear Creek (1). Regular and substitute drivers are needed. We are looking for individuals or teams to deliver meals as a regular driver for our routes. Meals are delivered between 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Routes take about an hour. Substitutes will likely deliver 1-2 times per month. Contact Allison Andrews with Chatham Council on Aging, phone: 919-542-4512, ext. 226. Allison. andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

• **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.



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Honoring the fallen

Jackson Coleman and Alexis Hayes of Siler City swing American flags and welcome riders from Run for the Wall who make an annual cross-country journey honoring those who lost their lives in war, especially prisoners of war and those missing in action.



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County's fight for employees shows in budget

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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Chatham County's unemployment rate sits at 3.6 percent as of April 2019, according to the N.C. Dept. of Commerce.

That's better than North Carolina's (4 percent) and the same as the United States' rate.

But County Manager Dan LaMontagne states the low unemployment rate might actually be a bit of an issue when it comes to hiring for government jobs.

"There's very little unemployment, and it's also very difficult to hire people," LaMontagne said at the May 6 county commissioners meeting. "We're competing with our surrounding urban areas, the towns and the counties, for this limited number of employees that are looking for jobs."

"In the Triangle" means Chatham County fighting for the same code enforcers, 9-1-1 operators and building inspectors as counties like Durham, Orange and Wake that have larger tax bases, and thus more money — and higher salaries with which to lure employees.

It's in building inspections in particular that this problem has come to a head in recent months, as the department has lost four employees in the last two months. And that's caused the average wait time for inspections to jump.

According to state law, a

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DAN LAMONTAGNE, *County Manager*

licensed home inspector must return a report on the inspected property within three business days after the inspection was performed. LaMontagne said last week the county has been up to eight days for that wait time.

"We just happened to have a number of inspectors leave at once," he said.

To help make up for those losses, the county budget, already tentatively approved by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, includes a new incentive pay system. Employees "who perform at or above the level of 'meets expectations'" will receive a 3 percent increase in both their pay and county contribution to their health plan, according to the budget message. The current spending plan has set aside \$42,386 for this purpose.

The county has also implemented an increase in temporary salaries to cover the lack of employees in the inspections department, as well as a restructure of the

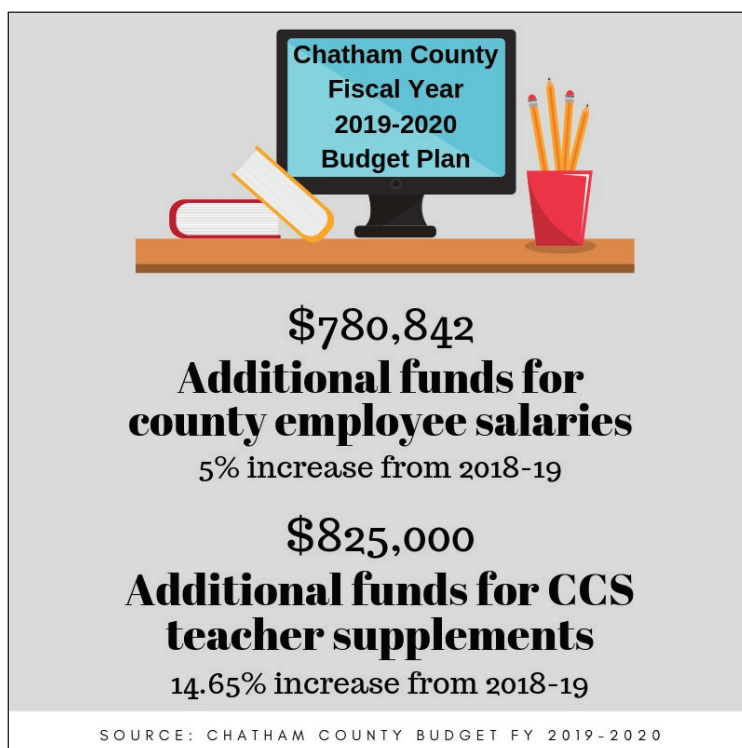
salary ranges for that group "to hopefully attract people with varying levels of certification," according to county human resources director Carolyn Miller.

"We provided some added incentive for folks for something to look forward to," Miller said at last week's budget workshop. "People with certifications are a hot commodity, and we're stealing from each other constantly. It's harming our impact to be able to get to certain inspections."

The county only has one position vacant at the moment, the inspections supervisor position, while temporary employees are filling the other gaps.

This incentive program coincides with the county's 5 percent increase in employee salaries, including new positions, accounting for \$780,242.

County officials have also expressed concern over payment for teachers. Chatham recently shifted to a salary percentage supplement as opposed to a flat fee, and put an additional



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

\$825,000 toward that fund. But as state legislators continue to increase teacher salaries, that might place a strain on counties trying to keep that supplement percentage consistent.

LaMontagne said the county is essentially "mak(ing) up for shortages in state salary to state employees" by paying these supplements, and that they're not the only county doing it.

"What matters, I feel, to us

is our market, is being able to compete in our market," he said. "A number of other jurisdictions are going from percentage to flat in the supplement, but none of those in our area are. We're competing for teachers here, and we've got some significant school districts really, really close."

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"This project will move a little faster than a building project, because they can put up steel pretty quick," he said. "We either own the land already or we'll work with partnerships to secure the other land."

Regarding the local option sales tax, a discussion point as the result of the Pittsboro public hearing May 20, budget

analyst Darrell Butts said the county has the option of putting a referendum for a quarter-cent sales tax on an upcoming ballot. But the N.C. General Assembly may soon give counties more flexibility.

House Bill 667, which was introduced by three Republicans and one Democrat earlier this year, would give counties the option to ask for a half-cent sales tax as well as a quarter-cent.

If passed as currently written, the bill would also require the purpose of the revenue — either "any public purpose" or "public education purposes" including capital outlay, debt, salary supplement or community college support — to be stated on the ballot. Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Chatham) was among the 107 who voted for the bill in the House; only five voted against.

The county has asked the local board of elections to begin researching and preparing paperwork to put the question on an upcoming ballot, but has not made a final decision on whether or not it would appear. The tax would only apply to retail sales of items and would be applicable for any purchases in Chatham County, whether made by Chatham residents or otherwise.

The county brought in \$13,859,506 in sales tax revenue in fiscal year 2017-2018, and is projecting to receive \$14,325,000 this fiscal year under the current rate.

The board will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro to discuss one more item. The Central Chatham Fire District, which includes the Siler City Fire

Department, is considering adding 3 cents to its property tax rate to help hire some more firefighters, but did not include that in its original budget request. The tax rate increase — from 9 cents to 12 cents — would cover the unincorporated part of Siler City.

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VIEWPOINTS

An Oz tale: Lyman Baum, 'The Book of Failure,' and a prairie disaster

You might be familiar with Lyman Baum. This is the story of the thin but sturdy thread connecting him to me.



BILL HORNER III
From The
Publisher's Desk

Baum was something of a day-dreamer. He had a restless spirit, especially when it came to seeking the fortune that always seemed to elude him. In turns he pursued stamp-collecting, poultry breeding and publishing. Baum also got involved in theater and dabbled as a playwright before moving his family west from his native New York to South Dakota.

There, he opened a retail store — Baum's Bazaar — which sold novelties from Japan and glassware made by Native Americans. He was known to be generous with store credit, though, and that generosity soon bankrupted his establishment.

A serial entrepreneur who once published a trade magazine for retailers, Baum next got into the newspaper business in South Dakota and, when that failed, worked as a reporter in Chicago

and as a freelance writer. Between newspaper jobs he also spent time as a traveling salesman, peddling fine china and glassware.

All along, he kept a private notebook of ideas for stories which newspapers and magazines rejected. He called it "The Book of Failure."

Where Lyman Baum most wanted to succeed was in writing books. Children's books were becoming commercially viable, thanks to the enormous success of a series of books about a place called "Wonderland" by an author named Lewis Carroll. So in the summer of 1899, Baum got the idea to write a story about a Wonderland of his own.

For inspiration, he turned to remembrances of newspaper stories he'd never forgotten about a Kansas farm town decimated by a tornado some time before. In a particularly gruesome detail from one, he recalled a storm victim — a young girl found buried face down in a mud puddle. Her name was Dorothy Gale.

As his book took shape in his mind and on paper, Baum needed a name for his own Wonderland. Looking around his basement den for ideas, his eyes fell upon his two-drawer filing cabinet.

The upper drawer was labeled A-N.

The other was labeled O-Z. Oz, then, was it. The book that would bring Baum his fortune would be called "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." He published it not under his given name of Lyman — he was named for an uncle, his father's brother — but the name he preferred, his middle name.

It was thus that L. Frank Baum finally found success and fortune and literary immortality.

Baum went on to write another 13 books in the "Oz" series. Oz wasn't real, of course, but the town in which the real Dorothy Gale lived and died was — which is where Baum and I are connected.

The town was Irving, Kansas, located a scant five miles down the Blue River from my adopted hometown of Blue Rapids, where I moved from North Carolina when I was 8 and lived until going off to college.

I relocated to Kansas in 1972, but it was a long time before — on May 30, 1879 — when two massive tornadoes struck Irving, then a town of about 300 souls, an hour apart. More than 60 people were killed by the twisters, including six members of the Gale family. Poor Dorothy, according to one newspaper report, was driven into the mud by the winds with such ferocity that she was bur-

ied past her shoulders. Some Irving residents were never found, whisked away by the winds to places unknown. A letter written by Irving resident Annis Minerva Crawford two weeks after the storm to a woman who lost her husband and son to the twisters describes the aftermath.

"I learn from the men who found them, that your husband was found on his back about the middle of the lot," Crawford wrote. "What hurts he received I cannot say, nor could they as he was so covered by mud...and I think his face was not hurt. Your son had a large gash over his right eye. Both were easily recognized. When found they were close together. Mrs. Keeney was carried somewhat farther than they were, and was driven head first into the ground almost to her breast. We suppose that death in each case was instantaneous, that they did not suffer, for all the wounded give the same story, that consciousness was lost."

Named for author Washington Irving, the Kansas Irving was founded in 1859. The town rebuilt after the tornadoes, which marked the first time in history a single town was struck by two tornadoes on the same day. (It happened again in Xenia, Ohio, in 1974.) The town was flooded by the Big Blue River in

1908, and again in subsequent years. Fires also plagued Irving, including four in a devastating 11-year period — the last in 1916.

It'd be nice to say that the Irving lived happily ever, but the town clearly had its own Book of Failures. The last was a man-made event — the construction of a dam in the Blue River Valley resulted in government-mandated closing of the town, one of several in the valley. Most of the abandoned towns were submerged by waters created by the dam, but the resilient Irving ended up not flooded, and had the last word in the matter: the former town site is still visible, and you can even walk its overgrown streets. A stone monument with the word "IRVING" sits there, with a mailbox behind it.

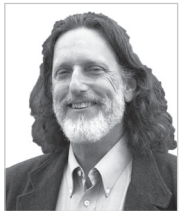
I've visited this ghost town several times over the years, and it's a haunting place. Tornado chasers like to stop by to visit there, leaving messages for fellow chasers in the mailbox.

In Baum's book — and in the movie that helped make it famous (see Randall Rigsbee's excellent story in this edition about a different book related to that same film) — the fictional Dorothy returns home to Kansas.

In the abandoned town of Irving, the real Dorothy's memory still lives.

A good time to get sick?

There isn't a good time to get sick, but there are times we get sick that seem more ill-timed than others.



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

The start of a three-day weekend is one of those times.

That was the situation I was in Friday afternoon. On the cusp of the long Memorial Day weekend, I first felt the tell-tale tickle in the back of my throat.

By nightfall, any optimism I'd mustered that the tickly situation was fleeting — or could be blamed, as we like to do with these things, on "allergies" — was fading faster than my energy level.

As unwelcome as this health report was, it wasn't entirely surprising. I'd spent the two days prior keeping what I hoped was a safe distance from my school teacher wife, who'd been the recipient of one last illness for the 2018/19 school year. Just in time for the EOG's, she'd succumbed to sore throat, sneezing and coughing; and though I'd done everything I could short of moving into another house for the duration, by the time I pulled the sheets up to my chin Friday night, shivering underneath, I knew the bug had been passed to me.

This is as good a time as any to note that the common cold, as we know it, badly needs a new agent; and I'd suggest it hire whoever represents the flu because common though it may be, a cold can pack a punch, too, and deserves credit.

This one certainly punched me, zapping me of energy, appetite, stamina and all the other things we rely on to get through an average day. By mid-morning Saturday, I was bleary-eyed, sweaty and miserable. My quick trip to the grocery store for saltines and frozen ice pops — the only two things I thought I could manage to eat — took nearly all the energy I had left.

After a meal of two frozen pops — one orange, one grape — and a couple of saltine crackers, I settled in for what I knew would be a long day.

I couldn't help but feel a little sorry for myself. This, after all, was precious time wasted. While our neighbors were taking full advantage of the sunny weather with family and friends and cookouts, we were shuttered indoors like a couple of zombies. I don't dislike a lazy day; I just like to be well enough to enjoy it.

Throats hurting and heads throbbing, we tried nevertheless to live as normally as possible, attempting to divert our minds from our ailments with Netflix; but at that we were only partially successful. A new Spanish-language drama called "High Seas" looked like just the salve we needed. What better way to spend an ailing afternoon than getting engrossed in an Agatha Christie-like period mystery set aboard a ship carrying 1,600 passengers from Spain to Brazil? If only I'd had the energy. I couldn't focus on the intricate story and reading English subtitles for the Spanish production required more bandwidth than I could manage.

About 11 minutes into the second episode, I fell asleep. And I slept for what may be a personal record.

I was knocked out for the next 16 hours, with only a couple of brief interruptions: one, my wife stirring me momentarily (at about 8 p.m.) to make sure I was still alive; two, waking on my own around 2 a.m., badly in need of another frozen pop (this time, cherry).

But sleep was, it turned out, exactly the thing I needed.

By Sunday, I wasn't ready to run marathons, but I was much better; my head no longer pounded, the sore throat had largely abated; I could stand for more than a couple of minutes without fear of falling; and I believed I would live to see another day.

We managed in what remained of the weekend to finish watching "High Seas," but, even though I felt a bit better, my improving health couldn't compensate for the drama's many plot holes. But it did make me think about something other than my own misery, and for that I was grateful.

When I started seeing a light at the end of my tunnel of sickness, I noticed an irony: the timing of my illness, though bad on first blush, was actually perfect. It's true it ruined the classic joys of a long weekend. But it was also that long weekend that afforded me the thing I most needed to get better.

So here's something the common cold's publicist would probably rather we didn't know: there is no good time to catch a common cold, but if you have to, try and catch it when you can fit in 16 hours of sleep. Colds don't seem to like that.



Two special days tied together



BOB WACHSMANN
Movin' Around

A couple of things happen around this time of the year which, to me, have a direct relationship to each other.

Granted, more than a couple of things happen around this

time of year. School years end; folks graduate from various schools. Some get married, others take vacations and so on and so forth.

Those are nice but the two I have in mind aren't either one of those. One is on everyone's calendar on the same date, whether they choose to observe it or not. The other occurs at various times of the year.

But they're both significant and they are related to each other.

The first is Memorial Day and even though it's the same on all the calendars it has different meanings to folks. For some, it's just another day on which they have to work or do the things they do. Others may have the day off from work and use it in various ways, although one of the more common ones is to put a hurt on

the beef supply at your local supermarket.

For others, Memorial Day, even though it's already passed us by on the calendar, marks the unofficial beginning of summer and when numerous places of business and work use the day to create a four-day weekend it tends to drive up the number of vehicles on highways and drive down the number of folks taking in Sunday worship services.

Some, though, will take a moment or two, whether they indulge in any of those activities or not, to remember what it really is all about. They may pause a moment or they may actually take in a band-playing, flag-waving, wreath-laying ceremony and audibly or at least in their hearts say a word of thanks to the men and women of our armed forces who aren't here in one way or another — either by being on assignment somewhere around the world or having heard the words "assignment complete" and moving on to that great campground in the sky.

The second day that comes around this time of the year is another Memorial Day of sorts. These happen at churches near and far and they often go by the name "Homecoming." At some places, the folks will remember

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in a memorial service those folks who have slipped away since the last such gathering. Others don't do that but all have a fine old time of singing and remembering and dinner afterwards.

This year, as I notch another candle on the birthday cake at about the same time as those two days, I'm reminded more and more about how much we have and — dare I say it — how much we take for granted.

When you see a veteran — and not just on May's Memorial Day calendar notation — tell them thanks. And when you gather in your house of worship next time, remember that it wasn't the preacher who gave us freedom of religion but the veteran.

You'll get no argument from me on that point.

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The Civil War continues in Fayetteville, Gettysburg and Chapel Hill

Fayetteville is about to have its own civil war about the proposed North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center planned to be built in that city. The new museum-like facility would be located on the site of the arsenal General Sherman's troops destroyed in 1865.



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Supporters of the project hope the legislature will provide \$46 million to launch construction. They explain that the emphasis of the project will not be on the war's battles, flags, uniforms, monuments, and weapons. Rather it will focus on life in the state from about 1835 to the end of the 19th Century.

Others in Fayetteville, including Mayor Mitch Colvin, believe the facility could become a focal point for confrontations between white supremacists and counter-protesters. They worry about what happened in Charlottesville in 2017. Colvin would rather state money be used to deal with pressing community problems.

Fayetteville's NAACP President Jimmy Buxton told WUNC radio that the facility could attract white supremacists whatever the intent of the organizers. "Even if those who are in charge of this say it's not, this is what racists are think-

ing — a Civil War museum. When they get here they may be fooled, but they're coming anyway because they feel like what they've been worshipping all their lives is going to be in this museum."

Buxton's remarks were a timely reminder that it is almost impossible to do anything related to the Civil War without opening the door to criticism that the activity is racist or evidence of latent white supremacist attitudes of its promoters.

I thought of these things last week on a three-day trip to Gettysburg with a group of East Chapel Hill Rotarians under the leadership of Civil War expert Fred Kiger. For many of my generation, a trip to Gettysburg is an important pilgrimage, a visit to a shrine, the place where North Carolina soldiers were slaughtered in their effort to drive federal troops from their positions on Cemetery Ridge. Though unsuccessful, those troops advanced to the federal defensive line, leading to the old boast about North Carolina troops that they were "Farthest to the Front at Gettysburg."

Would it be fair for Buxton to ask me if there is in our veneration of the fallen soldiers a tint of the white supremacy ideology that grounded their cause?

By honoring them, do we also honor and celebrate their cause?

I don't think so. But the question is a fair one.

Gettysburg is covered with mon-

uments for the heroes of the battle. Most of them honor federal units or the generals who led them. However, on Cemetery Ridge there is a modest monument to the North Carolina troops who advanced to the federal line during Pickett's charge.

One Rotarian suggested that the toppled Silent Sam monument might find a welcome place at Gettysburg.

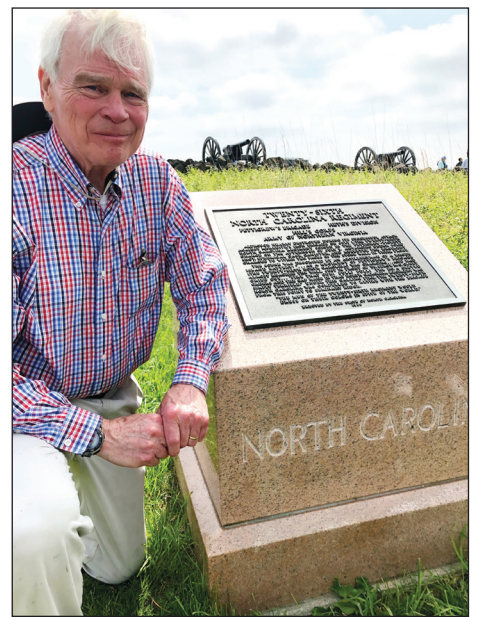
Meanwhile, back in Chapel Hill, the chairman of UNC's Board of Governors, Harry Smith, was explaining a change of mind about his earlier insistence that the toppled Silent Sam monument be returned to its place in the center of the campus.

"My original view and opinion," he explained, "which I think was probably quick and uneducated, was just to put it back up."

But, he continued, "Having taken the time, energy and effort and talking to a lot of people I have tremendous faith and trust in, it's my view and opinion as one member that that's not the right path."

It would not hurt the rest of us, including me and Buxton, to follow Smith's lead and spend some "time, energy and effort" talking and listening to others. We might learn to appreciate different viewpoints. And, like Smith, challenge our own ideas.

Ironically, it might be something like the North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center could bring us



Submitted photo

Author D.G. Martin poses at the North Carolina Monument at Gettysburg's Cemetery Ridge.

together in such an effort.

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

Let's make government less important



JOHN HOOD
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RALEIGH — It might sound odd to hear this from someone who's been writing a syndicated column on politics for more than 30 years, but politics has become vastly more important in our lives than it should be.

Virtually every decision we make in our ostensibly free society is now subject to review, refinement, and reversal by some government agency. We can't buy or consume what we want, hire whom we want on mutually agreeable terms, inhabit and dispense with our property

as we want, or make critical decisions about our families' education, health care, and financial planning without the intrusion of governmental "helpers."

I'm not an anarchist. Modern civilization and human progress have proven to be impossible without governmental structures. When administered effectively and constitutionally, governments promote law and order, adjudicate disputes, and ensure the provision of certain public goods that for technical reasons can't be delivered by purely voluntary means.

That's not to say human beings can't live without government. For most of the history of the species, humans lived in small hunter-gatherer bands, consisting largely of relatives, that came together only occasionally to swap, socialize, and find mates. In some places, these social bonds developed into tribal confederations and, later, into chiefdoms. But not until a few thousand years ago did true states appear in an anthropological sense — social institutions that established a "monopoly of the legitimate use of physical force within a given territory," as Max Weber famously put it.

The invention of the state and the invention of cities were interrelated events. The word political comes from the Greek polis, for city-state. Civilization both creates and requires politics in the sense we use the term today.

Humanity can live without government, as I said — but not long or well. Hunter-gatherers may have had more free time than we do, but they starved, shivered and died early and violent deaths at far higher rates, too. Tribes and chiefdoms weren't much more conducive to human flourishing. Even early civilizations, built around cities and states, increased the total population and scope of human communities without necessarily raising the standard of living for the average person very much for very long.

What ultimately did the trick was the marriage of industrial capitalism and constitutional, liberalizing government during the 18th and 19th centuries, beginning in Northwestern Europe and North America and then spreading elsewhere. The public sector played a critical role in this gigantic and unprecedented leap forward in human wellbeing. But it did so precisely because its power was constrained by law and custom.

In the American context, at least, modern conservatives should be understood as conserving a set of truly revolutionary ideas and practices. One such idea is that government is both necessary and dangerous. As James Madison put it in a post-presidency speech in Virginia, "The essence of government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse."

By "power" here, Madison and other Founders meant coercive power — the capacity of government to force people at the point of a gun to comply with its commands. Whether republican or tyrannical, all governments possess such power. Again, it's necessary. But it ought to be used sparingly, only for tasks that can't be accomplished through market transactions, charitable activity, or simple persuasion.

That's the case that my colleagues and I at the John Locke Foundation, and at other like-minded organizations in North Carolina and beyond, seek to make every day in our programs, articles, interviews, and public appearances. Our work is usually devoted to specific applications. We advocate liberating North Carolinians to make choices for themselves about how best to educate their children, improve their health, pursue economic opportunity, and build the families and communities in which they live their lives.

Whether the stakes in a particular dispute we discuss seem big or small to you, keep mind that the broader principle couldn't be more momentous: everything need not be political. Minimize government. Maximize freedom.

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Health care solutions won't come from Washington

A group of healthcare stakeholders met in



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

Raleigh last week for a first-ever "listen and learn" session focused on two questions: How much should we spend on healthcare and how should these dollars be advocated?

Dr. Bobby DuBois, Chief Science Officer and Executive Vice President of the National Pharmaceutical Council, a health policy research organization, kicked off the session by stating that it is increasingly obvious that solutions to our healthcare problems won't come from Washington or our politicians. For too long we have waited for top down answers. If we are going to make significant and meaningful changes, they will come from the bottom up, in other words, from stakeholders.

How much does America spend and how is it working for us?

Eighteen percent of our gross domestic product is spent on healthcare. To put this in perspective, in 1960 the amount was about 5 percent of our GDP. By 1990 that amount had increased to around 10 percent, and the 18 percent number reflects growth more than twice the rate of inflation.

When compared to other countries we spend the highest amount; however, after examining 72 health outcome indicators The Commonwealth Fund revealed the U.S. comes in dead last among the 11 developed nations. Other comparative studies rank us in the mid 30s among 100 nations in outcome benchmarks. We clearly aren't getting enough bang for our bucks.

Each table of attendees was challenged to discuss and offer solutions. Here are some of their comments: Everyone wants to control healthcare costs until it affects them. Healthcare is the only segment of our lives where we don't ask and don't know what procedures or treatments cost. More transparency is needed. There is as much as 30 percent wasteful spending, such as unnec-

essary tests and procedures sometimes ordered to avoid lawsuits. We could perhaps save on prescription costs if the nearly \$30 billion a year in drug advertising is drastically cut, more competition is allowed and more negotiation of drug prices is available. Association health plans can help small businesses and trade groups bring down insurance costs, as would allowing insurers from other states to cover our residents. And tort reform could protect patients while also reducing provider liability. Most agree hospitals could be more cost effective.

The hospital emergency department is often the front door of care for those uninsured and, at a minimum of \$1,000, is the most expensive. More emphasis on wellness and primary care could make us healthier and save money. Increasing the scope of practice for nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants could also help.

Along with suggestions, some thorny issues were raised, like end-of-life care. Eighty percent of the total amount a person spends on healthcare

is spent in the last two years of their life. Important questions included how do we know if we are spending too much in any one area? Will lower spending result in lower quality of care? What tradeoffs are we willing to make to reduce costs? Who will ultimately make these decisions? How can we discuss these important questions without finger pointing or being defensive?

As might be expected there were differences expressed, but all agreed we cannot continue to sustain this level of cost and real solutions that reduce costs are essential. This listen and learn session was a good first-step. Others need to follow and all of us have a voice in them.

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30TH RUN FOR THE WALL

Ride brings hundreds of motorcyclists through Siler City to honor soldiers

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Some 200 motorcycles flowed into and through Siler City last Wednesday for a stop on the 30th annual Run for the Wall event.

The riders — many were veterans — were already showing the wear from a ride across the country to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. They ranged in age, race and gender, but formed a tight group, connected by the experience and by the cause: honoring Vietnam prisoners of war and soldiers declared missing in action.

It's a brotherhood, and a sisterhood, that goes beyond different biker clubs, different states, and different branches of the military. Warm, welcoming, and appreciative, the brood was impressive to see and reminded those on their path of the ultimate sacrifice of our veterans lost.

Each year since 1989, Run for the Wall participants have been making a 10-day journey from Ontario, California, to Washington, D.C., on the long Memorial Day weekend. Along the ride, the participants stop at memorials, veterans hospitals and schools along the route. Some host towns hold parades, hold receptions, and even provide escorts for the motorcycle caravan.

There are three different routes riders for the journey with the midway route stopping in Siler City. In the end, all three converged in Washington on Memorial Day weekend, meeting at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Then all the participants walked to the Vietnam Memorial to complete their mission.

In Siler City, the group stopped at the Pentecostal Holiness Church for lunch, a stop that has been part of the route since Siler City first joined the Run for the Wall itinerary in 2014. The church's pastor, Mark Richardson, has been participating in Run for the Wall since 2011 and is largely the reason it stops in town.

Not only does the church host the lunch each year, several members participate on the ride either on motorcycles or in support vehicles. Two husband and wife teams from the church are members of chase teams, groups that follow the motorcyclists with dozens more playing other support roles. Richardson, who is a member of the event's chaplain corps, estimates about 50 members of the church are on the ground supporting the event.

"It is a ride that makes a bold statement to remember our POWs and MIAs," he said. "It's also to promote healing for the veterans. We also honor POW families all across America and do outreach."

Church member Jeff Webster also participated on the ride this year.

"We do it for the veterans, for those who can't ride, for those who lost lives, for those in the service now," he said.

In Siler City, riders shared their motivation for taking part.

John Gebhards, who lives in St. Louis, has been participating with Run for the Wall for 22 years. This year he joined first on the southern route in Louisiana, then met up with the Midway route.

"I miss the camaraderie of the military, the friendship of the group," Gebhards said. "The POW issue is brought to the front. It's a small way to keep the idea alive. The welcome we receive in Siler City is unbelievable, truly unbelievable. It's the smaller towns that really help you keep faith in America."

Noah King, whose father, uncle, and grandfather who have been participating in the ride since he was in middle school, was finally invited to go with them — to which his father mumbled, "It's the first time you had a Harley."

"This is one of the coolest things I've ever been a part of," he said. "I'm hooked now. I'll be back every year."

Mary Witty and Linda Ledoux of Louisiana joined in Amarillo, Texas. Both women are members of a female motorcycle club and noted that several of the club members had participated in Run for the Wall and spoke so highly of it. So the two were inspired to participate.

Both of my parents were WWII vets and my son was in the army," Witty said. "My son was going to come with me, but he died in 2011 so I stopped for a while, but I came back. The camaraderie is so unique and wonderful. I get a glimpse of what my parents and son saw."

"I have three uncles who died in war and a brother in the military," Ledoux said. "When the ladies [of the motorcycle club] talked about the patriotism across the country, I knew I had to do it."

"This is one of the hardest riding you'll ever do," Witty said. "It's tight formations, but it's organized because it's military."

This year, the tour welcomed not just motorcyclists, but drivers of slingshots, an open air roadster which is sometimes called a three-



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Chatham Middle School students anxiously await the arrival of the Run for the Wall riders.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Hundreds of bikes rolled into Chatham Middle while students waved American flags and cheered.

This year was Buffalo Soldier Anor "Chief" Burnside's fourth year escorting riders from Siler City to Fayetteville. He also has 34 years of military service.

"We do it for the same reason they do it — for the veterans that served before us," he said. "We ride because they can't ride. It's also about fellowship."

Fellow Buffalo Soldier Vaniesha "Lil Swole" G.C. Price was participating for the first time and was "very excited about it," noting that "the food is good too."

The event also brought community, business, and government leaders to share in a meal and the camaraderie.

"We enjoy serving those who served," Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson said. "The people of Chatham County and at Pentecostal Holiness Church in Siler City do a wonderful job of serving the members of the Ride to the Wall. Our community roles out the red carpet — a steak dinner and even peach cobbler. What a wonderful place to live that supports those who served and continue to serve our country."

"I attend each year to show respect to the veterans who are bringing attention to the U.S. Military," Siler City Mayor John Grimes said. "They ride to Washington to bring attention to those who laid down their lives in order to keep our country safe and its people free. And also to the veterans who were and are willing to lay down their lives so that the United States remains free and strong."

Grimes also attends for reasons that are more personal.

"Run for the Wall means that three generations of my family and I are appreciated," he said. "During WWII, my mom had a husband, two brothers, a sister and three brother-in-laws who volunteered for service. All served in hostile territories and all came home. God Bless America."

"I think this is a great event for a remarkable cause," Siler City Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek said. "It is an honor for them to stop in Siler City on their way to Washington, D.C. Run for the Wall honors our service men and women for the sacrifices they have made for our country. All the citizens of Siler City should be appreciative of their contributions."

Mark Reif, Mountaire Farms' employee & community relations



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

This rider was elated to stop at the Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church where the riders were greeted with a warm welcome and lunch.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Riders were greeted with a lunch of grilled steak, vegetables, and homemade peach cobbler and ice cream. Shown are (left to right) Chad Waguespect of Louisiana, Rick Fullerton of California, Kevin Manor of Virginia, along with Bubba Wilson and Britney Visciotti of Arizona (standing).

manager and veteran himself, said Mountaire attends and sponsors the ride because of what it stands for.

"They are riding across the nation to the Vietnam memorial in Washington for those who can't or who remain either prisoners of war or missing in

action in Southeast Asia," he said. "It is a 'we will not forget you' event and continues the awareness of those who gave all for our Country. Mountaire Farms continues to salute these American Veterans."

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Staff photo by David Bradley

The riders came in from U.S. Hwy. 421 heading south before reaching U.S. Hwy. 64 through Siler City. Police and emergency vehicles directed traffic to all the riders safe travels through town.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Sidewinders were welcomed on the Run for the Wall route this year. Many riders brought their four-legged companions as well.



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Run for the Wall presented awards to Siler City, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and the Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church for their years of support for the event. Siler City Mayor John Grimes and Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek accepted the award on behalf of the town. The Rev. Mark Richardson also participated in the award ceremony.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The Run for the Wall motorcycles filled the front of Chatham Middle.



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The riders were welcomed throughout Siler City on Wednesday as they stopped before making their way up to the Vietnam Memorial this Memorial Day weekend.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Riders flowed into Siler City, making their way to the Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Motorcyclists from Run for the Wall made their way through downtown Siler City after leaving the Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Riders from across the country become family on the Run for the Wall Journey. From left to right are Cathy and Bill Clark from Ridgecrest, California, and Janet from Arizona.

SUCCESS: Peppermint can boost concentration, quicken reaction time

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most people had partners. I walked into the gym one day and asked Brady if he wanted to be my partner.”

Brady did. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Beavers and Andrew, a pair of eighth graders at Chatham Middle School, recently won first place in the junior category of Biological Science A at the N.C. State Science Fair and are headed to the national level of science fairs — and all for studying the effect of peppermint on standardized testing.

Public education entities have recently been re-evaluating the place of standardized tests in schools. N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson has instituted several changes in testing policy and practices this year, including reducing the number of questions on state tests, in an attempt to help student success.

Perhaps Johnson can take advantage of Beavers and Andrew’s research.

“We really used the problem of standardized tests because that’s a huge issue today, for me personally,” said Andrew. “There have been studies done that show peppermint increases reac-

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CHAD MORGAN, principal, Chatham Middle School

tion time in a state of mental fatigue. During a test, I get tired. I wondered if we could test that and somehow prove that, if you did take peppermints before a big standardized test, it could increase your scores.”

The pair gathered data from 48 people of varying ages, from middle school to old age. Participants ate a peppermint before going to a website and taking a test. On the page, a light would flash and the participants would try to respond as quickly as possible by clicking on where the light was. The goal was to see if peppermints improved reaction time.

And according to the researchers, it did.

“When you take a peppermint, the peppermint oils, you don’t taste them, you smell them,” Andrew said. “That releases more oxygen to the brain. When you have more oxygen in the brain, it helps you to concentrate and it helps your reaction time.”

Overall, reaction times improved. The results among age groups varied — school-aged individuals had differing results, middle-aged people’s reaction times improved and the elderly’s response slowed.

The project won Chatham Middle’s science fair and then took the top prize in its category at the state level, surprising both Andrew and Beavers.

“It was very simple,” Beavers said. “We weren’t expecting it to go this far.”

Angus, the pair’s science teacher, provided some assistance on the project. She wasn’t surprised.

“These students have been groomed since grade six,” Angus said. “I don’t take all the credit, I’ll give more credit to the teachers who were there for them before. They have been molding them in the right direction. There wasn’t much work for me to do.”

Angus added that she was “very proud” they came from her class, a pride Chatham Middle Principal Chad Morgan shared.

“With Brady and Macy, they just really have excelled,” he said. “We’re very proud of them, the teachers are very proud. Just seeing that they are representing our school throughout this whole process has been great.”

With their win, the pair qualified for the Broadcom MASTERS, a nationwide science and engineering competition for middle school students. Last year’s winner, a 14-year-old from California, won a \$25,000 prize.

Both students said they’d likely tinker with their project over the summer and add on to what’s been done in hopes to make it stronger. Regardless of what happens next, their teachers are happy about what they’ve accomplished.

“They have the potential,” Angus said. “They are very strong students. They will go the extra mile to ensure that they get the high score in everything that they do.”

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ECONOMY: ‘Showcasing what you can do with native plants’

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ic driver for the area. The garden is also her “happy place.”

People come from across the state and the region to learn from the pollinator garden and from Roos’ work. Her garden tours and design workshops sell out within a day — and she holds at least 18 programs a year. She notes that she had no previous experience in gardening or design, other than a horticulture degree which specializes.

“If I can do it, you can do it,” she said recently to tour guests.

The garden is 85 percent native to North Carolina, all organic, hand-watered, and never fertilized. Roos advises tour guests to have at least three or four pollinator plants that bloom each season in their own gardens. There should also be a diversity of plants in terms of bloom depth — both deep and shallow — and in color. Different pollinators gather and distribute pollen in different plants and not all like the same shades.

She also suggests planting everything in the fall in order to prevent the plants from undergoing too much stress. She notes that once the plant is established after the first year, it will only require occasional spot watering during the hottest, driest times of year.

During her tour, Roos is constantly reassuring her guests that gardening is a trial-and-error activity. She shares not only her successes, but the challenges she has faced in the garden. She likes to “share her mistakes” noting that the garden is never done. She’s found some plants to be weedy and overtake others, while others may “flop” over, harming other plants, and the urban deer constantly prevent some plants from blooming.

Roos notes that when she started the pollinator garden, it was a thought to blend her interests with her job. However, interest in the loss of pollinator habitat

has exploded nationwide, increasing the interest and traffic to the program.

The boom in interest had another side effect that Roos did not expect: an economic impact. Roos calls it “pollinator tourism.”

She’s found, in talking with local business owners, that when people come to visit the garden, they also spend money in the community. The investment goes beyond just local shops and restaurants. When Roos does a tour, she provides a list of the plants in the garden as well as local nurseries that sell the plants.

“It’s showcasing what you can do with native plants purchased locally from local, independent nurseries,” she said.

Roos notes that the garden has become a part of the community, owned by the community. Volunteers help maintain the garden as well as provide updates when damages occur. It’s something she has found to bring the community together.

“It’s amazing,” Roos said. “This little garden and the impact it’s had. I’m very blessed.”

Roos has created several web-based resources for those interested in learning more about pollinator gardens. Her website through the Chatham County Office of the N.C. Cooperative Extension, and a “What’s in Bloom” Facebook page, which is public, contain nine years of photos where flowers and pollinators are identified. It also carries resources including the listing of pollinator plants at the garden and local nurseries where those plants can be found.

Pollinator Garden website: <https://growing-smallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms-pollinatorgarden/>

“What’s in Bloom” website: <https://growing-smallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms-bloomlist/>

Casey Mann can be reached at CaseyMann@Chathamnr.com.

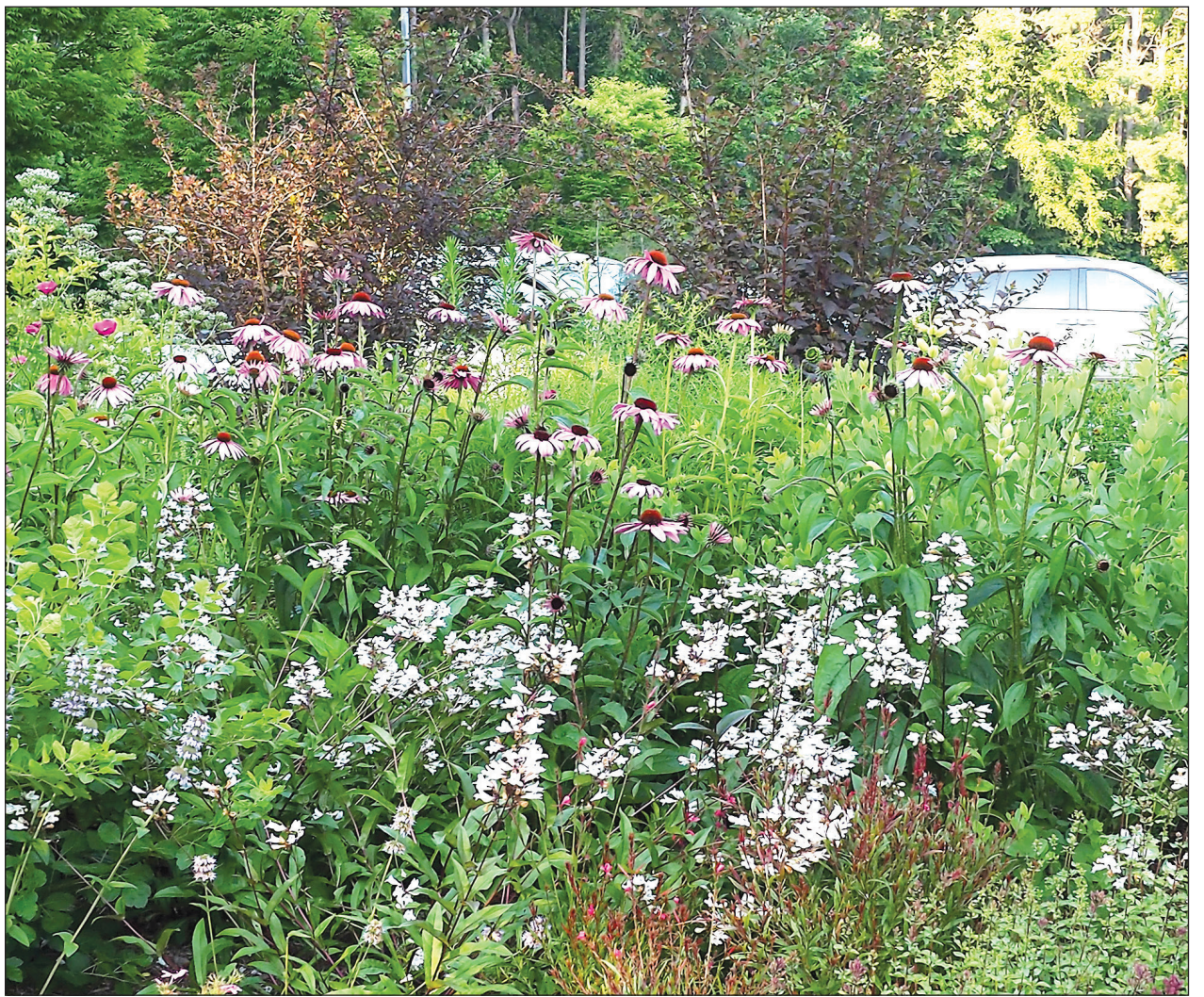
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DEBBIE ROOS, the agriculture-sustainable/organic production extension agent for the N.C. Cooperative Extension



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Debbie Roos of the Chatham County Agriculture Extension gives regular tours around the pollinator garden. The tours, as well as the design workshops, sell out quickly.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The pollinator garden attract a diversity of birds and pollinators to Chatham Mills. Roos has been able to create a botanical garden in a parking lot.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Debbie Roos shares listings of every pollinator in the garden as well as a listing of favorites for new gardeners. The garden is at least 75 percent native plants to North Carolina such as this Carolina Lupine (*Thermopsis villosa*).



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Debbie Roos in the Pollinator Garden at Chatham Mills in Pittsboro.

OBITUARIES

RANDALL "RANDY" EUGENE ZIBLAY

Randall "Randy" Eugene Ziblay, 58, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at FirstHealth Hospice House.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Rhonda Wilson officiating. Special words of comfort will be offered by Sherri Hicks. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 3 to 4 p.m..

He was born in Lee County on March 21, 1961 to Bertha Rogers Hicks. Randy worked for many years at Performance Fibers.

In addition to his mother, Randy is survived by his wife, Lisa Thompson Ziblay; son, Jonathan Collier of Sanford; daughters, Holly Gilson and Meghan Hayes, both of Sanford; brothers, Ricky Ziblay of Bear Creek, Kevin Hicks of Sanford; sister, Patricia Hicks Byerly of Lexington; and five grandchildren.

Memorials in memory of Randy can be made to: FirstHealth Hospice House, 251 Campground Road, West End, NC 27376.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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

GLADYS EDITH (TALLEY) PEGUES

Gladys Edith Pegues, 89, of Sanford passed on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 2 p.m. at

First Calvary Baptist Church.

JOHN HENRY WOMBLE

John Henry Womble, 85, of Sanford passed on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Roberts Chapel Church in Goldston, with interment in the church cemetery.

STEPHANIE ANN (QUICK) MCLEAN

Stephanie Ann Quick McLean passed Thursday, May 23, 2019 at her residence.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

DARRELL CHARLES WHITLEY

Darrell Charles Whitley, 55, of Sanford passed on Friday at Central Carolina Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

ROSEMARY GUYDISH

Rosemary Guydish, of Sanford passed on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

GERALDINE SMITH KIRK



Geraldine Smith Kirk, 65, of Siler City went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior at UNC Hospice at 2:07 a.m. on May 22, 2019. She joined her beloved husband, Wesley. She was diagnosed with cancer in June, 2018, the day after she retired from Chatham County Schools (2007-2018). Her last position was Instructional Management Coordinator.

Her battle with cancer was fought courageously as she was supported by family and numerous friends. Her lifelong friend, Marsha Andrews,

walked bravely through this journey with Geraldine. Many thanks to all those who brought meals, prayed, visited and provided rides to Duke. A special acknowledgment to the Kirk family for their love and care.

Geraldine was the daughter of Sam and Ola Smith, both preceded her in death. Geraldine and Wesley built their log home on the land that her parents gifted her. She loved her home, always planning and completing projects and worked in her yard. Her home was enjoyed by many as a place of hospitality, and a haven of love. She loved to cook and ministered to many with her Southern meals. Her distinct personality of strong leadership and fun loving while constantly seeking ways to empower others, will be missed by many.

Geraldine's daughter, her life's treasure, Stacy Kirk Woody, and her husband Donnie reside on the family tract. It was a great privilege for Geraldine to be lovingly cared for, by her daughter, a Registered Nurse. Geraldine immensely enjoyed being a grandmother to Anna, Jackson, and Elliott.

Geraldine's sister, Charlotte Testerman, and husband Sam raised their daughters, Jamie and Caroline on their adjoining lands. Youngest sister Jane, and Keith Oldham, live on the actual home-place. The family was close in distance and spirit.

Relationships were of utmost importance to Geraldine, and most importantly was her relationship with Jesus Christ. She was an active member of Joy Baptist Church.

Geraldine Kirk will be remembered by many as the Plant Manager of Charles Craft (1990-2005). She began working as a machine operator at Hadley Peoples during high school and worked many positions before being named Plant Manager in December, 1990.

Visitation took place from 12 p.m. to 1:30 at Oakley Baptist Church on Monday, May 27. The funeral service followed at 2 p.m. Reverend Rodney Staley, "Charlie Brown" of Joy Baptist Church and Dr. Victor Hinson of Liberty University officiated. Geraldine was laid to rest beside her husband, Wesley Kirk, in Oakley Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: UNC Hospice, 100 Rountree Way, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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

CARMEN ANNA COX



Carmen Anna Cox, age 58, of Spring Lake, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at UNC Hospital.

She was born on September 27, 1960 to the late Raymond Cortis "Buck" Cox and Donnie Vee Fasick Cox. She worked for many years as a social worker.

Carmen is survived by her daughter, Angie Bollinger of Del Mar, California; sister, Sharon Cox Sharpe; brother, Ray W. Cox and wife Cyndi of Sanford; nieces and nephew, Lori Worrell Mauldin, Evalynn Cox, Cay-sen Cox; and boyfriend, Jack Burnett.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Morris Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Gregg Presnal officiating. The family received friends prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. Burial followed the service in the church cemetery.

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

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, Inc.

WILLIAM TERRILL ELLINGTON



W. Terrill Ellington, 78, died May 23, 2019, at UNC Hospital. A native of Chatham County, he was born to the late Kermit and Frances Beal Ellington. Terrill graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School in the Class of 1959, serving proudly as a school bus driver. He was also very active in 4-H, winning the state 4-H poultry competition with his best friend, Linuel Efrid.

In addition to his parents, Terrill was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy. He is survived by his wife of

41 years, Linda (Brewer), brothers, Wayne, Steve (Wanda), Rick (Jerri), and sister, Verneita Clark (Lloyd) and cousins, Mark (Jeannie) and Guy, Jr. (Ann). Terrill is also survived by several very special nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Terrill served in the National Guard as a field photographer for seven years. As a proud veteran, one of his favorite things to do was driving his veteran buddies to the annual Golden Corral dinner honoring veterans. After working as a field agent for Wilson Poultry, Terrill realized his dream and bought a poultry farm. He raised chickens for a number of years. He also worked as photographer/reporter for The Chatham News covering many Chatham County sporting events as well as governmental committee meetings.

Terrill had deep roots to Siler City and Chatham County and generously gave of his time and energy to the betterment of the community. During the time men's softball was popular, Terrill served as coordinator of the men's softball league which consisted of many church and business softball teams. He was an active member of the Siler City Lion's Club, the Chatham County Agricultural Advisory Board, the Cattleman's Association and the Mount Vernon Lodge #143. He truly enjoyed his tenure with the Chatham County Council on Aging delivering Meals on Wheels. Several of his clients called him their "Friday Man".

Terrill never met a stranger and enjoyed telling a good story. His favorite saying was "never let the facts get in the way of a good story". He enjoyed his daily "coffee time" with his friends discussing or maybe even gossiping about various things. Terrill was a huge St. Louis Cardinal fan, and loved classic country music, especially Johnny Cash.

He was very giving and supportive to his family and friends; a primary caregiver to his mother and very instrumental in the care of his mother-in-law and her sisters. If a friend or family called and needed help such as getting to a doctor's appointment, Terrill would arrange his schedule to accommodate the request. He will be greatly missed by all.

The family received friends Sunday, May 26, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home. The funeral was held Monday, May 27, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moon's Chapel Church, 175 Moon's Chapel Road, Siler City, NC, with Dr. Patrick Fuller and Bob Wachs presiding. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Chatham County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels, Western Chatham Senior Center, 112 Village Lake Road, Siler City, NC 27344 or Moon's Chapel Baptist Church Building Fund, 175 Moon's Chapel Church Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

JIMMY LAYTON HANCOCK



Jimmy Layton Hancock, 85, of Siler City died Monday, May 20, 2019 at Chatham Hospital.

Mr. Hancock was born in Chatham County on December 19, 1933, the son of Burnace M. Hancock, Sr. and Mollie Ila (Stinson) Hancock. Jimmy attended Siler City High School and Oak Ridge Military Academy. He was a veteran of the US Navy, and was employed by B. M. Hancock & Sons in Bonlee, serving as company President. Jimmy was a lifelong member and Elder of the Siler City Chapel.

Jimmy was community and civic minded, serving on the board of both Chatham Hospital and First Union National Bank. He had also served as President of the North Carolina Poultry Federation. His pleasures included his family, especially his grandchildren, watching their sports events. He had coached softball games. Jimmy enjoyed traveling, his summer home at Badin Lake, water and snow skiing, yard work and watching NASCAR.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Elaine H. Perry.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Eva (Spencer) Hancock; one son, Randy Hancock and wife Tammy of Siler City; two daughters, Angela H. Hurt and husband Scott of Siler City, Karla H. Smithback and husband Darryl of Jamestown; two brothers, Burnace M. Hancock, Jr. and wife Phyllis of Siler City, John Hancock of Greensboro; grandchildren, Kristyn Haywood and husband Mickey, Brittany Hurt, Tara Johns and husband David, Chelsea Hurt; Heather Hancock, Spence and Kendylle Smithback.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 23, 2019 at Smith & Buckner, Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The funeral will be Friday, May 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Siler City Chapel, 116 South Third Avenue, Siler City with Rev. Wesley Thomas and Dr. Tripp Foltz officiating. Burial will follow in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City.

Memorials may be made to Siler City Chapel, P. O. Box 431, Siler City, NC 27344.

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

GAYLA DAWN ELKINS STEPHENS



Gayla Dawn Elkins Stephens, 61, of Goldston died Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Mrs. Stephens was born in Chatham County on April 27, 1958, the daughter of Lynn Raeford Elkins and Faye (Teague) Elkins. Gayla was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, a 1976 graduate of Chatham Central High and attended Sandhills Community College. She was the former owner/operator of The Ivy Arbor Florist and was presently employed by H & B Furniture Legacy Co. Gayla had a talent for interior design and decorating and working with flowers. She enjoyed her pets, horses and spending time with her granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father. Gayla is survived by her daughter, Summer Elkins Phillips and husband Bryan of Goldston; mother, Faye (Teague) Elkins and husband, Jimmy Bowers of Goldston; brothers, Rocky Elkins of Atlanta, GA, Rusty Elkins of Goldston; and granddaughter, Aspen Berkley Phillips of Goldston.

The family received friends Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC. The funeral was held Friday, May 24, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, 3825 Bonlee-Carbonton Road, Goldston with Rev. Brandon Butler officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The Chatham Central High School Class of 1976 is requesting a college fund be set up in honor of Aspen Berkley Phillips, c/o Summer Phillips, P.O. Box 551, Goldston, NC 27252.

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

MAXINE WARD BRADY



Maxine Ward Brady, age 99, passed away peacefully May 22, 2019 due to congestive heart failure. She was born July 12, 1919 in Bennett, North Carolina to Hardy and Laura Yow Ward, the third of eight children.

She completed her high school education and, still eager to learn, took several courses at Central Carolina Community College after her 60th birthday. She was an accomplished seamstress and also enjoyed needlepoint and cross-stitch. Making and sculpting dolls was another of her

many sewing accomplishments. She was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church of Siler City.

Mother enjoyed serving as president of the American Legion Ladies Auxillary and working on the local Girls State representative selection committee. Memorial Day was always a special time for her to show her love for God, the military, and her country.

She adored her grandchildren and her great grandchildren to whom she was fondly known as "Gran". They loved hearing her tell about growing up during the Great Depression and life in the "good ole days". She especially enjoyed time spent with her family in the mountains and at the beach, shopping, card games with friends, strawberry ice cream, tater tots, and Coca Cola.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Brady was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Brady, son, Stan Brady, brothers, Gordon and Hayden, and sisters, Louise, Rachel, and Grace. She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Hancock and husband Burnace of Siler City; brothers, Paul Ward (Brenda) of Siler City and Blaine Ward of Asheboro; sister-in-law, Alice B. Clark of Siler City; granddaughters, Allison Pooch (Andrew) of Siler City and Lindsey Miller (T. R.) of Trinity; grandson, Trey Hancock (Leslie) of Apex, and great grandchildren, Hunter Awtrey, Drew Pooch, Tyler and Cate Hancock.

A private Celebration of Life service is planned for July 12, which would be her 100th birthday.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family, and there will be a guest register available for friends and family who might wish to pay their respects.

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

MARK LEE MOODY

Mark Lee Moody, 58, of Siler City passed away Monday, May 20, 2019 at UNC Hospital.

Born February 10, 1961, he was the son of the late Dwight Lee Moody and Doris Maness Moody.

Mark enjoyed going fishing, gardening and watching old movies. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Mark was saved at a very early age and was a member of the Mount Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his siblings, Kay Spoon (Ricky) and Michael Moody (Anna); niece, Rachel Spoon; nephews, Joseph, Jonathan and Jacob Moody; aunt, Maryland Lemon; several cousins, and dear friends, Dwight Brown (Brenda) and J.M. Goins. He was preceded in death by his parents, a well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Services entrusted to Midstate Cremation and Funeral Service.

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS MICHAEL DIXON



Thomas Michael "Mike" Dixon 68 of Siler City was called home to Heaven on May 25, 2019.

Mr. Dixon was born October 18, 1950. A native of Chatham County, he was born to Tommy Dixon and Gladys Phillips in Siler City, NC. Mike graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School. He had an early career in the NC Forestry Service. He was retired from Arclin after 30 years of service. Mike was a member of Calvary Faith Baptist Church. Mike was preceded in death by his father, Tommy Dixon and brother, Bill Dixon.

Mike loved his family, had a strong faith in God, and enjoyed farming. He had a passion and love for all thing's family. He and his wife of 46 years, Ellen, led a marriage filled with love and laughter, ups and downs, and tolerance and tenacity. It was a collaborative and caring relationship.

Mike is survived by his wife, Ellen Faye Dixon; daughter, Becky Dixon and fiancé Jimmy Hall, son, Michael Dixon and wife Christy Dixon; grandchildren, Jaxon Dixon, Lily Hall, and Katie Hall; sister, Cecilia Fields; and mother, Gladys Phillips.

Mike saw the best in everyone. He was a father figure to many from the Silk Hope area. He enjoyed spending time with family, sawing logs, and discussing politics on the back porch. He was proud of his family and the many accomplishments of his children. He fostered a passion of farming, in his son, Michael and the love and passion for others, in his daughter, Becky. Mike's grandchildren were the pride and joy of his life. The legacy of Mike's kind spirit, passion for family, love of nature, and zest for life will live on through them.

The family received friends on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home, Siler City. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Meroney United Methodist Church, 10568 NC 902 Hwy; Bear Creek, North Carolina with Rev. Jerry Saunders, Rev. Tony Brafford, and Rev. Jim Whittaker officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the UNC hepatology/liver transplant, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27513.

Smith & Buckner is assisting the family.

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

DWIGHT WINTHROP BEANE SR.



Dwight Winthrop Beane Sr., 89, of Siler City died Friday, May 24, 2019 at Woltz Hospice Home, Dobson.

Mr. Beane was born in Chatham County on July 24, 1929, the son of Elijah and Eula (Pike) Beane. Dwight was a member of the Siler City Chapel, a veteran of the US Navy and retired from Welford Harris Ford. Dwight was an avid Ham Radio operator, and UNC Tarheel fan. He was a wonderful, devoted, husband, father, brother, friend and will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Rachel Brown Beane; son, Dwight Beane, Jr., his parents; brothers, Donald, Paul, Kenneth and Jimmy Beane; and sisters, Evelyn Thompson, and Myrtle Stevens.

He is survived by one daughter: Cynthia Beane, Mark Fowlkes of Elkin; sister, Nancy Burke, husband, Carroll; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. The funeral will follow Thursday at 2 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Eric Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City.

Memorial donations may be made to The Council on Aging in Chatham County, The Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson or Mountain Valley Hospice in Elkin.

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

DR. ROBERT (BOB) R. DONALDSON JR.



Dr. Robert (Bob) R. Donaldson Jr., 83, of Pittsboro, died Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice House.

Bob was born in Oregon City, Oregon on September 24, 1935 to the late Robert R. Donaldson, Sr. and Charlotte Corbett Donaldson. He was also preceded in death by his brother Craig, sister Ann, and mother-in-law, Zouline Machado of Galloway Ridge, formerly of Siler City.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Pat Donaldson and two nephews, Todd Wilcox and wife Diane of Portland, Oregon and Craig Wilcox of Denver, Colorado.

From the family farm to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bob had a focus and desire for excellence which made him a true leader.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at Galloway Ridge.

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

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

KENNETH GERALD RIVES

Kenneth "Gerald" Rives, 92, of Siler City died Monday, May 20, 2019 at UNC Hospice, Pittsboro.

Mr. Rives was born in Chatham County on June 21, 1926, the son of Kenneth G. and Lois Gilmore Rives. Gerald was an active member of Meroney United Methodist Church, and in his younger years he had served as a Sunday School Teacher and chairman of the Church Council. He was a self-employed poultry farmer, enjoyed the outdoors, working in his yard and making homemade ice cream. Gerald was a people person and could often be heard spinning a tale to the delight of his listeners. He was also quick to help his neighbors or a complete stranger in a time of need. He enjoyed visiting his many friends at the Reno Sharpe Store. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ruby Bouldin; and brother, Donald Rives.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 71 years, Barbara Brooks Rives; daughter, Ann R. Poe and husband Dexter; son, Mitchell B. Rives, all of Siler City; brothers, William Rives and Wilbur Rives of Siler City; grandchildren, Jessie Ann Moore (Zach) and Ryan Mashburn (Robin); great-grandchildren, Reagan, Mia, Brock, Hudson, Abby, and Gauge; step-grandchildren, Maggie Poe and Elizabeth Rogers.

The family received friends Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Meroney United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 10568 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek. The funeral followed Thursday at 3 p.m. at Meroney United Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Whittaker officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to UNC Hospice, PO Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or Meroney United Methodist Church, 10568 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC 27207.

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

NEWS BRIEF

Meals on Wheels delivery drivers in Southwest Chatham immediately needed

The Chatham County Council on Aging has an immediate need for three volunteers for Meals on Wheels delivery routes and is seeking both regular and substitute drivers for the Goldston, Bennett and Bear Creek routes. A Meals

on Wheels driver gives about an hour of time to deliver a hot meal and peace of mind to home-bound older residents.

The Council on Aging needs individuals or teams of people to handle regular delivery between 10:30 a.m. and noon during weekdays. Each route takes about an hour of time. Substitute drivers also are needed and typically are called upon once or twice a month to fill in for absent regular volun-

teers. Serving as Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers allow you to meet friendly people, provide a much-needed service, and makes a critical difference in someone's day.

If interested or if you have questions, contact Allison Andrews at the Council on Aging. Call 919-542-4512, ext. 226, or email her at allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

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PYT's summer camps give kids a stage

Summer is officially a few weeks away, but Pittsboro Youth Theater's summer program is moving into full swing. This week, we speak with PYT's Tammy Matthews, who has more than 25 years of experience in both education and theater. She attended the prestigious Goodman School of Drama and holds a bachelor or arts degrees in theater and elementary education. She also has a master's degree in education. Matthews has won many teaching awards, including a 2013 Kenan Fellowship, and was appointed to The Governor's Teacher Network to develop North Carolina elementary curricula. She worked in theater in Chicago in various capacities before becoming a teacher. Since then, she has staged many performances in schools, camps, community theaters and after-school programs across the country.

Can you give us an overview of Pittsboro Youth Theater, and talk about how it fits within the Center for the Arts, Pittsboro Campus?

The Center for the Arts, Pittsboro, and the theater within the Center, Sweet Bee Theater, are physical locations or spaces in which arts are performed, learned and displayed. Pittsboro Youth Theater and several other performing arts organizations are based in Sweet Bee Theater.

Craig Witter and I started Pittsboro Youth Theater in 2012, four years before we opened the Center for the Arts, Pittsboro and Sweet

Bee Theater. We were originally based out of the Community House and performed in various locations around town. When searching for a space for a PYT performance, we found our current location downtown behind SunTrust bank. The space was larger than PYT required, so we've added a music school, art gallery and Sweet Bee Caffe coffee shop to help pay for the large space.

What types of programs are held in Sweet Bee Theater?

Sweet Bee Theater is the only independent live performance theater in Chatham County. Currently 80 people from the area ranging from 6 to 80 years old are in casts of four different theater organizations which rehearse and perform plays in Sweet Bee Theater. This includes four casts of Pittsboro Youth Theater, the Chatham Community Players (which is a community theater organization for adult actors), Social Justice Theater of the Carolinas, and a professional cast which tours to performs mostly in Triangle area elementary, middle and high schools. Other activities in Sweet Bee theater include PYT summer camps, private parties, symposiums, movies, conferences and outside touring professional stage productions.

PYT's 2019 Summer Camps are moving into full swing. Talk about the two types of summer camps

you're offering...

We have five summer camps this year: four one-week camps and the Little Mermaid musical camp, which is a three-week, intensive, by-audition camp for more advanced actors for actors in high school or younger.

One-week camps are primarily for younger and/or newer actors. Each has a different theme including Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, Cinderella and Robin Hood. It is a fun, low-key way for kids to find out if they enjoy theater or practice their performance skills. We teach theater basics, improv games, characterization and techniques for memorizing lines. Campers perform a play at the end of every camp; one-week camp performances are generally just for campers' parents, relatives and friends.

We also have a three-week intensive summer camp for youths aged 10 through high school. This is a faster-paced, rigorous camp experience. Little Mermaid musical will be a premiere PYT production with six ticketed, public performances on the weekend following the camp. Campers will move from rehearsal, to private voice lessons and dance classes throughout the day.

What's the camp experience like?

One-week campers start every day with professional theater warm ups and games designed to teach live perfor-

mance skills. Next, we have of couple hours of rehearsal script-in-hand. We usually walk to a nearby park to have lunch. Afternoons usually have a couple of hours of rehearsals and line memorization broken up by fun time playing board, card and improv games.

The three-week intensive camp is quite different. Actors have different schedules based on their part in the play. Small groups are led by multiple directors and assistants; some actors will be in rehearsal on stage as others are working on their lines, choreography or taking private voice lessons with Brenda Linton, our music director.

Why is the theater experience so good for these youngsters, and what valuable lessons or tools will they walk away from the camp with?

Of course they will learn theater skills but campers learn so much more than that. Theater is the ultimate team "sport." Actors must work together just like the players on a sports team. When on stage, they must depend on each other to remember blocking, know their lines and portray their character in a way that everyone can do their best. Theater also increases reading skill. Actors learn to read more fluently, understand themes, main ideas and story flow, and characterization as they practice a play.

Can you share a camp sto-



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

The Pittsboro Youth Theater's Tammy Matthews poses outside the group's staging area at Sweet Bee Theater.

ry involving a specific youth camper that illustrates the value of the experience?

Last summer, a young man came to PYT for the first time. He had never been in a play and had a very small part. At first, he was kind of quiet, but the other actors welcomed him to the group and he slowly came out of his shell. It quickly became obvious that he had a lot of talent. He performed his part beautifully and came back in the fall. He just recently played the lead role in one of our spring shows and was superb!

Speaking, listening and acting with intention are life-

skills. See the improvement in children as they grow, learn and work together is incredibly rewarding.

What's the show schedule for this summer, and how can people find out more information about the program?

Our summer schedule is as follows:

- June 1st and 2nd: Little Women
- July 19-21: Little Mermaid.

We also have our Adult group, The Chatham Community Players, performing The Miss Firecracker Contest on July 5-7 and 12-14.

If you see an armadillo, Wildlife Commission wants to know

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
News + Record Staff

Though native to Central and South America and still relatively uncommon in the Tar Heel State, armadillos have been in North Carolina for the past dozen years after slowly migrating north, with sightings of the mammals confirmed in about a quarter of North Carolina's 100 counties since 2007.

Though no sightings have been reported in Chatham, armadillos have been spotted in counties spanning across the entire state, from the mountains to the coast — including three counties neighboring Chatham — said Jodie Owen, a spokesperson with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

"Confirmed sightings have occurred in Lee, Wake and Alamance counties, which border Chatham," Owen said.

For decades, armadillos have gradually expanded their range into the southeastern United States, first appearing in North Carolina in 2007, when the first confirmed sighting of a nine-banded armadillo was reported in Macon County.

Over the past 12 years, more than 170 reports of armadillos have been reported in 46 North Carolina counties, though.

Since 2007, the number of North Carolina counties with confirmed observations is 27, stretching from Cherokee to Dare counties.

Wildlife officials say it's likely the armadillo is expanding its range naturally throughout the state, rather than being aided by human intervention, according to Colleen Olfenbutter, the Commission's black bear and furbearer biologist.

"Whether armadillos continue spreading beyond their current range

will be largely determined by climate," said Olfenbutter. "Mild winter temperature conditions are good for armadillos. Since they lack thick insulation and must dig for most foods, freezing conditions can cause them to starve or freeze to death. However, North Carolina is experiencing fewer long stretches of below freezing weather, which is allowing armadillos to expand northward."

State Wildlife Commission officials are asking residents statewide to report any sightings of nine-banded armadillos to the agency to help biologists determine their range in the state.

To participate as a "citizen scientist," Owen said, volunteers who spot an armadillo in the North Carolina wild are asked to upload and share their photos on the NC Armadillo project, which launched last week on the free online platform iNaturalist. Volunteers may upload photos via a computer at iNaturalist.org or they can download the free iNaturalist app, which is available for iPhone and Android.

Armadillo observations may also be reported to Wildlife officials via e-mail to armadillo@ncwildlife.org. The email should include a photo of the armadillo; when it was observed (date and time); location where it was observed (GPS coordinates are best, but a detailed location description is acceptable, Wildlife officials said).

Armadillos are classified in the same order as anteaters and sloths, according to the Wildlife Commission, and are the only mammals that have shells, which are hardened skin plates that cover their bodies and give them an armored appearance.

Of the 20 species of armadillos, only the Nine-banded Armadillo lives in the southeast U.S. First recorded in Texas



Photo by Jay Butfiloski/N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

State biologists are asking for help from the public in keeping track of local armadillo sightings.

in 1849, the Nine-banded Armadillo has since expanded its range north and east, crossing the Mississippi River sometime in the early 1940's, appearing in western Tennessee in 1980 and reaching North Carolina in the late 2000s, primarily from natural dispersal from adjacent states.

In addition to its armor-like skin, armadillos (Spanish for "little armored one") also have long, scaly tails and a long snout, prompting the nickname "armored pig." The Nine-banded Armadillo has between seven and 11 bands

across its midsection.

They often travel slowly, and in an erratic, wandering pattern as they forage, officials said.

Owen said armadillos aren't considered a public health threat. Biologists merely want to keep track of their range.

In its established range, armadillos are abundant; but in North Carolina, where the population is still expanding, they are relatively uncommon.

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Carbonton Bridge replacement delayed again

BY CASEY MANN
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GULF — The bridge crossing the Deep River on N.C. Hwy. 42 near the intersection of Chatham, Lee and Moore counties will be closed for at least four more months, according to the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. The bridge has been closed since January 2018 to facilitate the construction of a replacement of a bridge built in 1961 which is suffering a deterioration of the substructure and the caps that hold the bridge's girders in place.

The replacement had been scheduled for completion in November 2018, but delays have pushed that date out several times. The company contracted to do the construction, Extreme Concrete Cutting of Gaffney, S.C., had its original construction com-

pletion date extended by six months after last fall's hurricanes — as did every NCDOT project, according to Garry Phillips, Lee County's NCDOT resident engineer. The extension changed the contracted finish date to May 15. Even so, the project is only 50 percent complete, according to the NCDOT.

Phillips noted that delays experienced on the project last year triggered a series of events at the administrative offices of NCDOT. This includes bi-weekly meetings where the company must provide revised schedules and updates on progress. The company estimates it will have the road open in August. The company going beyond its contract date also triggers "liquidation" payments the company will incur. For every day beyond the May

15 contract date, the company must refund NCDOT \$1,000.

NCDOT has an inspector on the site every day, according to Phillips. The inspectors are a form of quality control, creating daily documentation which include updates and testing of samples to ensure the construction materials meet NCDOT standards. Extreme Concrete Cutting has also been pulled from the NCDOT bidder list as a prime contractor, meaning they can no longer be the head contractor on a project in the state, but will be able to be a sub-contractor on someone else's project. Once the project is complete, the state will re-evaluate the status of the company's ability to bid again as a prime contractor.

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Staff photo by Casey Mann

The completion of a replacement bridge that crosses the Deep River near the Carbonton Dam has been delayed again. The new estimated completion date is Aug. 15. The road has been closed since January 2018.

CHURCH NEWS

EDWARDS GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual motorcycle ride, sponsored by Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be held Saturday, June 1. Registration is scheduled for 10 a.m. with ride beginning at 11. Refreshments will be served afterward. The church is located at 214 Foster Street in Liberty.

LYSTRA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Take and Wear Clothes Closet at Lystra Baptist Church will be open Saturday, June 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Anyone needing clothes is welcome to come and shop - everything is free! There is no advantage to arriving before 8:45. The church is located at 686 Lystra Road, off 15-501, past Chatham Downs.

MOUNT SINAI UNITED HOLY CHURCH

You are invited to the First Sunday Praise Program at Mt. Sinai United Holy Church on Sunday, June 2 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Terry McLean of St. Mark United Church of God in Sanford. The church is located at 1316 Hodge Street in Siler City.

MOUNT VERNON SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You are invited to join the congregation at Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church for their homecoming on Sunday, June 2 at 11 a.m. The special guests will be Jim and Pansie Evers with Elder Jimmy Coore bringing the message. Bring a covered dish and stay for lunch and fellowship. The church is located at 1225 Mt. Vernon Springs Road.

SANDY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sandy Branch is pleased to announce that Rev. Jay Smoot has accepted the position as our interim pastor. There will be a meet and greet for him and his family on Saturday, June 1 from 12 noon until 3 p.m. We will serve hot dogs with all the trimmings. Please bring a dessert to share if you like. Sunday, June 2 in the 11 a.m. morning worship service, we will welcome Rev. Smoot to the pulpit. We will also recognize our graduates. Join us for these special events. The church is located at 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek.

HICKORY MOUNT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Homecoming will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 2 at Hickory Mount United Methodist Church, followed

by a covered dish luncheon. Come worship and enjoy fellowship with us.

We are located at 201 Hadley Mill Road, Pittsboro.

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Student Ministry of Hickory Grove Baptist Church will host a Car Wash on Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy the option of your car being cleaned inside and out! Donations are greatly appreciated and will support the student ministry summer camp trip and ministry. The church is located at 17721 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek.

CEDAR GROVE UMC HOMECOMING

Cedar Grove United Methodist Church will celebrate our 195th year of ministry on Sunday, June 2 with our annual

homecoming service and lunch. Rev Bill Gattis, who served our church as a student minister, will be our guest preacher. Worship begins at 11 a.m. followed by a 'pot luck' lunch in the church fellowship hall.

We invite all past members of Cedar Grove UMC to join us for a special day of remembering our past and celebrating our future. We are located at 2791 Jones Ferry Road, Pittsboro.

HOLLAND CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

The M5 Group will sponsor a Scholarship Program at Holland Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church on Saturday, June

1 at 5 p.m. Musical guest will be The CLS Singers, The Silver Stars, Devine Intention, the Holland Chapel Male Chorus, and others. The public is invited to support this service.

Our High School and College graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 9 during the morning worship service. The church is located at 360 Burgess Road, Apex.

MOUNT OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mass Choir of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Moncure will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, June 2 at 2:30 p.m. Come and be blessed.

CHATHAM COUNTY ELEMENTARY AND K-8 SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL MENUS

Served at Elementary and K-8 Schools

** Middle and High School Menus

Monday, June 3

BREAKFAST: Cinni Minis, Fruit Cocktail (Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Crispy Chicken Sandwich, PB&J w/Smoothie Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Mandarin Oranges (Crispy Chicken Sandwich, PB&J w/Smoothie Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Seasoned Corn, Fruit Choices)

Tuesday, June 4

BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Mandarin Oranges (**Cinnamon Bun, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Cheese Dippers

w/Marinara, Manager's Entree Choice, Seasoned Broccoli, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice

Wednesday, June 5

BREAKFAST: Manager's Breakfast Choice, Fruit Choice
LUNCH: Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Manager's Entree Choice, Carrot Souffle, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice

Thursday, June 6

BREAKFAST: Managers Breakfast Favorite, Fruit Choice
LUNCH: Cheeseburger on Bun, Managers Entree Choice, Baked Beans, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice

Friday, June 7

BREAKFAST: Managers Breakfast Favorite, Fruit

Choice

LUNCH: Zesty Garlic French Bread, Managers Entree Choice, Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dip, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice
RE-ADMINISTRATION OF EOGS

Monday, June 10

BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Choice
LUNCH: Popcorn Chicken, Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Fruit Choice (**Corn Dog Nuggets, Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Fruit Choice)

Tuesday, June 11

BREAKFAST: Chicken Biscuit, Fruit Choice
LUNCH: Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, Seasoned Broccoli, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice

CARD OF TRIBUTE TO TERRILL ELLINGTON

A Tribute to Terrill Ellington. Terrill was one of a kind. He had personality, was friendly to everyone and had a way of making everyone feel special. He would talk to me and I am old. Some people don't even "see" a person when they're old. I appreciated Terrill and will always think of him fondly. I will never forget him. He was special.
Candy Smith, Siler City



THE LEGACY LIVES ON WITH WALDEN SOUND SYSTEMS



The Walden family would like to thank everyone for their Love and support and countless acts of kindness shown to us during the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather the Rev. Bill Walden. Thank you for the cards, the visits, the phone

calls, the texts, the messages on facebook, the food, the support shown during each of his services and for just keeping us in your prayers, again we say thank you. We would also like to take this time to let everyone know that Bill's Legacy lives on with Walden Sound Systems and we will continue to conduct business as usual. We ask for your prayers and support as we make this transition. We ask that you continue to use Walden Sound Systems for all of your stage, lighting, sound, and disc jockey needs.

Please feel free to contact us at (919)663-3567 (business) or at our new email address which is waldensound@gmail.com .

NEWS BRIEFS

Wren Library hosting third event in opioid awareness series

SILER CITY — Wren Memorial Library will be the site of the third in a series of Community Awareness Events addressing the opioid crisis in Chatham County.

The event, "It Started with a Script: Prescription Drug Misuse, Addiction and the Opioid Crisis," will go from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, June 3, at Wren Library, 500 N. 2nd Ave., and will focus on the current opioid crisis, the science of addiction, and the impact of opioids on Chatham County.

Guest speakers include Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson; Casey Hilliard, Health Policy Analyst, Chatham County Health Department; Chatham County residents Julie Cummins and Mary O'Donnell; Dr. Joe Mancini, retired medical doctor and addiction expert; Kyle Smith, Insight Human Services; and Tammy Kirkman and Ronnie Miller of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department

Community Awareness Events are a series of facilitated and respectful dialogues on serious and difficult topics. They are designed to educate and inform the community and to promote understanding.

This event is free and open to the public. For additional information please contact Mike Cowell, Branch Manager for the Wren Memorial Library, at 919-742-2016.

American heritage and the wide range of important contributions that African Americans have made to the state and country.

Health screenings, information on nutrition, family fitness activities, displays and exhibits will be offered. Additionally, "A Child's World" exhibit will provide learning experiences, crafts and storytelling specifically geared to younger audiences.

A variety of food trucks will be on site. The first 400 guests to arrive will receive a free \$5 food truck coupon. Doors open to the event at 10:30 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public and is made possible with partial funding from the Friends of the Chatham Community Library.

For more information, please visit www.chatham-libraries.org or call the Library at (919) 545-8084.

UNC professor to speak on community water testing results

A scientist from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who led the testing of wells in Chatham County will speak on the results in the coming weeks.

Andrew George, an assistant professor with the college's environment, ecology and energy program, will offer residents assistance on learning more about their water quality, system maintenance and water treatment. Attendees will learn more about understanding their water test results and get information about water treatment options to address quality problems and concerns.

There are two events:
• Friday, June 7: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wesley Samuels Annex, next to Liberty Chapel Church, 1915 Old U.S. Highway 1, Moncure.
• Tuesday, June 11: 6-7 p.m., Central Carolina Community College, Multipurpose Room (Building No. 42), 764 West Street, Pittsboro.

— CN + R Staff Reports

Chatham Community Library, CORE co-sponsoring Juneteenth celebration

PITTSBORO — The Chatham Community Library and Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE) have joined forces to host the second annual Juneteenth celebration from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at the Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center, 192 U.S. Hwy. 64 Business.

Juneteenth increases understanding and unity concerning slavery and the historic efforts required to abolish it. It brings a strong sense of pride about the commitment that African Americans have made to the betterment of life for their children and grandchildren. The observance will also draw attention to modern-day slavery, such as unlawful child labor and human trafficking, and provide information on

how we may work together as a community toward eliminating it.

The 2019 Juneteenth celebration will feature informative talks by historians from three North Carolina universities. Dr. Charles Johnson of N.C. Central University will speak on "African Civilization Before Slavery", Chatham County Commissioner Dr. Jim Crawford will present on "The Origins and Trajectory of Slavery in the U.S.," and Dr. Arwin Smallwood of North Carolina A&T will discuss "Native Americans, Africans and Slavery in NC." Robin Cleary from the N.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault will discuss "Human Trafficking in a Historical Context."

The event will also showcase engaging performance artists, such as the Tryon Palace Jonkonnu Drummers and award-winning actor and author Mitch Capel. These artists will be joined by poets, storytellers, musicians and others whose work demonstrates the depth of the African

Pittsboro's Yoga Garden adds boutique

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Lexie Wolf, owner of Yoga Garden in Pittsboro, is about to celebrate the second anniversary of her business by opening a yoga boutique at the studio.

Wolf started doing yoga about 20 years ago when she was an “eight months’ pregnant ‘gym rat.’”

“I was not hooked immediately, but I stuck with it,” Wolf said. “I started because I wanted to do physical activity and I didn’t think I could lift weights when I was that pregnant, but I realized it involved so much more than the physical. There are spiritual aspects as well. I went in and out of practice and then became completely hooked.”

It’s become much more to her now.

“It’s calming your mind,” she said. “It’s unifying your body, mind and spirit. It brings you to the present moment.”

After moving to Pittsboro four years ago, she noticed there were great yoga teachers in the area, but not a dedicated studio. She began talking with her yoga instructor, Dharma Richards, who owns Yoga Garden in Apex, who she says is also the “mentor and muse” of the studio.

“Dharma came to me and asked me about Pittsboro,” she said. “She and I started talking [about the idea] and I got inspired and she said she would help me.”

“At first when Dharma and I started talking, her studio is downtown in an historic area; we both very much believe in downtowns,” she said. “Then this building came on the market.”

Wolf purchased the home, located at 184 East St. in Pittsboro, which was built around 1900. She rebuilt and preserved the building including its front porch. It now houses a large studio on the first floor and a smaller one on the second which is also available for rent. There is a lounge, a kitchen where “you can make tea,” and now a boutique.

She also created a garden on the side of the house



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The Yoga Garden is opening a boutique on June 1 with an open house from 1 - 4 p.m. on June 2.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The boutique at Yoga Garden is curated by its instructors. They sell things they make, love, or believe in, or all three.

for quiet contemplation. There’s also plenty of parking in the rear of the house. Many of the elements in and around the home were created by local artisans.

“We were thinking of creating a yoga home and here’s this,” Wolf said. “It’s a symbol of the sense of place we have here. We wanted it to feel homey. Yoga can feel intimidating and we didn’t want that. We take yoga seriously but we don’t take ourselves seriously.”

There are 10 teachers who have about 15 classes per week. The classes focus on different types of yoga with most being all-level so anyone can come whether a beginner or experienced. They even have a Sunday morning meditation and conversation. It’s not yoga, she says, it’s a conversation with the

community and meditation — her “version of a Sunday service.”

Yoga Garden’s class passes come at several levels allowing guests to drop in on five, 10 or 15 classes a month. It also offers a summer membership with three months of unlimited classes. Wolf says she wants to make it flexible for people.

“I think it’s the only place in Pittsboro where you can do it,” she said. “You can get class pass and drop in so it works even if your schedule changes.”

The boutique is an extension of the collaborative business Wolf has tried to create. The boutique is curated entirely by the teachers — everything is carefully chosen. It will sell books, clothes, essential oils, mats, blocks, bolsters, and even some jewelry. “It’s either something



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Yoga Garden owner Lexie Wolf says that she and the other teachers at the studio ‘take yoga seriously,’ but they ‘don’t take themselves seriously.’

they make themselves, something they love, or something they believe in or all three,” Wolf said. “We very much believe in local, in community, in history. This boutique is an extension of the belief in buying local.”

“I love Pittsboro,” she said. “I thought it was a fabulous community. Pittsboro has such great character and sense of place and we feel very rooted here.”

The Yoga Garden boutique officially opens June 1. It will also be open all day Fridays and Saturdays and each First Sunday. There will be an open house from 1-4 p.m. at First Sunday on June 2 which will include refreshments and a raffle. For more information,



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The yoga lounge is a great place for a quiet restorative break in the day.

visit the Yoga Garden website at www.yogagardenpb.com.

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What are options for Chatham’s hundreds of homeless students?

BY ADRIANNE CLEVEN
Our Chatham

(Editor’s note: While visiting Northwood High School a few weeks back, a student asked an Our Chatham reporter about homeless students, which immediately drew our interest and attention. In a county of such wealth in pockets but despair in others, wasn’t there a shelter or some place these kids could call home? The county is working on options for children without such a basic need, but the quick answer is no — there isn’t, and hundreds of students are in this precarious spot of making do with little to nothing. Our Chatham’s Adrienne Cleven dug in to explain the matter further.)

A 17-year-old student at Northwood High School — to protect her, we’ll call her Kate — returns from her days working and attending class to sleep at her friend’s home. The friend has provided her with a bedroom and a shower, but Kate says she would have been willing to crash on the couch.

She’s simply grateful to have a place to sleep.

Kate is the first Chatham County minor in 20 years to have been successfully emancipated, or legally separated, from her parents. She has considered herself homeless for the last several weeks and says her living situation has made her anxious.

“You have to be thinking of your next moves and have them solid,” she said. “Or you’re just going to be stuck somewhere, stranded, not able to get to wherever you’re staying that night. It’s kind of nerve-wracking, but you get used to it after a while.”

Kate isn’t the only Chatham County student who is facing housing insecurity. According to Chatham County School’s McKinney-Vento representative Rosemarie Rovito, officials identified 654 homeless students by the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

So far, 464 students have been identified as homeless this school year. Five of those children are designated as “unaccompanied,” and 99 of them are living in substandard housing.

Chatham County adults struggle with homelessness too, but homeless children are especially vulnerable because they may only find consistency and stability during the school day. In a county with both rural areas and pockets of extreme wealth, the problem could easily go unseen. Rovito works to support homeless students, help them find stability and consistency, and uphold federally mandated

stipulations in the McKinney-Vento act of 2001, which aims to keep those children in school for as long as possible.

“Some kids show up with their stuff in their book bags because they don’t know where they’re staying that night,” she said. “So, if we keep them in school, we control some of the narrative. We can say, ‘Okay, where are you staying? Are you safe?’ And if they stay there for a long time, we’re always thankful.”

County policy analyst Stephanie Watkins-Cruz spoke about the county’s issues with housing instability at the “One Chatham” community forum May 15, citing a 2,000-unit housing gap countywide and “larger systemic issues” she says are at the root of economic inequality, as well as a lack of access to housing, jobs, healthcare and education.

Susan Levy, the former Orange County Habitat for Humanity director who also spoke at the One Chatham forum, also cited Chatham’s lack of affordable, single-bedroom homes for rent.

“I think we don’t have a lot of housing options at all for millennials; for single individuals or couples,” Levy said. “It’s a missing piece of the puzzle here in Chatham County because we have so many single-family homes and not very many duplexes, triplexes, quadruplexes, that kind of housing.”

Sally Scholle, a school social worker for Virginia Cross and Siler City Elementary schools, says that much of Chatham’s issue with poverty is concentrated on her side of the county. Almost 300 students under her care regularly receive bags of free groceries through local charities in partnership with her schools, and many of them receive free and reduced lunches.

There is discernible heartbreak in Scholle’s voice as she recounts, in her words, an “unbelievable” housing situation for some of her students. Overcrowded homes and substandard conditions are two of her main concerns.

“The rents that people pay for some of these places because of the lack of availability,” she says, “just are not worth what they’re getting at all. It’s so sad. And the heating bills, the electric bills, they’re so high. A lot of times the water bills are...four times what mine are. Because a lot of times there are leaks, and the landlords don’t like to fix things.”

She says that several landlords in her area “own a tremendous amount of properties that are substandard and not

considered fit for habitation.”

Kate, the homeless high school student from earlier, successfully represented herself in court during her three-month long attempt to become emancipated: a process that separates minors from the legal authority of parents or guardians. Part of her argument for emancipation, aside from parents she called “unsupportive,” were concerns about mold and flooding in the rooms of her parents’ home.

Rovito says that unfit living conditions are not uncommon in the area.

“You know, we have a lot of trailers that were built in the 70s,” Rovito said. “There’s no heating, there’s no air conditioning. There are windows broken and the roofs are falling off. It’s like living in a tin can.”

Watkins-Cruz, who personally experienced homelessness while in high school, says the consequences of housing instability are seriousness and include a “psychological sense of imbalance.”

“There’s something to be said about the effects of not having your own home,” she said. “It’s incredibly destabilizing. It destabilizes everything in your life. If you have unstable housing, it competes with everything. It messes with your health. It messes with your psychological ability to make healthy decisions and choices.”

But there’s hope on the horizon. Though Chatham does not have a homeless shelter, Chatham County was awarded \$750,000 at the beginning of this year to build one through the Community Development Block Grant program administered by the state Department of Commerce. Watkins-Cruz and Chatham County Planning Director Jason Sullivan have a location in mind, but they are still planning the process and analyzing the grant to ensure compliance.

In the meantime, Chatham County began partnering with Central Piedmont Community Action near the end of 2018 to administer hotel and shelter stays for homeless residents.

Currently, CPCA can offer up to three weeks of paid lodging to those in need of emergency housing. Since last June, CPCA has served more than 30 individuals or families with emergency stays. Natasha Elliott, executive director of CPCA, says that the block grant funding tends to run out quickly because of the high demand for emergency hotel stays.

According to Elliott, homelessness looks different in a rural county.

“Sometimes I think when you go to some bigger cities you see some more people on the street soliciting money, begging for money,” she said. “And when you come to Chatham, you don’t necessarily see that. But that doesn’t mean the problem doesn’t exist. You find that more people in the rural areas will sleep in the woods; they’ll sleep in tents. You may not see them, but they’re still there.”

Scholle says a few of the families she works with stay in three local hotels: AmeriVu, Days Inn, and the Siler City Motor Lodge. A representative for Siler City Motor Lodge said that a week’s stay for a family of four — two adults and two children — is priced at \$400, but that in subsequent weeks the price could decrease.

Emergency situations can also arise for children, requiring quick action and generous hearts. Rovito said that students have relied on teachers for a place to stay, and a Chatham County board member even opened up their home at one point. To stave off some of those emergency situations, she suggested creating school-specific support teams of caring residents willing to temporarily host homeless students.

“I just feel like we depend on the community so much to help us in these times, because that’s all we have,” Rovito said. “So, if there was a better way of harnessing those things, that would be great.”

Meanwhile, Kate is planning to move to Virginia this summer. She is finishing up her junior year at Northwood, and she says she’s learning to be grateful: in her case, for a trustworthy set of friends who have supported her during the few weeks she has been homeless. In high school, Watkins-Cruz found resources through a similar network of support, but one that included her parents.

Her biggest piece of advice for students who find themselves without a home?

“Do not be ashamed. And do not be afraid to ask for help,” she said. “It can feel really weird and it can feel really isolating to go through this while everything else around you is still going on, as if nothing’s going wrong. So, I would just say that this is something that is surmountable, but that you shouldn’t have to go through it by yourself.”

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Harley gets a kiss

Dewey, a Golden retriever, gives Harley Manning, 2, a kiss at Jordan Lake Monday. Harley and David Manning were at the lake for the Memorial Day celebration.



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Holiday sail

Brett Fleschman and his family take a ride on their sailboat Monday as they celebrate Memorial Day. Fleschman, from Apex, said that he had belonged to the Crosswinds Marina on the lake for seven years.

OZ: Guzzardi mines movie for life lessons

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The classic 1939 movie, which follows the adventures of young Dorothy and her dog Toto in the aftermath of a Kansas tornado as they make their way along a yellow-brick road to the enchanted land of Oz, it turns out, is not only entertaining, but also loaded with wisdom.

"During my long career as a book editor, I've brushed up against a lot of wisdom," Guzzardi writes in his newly-published book "Emeralds of Oz: Life Lessons From Over the Rainbow," "yet so much of what I learned was right there in this extraordinary film I first watched as a child."

Not that he was aware of it at the time of those childhood viewings.

"We kind of absorbed it on a cellular level," said Guzzardi of the film, and the many lessons it presents, during an interview last Friday at the Break-away Cafe at Briar Chapel.

"I think that's what every classic does: it entertains you so you don't really notice the medicine," he said. "It's got that spoonful of sugar, so you don't notice that it's gone down. But it has gone down."

It would take the editor/author, now 68, a few years to realize this about "The Wizard of Oz," but once he did, he set out to write a book about it, spending the last five or so years working on it, and viewing the movie more than 100 times. The resulting 160-page volume, both a self-help book and a unique journey through the classic film, was published last month by an imprint of HarperCollins.

Guzzardi — who as an editor worked on a number of notable books, including Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time," Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker novels, and 15 books by Deepak Chopra — has created what his friend and colleague Chopra calls "a powerful, near-magical tool for navigating any difficult situation."

As he began his deep dive into "The Wizard of Oz," Guzzardi began to uncover "little lessons," or "emeralds," of which he discovered nine. They form the basis for his book and, he said, can be applied in all real-life situations to address any of life's obstacles.

The first emerald, for instance, is "listen to your longing."

"Yearning arises," Guzzardi writes in the chapter on this first emerald, "when the gulf between what you desire and what you possess becomes too great, which makes it all-important to recognize this feeling when it shows up in your life. It's putting you on notice."

The second emerald: See the situation as if for the first time, setting aside memories, associations, biases and prejudices.

If Guzzardi could impart only one of the nine emeralds of wisdom, which would he choose?

"I guess if I had to choose one," he said, "I might choose number four: choose compassion. Compassion is so fundamental to our life experience and, painfully, it seems to be in such short supply right now. We tend to forget that compassion is the key to happiness for us and for other people, to put yourself in another person's shoes and to feel for them, and then to turn that light of compassion on yourself."

Although centered around a movie which, in



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Longtime book editor Peter Guzzardi, a Chapel Hill resident since the late 1990s, has recently written his first book, 'Emeralds of Oz: Life Lessons from Over the Rainbow,' which comedian Carol Burnett says 'opens your eyes and heart to a new way of being in the world.'

August, will celebrate 80 years since its first screening, Guzzardi said the wisdom contained within "The Wizard of Oz's" one-hour-and-52-minute running time are as timely now as ever, if not more so.

"It's certainly relevant," he said, "again, whether it hits you over the head with its relevance or not. The themes that are being explored in the film are so timely. You think about it. What are the prevailing feelings in America these days? Divisiveness. Feelings of helplessness. Feeling lost and confused in what seems to be a crazy world. These are the issues that Dorothy grapples with."

The book, only recently published, hasn't had a chance to climb any bestseller lists yet. And the longtime editor knows a book such as his, by an author without a recognizable name — "My last name isn't Grisham; and my first name isn't John," he said, good-naturedly — is a tougher sell than some. He likens publishing books to throwing spaghetti against a wall and seeing what sticks. Of his book, he said he's waiting to see if it sticks or slides.

Early response has been very positive. One reader, reviewing the book on Amazon, wrote: "No matter whether you've seen 'The Wizard of Oz' once or are an ardent fan, Peter Guzzardi's powerhouse book will speak volumes to you. By exploring the great mystical themes within the film, Guzzardi guides us toward overcoming the fear so epidemic today, moving past our innate human blindness, and finding the strengths that we all have within us. The book offers compassionate and urgently needed wisdom for a time of tribalism, distraction, and short-sightedness. I will be joyfully turning back to this book for years to come."

Guzzardi is working hard to promote it, with four promotional appearances on its behalf behind him and more planned, including a June 1 discussion, from 11 a.m. to noon, at McIntyre's Books in Farrington Village.

At recent promotional events in New York and Chapel Hill, where the author is well-known in local publishing circles, Guzzardi faced "packed houses," he said. But last week at an independent bookstore in Greensboro, he spoke to an audience of only four.

At first disappointed and embarrassed by the low turnout, he said, he nevertheless left the event happy.

"It was fabulous," he said. "They asked great

questions. There were four of them and they bought six books. I literally thought, "Take me. I could go right now and die happy."

It's about how you measure success, he said, and while he would naturally like his book to be a pub-

lishing success, he's happy it's already reached some people. Some early readers of the book have reached out to the author, sharing with him how the emeralds he's identified and illuminated have helped them.

"It's great to hear from



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Working in publishing for more than 40 years, Peter Guzzardi has edited many notable books, some of which are pictured above.

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PETER GUZZARDI, Author of the book 'Emeralds of Oz'

people and that it's doing something good for them," he said, "because that was the goal all along."

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Eastern Randolph girls headed to state finals

BY DON BEANE
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CREEDMOOR — Kelsey Craven crushed a pair of home runs and Savannah Beaver scattered six hits on Friday night to spark Eastern Randolph to a 5-1 victory over South Granville in the decisive game in the best-of-3 Eastern Regional Finals in Creedmoor.

Eastern Randolph (24-5) advances to the NCHSAA 2A State Championship series beginning Friday versus West Stanly (26-1).

South Granville closes the season at 18-4 after failing to defend its state title and to win its fourth state championship in five seasons.

Needless to say, it was quite the celebration by the green and gold clad Eastern Randolph faithful when Wildcat Athletic Director Foster Cates presented the victors

with the Eastern Regional trophy in Creedmoor on Friday evening.

"First and foremost, God gets all the glory for our team," ER coach Lavette Graham said after his club's big victory. "We played well tonight. That's a great team we beat in South Granville. Our main focus tonight was to tighten up our defense — we made some adjustments — and to play a little bit looser defensively with the main focus being to kill their momentum to stop the big innings. And if we couldn't do that, then to just turn it into a scoreless like game two and find a way to win."

That wasn't needed as Beaver, a sophomore southpaw, limited South Granville to just six hits, with two of those coming in the bottom of the 6th on singles by Jordan Talley and Ally Doss which

produced the Vikings lone run of the evening and cut the deficit to 5-1. Beaver would stop the momentum and threat by mowing down Renee Boone for the fifth and final strikeout of the game.

Beaver would allow a single to Grace Calise in the bottom of the seventh before retiring the next three SG batters to seal the win for the Lady Cats.

"We worked the hitters away more tonight. It just sort of happened that was as the game went on," said Craven, a senior catcher for Eastern Randolph. "At the plate, I was just hoping for a base hit to help get my team where it needed to be. From the first game, in which I didn't get a hit, to the third I had to focus in a little more and to do my job."

Craven certainly did

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Eastern Randolph's Kelsey Craven prepares to cross home plate on Thursday night in Ramseur after slugging a 3-run homer in the 1st inning in the Wildcats 9-8 win over South Granville. Craven proceeded to hit two more dingers in a 5-1 triumph in Creedmoor the following night to send the Wildcats on to the state championships later this week.

Fuquay-Varina downs Eastern Randolph 7-4 in Memorial Day clash

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — Unbeaten Fuquay Varina Post 116 pushed across three runs in the top of the fifth to break a 3-3 stalemate and managed to hold off a late-game challenge from Eastern Randolph Post 81 to capture a 7-4 American Legion non-conference triumph Memorial Day afternoon on Grady Lawson Field.

The victors raised their overall record to 4-0, while Eastern Randolph suffered its fifth setback in six outings.

Submariner Jacob Fisher, the third of four Fuquay Varina hurlers, picked up the win after throwing two and one-third innings of one-hit ball, issuing one free pass and striking out one.

Post 116 starter Jake Wolf tossed two and two-third innings of scoreless ball, giving up a pair of hits and fanning two. Left-handed reliever Kyle Thelan pitched one inning and was tagged for five hits along with three earned runs in addition to walking one and whiffing one, while Ryan McCrystal came on in the final frame and received credit for a save after allowing one earned run besides issuing one base on balls and striking out one.

"With four of our guys still



Staff photo by David Bradley

American Legion Post 81's Connor Murphy starts his swing against the ball in the bottom of the sixth inning. Post 81 played its first game of the season against Post 116 Monday at Eastern Randolph High School, losing 7-4.

State softball, baseball times, dates and locations set by NCHSAA

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — The NCHSAA released the times, dates and locations for the softball and baseball state championships on Tuesday morning and as expected Eastern Randolph will be taking on West Stanly at UNC-Greensboro.

Eastern Randolph (24-5) will represent the East when beginning its best-of-3 series with West champion West Stanly (26-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the 2A State Championship bout. The Wildcats will be the visiting team on Friday evening before the two teams meet again at 2 pm on Saturday afternoon at UNC-G Stadium. An if necessary game is set for 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Also at UNC-Greensboro will be Eastern Alamance taking on Central Cabarrus in the 3A series. That series is set to begin at 5 p.m. on Friday with an 11a.m. game set for Saturday, and a 5 p.m. if

necessary game set for later in the day.

In the 1A ranks at Dail Softball Stadium on the campus of North Carolina State University, North Stokes and Camden County begin on Friday at 7:30 pm with a 2 p.m. game set for Saturday, and a if necessary game set for 8 p.m. later that night.

Also in Raleigh, the 4A series will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday between Wilmington Hoggard and South Caldwell with a game two set for 11 am and an if necessary game slated for 5 p.m. later that day.

In baseball at UNC-Greensboro, the 2A state title series between Randleman and North Lincoln will begin on Friday at 8 pm before game two goes at 2 pm on Saturday, and an if necessary game set for 8 p.m.

Also at UNC-Greensboro, Corinth Holders and Mooresville will battle at 5 p.m. on Friday before playing game two at 11 a.m. on Saturday, and a game

three if necessary slated for 5 p.m.

In 1A, Uwharrie Charter and Goldsboro Rosewood battle at Five County Stadium in Zebulon in a 5 p.m. game on Friday before going at it at 11 a.m. on Saturday with an if necessary game set for later that day at 5.

Also in Zebulon, Wilmington New Hanover and Marvin Ridge battle at 8 p.m. on Friday to begin the 4A series with a 2 p.m. game set for Saturday, and an if necessary game three scheduled for 8 p.m. later that night if need be.

In girl's soccer action last weekend, Union Academy beat Franklin Academy 2-1 in overtime to win the 1A state title, Carrboro took down Lake Norman Charter 4-3 in PK's to take its fifth 2A state crown, East Chapel Hill cruised past T.C. Roberson 2-0 to capture the 3A state title, and Raleigh Heritage nipped Pinecrest 4-2 in PK's to grab the 4A state championship.

Davidson falls in Atlantic 10 tournament finals despite earlier Hudson win

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BRONX, N.Y. — Davidson's run at the Atlantic 10 baseball tournament — and in 2019 — came to an end Friday night at Fordham's Houlihan Park with a 5-2 loss to Dayton, but not before the Wildcats put themselves in position to reach a third A-10 final by beating Richmond earlier in the day.

With the loss the collegiate career of Josh Hudson, former Jordan-Matthews star and Siler City native, also came to a close.

But as Davidson concludes the season 29-22, with a program-best sixth straight winning season, Hudson and his fellow 2019 seniors leave as the winningest class in program history. The 29-win campaign is tied (with 2014) for third best in the record book, following only the 35 wins in 2017 and the 33 in 2018.

"We expected to be playing Saturday, and I really wanted that for this team," Davidson coach Rucker Taylor said after the loss. "Unfortunately that's not going to happen, but this group will always be a special one for many reasons."

After beating No. 5 Richmond 6-3, the No. 2 Wildcats met No. 3 Dayton for a second time in the tournament. The Flyers (32-25-1) scored runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to take control.

Outfielder Alex Mardiney drove

in both Davidson runs. He hit a solo home run to right in the fourth inning, and his seventh shot of the year tied the game at 1-1. Mardiney then singled in a run in the sixth to make it 4-2.

Davidson threatened in the seventh, but left the bases loaded. The tying run came to the plate twice in the ninth, but the Flyers held on.

Hudson, who will be attending Wake Forest University for graduate school, hurled Davidson over Rhode Island 4-2 on Thursday. Hudson cruised through six innings, surrendering just one hit and retiring 11 of 13 batters in one stretch. The senior righthander said he was motivated to lead the Wildcats to another win.

"I just didn't want to go home yet," he said. "I had a lot of adrenaline in the first inning, and I had to settle in later."

In the seventh, with Davidson leading 4-2, the Rams earned three hits against Hudson, pushed a run across and loaded the bases with two outs. The Wildcats called on reliever Dan Spear to work out of the jam, and he answered the call by forcing an inning-ending flyout to left.

Freshman closer Gabe Levy recorded the final five outs to earn his 10th save. He entered with two runners on and one out in the eighth and struck out Josh Brodeur for the

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BART STARR | A REMEMBRANCE

The legend who forgot he was great

BY BILL HORNER III
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*Trained my mind on only one track
Hit the ground running and never looked back
Steered my eyes to the mission ahead
And I burnt that bridge*
— From the song “Bridges Burn” by Paul Otten

Football season is months away, but on the third Sunday in September, the Green Bay Packers will host the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL’s second week of the 2019 schedule. It’ll be the Packers’ home opener in the team’s 100th season, and the very first time they’ll play a regular season game at Lambeau Field since the death of Bart Starr, who passed away Sunday at age 85.

And here’s one more thing: in the choicest location in Lambeau, straddling the 50-yard line about 25 rows up from the visiting Chicago Bears’ bench, a lucky four-some will watch the game from Bart Starr’s own seats — the very same seats my friend John Bussian and our sons and I occupied on a frigid December Sunday back in 2003 against the Chicago Bears.

I’ve barely told anyone I sat in Bart Starr’s seats at the home of the Packers because, frankly, looking back, even I scarcely believe it. Packers home games have regularly sold out since 1959, so tickets are extraordinarily scarce, particularly for a few nobodies from North Carolina. So to go to a game there, and to plant our rear ends in the season-ticket seats of a Packers legend in a game against the league’s oldest franchise, the Bears, in a December game with the playoffs on the line? Even dreaming that seems far-fetched.

I’m a marginal football fan now, but I was obsessed with sports as a boy. We played a lot of pick-up football, and I have vivid memories of collecting and trading football cards with neighbor kids in the McLeod Drive area of Sanford — the Harden boys, the Pittmans, the Haleses, the Palmers.

Many Saturday mornings, we’d round up whatever quarters we could find and cajole one of our moms to take us “downtown” to shop. We’d buy as many packs of football cards as we could afford, then wait until getting home to open them excitedly, tossing the wrappers aside and filling our mouths with the pink slabs of gum found inside.

There was something about sitting on the front steps of our houses on cool fall afternoons and trading football cards that was special. Finding a quarterback mixed among the linemen and running backs and tight ends and safeties in the 10-cent packs of cards we got at a department store on Steele Street, or in the rare convenience store that carried them, was like stumbling onto buried treasure in the early 1970s. This was the game’s golden era. It seemed like every team’s quarterback was a stud, men with rifle arms and outsized personalities. The old and not-quite-so-old greats like Unitas and Jurgensen and Tarkenton and Dawson were still making headlines. The young up-and-comers and emerging



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NFL great Bart Starr, who led the Green Bay Packers to two Super Bowl titles and a total of five championships, died Sunday at age 85.

veterans like Namath, Griese, Gabriel, Brodie and Staubach were turning heads every Sunday.

Then there was Bart Starr. Even his last name set him apart from the others, elevated him. He won five pro football titles — more than any other quarterback before or since — and the first two Super Bowls. His steely eyes and his regal bearing and leadership of the seemingly invincible Green Bay Packers — football’s first real juggernaut, commanded by the coach against whom all other coaches are still measured, Vince Lombardi — put Starr in a unique place among the other great names of the game.

How big was Bart Starr, especially to kids?

Someone named Jeffrey Barta tweeted to a Packers fan website a few years ago that, “Growing up in Green Bay, when I misbehaved my parents would threaten to tell not Santa Claus, but Bart Starr. Yes, in 1966 Green Bay, he meant THAT MUCH.”

As a 12-year-old, back in 1975, my card-collecting days had mostly ended. Still, I devoured Jerry Kramer’s groundbreaking memoir “Instant Replay,” the diary of the Packers’ offensive lineman’s 1967 season. The book finishes with the story of football’s “Ice Bowl,” the league championship game between Green Bay and the Dallas Cowboys played in perhaps the coldest weather in NFL history.

How cold was it? Temperatures were minus-15 degrees Fahrenheit at kickoff. The wind chill was more than 40 degrees below zero. It was so cold that seven members of the collegiate band playing the pre-game show were hospitalized for hypothermia. An elderly fan in the stands died from exposure, and CBS announcer Frank Gifford joked at one point during the broadcast, “I’m going to take a bite of my coffee.”

In “Instant Replay,” Kramer tells the story of Starr leading the improbable 68-yard drive in the game’s final five minutes. With 14 seconds on the clock — and the thermometer now reading minus-20 degrees — and the Packers seemingly stymied at the Cowboys’ one-yard-line, Starr went to the sidelines to tell Coach Lombardi that his running backs were slipping on the frozen field. They couldn’t get enough

momentum, enough grip, to break through Dallas’ line. Starr had asked Kramer if he could get enough traction for one more try, for a wedge play with Starr trailing behind him. Starr thought he could make a stab at the goal line in his upright position behind. Kramer said he’d make the block. So, on the sidelines, Starr suggested to his old coach that he could tuck in behind Kramer and get the ball over the goal line.

“OK, run it then, and let’s get the hell out of here,” Lombardi told Starr.

Starr’s quarterback sneak won the game for the Packers, setting them up for the team’s second straight Super Bowl win two weeks later — with you-know-who winning the game’s MVP award for the second straight year.

There’s no doubt in my mind that Starr, always a kind and generous soul, had no recollection of giving away his seats for the 2003 Packers-Bears game in Green Bay. He suffered a series of strokes and other illnesses beginning in 2015. And even had the illnesses not felled him, I wouldn’t in a million years have expected him to recall the letter I wrote him on December 15, 2003, thanking him for the privilege of sitting in his seats a week before, getting the rare opportunity to take in a Packers-Bears game on a frigid December afternoon.

Or remembering writing the nicest letter back to me in response.

Here’s how it happened: in the summer of 2003, my friend John Bussian — a first amendment attorney who represents newspapers all over the southeast in libel cases and lobbies in the General Assembly on free press issues — was walking through the airport in Nashville during a series of college visits with his daughter Brittany.

John played football at Duke and knows the game, so when he spotted Starr walking alone through the terminal he had to introduce himself. John had actually encountered Starr once before, back in his hometown of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the week of second Super Bowl — again, just 14 days after the Ice Bowl.

“I was in middle school, after delivering newspapers for what was then the afternoon paper, the Fort Lauderdale News, when we would stop

by the Packers’ hotel,” John recalled for me. “Starr was as fan-friendly a player as the NFL had at the time, signing autographs for what seemed like hours and happily tolerating the stream of kids who followed him everywhere. The Packers won that Super Bowl — his last — against the John Madden-led Oakland Raiders, and Starr was MVP.”

At the airport in Nashville, John walked up to Starr and re-introduced himself as a lifelong fan, feeling what he remembered as an “overwhelming sense of obligation not only to introduce my daughter to an NFL Hall of Fame legend, but to tell the story of the game for which Starr is best known: the Ice Bowl.”

With Starr listening politely, John described the key plays of that final drive against the Cowboys to Brittany, and then the Hall of Fame quarterback’s plunge for the winning score.

“As I told the tale of the Ice Bowl in front of the man who made it famous, I watched Starr,” John said. “He only smiled. And at the end, he asked me, ‘John, have you ever been to Lambeau Stadium?’ When I replied that I had not, Starr said, ‘Then I’ll send you the Packers’ schedule for next season, you pick a game that you’d like to see, and you can be my guest and have my seats.’”

True to his word, Starr reached out to John a few weeks later to make good on his promise. And a day after that, John called me in my office and asked a question that at first I had a difficult time grasping. “Bill, how’d you like to go to Green Bay in December to see the Packers and the Bears play, and sit in Bart Starr’s seats?”

The experience was magical to say the least. John took his son Adam and I took my younger son Addison. My older son Zachary and I had been on some hockey road trips together that Addison didn’t make, and because Adam and Addison were closer in age, I asked Addison to go. John and I had been good friends for years, and Adam and Addison got along like long-lost friends.

One irony of the Chicago-Green Bay game is that we actually flew into Chicago and spent the night there. We toured the Field Museum with the boys on Saturday afternoon, then awoke early Sunday

morning to catch a prop plane to Green Bay, where John had arranged for a limousine to take us to the field. Our flight — full of fans going to the game — was delayed slightly, but we arrived and settled in Bart’s seats just in time for the “flyover” and the National Anthem.

It was a frigid, gray day, but — a bit to our disappointment — it didn’t snow. We self-consciously thought people were eyeing us with suspicion — “who are THOSE guys?” — but we had the day of a lifetime, being at historic Lambeau, touring the team’s Hall of Fame, eating the famous brats served there. The sun even came out around halftime, just in time for a fourth-quarter rally that saw the Packers win, 34-21.

A fitting end to a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

So I got Bart’s address from John and wrote him a letter of thanks. Bart’s reply back to me is dated December 19, meaning this son of a strict military man and this student of Vince Lombardi’s disciplinary approach probably responded on the same day he received my letter.

“I am delighted,” Bart Starr wrote to me, “to know that the four of you enjoyed the experience of seeing the Packers/Bears game and, although obviously very biased, you were truly in a unique setting at a great time of year for a great game there.”

A typical understatement for the grounded Starr.

He enclosed an autographed picture for my son — “To Addison – A Great Young Fan – Best Wishes, Bart Starr” — and ended his letter with this: “I hope that you, your family and friends have a blessed Christmas and a very special New Year of 2004.”

For me, 2004 is something of a distant memory. My years now number 50 and five, and the sheer weight of my experiences, the days’ to-do lists, and the pressures of the world sometimes make it difficult to remember something from a year ago. But certain circumstances and events cause my synapses to fire, and when I think about Bart Starr the images and scenes from that Sunday in December in 2003 form from the cloudbank and recesses of my past and crystalize.

I clearly remember December 8, 2003.

The way football fans all over will remember Bart Starr:

John Bussian tells me that at the airport in Nashville, he introduced Starr to his daughter Brittany as “an NFL legend.”

“I’m hardly a legend,” Starr responded.

He was wrong, of course. In the four or five years before his death on Sunday, with his memory gone and his health having deteriorated, he didn’t remember how great he was, and how he shaped the game. Or how good a man he was. Me?

I’ll never forget.

*Oh and I can’t help
But think I’m losing it
Am I losing it
As I watch, I watch
My bridges burn to ash
Maybe my heart’s trying to give me a hint
Maybe it’s time I start listening in
Maybe I’m too far into the thick
And I can’t turn back*

— “Bridges Burn” by Paul Otten

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that, slugging a homer in her first at-bat for the second game in a row, this time a solo shot in the second inning over the right field fence to send Eastern Randolph into the lead for good at 1-0.

Still, that advantage was precarious, at best, as the Vikings put a pair of runners on in the home half of the second behind one-out singles from Boone and Calise. Beaver would fan Bailey Nelson on three pitches before coaxing Brooke Bowling to ground out on an 0-1 pitch back to the mound moments later to snuff out the threat.

Beaver would strand Jenna Curry, who lead off the bottom of the third with a single, at third by striking out Doss before the Wildcats turned a beautiful double play in the fifth when ER right fielder Leighanna Ward made

a running catch of a fly ball by Curry into the right field corner, spun around quickly, and fired a strike to second base to double up Bowling who attempted to tag up. Bowling had walked earlier, but once again, the momentum of South Granville was broken.

“Our outfielders made a play in each game to stop scoring threats,” noted Graham. “Aniyah King threw out a runner in game one, Jessica McNeill hosed down a runner in game two, and then Ward hosing down a runner from right field tonight.”

Eastern Randolph broke the game open in the top of the sixth with four runs ignited by a leadoff infield single from the speedy King. Brooklyn Rush would follow with a bunt single to the left side as the Vikings defense collapsed on the coverage.

Beaver then slammed a one-hopper off the fence in left field to drive in King and put

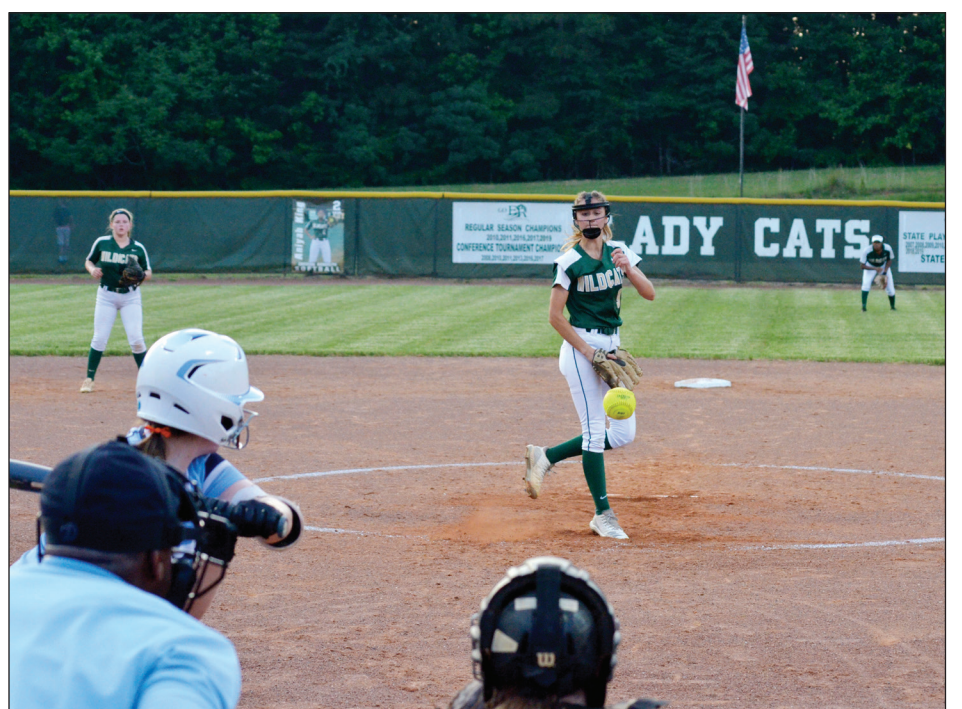
runners at second and third with the Wildcats go up 2-0.

Craven then launched a first-pitch from Bowling over the centerfield wall for a three-run shot to send Eastern Randolph up 5-0, and ultimately securing the spot in the state finals.

Craven closed the contest 3-for-3 with two runs and four RBI to go with her two homers while King was 2-for-4 with a run, beaver 1-for-4 with a run, and RBI and a double, Rush 1-for-4 with a run, McNeill 1-for-2 with a walk, and Courtnee Carter 1-for-4.

South Granville was led at the plate by a 2-for-3 effort from Calus while Bowling suffered the loss after allowing nine hits, five runs, two walks and striking out three.

“I think the product on the field speaks for itself, we are going to enjoy the weekend and get back to work on Tuesday,” Graham said. “And I want to thank our fans, the parents, the coaching staff, the



Staff photo by David Bradley

Eastern Randolph’s Savannah Beaver fires to home plate on Thursday night in Ramser in NCHSAA 2A Eastern Finals action against South Granville. Beaver and the Wildcats won that wild contest 9-8 before downing the Vikings in Creemoor on Friday night to advance to the state finals versus West Stanly.

administration - the support we are given is unreal. We get things from people that we

don’t even see coming. We have the ultimate supporters.” And that support will

undoubtedly continue when the Lady Wildcats continue in the state finals later this week.”

Wildcats win wild 9-8 affair to extend Eastern Regional finals

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — After squandering a five-run lead in the top of the sixth and trailing by two entering its final turn at bat, Eastern Randolph rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a stunning 9-8 triumph over defending state champion South Granville in game two of the 2019 NCH-SAA 2A East Regional softball finals Thursday night at Lady Cats Stadium.

Evening their best-of-three series at one game apiece, the fourth seed Lady Wildcats (23-5) will travel to Creedmoor Friday night for the third and deciding game, with the winner advancing to face West Region champion West Stanly (26-1) the 2A state finals.

Improving to 12-1 at home, Eastern Randolph defeated the second seed Lady Vikings (18-3) for just the second time in six meetings, while South Granville, whose three losses this season have all come on the road, is attempting to earn a trip to the state championship series for the fifth year in a row.

Behind 8-6 and down to their last three outs, the Lady Wildcats began their game-winning comeback when Savannah Beaver drew a leadoff walk on four pitches and moved to third as Kelsey Craven, who went three-for-four at the plate, lined a base hit to center, with the

latter advancing to second on the throw in from the outfield. Olivia Hall then notched a single to center to drive in both runners and continued on to second on the throw in from the outfield.

After Jessica McNeill coaxed a free pass on four pitches, Gerrilyn Milligan reached on a fielder's choice which advanced McNeill to second as Hall was thrown out at third, and one out later Courtnee Carter's fly ball to right was mishandled, allowing McNeill to race home with the deciding score.

Beaver went the distance on the mound for Eastern Randolph to pick up the win, giving up a dozen hits and eight runs (four earned) while issuing no walks and fanning seven. The sophomore southpaw threw a total of 111 pitches, including 78 (70 percent) for strikes.

"I'm super proud of this team, because these girls just don't quit," said Lady Wildcats' coach LaVette Graham. "With them it's one inning, one play at a time, and they know whatever it takes we have to finish."

Graham added, "South Granville managed to hammer some good pitches from Beaver in their big sixth inning, and while we didn't win that frame we still won the game. As long as we have the higher score at the end, that's all that matters."

The Lady Vikings' Brooke Bowling also hurled a complete game (six and two-third

innings) and suffered the loss after surrendering 10 hits and nine runs (eight earned) in addition to walking five and whiffing two. The sophomore right-hander tossed a total of 119 pitches, including 75 (63 percent) for strikes.

"Tonight's contest was a highlight to say the least," remarked South Granville coach Jackie Day. "I'm proud how our team fought back to overcome a five-run deficit late in the game, but we hurt ourselves with misplays in the form of overthrows, bobbles and having a runner thrown out at the plate, and those are things we need to overcome."

Day added, "It's been a great series so far, and everything will be on the line when we host the deciding game tomorrow night."

Eastern Randolph seized an early advantage in the bottom of the first as Carter grounded a leadoff single to center, stole second and advanced to third on a sacrifice by Aniyah King before Beaver laced a two-out base hit to center to drive in Carter.

Craven followed by launching a 2-0 offering from Bowling over the left field fence for her fourth round-tripper of the season to give the Lady Wildcats a 3-0 lead.

The Lady Vikings answered with a solo run in the top of the second as Ally Goss stroked a leadoff triple to right and came in to score on a groundout



Staff photo by David Bradley

It was celebration time in Ramseur on Thursday evening as Eastern Randolph used three walk-off runs to stun reigning state champion South Granville 9-8 to even the best-of-three Eastern Finals series up at one apiece.

by Savannah Thompson, but missed an opportunity to draw closer when Eastern Randolph leftfielder Jessica McNeill threw a runner out at the plate in the visitors' fourth.

The Lady Wildcats expanded their advantage to 6-1 in the home fifth as Carter was issued a full-count leadoff walk and moved to second when King grounded a base hit to left.

Brooklyn Rush then drove in both runners with a triple up the gap in right-center prior to scoring on a groundout by Beaver.

South Granville responded by parading 10 batters to the plate in the top of the sixth and tallying six runs to grab its first lead of the evening.

Renee Boone ignited the uprising with a one-out infield single and went to second as Grace Calus reached when her fly ball

to the outfield was dropped. After Bailey Nelson was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Bowling belted a double into the left field corner that cleared the ducks off the pond.

Following back-to-back singles by Jenna Curry and Jordan Talley which produced the fourth run of the inning, Goss capped off the rally with a two-out, two-run double down the left field line to put her team up 7-6.

The Lady Vikings added what appeared to be an insurance run in the visitors' seventh as Calus reached on a one-out infield error, stole second and came in to score when Bowling delivered a two-out base hit to center.

But Eastern Randolph then put together its dramatic finish in the bottom half of the frame to secure the victory.

Post 81 collects first win of the 2019 season

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

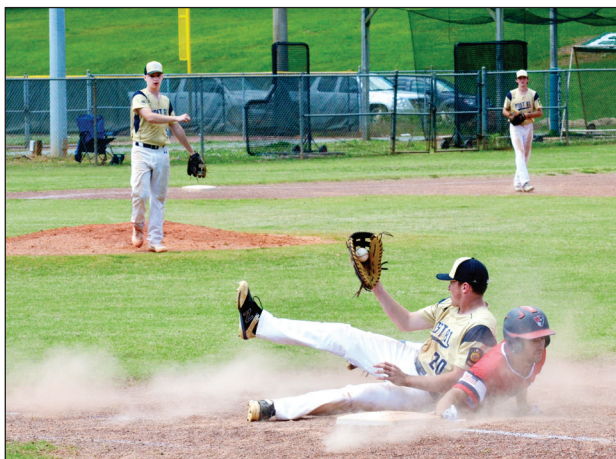
KENERSVILLE — Eastern Randolph pounded out 10 hits here on Saturday evening to top Kernersville 6-4 in Area III Northern Division American Legion play. It was the first win of

the season by Post 81 which had suffered four losses including a trio by five runs.

On Saturday night it was Eastern Randolph finally coming through with some clutch hits with Travis Boone leading the way with a 3-for-3 effort and Connor Murphy adding a 2-for-3 night.

The contest was scoreless going into the bottom of the fourth when Post 36 plated a pair of runs behind singles from Dalyn Blunt, Cam Watts, and Blake Youngblood, an ER error, and Tyler Edison being hit by a pitch.

Eastern Randolph would respond with four runs in the top of the fifth when Nate Canter singled to center, Christopher Morgan was hit by a pitch one out later, Connor Murphy singled to center to load the bases, Canter scored on a wild pitch, Camden Fuquay grounded out to drive in Morgan, and



Staff photo by David Bradley

American Legion Post 81's Camden Fuquay goes for the tag against Post 116's Kyle Bowers at first base in their first game of the season. The two teams fought each other in heat in the high 80's at Eastern Randolph, with post 116 from Fuquay-Varina winning 7-4.

an Kernersville error allowed Murphy to score to send the locals in front for the first time 3-2. An RBI-single by Boone upped the lead to 4-2 to close out the ER uprising.

A double by Danny Fish to lead off the bottom of the sixth sparked a run for Post 36 to close the gap to 4-3.

Post 81 countered with two runs in the visiting half of the seventh Mor-

gan was hit by a pitch to lead things off, Murphy sacrificed bunted Morgan to second, Fuquay singled to center to put runners at the corners, Canoy grounded out to plate Morgan, and Cameron Kennedy roped a ball to the left field wall to send Eastern Randolph in front 6-3.

Behind a walk from Jackson May and singles from Chase Wallen and Blunt sent in a run to close the deficit to 6-4 with two runners on and one down. Canoy, who entered in the top of the sixth, would get Kam Evans to ground out to Murphy at third before striking out Riley Davis swinging on four pitches to preserve the victory.

Boone picked up the win on the mound for Eastern Randolph after going 3.1 innings and allowing four hits, two runs (none earned), and fanning one while Sam Murchison went 2 innings and yielded a walk

and struck out one. Also for Post 81, Canter hurled an inning and allowed three hits, a run, one walk and whiffed one while Canoy picked up the save after working the final two innings and yielding two hits, a run, a walk and striking out one.

Morgan added a 1-for-2 effort with two runs while Fuquay was 1-for-4 with an RBI, Kennedy 1-for-1 with a double and an RBI, Edmondson 1-for-4, and Canter 1-for-2 with a run and an RBI.

Kernersville was led by Blunt who went 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI while Fish was 2-for-4 and Youngblood 1-for-3 with two RBI.

Suffering the loss on the mound for Post 36 was Watts who lasted just .2 innings and allowed two hits and four runs (two earned). T.J. Corlett started the game for the hosts and went four scoreless innings while allowing five hits and a walk while fanning one.

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Walk-off sends Mocksville-Davie over Eastern Randolph 5-4 in legion action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

MOCKSVILLE — Patrick Usher singled on a 1-2 pitch in the bottom of the ninth on Thursday night in Mocksville to lead Mocksville-Davie to a 5-4 triumph over Eastern Randolph in Area III American Legion baseball action.

The Usher single to right plated Joey Szvetitz, who had walked with one out and advanced into scoring position on a wild pitch.

Eastern Randolph plat-

ed a run in the opening inning of the contest, Christopher Morgan was hit by a pitch, Camden Fuquay walked, and Morgan scored on an RBI-ground out from Murphy. Mason Canoy later singled in the frame but two runners were stranded.

A Joe Johnson two-run homer to left coupled with singles from Szvetitz and Spencer Claus led to three runs in the bottom of the first for Post 54 who went up 3-1.

Post 81 threatened for a big inning in the third when Fuquay singled, Murphy walked, and Samuel Murchison singled to load the bases. After a Canoy sacrifice fly pulled Eastern Randolph within 3-2, Nate Canter walked to load the bases, only to see Post 54 hurler Jalen Austin to get a fly out and strike out to end the threat.

Mocksville-Davie responded with a run in the bottom of the frame

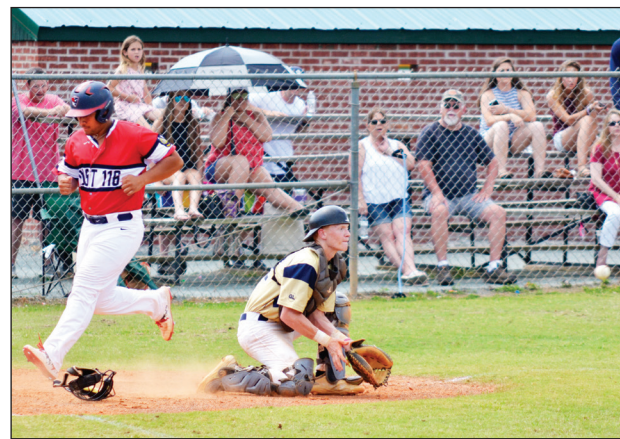
to go back in front 4-2 when Nick Ward was hit by a pitch and Usher belted a double which was misplayed, allowing Ward to score.

Connor Murphy drove a 3-2 pitch over the left field wall to lead off the fifth for ER to close the deficit to 4-3 before singles by Morgan and Fuquay led to a run in the sixth to tie the game up at 4-4.

This set up the walk-off by Johnson in the ninth as a Post 54 took the 5-4 win.

Fuquay worked 7 innings and allowed five hits, four runs (three earned), and one walk while fanning eight in the outing while Kevin Cano suffered the loss after hurling 1.2 innings and yielding one hit, one run, two walks and fanning two.

Fuquay led Eastern Randolph at the plate with a 2-for-4 outing that included a run, an RBI, and a walk while Murphy was 1-for-3 with a run,



Staff photo by David Bradley

American Legion Post 116's Jack Howell crosses the plate in the top of the fifth inning as Post 81's Chris Morgan waits for the late throw. Eastern Randolph High School played host for the two teams' first game of the summer season, with Post 116 winning 7-4.

two RBI, two walks and a homer, Morgan 1-for-4 with two runs, Canoy 1-for-3 with an RBI, and Edmondson 1-for-4.

Usher went 2-for-5 with two RBI and a double to lead Mocksville-Davie offensively

while Johnson was 1-for-4 with a run, a homer and two RBI. Usher also picked up the win on the mound after working 3 innings and allowing two hits, an unearned run, no walks and whiffing five.

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second out and forced a chopper to third baseman Eric Jones for the third. In the ninth, he struck

out two batters after hitting leadoff hitter Greg Cavaliere, and Kevin Heiss fled out to Justin Lebek in deep right to end the game and a long day at the ballpark.

Hudson improved to 5-2 on the season after

working the 6.2 innings to get the win while yielding four hits, four walks, two runs and striking out six while throwing 110 pitches.

For his senior season, Hudson made 12 starts and 14 appearances

overall while hurling 69.1 innings and allowing 33 runs (28 earned), 66 hits, 26 walks, and six hit batters while holding opponents to a .242 batting average and compiling a sharp .363 ERA.

Davidson Post 6 blanks Eastern Randolph

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

LEXINGTON — Davidson Post 8 plated two runs in the bottom of the game to support a complete-game effort of Jonathan Conway in dropping Eastern Randolph 6-0 in Area III American Legion Baseball action on Friday night in Lexington.

The victors added a four spot in the fourth to cap the win.

Conway limited Post 81 to three hits while issuing two walks and striking out five.

Cade Snotherly, Connor Murphy and Mason Canoy were all 1-for-3 while Nyk Foland and Nate Canter drew a walk apiece.

Landon Hilbourn led a nine-hit Davidson attack while scoring a pair of runs.

Post 8 had four extra base hits in the contest including an RBI-double by Taylor Stewart in the bottom of the first which was surrounded by a single from Hilbourn and an RBI-single from Jake Brown.

As has been the case for much of the early season, a mistake by Eastern Randolph led to the four-run uprising from Davidson in the fourth. With one down, Clay Edmondston plunked Drew Raborn with a pitch and moments later Austin Musgrave mashed an RBI-double all the way to the left field wall.

Leading 3-0, Post 8 would keep



Staff photo by David Bradley

American Legion Post 81's Travis Boone, left, and Cade Snotherly come in for a deep ball to center field early in the sixth inning at Eastern Randolph.

the momentum going in the frame when Carson Simpson doubled to left to drive in Musgrave, Hilbourn ripped an RBI-single, and Hilbourn later scored on an ER error.

Conway did the rest as Eastern Randolph dropped to 0-4 on the season.

Edmondston took the loss on the mound for Post 81 after working 3.1 innings and allowing eight hits, five runs, and fanning one.

Hurling 2.2 innings of relief for ER was Trevor Maness who allowed a hit and an unearned run in a strong performance.

Zack Cates added a triple for Davidson in the win.

Stanly County edges Eastern Randolph in Area III legion play

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

NORWOOD — It was a tough loss for the Eastern Randolph Post 81 legion team here on Tuesday night in Norwood as the locals dropped a 3-2 decision to Stanly County Post 76 in Area III play.

Eastern Randolph (0-2) led 1-0 entering the bottom of the fourth before allowing three runs in the inning which proved to be the difference.

The loss overshadowed a solid combined effort of Colton Craven, Nate Canter and Mason Canoy on the mound. Craven worked three innings and yielded three hits, three runs, no walks and striking out four in suffering the loss while Nate Canter went two innings for two hits, no runs, no walks and fanning three, and Canoy one inning with no hits, one walk, no runs and whiffing two.

After squandering a single by Samuel Murchison in the second, Post 81 took a 1-0 lead in the 3rd when Trevor Maness was hit by a pitch, Clay Edmondston walked with one down, and Connor Murphy slammed a two out single to center to plate Maness.

In the fourth, Stanly County came alive offensively ignited by a leadoff single from Will Dagenhart. Car-



Staff photo by David Bradley

American Legion Post 81's Connor Murphy makes the tag at third on Post 116's Ryan McCrystal in Monday's season opener at Eastern Randolph. Post 81 lost the first game of the season, 7-4.

son Lowder followed with an RBI-triple to center to tie the game at 1-1 before Cody Kidd singled in Lowder, and then scored when Colton Austin mashed an RBI-double to right field.

Trailing 3-1, Eastern Randolph came back with a run in the visiting half of the fifth when Edmondston singled with one down and advanced all the way to third on an error, before scoring on a sacrifice fly to right by Camden Fuquay. Murphy would later single to left in the inning, but would be stranded.

Post 81 would never threaten again in the final two innings as the locals went down in order in both frames including a pair of strikeouts in both.

Kidd picked up the win on the mound for Post 76 by going six innings and allowing six hits, two runs (one earned) and a walk while striking out eight. Lowder notched the save while working a frame and fanning two of the three ER hitters he faced.

Murphy was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead Eastern Randolph at the plate while Edmondston was 1-for-1 with a run and a walk, Murchison 1-for-3, Macon Pickard 1-for-2, and Evan Shaw 1-for-3.

Stanly County was paced offensively by Dagenhart who was 2-for-3 with a run while Lowder was 1-for-3 with a run, an RBI and a triple, Kidd 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI, and Austin 1-for-2 with an RBI and a double.

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playing on their high school teams in the state championships we're playing with a depleted roster right now, so we had a chance to give a lot of guys some playing time in this non-league game," said FV coach Chris Cook.

"We always enjoy going against Area III Division teams since they offer good competition. We played our type of baseball today and made them play our game."

"A misplayed bunt got us off to a good start in the second inning, and after Eastern Randolph rallied to tie the score in the fourth we came right

back with three runs in the top of the fifth to regain control."

"Our goal was to throw a bunch of different arms and not let our opponent see the same pitcher twice."

Southpaw Kevin Cano, the second of four Post 81 pitchers, was saddled with the loss after permitting four hits and three earned runs while whiffing a pair over one and one-third innings.

Trevor Maness started on the mound for Eastern Randolph and went three innings, surrendering four hits and three runs (one earned) in addition to walking one and striking out one.

Reliever Michael Glasgow hurled one and two-third innings, giving up three hits and one earned run besides whiffing two

prior to Evan Shaw fanning all three batters he faced in the top of the seventh.

"We don't have a wide margin for errors, and while our pitchers didn't do bad registering a dozen strikeouts, we hurt ourselves with a big base running mistake and missed the cutoff man on a throw in from the outfield," related Post 81 mentor Jerry Kidd.

"While we managed to collect eight hits, we're just not getting many for extra bases. But it's early in the season and we're still trying to figure out our lineup."

Post 116 seized a 2-0 advantage in the visitors' second as Lane Rhodes blooped a leadoff single to left and came around to score when Josh White raced all the way to third on

an infield throwing error.

Dominick D'Ercole then brought in White with a base hit down the left field line.

The winners picked up a solo run in the top of the third as Garrett McGraw blasted a leadoff double to the right field fence, moved to third on Wade Chandler's opposite-field bloop single to left and scored when Rhodes lofted a sacrifice fly to center.

Eastern Randolph rallied to pull even in the bottom of the fourth as leadoff batter Chris Morgan blooped an opposite-field double down the right field line and went to third on Connor Murphy's infield hit.

After Morgan dashed home on a wild pitch that advanced Murphy to

second, the latter moved to third on Camden Fuquay's single to center before coming in to score when Mason Canoy hit into a double play.

Post 81 then loaded the bases on back-to-back hits by Cade Snotherly and Nyk Foland plus a full-count walk to Shaw prior to Snotherly trotting home when Nick Canter was plunked with a pitch.

But Fuquay Varina would quickly answer with three runs in the visitors' fifth as Zack Guyer belted a leadoff double to the left field fence and tallied when Jack Howell singled up the middle, with the latter continuing on to second on the throw in from the outfield.

Howell then stole third and scored on McGraw's

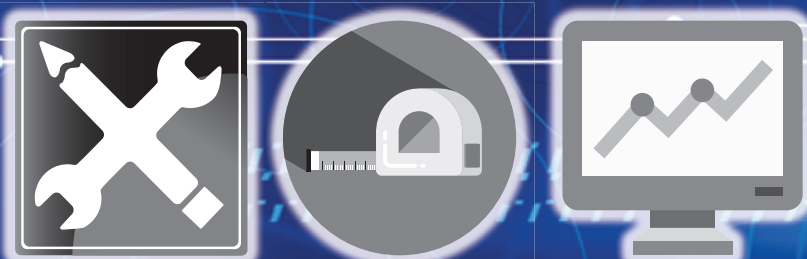
base hit up the gap in right-center, and after McGraw stole second he came home one out later on McCrystal's single up the middle.

Post 116 added an insurance run in the top of the sixth as Guyer stroked a one-out double to the fence in left and scored when Howell lined a base hit to center.

Eastern Randolph put together a serious threat its' final turn at bat as Travis Boone and Morgan were both hit by a pitch leading off the frame before Murphy walked to load the sacks with no outs.

Fuquay then plated Boone with a sacrifice fly to deep left field, but McCrystal retired the next two batters on a strikeout and a groundout to secure the victory.

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Pablo Perez, 28, of Chapel Hill, was charged May 14 with hit and run causing injury. He was released on a written promise with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Edward Burch Jr., 33, of Sanford, was charged May 14 with possession with intent to sell/deliver/manufacture MDMA, maintaining a vehicle for keeping/selling a controlled substance, felony possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, felony possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 ounce, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting a public officer. He was held under a \$40,000

bond with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Anthony Yates, 47, of Moncure, was charged May 14 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a June 10 court date in Raleigh. Yates was charged May 21 with manufacturing methamphetamine, trafficking in methamphetamine, possession with intent to manufacture a precursor to methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under no bond on those charges with a June 10

court date in Pittsboro.

Robert Chisholm, 56, of Robbins, was charged May 15 with failure to appear in Randolph County and failure to appear in Chatham County. He was held under a \$4,000 bond on the Randolph charge with a June 12 court date in Randolph, and held under a \$10,000 bond on the Chatham charge with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Mekhi Webster, 19, of Greensboro, was charged May 15 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with a May 29 court date in Greensboro.

Andrew Brown, 29, of Siler City, was charged May 16 with larceny of a motor

vehicle, breaking and entering, larceny, attempted larceny and two counts of possession of stolen property. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Mark Aldridge, 37, of Siler City, was charged May 16 with simple assault. He was released on a written promise with a June 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Tanya Straughn, 33, of Pittsboro, was charged May 17 with assault with a deadly weapon, child abuse, assault with a deadly weapon with minor present, child abuse by inhaling toxic vapors and possession of toxic vapors substance. She was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold and then placed under a \$1,000 bond with a June 11 court date in Siler City.

Antoinette Satterwhite, 27, of Siler City, was charged May 17 with assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor child abuse. She was released under a written promise with a June 25 court date in Siler City.

Kiarrah Bennett, 24, of Winston-Salem, was charged May 20 with obtaining property by false pretenses and obstructing justice. She was released under a written promise with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Karen Buckner, 45, of Sanford, was charged May 22 with possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Victor Batres, 19, of Carrboro, was charged May 23 with larceny by an employee. He was released on a written promise with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Christopher Sheeley, 22, of Pittsboro, was charged May 24 with two counts of disclosure of private images of an adult and second-degree forcible rape. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Seth Edwards, 35, of Siler City, was charged May 24 with injury to real property. He was held under a \$500 bond with a May 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Kasey Jamal Glover, 28, of Siler City, was charged May 24 with assault on a female and interfering with emergency communication. He was held under no bond with a June 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Rhonda Harris, 49, of Sanford, was charged May 24 with habitual larceny, larceny of a merchant/emergency door, possession of stolen goods and assault with a deadly weapon. She was held under a \$30,000 bond with a May 29 court date in Lillington.

Mary Quinn, 45, of Siler City, was charged May 24 with simple assault. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a May 28 court date in Pittsboro.

Tracey Gargon, 44, of Goldston, was taken into custody May 24 on a warrant service from another jurisdiction. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a May 29 court date in Fayetteville.

Dalton Daniels, 27, of Bear Creek, was charged May 25 with assault on a female. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a May 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Felicia Smith, 39, of Liberty, was charged May 25 with failure to appear and resisting a public officer. She was held under a \$50,000 bond with a June 24 court date in Asheboro.

Corydon Banbrook, 35, of Chapel Hill, was charged May 26 with malicious conduct by prisoner by spitting, assault on a government official and resisting a public officer. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Franklin Brown Jr., 29, of Staley, was charged May 20 with four counts of misdemeanor probation violation. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a May 28 court date in Siler City. Brown was also charged with felony possession of counterfeit instrument/currency and felony obtaining property by false pretense. On those charges, he was held under a \$2,000 bond with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Sarah Morse of Siler City was cited May 20 for a safe movement violation on East Raleigh Street in Siler City.

Tina Smith, 30, of Siler City, was charged May 21 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with a June 4 court date in Siler City. She was also cited May 21 with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and injury to personal property.

Shyheem Watson, 20, of Siler City, was charged May 21 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Sanford.

Daniel Smith Jr., 38, of Siler City, was cited May 21 for possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia and no operator's license. He was released on citation with a July 2 court date in Siler City.

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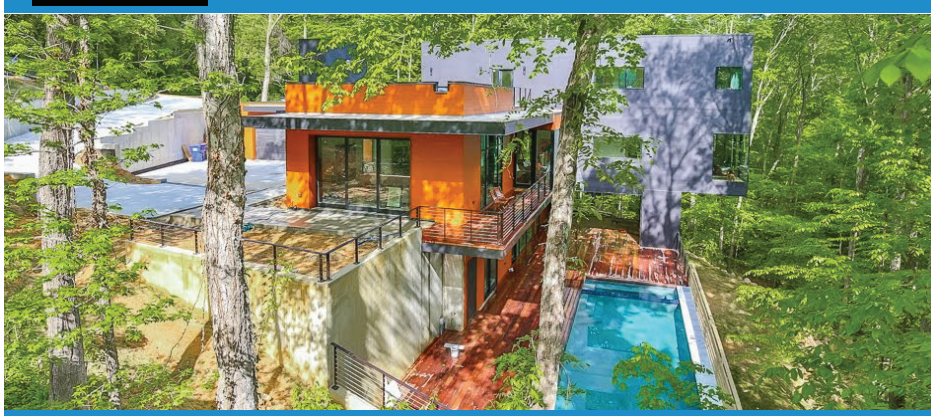
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Book Scoop

Use the Decoder Ring to discover the name of this terrific book by Jon Scieszka, which is available at your local library. Find the letter on the outer ring, then replace it with the letter on the inner ring.

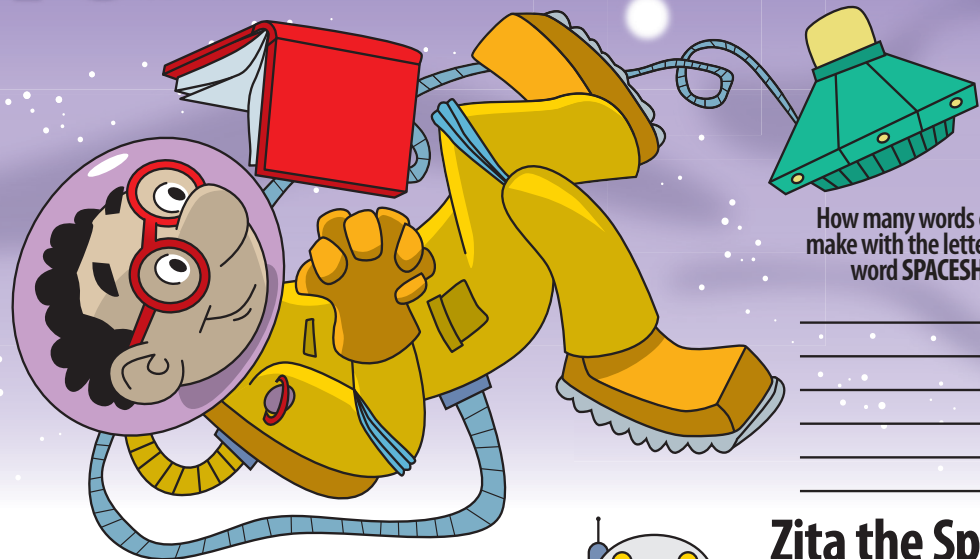
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A Universe of Stories

Before people actually went to outer space, they went there with their imaginations. Authors wrote about what they thought space and space travel was like. These books are called **science fiction**.

Science fiction books are often about the future, or they take place on other worlds. These books often feature machines and tools that didn't exist when the book was written. And sometimes there are interesting alien creatures!



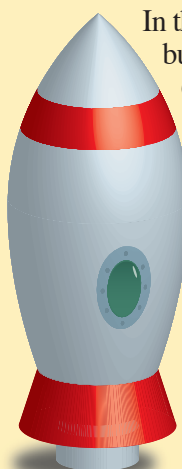
How many words can you make with the letters in the word **SPACESHIP**?

What Makes It Science Fiction?

Read about each of these books. Then check off the reasons each one is considered a science fiction book.

From the Earth to the Moon

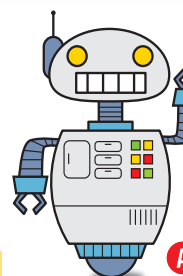
By Jules Verne



In this book, written in 1865, three men build a giant cannon called the *Columbiad* to launch themselves to the moon in a bullet-shaped capsule. Jules Verne called the *Columbiad* a "spaceship." Some people say that this was the first time in history that the word spaceship was used.

This book is science fiction because it:

- Takes place in the future.
- Takes place in another world.
- Features technology that didn't exist when this book was written.
- Has alien creatures.



Zita the Spacegirl

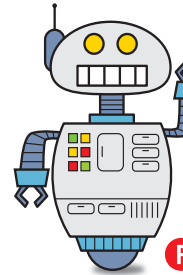
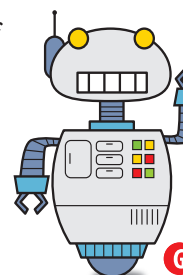
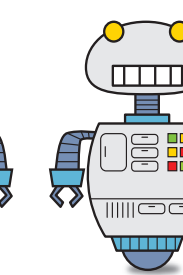
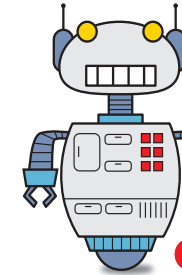
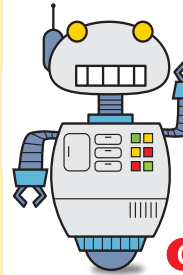
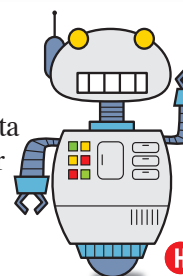
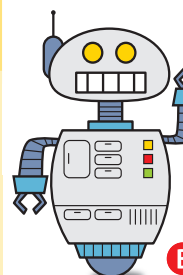
By Ben Hatke

In this 2011 book, an earthling named Zita is transported to a mysterious planet after her friend is kidnapped by an alien. She leaps to the rescue but has to deal with humanoid chickens, angry robots, weird creatures with tentacles, a friendly giant mouse, and the impending destruction of the planet she's standing on. Wow!

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- Has alien creatures.

FIND THE TWO IDENTICAL ROBOTS.



The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet

By Eleanor Cameron

This book, written in 1954, follows two boys who respond to a newspaper advertisement looking for a homebuilt spaceship. They build one out of tin and scrap wood and bring it to the advertiser. He makes a few modifications, gives them special fuel, and tells them they must visit the mushroom planet.

They must have a mascot to be successful, he warns, so they grab a chicken and blast off into space!

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Extra! Extra!

Can you imagine that?

Some things that were imagined by people years ago are real today. Look through the newspaper with an older family member. Ask your family member if they can find anything in the paper that was not invented when they were children.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Discover a Universe of Stories in Your Library This Summer!

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

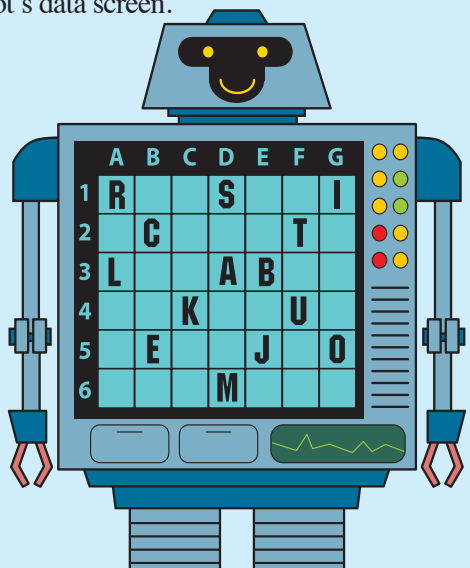
Giggle Grid

To reveal the punchline to this riddle, fill in the blanks using the letters found on this robot's data screen.

Q: What kind of books do planets like to read?

B, 2 G, 5 D, 6 B, 5 F, 2

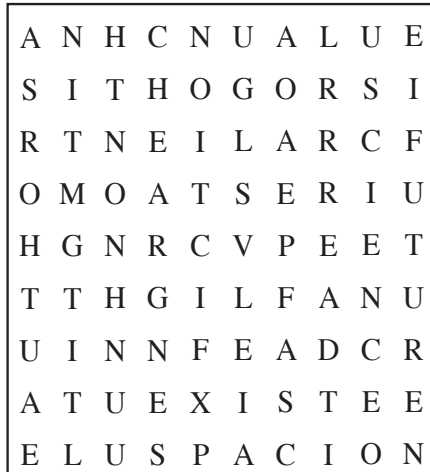
E, 3 G, 5 G, 5 C, 4 D, 1



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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:

CAPSULE

A small case or container, usually round or shaped like a cylinder.

The astronauts returned to their space **capsule** after walking on the planet's surface.

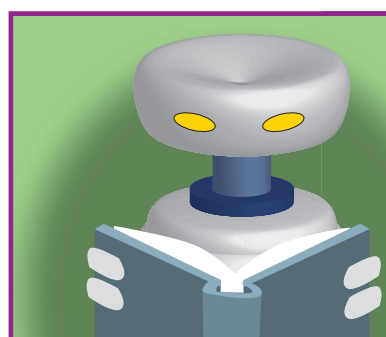
Try to use the word **capsule** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Fiction is Fun

Cut out three photos from the newspaper. Newspapers are non-fiction, but think about how these pictures could all be part of one fictional story. Write a short story that includes the people, places and things in the photos.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate info.



Who was the robot's favorite author?

ANSWER: Ann Droid.

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Tell other kids about a book you think they should read this summer. Have fun describing the book, but don't give away the ending.

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Chatham sheriff's office takes over Animal Services

FROM CHATHAM COUNTY

PITTSBORO, NC -- Chatham County officials have announced that Chatham County Animal Services will be joining the Chatham County Sheriff's Office on June 1. Animal Services was previously a division of the Public Health Department.

County officials said that the transition should be totally invisible to the public, with no expected interruption in service and no changes in Animal Services staff and contact information.

"This is a logical step which builds on the strong, continued working relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the Health Department. It provides more opportunities to further enhance the safety and health of the Chatham community," said County Manager Dan LaMontagne.

Sheriff Mike Roberson added, "We anticipate a smooth transition and look forward to growing the community outreach side of Animal Services. We are excited to partner with Animal Services Director Kimberly Har-

man, who will continue in her role as part of our leadership team at the Sheriff's Office as we work with her staff to move forward with this new vision. A top-notch Animal Services Unit will be a natural fit alongside our Community Service Unit."

Additional positive impacts of the union, according to the Sheriff, include increased contact with the community, improved education and awareness campaigns, enhanced focus on prevention and volunteer efforts, and evaluation of ways to improve after-hours response for animal service needs.

Health Director Layton Long echoed Sheriff Roberson's enthusiasm for the change.

"Our past partnerships have yielded positive outcomes for county residents," Long said. "For example, we collaborated with the Sheriff's Office to establish the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances to combat opioid addiction. We also joined forces to place life-saving Narcan in the hands of deputies and conduct testing of County De-

tention Center inmates to diagnose and treat sexually transmitted infections, including HIV and hepatitis."

County Manager LaMontagne said that the timing also was right.

"We are about to build a greatly enhanced animal shelter," he said, "located near the Detention Center operated by the Sheriff's Office, and we have a new budget year starting July 1."

The Chatham County Board of Health received a proposal by Health Director Long and Sheriff Roberson at its May 20, 2019 meeting and voted unanimously for the change.

"Our board carefully considered the proposal to transfer the Animal Services Division to the Sheriff's Office and decided this change offered many positive opportunities," said Carol Reitz-Barlow, chairperson of the Chatham County Board of Health. "The board is confident that the two agencies will continue working together to support the public's health and safety."

Animal Services Direc-



Photo courtesy of Chatham County

Chatham County Sheriff's Office Deputies Chris Kibler left, and Olivia Sturdivant comfort newborn goats in Pittsboro. The sheriff's office has now taken control of the county's Animal Services department.

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DAN LAMONTAGNE, Chatham County Manager

tor Harman said, "When you combine resources with another agency that shares the same overall mission, the possibilities

are endless. Proactive solutions are our goal. We look forward to helping owners solve animal issues through

education, community services, and successful adoption and placement of animals into safe, loving homes."

NEWS BRIEFS

Excellence honored at CCCC awards program

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College honored approx-

imately 100 outstanding students May 8 at its Annual Academic Excellence Awards program at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center in Sanford.

Instructors selected

the students who were recognized for academic excellence or for overall outstanding achievement.

Justin Pedley, of Lee County, was recognized as the CCCC recipient of the North Carolina

Community College System's "Great With-in the 58" Academic Excellence Award. Only one student from each of the state's 58 community colleges is selected for the award each year.

Erica Bell, of Harnett County, was recognized as CCCC's nominee for the NCCCS Dallas Herring Achievement Award. Madison Bullard, of Lee County, was recognized as CCCC's nominee for the NCCCS Gov. Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award.

Chatham County residents honored at the Academic Excellence Award program, listed by award and the program for which they received:

Academic Excellence Awards: Adrianna James-Rizzi, Associate in Science; Abigail Kraska, Information Technology; Roxanne McDonough, Sustainability Technologies; Cade McIntyre, Industrial Systems Technology; Kristine Paul, Associate in Arts - Chatham; Crystal Vanderford, Health Information Technology; James Williams, Information Technology.

Outstanding Student Awards: Wendy Bacilio Vico, Medical Assisting (Chatham); Anthony Borelli, Sustainability Technologies; Nelson Cruz, Electronics Engineering Technology; Malique Farrar, Culinary Arts; Adrianna James-Rizzi, Associate in Science - Chatham County; Nathan Lamont, Computer-Aided Drafting Technology; Ashley Smith, Health & Fitness Science; Amanda Usary, Building Construction Technology; Sarah White, Health Information Technology.

Carolina Core hosts state economic development leaders for tour of assets

GREENSBORO — Partners in the Carolina Core hosted a delegation of the state's top economic development officials, including leaders from the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC), on May 21 for a familiarization tour highlighting the globally competitive assets in the Carolina Core.

"Today we had the valuable opportunity to give our state's top economic development officials a first-hand look at all the Carolina Core has to offer, better equipping them to sell our collective region to prospective companies and identify opportunities that match our strengths," said Stan Kelly, President and CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership. "EDPNC and other state economic development leaders have

NCDOT reminds drone pilots to fly safely, legally this summer

RALEIGH — With summer right around the corner, residents and visitors in North Carolina will be taking to the skies in record numbers with their personal drones.

Around 30,000 North Carolinians now own and operate drones for personal and recreational use. As this number grows, the N.C. Department of Transportation is reminding drone pilots to follow safety precautions because drones can be dangerous to others if they are not operated properly.

"Drones are an amazing new technology, and the applications are almost limitless," said NCDOT Director of Aviation Bobby Walston. "But with something so new comes a lot of challenges. We need to make sure people don't treat these as just a toy, and know how to operate them in a safe manner."

As such, NCDOT's Division of Aviation has provided the following eight tips to help pilots make sure they're flying safely and legally:

- Always fly below 400 feet above ground level,
- Never fly near airports,
- Avoid flying over events or crowds,
- Don't fly at night, even if your drone has lights,
- Never fly directly over people,
- Don't fly near or above prisons,
- Respect people's privacy, and
- Always keep the drone within your visual line of sight.

By following these guidelines, drone pilots can be more confident that their flights are safe and legal. Pilots should also take the time to learn about the state and federal laws governing drones, as well as local restrictions in their area, before taking off.

North Carolinians interested in flying a drone for commercial or government operations must obtain a permit from the N.C. Division of Aviation. Before applying, prospective users must pass NCDOT's UAS Knowledge Test. The permitting system began in 2016 and is designed to help drone owners better understand restrictions on drone use through a simple and efficient online process.

been strong partners in shaping the vision for the Carolina Core and we are excited to continue our work together to help North Carolina and this region win."

The day-long event kicked off with a breakfast and briefings in the Bailey Power Plant at Wake Forest Innovation Quarter. The tour then included visits to downtown Greensboro, BB&T Point Stadium in High Point and each of the four megasites along the U.S. 421 Corridor.

"The Carolina Core is a strategic approach to economic development that erases traditional borders and focuses on the region's cumulative competitive assets that are desirable to prospective businesses," said Christopher Chung, CEO of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina. "Today's tour and meetings with local partners helped further bring the Carolina Core vision to life, providing a valuable opportunity for our sales and marketing teams. This helps us at EDPNC to better promote the Core in our interactions with prospective businesses."

The visiting delegation included members from the EDPNC business recruitment, business development and research and marketing teams. Other partners for the program included Chatham Economic

Development Corporation, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, High Point Economic Development Corporation, Winston-Salem Business Inc. and Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The tour continues the growing momentum in the Carolina Core to collectively market key assets in the region to increase economic competitiveness on the national and global stage.

Last month, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) installed new Carolina Core highway signs along the U.S. 421 corridor. Leaders in the region are also working with local, state and federal officials to designate U.S. 421 as a future Interstate. Additionally, local economic development groups are collectively enacting an aggressive marketing plan to drive leads and business investment through site selection consultant visits and a print and digital advertising campaign.

Since launching the regional initiative in 2018, economic momentum in the Carolina Core is building with more than 9,000 jobs announced. This is progress toward the goal of attracting more than 50,000 jobs to the Carolina Core over the next 20 years.

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Aside from 'fresh' Smith, confounding 'Aladdin' is lively but mundane

The still image of a CGI-contorted Will Smith as the blue, buff Genie, found the early marketing Disney's live-action update of "Aladdin," was a source of initial castigation and the fount for well over forty memes. It was already daunting enough for Smith to step into the large slippers of Robin Williams' iconic voice-work from the 1992



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

animated original. The non-contextual sight of a cerulean Smith — portly and pointy-eared — embodied many of the worst fears about Disney's latest live-action looting of their animated catalogue.

Well, there's good news and bad news. "Aladdin" is a movie of two halves. There's every scene including Smith, which are zippy, humorous, and generally enjoyable. This is the wisecracking, quick-witted Will Smith who became a star of small and silver screen, the Will Smith we haven't seen enough in recent roles. Even an outsized character and flurry of CGI accoutrement don't subdue Smith's personality, and he more than holds his own throughout both overcaffeinated musical numbers and rapid-fire riffing. At various points throughout the film, Smith even adds an agreeable amount of pathos to the character. And before anyone faults Smith for incorporating some modern-day slang and other references into his interpretation, remember that Williams' lauded Genie includes impersonations of Jack Nicholson, Ed Sullivan, and Groucho Marx.

And then there's every scene without Smith, a mundane menagerie of sights, sounds, and cultural (mis)appropriation that's pleasingly passé yet offers nothing new to an already fallow formula. Aladdin (Mena Massoud) remains a street urchin in the Silk Road kingdom of Agrabah. He's also a thief aided by his pet monkey and partner in crime, Abu. Aladdin meets-cute a beautiful woman (Naomi Scott) whom he deduces is a handmaiden to the reclusive Princess Jasmine. The woman turns out to be the actual princess, a ruse Aladdin eventually uncovers when he sneaks into the palace to woo her. That nocturnal visit grabs the attention of Jafar (Marwan Kenzari), the duplicitous advisor to the Sultan, Jasmine's father. Jafar harbors aspirations to rule Agrabah using the Genie's power to grant three nearly unlimited wishes to whom-



ever (temporarily) frees him for the confines of his home lamp. Jafar promises riches to Aladdin if he'd venture into the desert Cave of Wonders and procure the lamp. Hijinks ensue that end with Aladdin possessing a flying carpet and a wish-granting Will Smith. Using the first wish to escape the cave, Aladdin burns his second to become a prince, hoping the facade will allow him to court the unwitting Jasmine before she's cajoled into a marriage a political expediency rather than one of love. We thus have the intriguing juxtaposition of a royal who tries to taste freedom by posing as a commoner alongside a commoner who tries to taste freedom by posing as a royal.

There are small, welcome updates to the animated original along the way, like Jasmine's leadership aspirations and Genie's longing for a life beyond indentured service. One of the few new characters is Dalia, Jasmine's actual handmaiden, who not only provides another female presence but is por-

trayed by the terrific Nasim Pedrad, the "Saturday Night Live" alum who grasps the nuances of ensemble acting and is pitch-perfect adding comedic color without overpowering the less-adapt Scott.

On the other hand, while Kenzari wisely tries to dial down the campy animated Jafar, he veers too far in the other direction, offering a pedestrian, boilerplate baddie. While the animated Sultan was an unflattering Arab stereotype, the live-action version is an overly passive observer. As for the romantic leads, Massoud is doe-eyed, dreamy, and does some nice physical acting, but he's otherwise an empty vessel. And while Scott is charming and knows how to carry a power anthem, any progressive updates to her character quickly take a backseat to her ornate garb and the treacly, unconvincing love story.

Director Guy Ritchie's visual effects are harried yet not embarrassing—they keep things lively but always feel tacked

ALADDIN

GRADE: B -

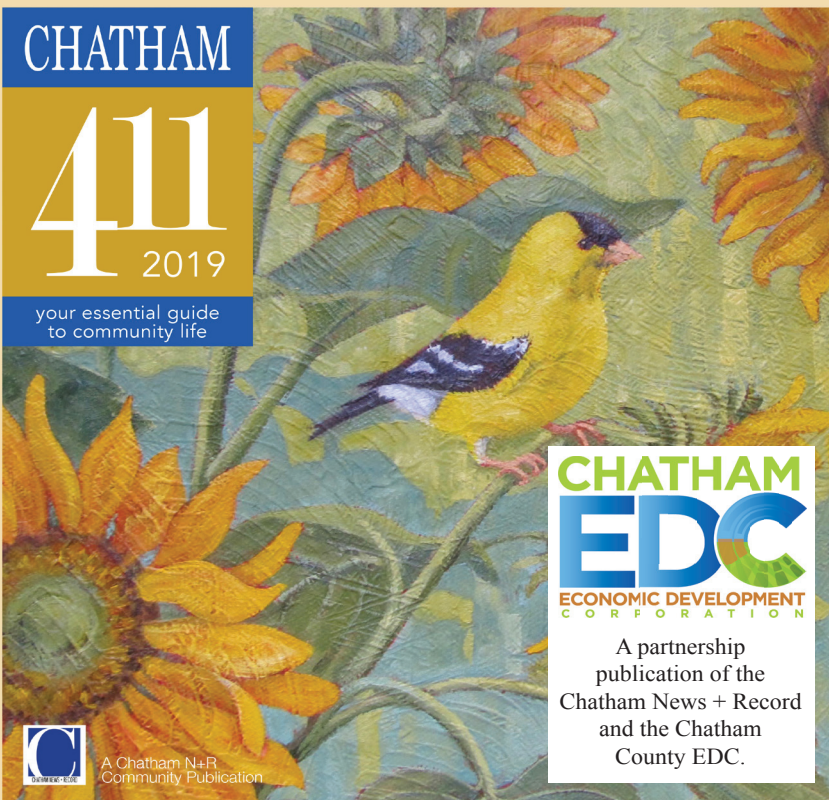
DIRECTOR: Guy Ritchie

STARRING: Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott, Will Smith, Marwan Kenzari, and Nasim Pedrad

MPAA RATING: PG

RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 8 min.

on. Indeed, rather than of a larger-than-life, escapist reimagining, the film never overcomes the specter of a community theater troupe romping around a soundstage, sometimes with the help of wire rigging. Tack on a couple of Bollywood-style song-and-dance sequences, and "Aladdin" starts to feel confounding. Will Smith is the only fresh prince in this Arabian artifice. Otherwise, this "whole new world" is a lot of the same old thing.



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About: A native of North Carolina, Brewer lives in northwest Chatham County and works as the 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent for Chatham's N.C. Cooperative Extension. A graduate of School of Science and Mathematics in Durham and N.C. State, Brewer is working toward a master's degree at N.C. State. Brewer started working at the extension service several years ago as an administrative assistant, but was promoted to her current position in April. "I get to do what I love," she says. "As a 4-H Extension Agent, I am able to positively impact my community in areas that I feel strongly about. Becoming a 4-H Extension Agent was a dream come true." Brewer and her husband Nathan, who works as a Senior Master Technician at Welford Harris Ford, have been together for 13 years. They have two miniature dachshunds, Nestle and Laci, one farm cat, Rocky, and 16 chickens.

What's the most difficult job you've ever had?
The most difficult job I've ever had was being a nanny. When you are a nanny, you spend the entire day with children. There are no breaks, no alone time, and your workday doesn't end until you have someone to take over childcare responsibilities. In addition to childcare, you are responsible for keeping someone else's house cleaned and organized.

Craziest or most unusual thing that's ever happened to you at your current job?
Three weeks after I started at the Chatham County Cooperative Extension office, I got to care for chicks, from our 4-H Embryology Project, in my office while our 4-H Program Assistant



Submitted photo

Brewer's one hobby that she couldn't live without is disc golf.

picked-up additional birds. As a chicken mama, I was so excited and thrilled to have the opportunity to play with chicks at work.

Your ultimate "happy place?"
Being at home.

Which do you like better: starting or finishing?
Definitely finishing.

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

On a snow day, you'd stay home and binge-watch:
Game of Thrones

Ever danced in the rain?
Yes!

What habit would you most like to break?
Eating when I am bored.

What's the best use of a snow day?
The best use of a snowy day is spending it at home. It would include lounging around the house, and playing outside with my husband. We have the perfect driveway for sledding!

What is the most significant of your life's goals that you haven't yet accomplished?

To build my dream house and have a farm. Currently, I have chickens and a garden, but I would like to add some beehives, goats and/or beef cattle.

What makes your home special?
My husband and animals.

Words or phrases you overuse:
I love to overuse the word "awesome!"

If you were ever to seek political office, you'd run for:
County Commissioner.

What do you plan to do after retirement?
Travel and volunteer.

Your ideal vacation would be:
A staycation.

What's your favorite snack food?
Garlic-stuffed olives.

What do you like best about where you live now?
I love living in the middle of the woods,

surrounded by nature. On any given day, I can hear or see barred owls, coyotes, hawks, deer, turkeys, blue herons, geese, rabbits, ducks and foxes. We even saw a bobcat on one of our cameras.

Is there a hobby you can't live without?
Disc Golf.

Where would someone be most likely to find you on a Saturday night?
My favorite place, home.

What would be your last meal?
Definitely sushi.

Would you go bungee jumping or skydiving?
Skydiving is on my bucket list.

Did you have a childhood nickname?
Yes, I had two childhood nicknames — Tornado Tora and Biscuit.

Favorite season?
Fall.

Biggest pet peeve?
Lazy people.

What superhero power would you most like to



Staff photo by Casey Mann

Victoria Brewer is the extension agent, 4-H youth development at Chatham's N.C. Cooperative Extension.

have?
Flying.

What was your favorite TV show when you were growing up?
"Family Matters" and "Full House."

Favorite band or musical artist?
Chris Stapleton

What's your favorite condiment?
Mayonnaise

How do you define success?
Never giving up on the things you want to

accomplish, even if you fail at first.

Describe your life philosophy in six words or less:
Decisions determine the future. Choose wisely.

If you could instantly learn one language, which would it be?
Spanish

What advice would you give your younger self?
Be patient

Would you rather explore outer space or the ocean floor?
Ocean floor

Second nine weeks K-8 school honor roll students

FROM CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

Below are names of students in Chatham County K-8 schools who earned inclusion in second nine weeks honor rolls.

NORTH CHATHAM ELEMENTARY

A Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Alexa Abenes, Cooper Logan Boutin, Roshan Chishti Chalamalasetti, Campbell DeWitte Davis, Margot Piera De Angelo, Tara Marie Foley, Noah Michael Fuller, Piper Gensler, Evelyn Denise Gonzalez Banegas, Jax Turner Heizman, Maxwell Ivan Horton, William Evan Hudson, Boden Wade Laramore, Nia Carter Liles, Hunter Lee Long, George David Milne, Haleigh Dawn O'Briant, Annalei Pace, Bennett Patrick Powell, William Alan Powell, Camryn Brooke Reinhardt, Gavin Blu Rockett, Sterling Corbett Smith, Lila Lacy Vandell, Elise Noel Warner, Leah Claire Willoughby, Nathan Nikhil Yox, Samuel David Zwhalen

4th Grade: Althea Elisabeth Aldridge, Piper Mae Bailey, Marta Isabela Benesch, Averie Isabella Boeckler, Christian Jacob Bullock, Maya Ciodaru, Connor Aidan Daley, Declan Flint Davis, Sofia Gabriela Espino Centeno, Emily Jane Exley, Aviston Jai Farmer, Serenity Anne Foley, Kevin Gamez-Jimenez, Tiffany Jaden Aboenja Glinoga, Bryce Carlson Huneycutt, Dylan Russell Jory, Benjamin Maxwell Jump, Emily Victoria Jump, Emily Cheryl Little, Marek Dakermue Makor, Charlotte Curtis McClintock, Ella Pearl Paisner Mendlovitz, Sophia Mischiagno, Abigail Christine Morgan, Kimberly Ocana Rangel, Grady Andrew Perchinsky, Rylan Mae Perchinsky, Ian Robert Perry, Gavin Nels Popp, Ethan Joseph Rayno, Paige Isabella Reinhardt, Samman Gabriella Sadi, Gabriella Sophia Santiago Raimundi, Jenna Simone Self, Jack Alexander Simpson, Easton Franklin Sykes, Sydney Elise Tate, Claire Elizabeth Wojoski, James Raleigh Wright

5th Grade: Alexandra Sophie Boutin, Victor Emmanuel Bullock, Sydney Ruth Burleigh, Chloe Rae Cargill, Grayson Dean Cox, Grace Harper Davis, Nico DeAngelo, Isabella Margaret Ekeler, Sydney Jane Eubanks, Sarah Elizabeth Giguere, Yari Sophia Gonzalez-Arias, Robert Graham Harrison, Braeden Thomas Hazard, Makae Hilbert, Jack Aryeh Hirschman, Pascale Paulina Hlavac, Vivien Reagan January, Natalie Anastasia Jerkovich, Cali Olivia O'Neill, Anaidiriv Perez Hernandez, Julian Perez Hernandez, Jorge Pernia Fernandez, Tuong-Vy Athena Phan, Kiernan Alexander Reed, Gabriel Thomas Rogers, Gabriel Thomas Suarez, Anna Claire Wardrop, James Masten Weaver, Regan Mikal Willauer, Ryan Mills Yoder, Mackenzie Lee Zelhof

A/B Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Chirino, Jhaziel Alvarez, Alejandro Alvarez-Trejo, Collin James Atkinson, Tyler Pearce Brinson, Sloane Alexandra Carter, Elvira Raquel Cervantes Villanueva, Harper Anne Clark, Isabelle Lilly Compton, Caroline Patricia Cook, Aidan O'Kieran Corcoran, Amy Denis Cortes Rivera, Lexiana Marie Culotta, Gabriel Elijah Curtis, Tatum Marie Dell, Banks Christopher Elmore, Christian Nicolas Flores Medrano, Liliana Elizabeth Forrest, Vivian Case Gustafson, Ellery Mae Hlavac, Ashlyn Sarah Jenkins, Arden Juliana Kelly, Nathan Wilder Kendrick, Santiago Yael Lopez Cisneros, Jason Martinez Solorzano, Ellexis Kinzy McBride, Liam Neill McCann, Jefferson Geovanny Medina Ochoa, Kimberly Montoya-Esquivel, Maddox Brody Moore, Ari Leonardo Morgado Ayala, John Hunter Nelson, Jude Alexander O'Neill, Daniela Elise Ortiz, Isabella Reese Purcell, Frediz Noe Ramirez Barrientos, Stephanie Yasmin Ramirez Gevara, Mackenzie Rose Riebling, Ana Karen Rodriguez Apolinar, Cooper Rainn Sherwood, Kenzie Skye Sherwood, Talia Isabela Soper, Isaac Danniery

Sorto Calzada, Nathanael Cuyler Strickland, Benjamin James Taylor, William Archer Timm, Isaias Vazquez Ordenez, Ashton Antonio Victalino, Mackenzie Nicole Wray
4th Grade: Reece Fitzgerald Adams, Juliana Pearl Andros, Quinton Scott Booth, Allison Paige Burgess, Kloe Michael Coats, Cayleigh Alesandra Coppola, Kleber Antonio Corzo Garcia, Guadalupe Cruz-Guerrero, McKenna Brielle Fuller, Christopher David Garcia Ramirez, Logan Alexander Guhr, Leeya Daya House, Alissa Renee Jones, Aleah Breanna Joyner, Timothy Daniel Lucas, Gabrielle Diana Parra, Lucas William Pasciuta, Brandon Perez Lopez, Hector Jaret Quino Cervantes, Jaliyah Destini Ray, Adziri Daniela Reyna Grana-dos, Katherine Rodriguez Apolinar, Sofia Rodriguez Guadalupe, Andy Rolando Sandoval, Erick Sierra-Rojas, Devin Darius Simmonds, Bailey Elizabeth Smith, Brisayda Solorzano Martinez, Zachary Ryan Sylvia, Taliya Senaa Thomas, Chloe Todd, Brandon Toledo Sanchez, Antonio Terry Underdue, Alexander Vela Mancilla, Eva Amani Wahieb, Taylor Grace Williford, David Wesley Wood, Kendell Clara Wyrick

5th Grade: Casey Howard Brekke, Mya Simone Brower, Ricardo Chavez Rendon, Harrison Michael Compton, Damon Drake Conner, Gabrielle Inara Coppola, Addison Brian Culbertson, Erik Nathaniel Diaz, Wesley Randall Edwards, Ava Lauren Fisk, Carlos Giovanni Gamez Jimenez, Arianna Yareli Gonzalez, Benjamin Hart, Alexandra Victoria Helmer, Austin Joseph Ingram, Annika Cate Johansson, Samuel Heath Leonard, Anahi Lopez Gomez, Travis Jason Mann, Jhamilet Noemi Martinez Villatoro, Alondra Ruby Martinez Zamora, Hector Daniel Olivera Garcia, Ken Oliverio-Sanchez, Omar Perez Lopez, Ryan Brooks Powell, Karleigh Braxton Purcell, Matthew Julian Quintero Salgado, Jassly Ramirez Collazo, Alyia Jadya Roberts, Alexandra

Emily Smith, Alexandra Rose Smith, Glenn McKay Smith, Brenne L Smith, Emery Jeanne Tinervin, Abril Tolentino-Alvarado, Jose Bryan Torres-Garcia, Waylon James Vose, Ella Jane Wenstrand, Sophia Marie Willauer, Ty Nicklaus Willoughby, Landon Tyler Wooten, Arthur Zago Zocche

PITTSBORO ELEMENTARY

A Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Owen Becker, Jaidan Daleo, Gabriel Delgado, Nora Ens, Abigail Gibson, Sophie Gibson, Jackson Hall, Leighton Jacques, Elizabeth Klier, Zachary Klier, Sanai Lee, Canaan Mitchell, Kaveri Patel, Lily Pintuff, David Rogel, Grace Sherwin, Olivia Sturtz, Nico Triglianos, Ashleigh Trombley, Emily Wellons, Wyatt Wichowski, Beau Withrow
4th Grade: Yaretz Acosta-Zamora, Matthew Adu, Farrell Blackburn, Evan Bland, Ava Bonham, Emma Cason, Shayla Cork, Samuel Cunningham, Jackson Freeman, Owen Hearn, Peyton Howard, Joshua Johnson, Elizabeth Lambeth, Brayden Meulendyke, Dominic Novello, Charlotte Oakley, Campbell Parks, Ashley Perry, Carly Pike, Asher Savage, Chloe Waldstein, Anna-grace Zarembo
A/B Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Daniel Alvarado-Ramos, Madilyn Bolejack, Kayden Burns, Sophia Chutz, Ella Clark, Riley D'Angelo, Ar'Daryus Dale, Adler Dolleschel, Camila Cervantes, Sophia Eason, Dilyn Evans, Giselle Flores Zabala, Tate Fonville, Lelyn Harrison, Sarah Hill, Serena Jones, Parker Karstaedt, Jackson Lambeth, Parker Maness, Jaelah Paclay, Mariah Pedrotty, Lila Quick, Kinley Sanders, Trammel Self, Cody Sescilla, Odella Snyder, Jacqueline Soto, Caylee Spivey, William Tamayo, Jakari Thorpe-Burnette, Maya Torres, Preston Walters, Cassidy Williamson, Brody Zsuppan
4th Grade: Colton Adams, Andrea Angeles Morales, Nicholas Armstrong, Christian Benitez, William Boynton, Asher

Brooks, Aiden Cisneros, Finn Cobler, Mia Davis, Breonna Diletoso-Baldwin, Gus Dillon, Tara Dupont, Acharry Goldston, Eva Haley, Sadler Hamm, Jakob Keipp, Lillyann Kinney, Dakoda Livermon, Ivey Mitchell, Kailyn Mitchell, Jade Monroe, Isaac Pica, Kayla Richard, Alexi Satterwhite, Cole Squires, Savanna Stubbs, Aleyah Thornton, Evelyn Warf, Adelyn Wolter, Ashley Womack

SILER CITY ELEMENTARY

A Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Emily Kay Appenelli, Ryder Hudson Bredenberg, Cristina Noemi Jacinto Aguilar, Valerie Jazmine Ramirez Carmona, Reagan Marie Sandel, Holden Jacob Tillet
4th Grade: Naomi Celia Aleman, Oscar Manuel Flores Briones, Jaden Michael Guzman, Briseida Ibarra Rivera, Elvis Joab Nino-Chay, Ingrid Yamilet Oyorzabal, Fredy Amilcar Toj Fernandez, Ethan Daniel Usher
5th Grade: Lea Grace Benitez, Cristian David Lopez Coronado, Gisele Ahilyn Lopez Hernandez
A/B Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Sasha Achabar, Emely Aguilar Cruz, Ennis Aguilar Lima, Abigail Brown, Yamilet Paris Camacho, Brizelle Canela Gomez, Samuel Isaac Ceron, Melany Espinoza, Manuel Alexander Estrada Hernandez, Deja' Denise Farris, Gael Figueroa Sandoval, Mylana Cailee Fulcher, Evelin Gabriel Martinez, Enrique Joseph Granados Hernandez, Genesis Daryela Granados Hernandez, Keiry Analy Granados Ortiz, Aura Patricia Hernandez, Fares Khaled Ibrahim, Kara Elizabeth Johnson, Kinley Blaire Jordan, Cindy Josefina Lopez Hernandez, Nikolai Daniel Lujan, Ismael Martinez Lara, Leah Rae McLeod, Nolan Cade Mitchell, Alexander Fabian Montiel Ocelot, LizMarie Isabel Nava, Kevin Ochoa Cruz, Miya-na Ochoa Perez, McK-inney, Katherine Crisela Perla Gomez, Kameron Rose Pokey, Getsemami Ramos Urrutia, Carlos Abraham Salazar, Brea-

na De'Nae Siler, Madelyn Claire Smith, Keylor Urena-Secena, Stefanie Velasquez Rangel, Iker Leonardo Vicente Perez, Gael Villalobos Sandria, Khamaya Serae Woods, Danerys Catalina Zetino Herrera

4th Grade: Erik Michael Alvarez Martinez, Yamilet Ambrocio Lozano, Amy Jeannette Ayala, Alonso Briones Vasquez, Litzzy Camacho Monter, Jimena Camareno Rojas, Marlon Emilio Cano Morales, Joshua Carcamo, Luke Zachary Deaton, Michelle Ariana Espinal, Maelee Breanna Fields, Victor Manuel Guzman Alegria, Breanna Neveah Harris, Logan McKenzie Joyner, Madelaine Lozano Perez, Litzzy Sophia Madrid Balderas, Michayla Lynnelle McNeill, Genesis Ocampo, Alexis Ochoa Cruz, Jose Antonio Orellana, Eric Alberto Ortiz, Allessa Zoed Perez Rodriguez, Jedidiah Colon Poe, Torris Parker Price, Kylie Pugh, Laura Madysin Richard, Leslie Santos Cuaziti, Khalil Demani Shaw, Jasmine Natalie Sorto-Bonilla, Ivan Suarez-Arellano, Armercia Gracelynn Tapp, Valeria Tellez-Canuto, Emily Vazquez Mendoza, Benjamin Allen Walston
5th Grade: Dalia Botello, Liz Marie Castro, Davis John Clark, Nancy del Carmen Cruz Sanchez, Stacy Duran Moreno, Marco Antonio Espinal-Caba, Dahlia Natalie Fuentes, Cristina Luceli Hurtado-Ruiz, Maggy Angelique Jaimes-Pulido, Kayla Marie Kendrick, Dominic Zane Laswson, Berenice Margarito Bernabe, Marcela Shareth Martinez Duarte, Jaidyn Semaj Mason, Taylor Elizabeth McLeod, Giancarlo Nolasco Ixtabalon, Brian Javier Palacios, Nataly Wilson Roblero-Morales, Emely Nicole Rodriguez Lima, Pablo Ramiro Sanchez-Gonzalez, David Sanchez-Gonzalez, Jaxon Daniel Smith, Benny Josue Tomas Garcia, Heidi Alejandra Vicente Perez, Tyner Jason Williams, Francisco Junior Zabaleta Vico

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SILK HOPE

A Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Keenan Bailey, Charlotte Britt, Addison Daniels, Brianna Haney, Dylan Jenkins, Dylan Leysath, Addisyn Vickrey, Zoey Williams

4th Grade: Summer Causey, Hannah Culbertson, Kali Fennell, Alyssa Kearns, Ember Lindley, Payton McCrimmon, Dakota Moore, Savannah Pelletier, Derek Pettitt, Eleanor Reece, Margaret Rippe

5th Grade: Osiris Basilio Saucedo, Thomas Bjork, Haleigh Bryant, Benjamin Buckner, Carly Cardman, Leslie Cervantes Jimenez, Bella Cole, Grace Debnam, Emily Dekaney, Lilliana Hicks, Alice Howell, Aidan Leysath, Celie Lowe, Porter McLaurin, David Mitchell, Landon Moser, Thomas Stevens, Mayson White, Saniya White, Faith Williams

6th Grade: Abby Adams, James Bowden, Mattie Bucker, Emma Burke, Marcy Clark, Abigail Cockrum, Ann Cole, Evelyn Lindley, Kelsey Morris, Breanna Teague, Samantha Wieber

7th Grade: Naya Cole, Caleb Collison, Sage Coykendall, Sarah Dekaney, Cassidy DeShazo, Chloe Johnson, Logan Gunter, Brian Johnson, Hannah Mitchell, Brooklin Quee, Corey Snell, Rafael Soto-Monter

8th Grade: Mylie Cardman, Mattie Crowder, Jacob Garrett, Aiden Harrison, Lillian Jones, Francisco Larios-Perez, Caroline Matthews, Ann Maupin, Sarah McMath, Hailey Pelletier, Julia Vitaro, Luke Walters

A/B Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Francisco Artega, Colton Brown, Levi Culbertson, Carson Davis III, Ridge Hicks, Joseph Marsh, Chance Moore, Talia Moore, Austin Morgan, Darcy Ortiz, Adalynn Prado, James Reece, Emilio Rocha, Danyella Rodriguez, Elijah Rodriguez, Preston Smith

4th Grade: Gracelyn Aldridge, Jobanny Benitez-Espinoza, Cadence Clark, Taylor Duncan, Delaney Fuquay, Treyson Headen, Elijah Chase Johnson, Isabella Kidd, Maria Munoz Ortiz, Aleaha Nunley, Carloina Rice, Jermaine White, Clayton Wicker

5th Grade: Andrew Cortes, William Coykendall, Jacob Eubanks, Abigail Fisher-Adams, Mallory Jones, Charity Kearns, Ethan Kenner, Jensen Mitchell, Lexi Murray, Reyna Nava Catalan, Ida Ricci, Lacy Thomas, Paisley Thorn

6th Grade: Riley Gibson, Luke Johnson, Lauren Jones, Tania Lopez Garcia, Mykalah Pettitt, Caleigh Phelps, Madison Philips, Payton Pickett, Jack Train, Jessica Vazquez Acosta, Ryan Wagoner, Makena Young

7th Grade: Abbie Barth, Andrew Duncan, Kelton Fuquay, Natalie Hamel, Kyle Overturn, Christopher Ray, Ariana Rodriguez, Chandler Scott, Lane Shelton, Traycee Wall

8th Grade: Stratton Barwick, Gavin Campbell, Ethan Clark, Adriane Gaines, James Harrison, Jacob Morgan, Ashlee Rains, Riley Spohn, Sean Wagoner

PERRY HARRISON ELEMENTARY

A Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Nulia Adibe, Nico Amelio, Andrew

Balk, Ellie Bowen, Abigail Bowling, Lauren Bowling, Brooks Boyd, Calvin Britt, Reese Colwell, Tegan Cook, Gillian Eriksen, Penelope Faris, Paige Flanagan, Andrew Flowers, Aiden Girard, Garrett Goerger, Jack Harman, Lillian Heath, Dylan Hernandez Chavez, Joaquin Hernandez Gonzalez, Blaire Hill, Elsie Jackson, Lyla Jacobs, Eli Johnson, Anders Kappelman, Cecelia Kelly, Kimberly Martinez Ornelas, Lilliana Messier, Noah Minor, Corbin Misita, Olivia Parenti, Olivia Parker, Aubrey Phillips, Claire Prehodka, Colton Price, Breelyn Rank, Montgomery Reece, Waylon Rogers Vickers, Cole Smith, Harlow Spacek, Fiona Tiegreen, Sydney Vaughan, Miley Vue, Nathan Weidman, Tatum White, Sophia Wolf, Aaron Xiao, Charlotte Zanga, Lily Zogopoulos

4th Grade: Ezennia Adibe, Daisy Ballenger, Lillian Bice, Jane Birken, Natalie Boecke, Jillian Bonner, Charlotte Bowman, Lucas Bozzolo, Henry Brooks, Ruth Burgert, Marielle Byers, Brayden Cabe, Adina Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Dylan Capriles, Amanda Cooper, London Crowing, James Detzi, Oscar Ditter, Kaeden Edwards, Kael Edwards, Malek El-Yousef, Everett Elkins, Adrian Fedoriw, Conor Ferguson, Ally Forbes, Xander Gabreski, Morgan Gilson, Berkley Godehn, Annabel Harshaw, Rebecca Hoopes, Wylie Hutto, Iris Jacquin, Charlie Jester, Evelyn Kamen, Tommy Koziara, Nicole Krebs, Eleanor Kristiansen, Avery Lakomiak, Leo Langston, David Lee, Charlotte Lloyd, Caroline Maclean, Colton Mann, Wyatt Marchun, Molly Mazanec, Piper Merced, Hanna Mikolajec, Eli Minges, Juliana Nance, Naomi Olivet, Tallulah Papendieck, Felix Pardue, Claire Patterson, Wyatt Pigeon, Lizzie Platt, Liam Pokorney, Eva Ray, Samuel Resnik, Carter Robinson, Braxe Ruesch, Jayme Ruff, Elsa Sandvik, Jennifer Sautter, Gretta Schliebe, Ruby Schneider, Caleb Serrano, Abigail Smith, Mary Spann, Savannah Stober, Dana Sudhir, Dara Sudhir, Justin Torres, Ariel Travars, Stuart Vaughn, Gabe Velasquez, Walker Vigus, Calvin White, Zeke Wicker, Connor Willingmyre, Grace Wilson

5th Grade: Chloe Ames, Caroline Arnold, Jack Baliff, Caidence Bazemore, Jade Brown, Aria Browndyke, Claire Cantrell, Amelia Cherry, Penny Cibulski, Nicole Clamann, Mabel Collins, John Daguerra, Anna Erntlow, Deanna Evans, Allie Fair, James Flanagan, Savanna Gilson, Sydney Gray, Sara Hartman, Holden Jarstfer, Addison Lauren, Claire McGuire, Ryan McNaught, Emery Misita, Ella Narsh, Claire Oglesbee, Lydia Phillips, Brenda Randell, Renee Rizvi, Carson Roundtree, Reese Sanders, Kori Scott, Carson Smith, Sanjay Subramani, Aidan Swaine, Alanna Terwilliger, Madelyn Trunnell, Camille Vick, Matthew Wanderski, Adrian Willett, Gwyneth Williams, Jace Young

A/B Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Jack Adamo, Lillian Adamo, Christopher Belanger, Owen Cammett, Angelica Casasola Danshina, Paul Cuicchi, Henry Dangel,

Rhys Dornan, Peter Ferguson, Cooper Garrett, Giuliana Greto, Jasper Hamilton, Erwin Hernandez Lara, Tatum Johnson, Niels Kappelman, Zella Knight-Walker, Mira Kosturi, Luis Martinez, Nolan Mathews, Grace McCormack, Calla Miller, Ezra Moulton, Autstin Parenti, Emma Payseur, T.J. Perry, Grey Raynor, Landon Riddle, Grant Robinette, Phineas Ryan, Christopher Sheedy, Asaiah Sherrod, Camilla Shields, Paul Smith, Jordan Sorrell, Naja Thigpen, Charlie Wagner, Stella Weidman, Abel Williams, Alonzo Zaldivar

4th Grade: Ben Altenburg, Samuel Bachelier, Domonick Bainbridge, Mariah Barbee, Diego Capriles, Forest Chou, Olivia DaSilva, Kaylee Dicus, Olivia Enzler, Sophia Enzler, Ryder Eshelman, Gavin Farina, Shenelle Freeman, Ava Garcia, Aidan Harnischfeger, Arabella Harrington, Erik Hernandez Lara, Ava Hertel, Emma Grace Hill, Max Hinchman, Miguel Ignacio, Miles Johns, Ellie Jonsson, Jack Kimbrel, Talon Laccone, Nivan Lauano, Alex Markham, Tequone Moore, Titus Moore, Danny Mora, Vance Norman, Taylor Perry, Samuel Radford, Andres Rangel Dominguez, Lilah Sipper, Caleb Stevenson, Braydon Timpy, Reis Veety, Jackson Vickers, Jacob Wanderski, Rian Washam, Jax Young

5th Grade: Karman Alston, Alexander Aly, Aiden Asari, Claire Asher, Ella Grace Bartee, Alivia Broden, Everett Burgert, Luke Cavaroc, Connor Clark, Sydney Colen, Michelle DiBona, Colin Dorney, Megan Dydynski, Georgina Fink, Joseph Greto, Mary Elizabeth Harris, Sophie Hayes, Jacob Hoopes, Olivia Hubbard, Shane Kelley, Kabod King, Ryder Kolat, Andrew Kosturi, Avery Mangum, Madison Mann, Fabian Martinez Ornelas, Mah'Kya McNeill, Alyssa Medina, Evan Minor, Anna Montgomery, Matthew Morin, Eva Morrison, Theo Nicholas, Madelyn Pallen, Samuel Parker, Julia Perry, Jaedyn Rader, Tyden Rank, Brayden Ritchea, Tobias Schmid, Ryder Siniard, Robyn Smith, Braedon Spacek, Beckam Stavitzski, Emma Stong, Jackson Talman, Matthew Washington

VIRGINIA CROSS ELEMENTARY

A Honor Roll
3rd Grade: Gabriel Arenas-Gonzalez, Brendon Attia, Joseph Barrera, Axel Catalan Casarribias, Iris Cruz Villalobos, Annie Flores Gomez, Bri-tany Garcia Reyes, Daniel Hernandez, Miguel Jimenez Cruz, Giovanni Lavariega Solis, Erick Lopez Martinez, Belinda Marino Morales, Jeremiah Martin, Sergio Montiel Vargas, Zoe Murphy, Christopher Pablo Mateo, Kenneth Reyes-Sanchez, Johan Soriano Pacheco, Danna Vasquez Diaz, Bel-la Vasquez, Bryson White

4th Grade: Prince Aguiluz, Crisitan Avalos Digo, Arely Escalona Santana, Eniya Finch, Karen Hernandez Diaz, Jairo Hernandez-Vasquez, Carolind Manzanarez, Yareli Padilla Balderas, Angela Perez Valdez, Jada Scott, Natalie Wright

5th Grade: Keiry Archila Sandoval, Juan Delgado Benitez, Vickie Lian
A/B Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Guadalupe Basilio Garcia, Yoheved Camacho, Daniela Casarribias Catalan, Hernan Cortez Rodriguez, Kayla Espinoza Garcia, Anastasia Evans, Angela Fernandez Rodriguez, Laura Flores Sierra, Josue Francisco Martin, Monica Garcia Salinas, Jaydin Glover, Penelope Heyden, Jasmine Laz Ordoñez, Luisa Lazo Sosa, Jaysa Luna, Kevin Martineza, Lizzy Merida Castillo, Jose Montiel Perez, Lennox Mordecai, Oscar Rangel, Crystal Sorrell, Amiyah Vargas, Alondra Velasquez, Michael Velasquez, Jade Yarborough

4th Grade: Karla Arenas-Martinez, Axcel Arroyo, Vereirene Bustamante Toledo, Verence Bustamante Toledo, Mia Cifuentes Gonzalez, Uriel Davalos-Orozco, Malik Davis, Sandra Francisco Martin, Giovanni Granados, Da'Mari Headen, Yazmany Hernandez Romero, Maria Hernandez Sanchez, Christian Ichel Vicente, William Manuel Pelagio, Symiah McNeil, Brisley Montiel-Vargas, Emanuel Soto Cruz, Jeffrey Tomas Diego, Alyssa Vereen, Elizabeth Wiley, Michelle Wuester, Guadalupe Basilio Garcia

5th Grade: Nicolas Agundiz, Stephanie Arellano, Aimir Ayala, Harmony Banks, Samuel Basilio Garcia, Erick Calito Montepaque, Joshua Gonzalez Vazquez, Aiden Hernandez, Ashley Herrera Ventura, Alexis Interiano Rangel, Levi Lopez-Nava, Markel McSwain, Abigail Molina-Bacho, Evelin Noval-Sanchez, Victor Padilla Balderas, Yassir Rangel Garcia, Hunter Scott, Yesenia Soto Monter, Jonathan Vasquez Manzariegos, Fabiola Vasquez

MARGARET B. POLLARD MIDDLE

A Honor Roll
6th Grade: Avery Adams, Daniel Andros, Brooks Bae, Jonathan Booth, Caroline Bowman, Julian Bozzolo, Johnson Brekke, Joshua Brown, Elizabeth Calhoun, Isabella Chang, Griffin Ching, Claire Coady, Marina Cofresi, William Cuicchi, Natalia Davis, Cora Dodge, Abigail Emrich, Walter Entrekin, Caitlin Erman, Esmé Ewy, Lance Fernandez, Jett Gabreski, Meredith Gaillard, Alexandre Gallegos Ramirez, Ava Gauci, Addison Gensler, Charlie Ann George, Ty Gilson, Rylan Girard, Avarie Gupton, Evan Heppburn, Tyler Hill, Alexander Hinchman, Ethan House, Maris Huneccutt, Margaret Johns, Broden Jones, Liam Jons-son, Mia Kellam, Brian Krebs, Benjamin Lajoie, MaKenzy Lehew, Oliver Maetani, Hazel Mangum, Ashlynn Matthews, Luke Mattocks, Claire McClintock, Susanna McGuire, James McNabb, Zuzanna Mikolajec, Molly Milsom, Nathan Morin, Orion Moulton, Eloise Owusu Tyo, Eliza Pardue, Wyatt Parker, Clementina Perry, Fletcher Platt, Michael Pomykala, Jackson Powell, Blake Price, Chloe Price, Samantha Riggsbee, Leah Riggsbee, Jenna Robinette, Fiona Scardina-Keele, Gianna Schiavone, Miriam Schulte, Taryn Self, Bailey Shadoan, Giovanni Sierra Rojas, Nathan Smith, Gunnar Smith, Jackson Stoner, Macayla Story, Courtney Talbert, Gabrielle Terrell,

Juliet Vanolinda, Jackson Vaughn, Violet Walter, Jacob Weidman, Judith White, Andi Wicker, Rylee Witham, Connor Yalch, Amari Young, Sophia Zamora-Katona, Kaitlyn Zanga

7th Grade: Skylar Adams, Ilia Arnold, Christopher Atkins, Julia Bartlett, Chiara Battista, Meredith Bean, Madison Beck, Lauren Browndyke, Kelly Buckoski, Ethan Budlong, Ellie Cook, Cole Dail, Misha Danrich, Chelsea Delano, Olivia Dennis, Kaylee Diorio, Olivia Doty, Kate Dydynski, Roger Eubanks, Megan Fady, Kaylee Fisher, Frances Gaillard, Anna Gilliam, Sienna Gray, Mary Hatch, Mattea Hayes, Griffin Jackson, Anna Kappelman, Abby Kava, Julia Krasovich, Marissa Kurz, Jana Lerch, Cameron Livengood, Lucinda Martine, Jordan McNish, Eliza Moore, Olivia Nash, Dane O'Neill, Sunday Oo, Callan Perchinsky, Claire Pickens, Caroline Porter, Chloe Rayno, Mia Richard, Sara Richardson, Olivia Robinson, Shepherd Rockriver, Isabella Rogers, Willem Sandvik, Sophia Serrano, Clara Silkstone, Maya Sipper, Makaio Stephenson, Alexis Stumpf, Asia Thigpen, Morgan Turner, Sara Turner, Olivia Van Duinen, Ezekiel Verinder, Katelyn Walker, Benjamin Weathers, George Weber, Shayna Whitney, Marcella Willett, Zachary Wilson, Brandon Witham, Fiona Xiao, Naomi Yokoi-Rankin, Kathryn Zucker

8th Grade: Sean Alexis Abenes, Jackson Adams, Zachary Adams, Emily Altenburg, Lillian Atkins, Zachary Barnes, Monet Barton, Kaylie Bernier, Miranda Blell, Beckett Brantley, Mat-teus Butler, Giovanni Cacciato, Gianna Cacciato, Lillian Collins, Kylie Common, Sydney Cox, Sarah Emrich, Lauren Emrich, Troy Ennis, Emilie Ewy, Lana Farah, Lily Fowler, Revyadee Godehn, Katelyn Griffin, Zoe Hatzidakis, Giselle Hernandez-Hernandez, Remi Jones, Rachel Lassiter, Lillian Lennard, Morgan Mann, Savannah Matthews, Gianna McManaman, Ian Morrison, Charlie Nicholas, Scott Oglesbee, Mayson Parker, Destyn Rader, Jaden Reece, Carolyn Rhinehardt, Chloe Richard, Margaret Richardson, Sophia Roberts, Alison Romero Cruz, Julia Shough, William Spann, Jake Sperling, Kyler Sriwudhathanun, Dasha Sudhir, Sofia Talman, Emma Trum, Sarah Wenstrand, Valerie Whitten, Caroline Willard, Reagan Williams, Aiden Wilson, Cassandra Zehner, Taylor Zelhof

A/B Honor Roll
6th Grade: Asher Aldridge, Valentine Amorim Neto, Layne Armstrong, Sydney Ballard, Arnette Benitez, Lockard Bowen, Wesley Burgess, Ryan Coen, Dylan Deleon Villanueva, D'Anna Evans, Jacob Ewy, Cameron Exley, William Farmer, Christofer Feliciano Gomez, William Flowers, Brandon Gayosso-Martinez, Braden Holdscraw, Gilad Holt, Thaiayn Horton, Kaleb Howell, Thaddeus Hudec, Colin Kapilovic, Alexandra Kennedy, Lukas Kovar, Ava Kupka, Aidan Latta, Brody Latta, Nidaiya Lauano, Noah Laupert, Seamus Leigh, Addison Leviner, Ryan Linkhorn, Braxton Little, Alison, Mayen Murcia, Robert

McKeaveney, Jonah Minges, Pierson Moade, Taylor Moore, Darren Moore, Carter Nelson, Monica Olivera Garcia, Jainik Patel, Emily Robertson, William Scholle, Maxwell Shiels, Carson Smith, Kayla Stafford-Underdue, Calvin Tourville, Colt Tudor, Skyla Wilson, Tillie Wilson, Vanessa Wilson, Amir Young, Elena Zapata

7th Grade: Rui Aguiar, Amber Asher, Evelyn Atkins, Nathaniel Avodo, Louisa Ayers, Jack Bachelier, Kaila Baker, Sophia Baliff, Aidan Bearman, Hunter Blake, Ella Boecke, Gracie Burgess, Robert Burleigh, Jadah Carroll, Abigail Chevalier, Alexandra Ching, Felix Cibulski, Anahi Corzo, Evan Crouch, Justin Daiker, Evan Dean, Madalin Diaz, Sophia Doty, Benjamin Everest, Giselle Fallas, Drew Farina, Carson Fortunes, Julissa Gaytan, Jaxon Goldenberg-Sheets, Elizabeth Goyea, Macy Griffin, Jackson Gustafson, Mallory Haste, Mattea Hayes, Quinn Hennessey, Olivia Hodgkin, Kayla Hofer, MaKenzie Holland, Alessia Iacono, Nicholas Jerkovich, Anders Johansson, Taylor Johnson, Ruth Juarez-Villatoro, Sydney Julian, Lauren Keeley, Milo Kelley, Kaleigh Ketrone, William Little, Leon Lone, Emily Lutz, Sydney Markham, Mitchell Mason, Alison McKeithan, Harris Mendlovitz, Tanner Morgan, Lily Norman, Coltrane Northington, Sophia Northington, Ava Orzolic, Emma Owens, Andrew Parker, Laila Pollack, Dulce Ramirez Romero, Lana Ritchea, Katelyn Ritchea, Jayla Ruff, Liam Spitz, Zachary Steinman, Jarin Stevenson, Mason Stoll, Madeline Stong, Elise Taylor, Jenna Thompson, Katelyn Tijerina, Ryan Timervin, Alyssa Ugurlu, Samantha Villanueva-Garcia, Elizabeth Walker, Rus Walton, Lauren Winkler

8th Grade: Kyler Armstrong, Brianna Barnes, Auston Belcher, Hudson Bennett, Bret Blair, Lille Blank, Gianmarc Byers, Alexander Callis, Julia Cantwell, Dacia Case, Trionna Cherry, Mia Collins, Mason Cook, Sophia Cremeans, Aric Cruz-Guerrero, Amanda De Bonis, Brooke Detzi, Theryn Elmoro, Drew Entrekin, Wade Farley, Meghan Farrell, Nicholas Feliciano, Yamileth Feliciano-Gomez, Jordan Forbis, Emily Gamez-Jimenez, Ryder Grant, Catarina Harrigan, Briseyda Hernandez-Chavez, Hailey Hirschman, Madeline Holland, Audrey Holleran, Quentin Jarstfer, Samuel Jump, Victoria Kline, Taylor Laberge, Natalie Luca, Catherine Maclean, Lucile Mangum, Seth McClelland, Nathan McNaught, Charles Millard, Anthony Munoz, Alexandra Nance, Alejandro Navarro, Nathaniel Ortiz, Heeba Ouazzani, Savannah Parsons, Ana Patino-Guzman, Bianca Perez, Laina Pollard, Jonathan Polster, Grace Rogan, Emma Rosciano, Morgan Saffelle, Victoria Salinas, Alexandria Sandhu, Jackson Shaner, Lillian Smith, William Smith, Benjamin Starling, Cameron Stevenson Jr., Tyler Tracy, Henry Van Gils, Aairyon Wharton, Emily Williams, Ava Winn, Elizabeth Wright, Olivia Yule

NEWS BRIEFS

Jordan-Matthews honors student excellence at 2019 Awards Night

SILER CITY —More than 180 students were recognized for achievements in academics and activities at Jordan-Matthews High School on May 23.

The ceremony featured the awarding of local and national scholarships, along with perfect attendance, all A's, and summer programs recognitions.

Of the 77 honor graduates, 45 will be graduating cum laude (with honors), 28 magna cum laude (with high honors), and four summa cum laude (with

highest honors).

"I am extremely proud of this senior class," said Jordan-Matthews principal Tripp Crayton. "They have set a high bar of achievement, and are a credit to their families and the entire community."

As of the ceremony, the class of 2019 has been offered over \$3.5 million in scholarship money, much awarded by individual colleges and universities. But local organizations also make significant contributions to higher education.

"We appreciate our many family and community groups that make education a priority," said Crayton. "A local scholarship is especially

meaningful because it's awarded by people who know you, who've seen first-hand your character and work ethic, as well as your GPA."

Academic departments and student organizations also honored top performers, many presenting colorful cords and stoles to wear with their graduation robes.

"It's become quite a tradition here at JM," said Crayton. "We like to see students show their pride and achievements as part of the graduation ceremony."

Graduation exercises at Jordan-Matthews are 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8 at the Phil E. Center Stadium on campus, weather permitting.

Orange County native presenting photo gallery in Pittsboro

Carrboro resident and Chapel Hill native Michael Benson will showcase some of his photography starting next week at the Smelt Art Gallery in Pittsboro.

The gallery will open with a special event from 6-9 p.m. June 8, and will continue until June 30.

Benson has lived in Thailand, Switzerland, England, France and spent several years in Washington, D.C., where he opened a gallery, "Ozonestudio." He also built and

opened two award-winning restaurants, "Café Saint-Ex" and "Bar Pilar" on the now-bustling 14th Street corridor in northwest D.C. He moved back to Chapel Hill in 2006 and built "The Southern Rail" restaurant and "The Station" music venue in the heart of Carrboro, which were fixtures on the hipster scene for ten years.

His photography and design clients have included Rolling Stone, WHFS, Icelandair, El Pais, Air France, XM Satellite Radio, USAID, Adam and Eve, Washington Post, University of North Carolina, New York Times, National Geographic, Ventana

Publishing, International Committee of the Red Cross, Redeye/Yep Roc Records and much more.

He has recently refocused his attention toward photography, graphic design and radio broadcasting (WHUP every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon).

The gallery is open 5-8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m.

Sundays. For more information contact Smelt Art Gallery Curator & Coordinator Marcela Slade at marcelaslade@gmail.com or 919-448-4888.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **WILLA WHYBURN AUSTIN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby

notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of Gunn & Messick, LLP, P.O. Box 880, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312, on or before the 16th 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 8th day of May, 2019. William Julian Bussard, Executor Estate of Willa Whyburn Austin GUNN & MESSICK, LLP P.O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **TERRELL MITCHELL BROOKS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of August, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 10th day of May, 2019. Peggy Ann Phillips Brooks The Estate of Terrell Mitchell Brooks Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **KAREN RUTH FLEGAR**, deceased of Putnam County, New York, are notified to exhibit the same to: Paul F. Flegar, Administrator, 40 Cayuga Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579 on or before the 14th day of August, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the Decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 13th day of May, 2019. Diane A. Wallis of Wallis Law Firm, P. A., Attorney for Paul F. Flegar, Administrator of the Estate of Karen Ruth Flegar 5500 McNeely Drive, Suite 102 Raleigh, NC 27612 (919) 783-8118

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **CLARK M. LAMBERT**, 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 16, 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. Barbara Lambert, Executrix 251 Fox Ridge Pittsboro, NC 27312

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **VIRGINIA JOYCE RAWLINGS AKA JOYCE D. RAWLINGS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on April 15, 2019 are hereby notified to present their claims to **JANET H. McLAMB**, Attorney and Executrix, on or before **AUGUST 19, 2019** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment. This 16th day of May, 2019 Janet H. McLamb, Attorney and Executrix The Exchange at Meadowmont 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 290 Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

19 SP 44 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Danny Mora and Christina Mora to Lenders Title Solutions, Trustee(s), dated the 2nd day of September, 2014, and recorded in Book 01759, Page 1164, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location des-

igned for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on June 6, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Lot 19, Legend Oaks Subdivision, per plat and survey thereof recorded in Plat Slide 2006, Page 268 and 269, Chatham County Registry, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of same. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 95 Peak View Place, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Also known as **95 Peak View Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27517**. Parcel # 0084038 Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a) (1).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. **SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.**

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068 https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com Case No: 1269385 (FC.FAY) My23,My30,2tc

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

19-SP-32 UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement and Security Agreement executed and delivered by Piedmont Center Investments, LLC (hereinafter "Borrower") dated May 12, 2005 and recorded on May 24, 2005 in Book 1180 at Page 635 as modified by that Deed of Modification Agreement recorded on August 20, 2008 in Book 1419 at Page 303 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina (hereinafter "Deed

of Trust"); and because of the default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements contained therein and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will place for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the **Chatham County Courthouse, 40 E. Chatham Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina on THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.**, all of Borrower's and Guarantors' right in the Mortgaged Property, Land, Improvements, Fixtures and Personalty and all current and future air rights, development rights, zoning rights, or similar rights or interests as shown in paragraph 1, subparagraphs (y), (t), (q), (k) and (bb) of the Deed of Trust, and being more particularly described as follows:

Exhibit A. Address of property: **350 400 East Street also known as 300 Block East Street (US Highway 64), Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina** Tax Parcel ID: 60814 Present Record Owner: Piedmont Center Investments, LLC The terms of the sale are that the real property hereinbefore described will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to require a cash deposit or a certified check not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). In the event that the note holder or its intended assignee is exempt from paying the same, the successful bidder may also be required to pay revenue stamps on the Trustee's Deed, any Land Transfer Tax, and the tax required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). The real property hereinabove described is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, and special assessments. Other conditions will be announced at the sale. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as by law required.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

This the 30th day of April, 5/6/19. Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. Substitute Trustee By: William Walt Pettit, Attorney 6230 Fairview Road, Suite 315 Charlotte, NC 28210 Telephone: (704) 362-9255

EXHIBIT A (y) "Mortgaged Property" means all of Borrower's present and future right, title and interest in and to all of the following: (1) the Land; (2) the Improvements;(3) the Fixtures; (4) the Personalty; (5) all current and future rights, including air rights, development rights, zoning rights and other similar rights or interests, easements, tenements, rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, streets, alleys, roads, sewer rights, waters, watercourses, and appurtenances related to or benefiting the Land or the Improvements, or both, and all rights-of-way, streets, alleys and roads which may have been or may in the future be vacated; (6) all proceeds paid or to be paid by any insurer of the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personalty or any other part of the Mortgaged Property, whether or not Borrower obtained the insurance pursuant to Lender's requirement; (7) all awards, payments and other compensation made or to be made by any municipal, state or federal authority with respect to the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personalty or any other part of the Mortgaged Property, including any awards or settlements resulting from condemnation proceedings or the total or partial taking of the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personalty or any other part of the Mortgaged Property under the power of eminent domain or otherwise and including any conveyance in lieu thereof; (8) all contracts, options and other agreements for the sale of the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personalty or any other part of the Mortgaged Property entered into by Borrower now or in the future, including cash or securities deposited to secure performance by parties of their obligations; (9) all proceeds from the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the above into cash or liquidated claims, and the right to collect such proceeds; (10) all Rents and Leases; (11) all earnings, royalties, accounts receivable, issues and profits from the Land, the Improvements or any other part of the Mortgaged Property, and all undisbursed proceeds of the loan secured by this Instrument and, if Borrower is a cooperative housing corporation, maintenance charges or assessments payable by shareholders or residents; (12) all Imposition Deposits; (13) all refunds or rebates of Impositions by any municipal, state or federal authority or insurance company (other than refunds applicable to periods before the real property tax year in which this Instrument is dated); (14) all tenant security deposits which have not been forfeited by any tenant under any Lease and

any bond or other security in lieu of such deposits; and (15) all names under or by which any of the above Mortgaged Property may be operated or known, and all trademarks, trade names, and goodwill relating to any of the Mortgaged Property.

(k) "Fixtures" means all property owned by Borrower which is so attached to the Land or the Improvements as to constitute a fixture under applicable law, including: machinery, equipment, engines, boilers, incinerators, installed building materials; systems and equipment for the purpose of supplying or distributing heating, cooling, electricity, gas, water, air, or light; antennas, cable, wiring and conduits used in connection with radio, television, security, fire prevention, or fire detection or otherwise used to carry electronic signals; telephone systems and equipment; elevators and related machinery and equipment; fire detection, prevention and extinguishing systems and apparatus; security and access control systems and apparatus; plumbing systems; water heaters, ranges, stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposers, washers, dryers and other appliances; light fixtures, awnings, storm windows and storm doors; pictures, screens, blinds, shades, curtains and curtain rods; mirrors; cabinets, paneling, rugs and floor and wall coverings; fences, trees and plants; swimming pools; and exercise equipment.

(t) "Land" means the land described in Exhibit B. (q) "Improvements" means all the buildings, structures, improvements, and alterations now constructed or at any time in the future constructed or placed upon the Land, including any future replacements and additions.

(bb) "Personalty" means all: (i) accounts (including deposit accounts); (ii) equipment and inventory owned by Borrower, which are used now or in the future in connection with the ownership, management or operation of the land or Improvements or are located on the Land or Improvements, including furniture, furnishings, machinery, building materials, goods, supplies, tools, books, records (whether in written or electronic form), computer equipment (hardware and software); (iii) other tangible personal property including ranges, stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposers, washers, dryers and other appliances (other than Fixtures); (iv) any operating agreements relating to the Land or the Improvements; (v) any surveys, plans and specifications and contracts for architectural, engineering and construction services relating to the Land or the Improvements; (vi) all other intangible property, general intangibles and rights relating to the operation of, or used in connection with, the Land or the Improvements, including all governmental permits relating to any activities on the Land and including subsidy or similar payments received from any sources, including a governmental authority; and (vii) any rights of Borrower in or under letters of credit."

EXHIBIT "A" - DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND
A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN CENTER TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ADJOINING THE LANDS OF U.S. HWY. 64 OR EAST STREET, TOOMER LOOP, LOT TWO C. R. BYRD AND H. W. BYRD PROPERTY, RALPH L. PIGGIE AND REBA W. TORBERT TRUSTEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HWY. NO. 64 OR EAST STREET AND TOOMER LOOP SAID POINT BEING SOUTH 13 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 42.60 FEET FROM A POINT IN CENTERLINE OF INTERSECTION OF (80 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY), U.S. HWY. NO. 64 AND (30 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY), TOOMER LOOP, RUNNING THENCE WITH THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HWY. 64 SOUTH 85 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 462.11FEET TO AN IRON PIPE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND LOT NUMBER TWO OF THE C.R. BYRD AND H. W. BYRD PROPERTY IN THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HWY. 64, DEPARTING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND RUNNING THENCE WITH THE LINE OF LOT NUMBER TWO SOUTH 05 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 205.74 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FORMING A JOINT CORNER WITH LOT NUMBER TWO AND RALPH L. PIGGIE, RUNNING THENCE WITH THE LINE OF SAID PIGGIE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST 238.47 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE FORMING A CORNER WITH REBA W. TORBERT, TRUSTEE, IN THE LINE OF RALPH L. PIGGIE, RUNNING THENCE WITH THE LINE OF REBA W. TORBERT, TRUSTEE, NORTH 54 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 67.30 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, RUNNING THENCE WITH THE LINE OF REBA W. TORBERT, TRUSTEE, SOUTH 33 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 97.36 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FORMING A CORNER WITH SAID TORBERT IN THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TOOMER LOOP, RUNNING THENCE WITH THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TOOMER LOOP NORTH 54 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 323.41 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, CONTINUING THENCE WITH THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TOOMER LOOP NORTH 03 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 320.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 4.146 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS

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SHOWN AND DEPICTED ON THAT CERTAIN SURVEY FOR PIEDMONT CENTER INVESTMENTS, LLC, THE PROVIDENT BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE CORPORATION, DATED OCTOBER 19, 1999, LAST REVISED DECEMBER 6, 1999, PREPARED BY JOHN D. SOMERS, NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. L-1172, JOB NO: 99107A, BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 1 IN THE C.R. BYRD AND H. W. BYRD SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON MAP WHICH IS RECORDED IN CABINET "A" SLIDE 473 AND OTHER LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK NO. 537 AT PAGE 922 IN THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 300 Block East Street (US Highway 64), Pittsboro, North Carolina 27228. 1066036 DRS My23,My30,2tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 08-CVD-1227
 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff,

vs **THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND DEVEISEES OF CHARLES GRESHAM, et al**
 Defendants

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEVEISEES OF CHARLES GRESHAM and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder

A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on May 23, 2019. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after May 23, 2019, or by July 2, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought. This the 13th day of May, 2019. MARK D. BARDILL Attorney for Plaintiff NC Bar #12852 310 W. Jones St. P.O. BOX 25 Trenton, North Carolina 28585 (252) 448-4541 My23,My30,Jn6,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **FRANCES ELIZABETH WRIGHT**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 21st day of August, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 23rd day of May, 2019. SHARON BADER, EXECUTRIX ESTATE OF FRANCES ELIZABETH WRIGHT Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 My23,My30,Jn6,Jn13,4tc

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The undersigned, having qual-

POLICE:

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Carrie Allred, 30, of Siler City, was charged May 22 with misdemeanor probation violation. She was held under a \$5,000 bond with a June 4 court date in Beulaville.

Joshua Earley of Goldston was cited May 23 for failure to reduce speed on North Cottage Grove Avenue in Siler City.

Ayla Akers, 31, of Siler City, was charged May 25 with driving while impaired by alcohol and cited for driving left of center, driving while license revoked and failure to maintain lane control. She was released under a written promise with a July 30 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Yesenia Bradley of Sanford was cited May 21 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 1 in Pittsboro.

Oscar Reyes of Sanford was cited May 21 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 1 in Pittsboro.

Elizabeth McDonnell of Siler City was cited May 22 for driving left of center on N.C. Highway 902 in Siler City.

ified as Executor of the Estate of **WILLIAM A. BLANPIED**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 23rd day of August, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 23rd day of May, 2019. JOHN W. BLANPIED, EXECUTOR ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. BLANPIED Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 My23,My30,Jn6,Jn13,4tc

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by James Graham, Jr. to Ronald D. Haley, Trustee(s), dated the 21st day of August, 2009, and recorded in Book 01477, Page 0323, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the **customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on June 6, 2019** and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the Township of Hickory Mountain, in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING a certain parcel of land in Hickory Mountain Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, designated as Lot 4, containing 1.187 acres, more or less, as shown on plat of survey entitled "SEMINOLE POINT" surveyed by Van F. Finch, Land Surveys, PA and dated February 17, 2001, and recorded in Plat Slide 2001-206, Chatham County Registry, to which plat reference is herein incorporated, Except as to the rights of others in and to Easement B. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at **215 Seminole Point Lane, Siler City, North Carolina**. Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a)(1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable

Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. Coming Soon SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068 https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com Case No: 1266983 (FC.FAY) My23,My30,2tc

TOWN OF PITTSBORO – PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pittsboro, North Carolina has scheduled a Public Hearing to receive public input regarding Amendments to the Chatham Park Planned Development District Master Open Space Plan Additional Element originally approved by the Town of Pittsboro on November 27, 2017 proposed by Chatham Park Investors, LLC pursuant to Article X, Section 10.1 of the Town of Pittsboro's Zoning Ordinance. The Proposed Amendments to the Master Open Space Plan Additional Element apply within the Chatham Park Planned Development District. Interested persons may review the full text of the proposed Amendments to the Master Open Space Plan Additional Element during regular business hours from either the Town Clerk at Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, NC (Phone Number: 919-542-4621, ext. 1104) or Town Planner (Planning Director) at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, Pittsboro, NC (Phone Number: 919-542-1655) and the proposed Amendments may be downloaded from the Town's website, pittsboronc.gov. The Public Hearing is scheduled in Pittsboro, North Carolina as follows: **DATE:** June 10, 2019, **TIME:** 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M., **PLACE:** PITTSBORO TOWN HALL – 635 EAST STREET. Interested parties are encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend but wish your opinion to be known, you may submit written comments to Alice Lloyd, Town Clerk, at Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, NC

or to PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or via email at affloyd@pittsboronc.gov. Please note: **SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MASTER OPEN SPACE PLAN ADDITIONAL ELEMENT MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING.** My30,Jn6,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **CLEO WICKER HUDSON** aka CLEO JEAN WICKER HUDSON, 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 30, 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. Barry Lee Hudson, Executor PO Box 5 Bear Creek, NC 27207 My23,My30,Jn6,Jn13,4tc

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SPECTRUM TV LINEUP:

County of Chatham and Town of Siler, NC On or after May 24, 2019, Hillsong Channel on Spectrum Select, channel(s) 104 & 802, will no longer be available on your Spectrum channel lineup. For a current channel lineup, visit www.Spectrum.com/channels. To view this notice online, visit Spectrum.net/programmingnotices. My30,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY


All persons having claims against **ROBERT E. LAPORT AKA ROBERT EDMUND LAPORT** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 14th

day of April, 2019, are notified to present them to Geraldine Laport, Executrix of the Estate of Robert E. Laport aka Robert Edmund Laport in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before September 6, 2019. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Robert E. Laport aka Robert Edmund Laport. Those indebted to Robert E. Laport aka Robert Edmund Laport 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. My30, Jn6,Jn13,Jn20,4tc

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