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## A unified spirit

Northwood's Matthew Austin, center, tries to avoid the tag from Jordan-Matthews' Nathan Allred, right, at Friday's year-end Unified Sports softball game between the two schools at J-M. Northwood teacher Cliff Davis, left, and others look on. For more photos and a story from the game, see page B2.

## Chatham Park's Tree Elements finally passes - now what?

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — After months of debate and discussion during hours-long meetings, the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners, in a 3-2 vote, approved guidelines for tree protections and planting of new trees, referred to as the Chatham Park Tree Protection Element.

Passed after midnight on May 28, the long-debated element is in place. What does that mean for the town and for the 7,000-acre development?

Here's some background and a look ahead:

### What is the Tree Protection Element?

As part of the Chatham Park Planned Development District Master Plan passed in 2015, the town and Chatham Park agreed to negotiate 12 separate "Additional Elements," which address regulations on open space requirements, landscaping, stormwater management, public art, lighting, signage

and more.

The Tree Protection Element defines the amount of tree protection area, types of trees required and what does and does not count when calculating the amount of tree protection. The board has been discussing the issue for several months, requesting various changes from Chatham Park during those discussions, and Chatham Park returning with updated language.

### What were the points of contention and confusion?

Throughout the discussions, terminology and its meaning seemed to cause confusion. For example, the phrase "tree coverage" was often confused with "tree canopy," which is not a term used in the element. Tree coverage was defined as an area of ground or acreage where either existing trees or new trees are planted that could be considered in calculating tree protection. Commissioners would

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## 'Helping' wildlife usually well-intended but potentially harmful, state officials say

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE  
News + Record Staff

When it comes to interactions between people and wildlife, state Wildlife Resources Commission officials offer clear advice to people: "Look, but don't touch."

Those who do otherwise are almost always well-intended, acknowledges Wildlife law enforcement Officer B.C. Smith, who covers Chatham County.

"Probably every year around this time, we'll have someone call us and tell us they've picked up a baby deer, a fawn, and taken it home," Smith said.

But Smith and other state Wildlife officials say that's almost always a misguided move.

Young wildlife — fawns, baby rabbits or other fledgling wild animals — that appear to people as if they've been abandoned most likely haven't been and should be left alone.

It's likely, officials say, that the young animal's mother is nearby and will return when she feels conditions are safe to do so. Deer, in particular, use a "hider" strategy to protect their young, which means the female will hide her fawn in vegetation during the first two or three week of its life as she wanders away to feed, often for hours.

Left alone, fawns have an improved chance of survival, officials say. Dappled with spots and without discernible scent, the young deer are well camouflaged from predators as long as attention is not drawn to them. Fawns are also well-equipped to protect themselves, officials also note. By the time they are five days old, they can outrun a human. At six to 10 weeks of age, fawns can escape most



Photo by Jeff Hall/N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

When a fawn appears abandoned, as in this photograph, it's most likely the infant's mother will return, making human interference unnecessary and potentially life-threatening for the fawn.

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### ACCIDENT-PRONE INTERSECTION

## Northeast Chatham residents getting DOT's attention on 15-501/Lystra Road intersection

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — The intersection of Lystra Road and U.S. Highway 15-501 could be described as the turning point from Pittsboro to Chapel Hill.

To the south, it's Briar Chapel, Fearington Village and downtown Pittsboro. To the north, it's Chapel Hill and Orange County.

Whatever you call it, it's been a trouble spot traffic-wise, and residents of the area have been making their voices heard by the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. Now, the NCDOT is currently in the process of evaluating the intersection.

There were accidents at the intersection on consecutive days last month, and all three incidents happened pretty much the same way. One driver was headed north and had a green light. The other was headed south, but making a left turn with a blinking yellow light. For various



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

The intersection of U.S. Highway 15-501 and Lystra Road in northeast Chatham County, facing northbound.

reasons, the southbound driver started making the turn, but was struck by the car coming north.

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### CN+R EXCLUSIVE: STONE SPEAKS OUT

## Chatham probation officer reacts to recent news reports, claims of bias

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Kevin Stone said he knew the news reports were coming. So he prepared his family and friends "as best I could," he said.

Stone, a Chatham County probation officer and owner of a country store in Moncure, was recently the focus of two news reports on Raleigh television stations — one on WRAL and the other on WTVD — that focused on his ties to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Stone is the North Carolina Division Commander of the group, a linkage that a group labeling themselves "Concerned citizens of North Carolina" has highlighted to local news media and administration at the N.C. Dept. of Public Safety.

"It has been a difficult and trying time that I would not wish on anyone, even my enemies," Stone said in an email to the News + Record.

He said he's gotten "a huge showing of support" from

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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 17 at the Siler City Town Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. Second Avenue in Siler City.
- The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on June 17 at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse located at 9 Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro.
- The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on June 24 at the Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

### THURSDAY

• A time for gardeners to catch their breaths and relax to the South's wonderful gift, the Gardenia. Sip on sweet tea, enjoy the scent of the Gardenias and explore our new trial Gardenias and gardens. Gardenia Days, June 6 and 7, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., hosted by Breeder Phil Dark, at **Oakmont Nursery**. Free! 9985 US Hwy 64W, Siler City. 919-663-3609. Websites: [www.bestnewgardenias.com](http://www.bestnewgardenias.com), or [oakmont@embarqmail.com](mailto:oakmont@embarqmail.com).

• The **Pittsboro Farmers Market** is open with select items year-round on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m., located at 287 East Street, Pittsboro.

• Join us at the Silk Hope Community Building for the **Ruritan Club's Benefit Bingo!** It's held every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday evenings of each month. All proceeds are used to help the Silk Hope/ Siler City community through student scholarships and projects for Silk Hope School. Cost is \$5 early Bingo, \$20 regular Bingo, \$25, \$30 for all games per night. Cash or Credit!

### FRIDAY

• **Oasis Fresh Market and Deli: Live music, Free Friday Music Jam**, June 7 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, sing while enjoying a great time playing Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. The Music Jam is held every Friday, if you want to join, show up or email John Eichorn, [john-eichorn72@gmail.com](mailto:john-eichorn72@gmail.com). Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits our music is out on the patio.

### SATURDAY

• **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.

• The **26th District Masonic Fellowship Banquet** will be held on June 8 at the Steven Center, 1576 Kelly Drive, Sanford with the guest speaker, the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the state of North Carolina, Daniel L Thompson. There will be special entertainment by Samuel's Company from Liberty Praise Center and DH Steele. Tickets on sale at the door or by calling Gary Cox at 919-356-7751 or 919-775-1107 for \$25. There will be door prizes. Social Hour will also be held.

### SUNDAY

• The **26th District Masonic St. John's Day Service** will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday.

June 9 at Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church, 1085 Mitchell Chapel Road, Pittsboro. The guest speaker will be Rev. Joseph Marsh, and music be Green Grove Choir and the 26th District Voices of Praise. Dinner will be served. The public is invited to attend.

• **New Hope Valley Railway (NHVR)**, the Triangle's Train, will host its first Slow Down Sunday ride on Sunday, June 9, with trains departing at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., Slow Down Sunday rides are best enjoyed with family and friends. At 12 miles-per-hour, passengers will ride through natural beauty over a trestle and through scenic woods. These rides are the perfect way to unplug, slow down and have fun on a real train. NHVR's new vendor, Trolley Stop, will have a cart serving hot dogs and toppings, chips, soda and water. Tickets cost \$10/adults, \$9/seniors (ages 60+), \$7/children (ages 2-12), and are free for infants under two years of age when sitting in the lap of an adult ticket holder. Food and drink are not included in the ticket price. Buy tickets at [www.TriangleTrain.com](http://www.TriangleTrain.com). Visitors to the rail yard can also tour the North Carolina Railway Museum and the Garden Railway (G scale), which runs on more than 1,000 feet of track. Upcoming rides at NHVR include its June 29 Brew 'n' Choo and July 14 Slow Down Sunday. The complete 2019 schedule can be found at [TriangleTrain.com/schedule](http://TriangleTrain.com/schedule).

### MONDAY

• UNC Hospice welcomes you to our weekly writing workshop, "**Writing Toward Resilience**." Facilitated by Carol Henderson, author and workshop leader, the group is provided at no charge for those who are grieving a loss or are a current caregiver. Writing Toward Resilience is held every Monday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. For further information, please contact Annie Ritter, UNC Hospice, [ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu](mailto:ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu)

or at 984-215-2650.

• **Circle City Squares** is a square dance group in Pittsboro that usually dances once a week on Monday afternoons. Currently, they dance from 2 to 5 p.m., but please verify the exact time and place. The usual meeting space is the Old Agriculture Building Auditorium, 65 East Chatham Street, Pittsboro; the auditorium is downstairs in the old Chatham County Agricultural Extension building in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify time/place, email [gunnhsd@embarqmail.com](mailto:gunnhsd@embarqmail.com).

• **Big Band swing and jazz sounds** every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store, 39 West Street, Pittsboro from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Dance floor is open and bands rotate. 1st Monday: NC Revelers Orchestra \$10; 2nd Monday: David Quick Jazz Combo \$5; 3rd Monday: Triangle Jazz Orchestra \$10; 4th Monday: Gregg Gelb Orchestra \$10; and 5th Monday: TBA. For more information, website: [www.pittsbororoadhouse.com](http://www.pittsbororoadhouse.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Lights in the night** at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15 - Join Friends of Lower Haw at a family friendly event at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Enjoy the lights of fireflies as they come out for the evening. Learn some facts about these fascinating beetles and catch some for closer inspection. After we release our friends we will walk over to the Haw River bridge to see the almost full moon rise to color the Haw with magical light. No pre-registration needed. All ages are welcome! Meet in the lower parking lot off Bynum Church Road at 8 p.m. Bring insect repellent, water, and a jar for firefly catching. Also bring a net to catch fireflies if you have one. Please note there are no restroom facilities at this location. Directions: From US 15-501 at the Haw River, turn onto Durham-Eubanks Road and follow it to the stop sign. At the stop sign, go

straight across onto Bynum Church Road. Follow Bynum Church Road uphill past the church, then continue downhill and the State Parks parking lot will be on the right. Questions: Contact LowerHawEvents@gmail.com.

• **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).

• Chatham Community Library and Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity are co-hosting a **Juneteenth Observance of Human Rights and Celebration of African American Culture and Resilience** from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro. This will be an educational and enjoyable event for the whole family. Speakers include Dr. Charles Johnson of NC Central University; Dr. James Crawford, Chatham County historian; Robin Cleary from the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault; and Dr. Arwin Smallwood of NC A&T University. There will be music performed by local choirs, Chatham's Dowdy Boys, and the Tryon Palace Jonkonnu Drummers. Storytellers will include Spring Lake's award-winning actor Mitch Capel. "A Child's World" will offer a variety of activities for the children attending, and there will be exhibits, information tables, and free health screenings. Private vendors will provide a variety of food options. Otherwise, the presentations and exhibits are free and open to the public.

• June 24 - 28; **MyPI North Carolina Youth Preparedness Day Camp**, \$50, open to ages 13 to 18 years old. Throughout the week, students will meet employees in emergency management careers, learn about technolo-

gy 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](http://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\\*](https://mypinorthcarolina.org/students/student-application*).

### 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@chatham-councilonaging.org](mailto:Allison.andrews@chatham-councilonaging.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](http://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](http://www.chathamconnecting.org).



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# TRAFFIC: Speed reduction studied

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Two of the six people involved in the accidents were taken to a hospital for medical attention.

For nearby residents, it's become a concern.

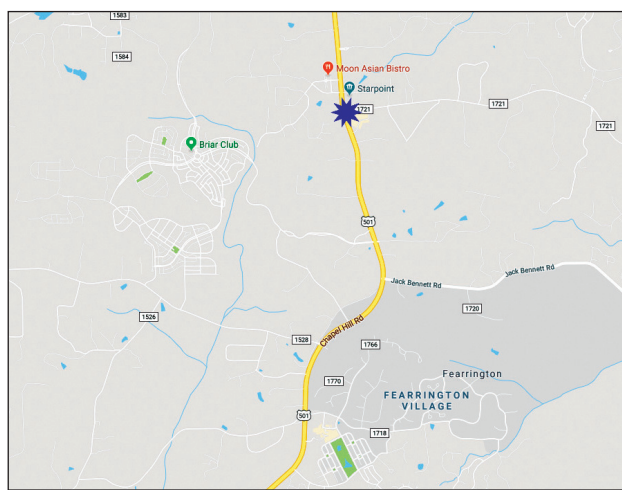
"If a visitor, for example, who is unfamiliar with the speed that people are going north thinks it's safe to turn left on the flashing yellow," said Stan Campbell, a Governors Club resident, "they usually are wrong and either barely make the turn without getting hit, cause people going north to put on the brakes, or get hit."

Campbell reached out to the News + Record to share the situation. He said residents of the numerous neighborhoods in the area — Polks Landing, Ferrington Village, Briar Chapel, Governors Club, Westfall and Legend Oaks among them — have been talking on the online forum Next Door, which functions as a social network of sorts for neighborhoods, about the danger of the intersection.

"Most of the residents (of Governors Club) use Lystra Road to get to 15-501, Harris-Teeter, CVS, Lowes Foods, The Veranda, etc.," Campbell said, referring to nearby businesses. "So we often see the challenges of that stoplight each week and hold our breath when we see someone trying to make that left turn from 15-501 South to Lystra Road."

Ferrington Village resident David Miller saw it firsthand. On Oct. 27, 2018, he was sitting at the intersection, waiting for his left-turn light onto 15-501 southbound to turn green, when two cars collided. Once again, someone was trying to turn left onto Lystra Road from 15-501 southbound, and someone driving north on 15-501 hit them. One of the cars ricocheted and hit his vehicle. Two people were hospitalized.

"That light either needs to be green or red, not blinking caution, in my opinion," Miller said. "Somebody's going to be killed there. The North Carolina Department of Transportation ought to



Courtesy of Google Maps

The blue star is the location of the U.S. Highway 15-501/Lystra Road intersection in relation to Briar Chapel (labeled as Briar Club on Google Maps) and Ferrington Village.

know they've been warned by a lot of people and have not done anything."

Aaron Moody, a public relations officer with NC-DOT, said the department has gotten public comments from people about intersections along the stretch. The intersections of 15-501 at Briar Chapel and Ferrington Village also have similar blinking yellow left-turn lights, which DOT is evaluating as well.

"We did get a fair amount of citizen contacts and concerns regarding intersections in that corridor and requests to take out the flashing yellow left turn," Moody said. "We got comments along the whole corridor from Ferrington Village to the Orange County line. It's going to take them a while to review that. Our safety and mobility unit will be putting together an assessment."

There was no timeline set for a decision on the evaluation, but Moody said the department will consider the number of cars, speeds driven and accident records.

The department did conduct a speed reduction study at the intersection in September 2017 and, according to a message sent to area residents by Division Traffic Engineer David Willett, "found no basis upon which to further

reduce the current speed limit." However, the review did "indicate poor motorist compliance with the posted 55 miles per hour speed limit from the 23,000 average daily motorists."

Renee Lori, who also lives in the area, said the intersection asks a lot of people, especially those turning left on a blinking yellow.

"You have to see who's on your left, your right, who's doing a U-turn, the speed of the incoming car — that's how those really horrible crashes happen, I think," she said. "I've been terrorized in the fact that I feel like there are always people behind me. People are clearly going way faster. There's a huge amount of no signaling. And then you mix that in with people who think that it's fine to text or dictate on their phone."

With the increase in nearby residents with the construction of Briar Chapel, and the increasingly aging population in the area, Moody said DOT is "very open and willing" to review the intersection.

"At the end of the day, we want them to be as safe as y'all do, obviously," he said. "Ongoing reviews are one of the ways we do that."

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

## Hail? Yes

The May 31 storm that brought a cold front into the region dumped hail on parts of northern Chatham County. CN+R photographer Kim Hawks ventured into her garden after the storm to capture the aftermath.



After the storm passed, 'Mr. Froggy' helped with the clean-up effort.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## That sad moment when ‘yesterday’s brand’ dies from cruff

An old familiar friend’s obituary came across my desk on Monday, and when I read it, I was shocked. I mean, I didn’t even realize iTunes was sick.



**BILL HORNER III**  
From The  
Publisher’s Desk

Stories of the demise of iTunes — the Apple music software program that brought music, computers and eventually iPods (Apple’s digital music players) together for millions of listeners — began appearing on Monday afternoon. As a music lover, I was a heavy iTunes user (and buyer) and have (I just counted, so this is accurate) songs from exactly 579 albums in my iTunes library.

So I read the stories of the demise of iTunes with interest.

“For many years it had struggled with bloatware and slow speeds,” read the death notice

written by Wall Street Journal tech columnist Joanna Stern. “Ultimately, iTunes suffered a stroke from too many outdated functions, according to people who used the software in the last few years. Surrounded by Apple employees and thousands of software developers at the company’s annual developers conference in San Jose, Calif., the software passed peacefully into the cloud.”

iTunes was 18 years old and “will remain in fragments across Apple’s products,” said the story, which went on to explain that Apple computer and software users will have to get their music from an Apple Music subscription and new Mac apps, which will be released in the fall.

Stern’s tongue-in-cheek obit made me feel a bit melancholy as I watched another piece of high tech go by the wayside. (Or, in the parlance from another iTunes story, “become yesterday’s brand.”)

Earlier Monday, ironically, I’d read a story about Napster, which was born in a college dorm room 20 years ago this month. Napster,

you may remember, was a free online music software program that allowed users to share each other’s mp3 music files — meaning I could “borrow” (read: own) just about any song or album from someone I didn’t know by downloading it onto my computer and burning or “ripping” it onto a CD for play in my car or on a portable CD player — without paying a dime. In a short span of 18 months, Napster went from 150,000 users to more than 80 million — and in doing so, it nearly single-handedly destroyed the business part of the music recording industry. (It’s never recovered, by the way, which is why you see people forking out \$150 for run-of-the-mill concert tickets that cost \$12 when I was in college, and \$400 or more for the big-name groups.)

Back to Napster: The rationale was, why pay for a song or album when you could download it for free? (Especially for hard-to-find songs like “I’m Falling,” the song by the Comsat Angels from the 80s movie “Real Genius” that I could never, ever find on any

pay-for-music site. I still love that song. And it’s still not on iTunes.)

Lawsuits and legal challenges related to copyright infringement effectively killed Napster in 2001, just as iTunes was showing up — adding, in 2003, the chance for “honest” music aficionados to pay for songs (at 99 cents) and albums (usually for \$9.99). I ended up buying on iTunes many of the songs I had downloaded for free because, well, my mom taught me not to steal. (Although I still have a free version of “I’m Falling” on my computer.)

I don’t know how many songs I’ve bought on iTunes. More than a thousand, no question, plus a couple of dozen movies and even more TV shows. But sitting here now, I can’t remember the last song or video of any kind that I bought using the program.

That’s because three years ago, I broke down and purchased a premium subscription to the music-streaming service Spotify — so today I pay \$9.99 a month to listen and stream and download any song I’d ever want to hear. Many others I

know use Pandora, Prime Music or a similar streaming service.

For the price of what I used to pay for 10 songs a month, I have access to a gazillion songs (actually, about 35 million) and probably add 100 new tunes to my various eclectic Spotify playlists each month.

Which is to say: I haven’t used iTunes for music in a long, long time.

So...goodbye, iTunes. I loved thee, but apparently not enough. One writer bade good riddance to iTunes by saying, “In truth, the much-maligned media player had already been buried years ago, crushed by nearly two decades of cruff.”

I had to look up the word “cruff,” which means “badly designed, unnecessarily complicated, or unwanted code or software.”

Once upon a time, iTunes, like Napster, was the hip thing. I’m sure cruff will eventually catch up with Spotify and kill it, too. In the meantime, I’ve got “I’m Falling” on endless repeat on my phone, waiting for the next music service to bite the dust.

## The slippery allure of Mt. Everest

“You’re gonna need a bigger boat” is a movie line so often quoted I won’t insult you by naming the film.

Watching the evening news last week, a variation on the famous line crept to mind.

It wasn’t a story about sharks that conjured the quote — though shark attacks were in the news that night — but instead a story about Mt. Everest. With its peak at 29,000 feet above sea level, Mt. Everest is the highest mountain in the world, and a popular destination for climbers.

“You’re gonna need a bigger mountain,” said my inner-voice as I watched James Longman of ABC News report on what has been a hazardous season for 11 people attempting to conquer the mountain. That’s the number of climbers — including two Americans — who have died this year in their attempt.

My inner-voice wasn’t trying to be flippant. In his report, Longman described Mt. Everest’s highly-prized summit as “about the size of two Ping-Pong tables,” which isn’t very big.

The most interesting part of the report, however, wasn’t the small dimensions of that famous piece of lofty rock but a photograph capturing the sight of dozens of parka-wearing people — one immediately after the other single-file — the long, meandering line snaking its way towards Everest’s peak. The long line, captured on camera only a few days ago, resembled those marathon queues in which we were once required to stand to buy concert tickets, back in the day; or a line at the DMV. But at least those places, unlike Everest’s elevation, offer ample oxygen.

Overcrowding has been blamed for the mountain’s deadly 2019 season. A “season,” I learned, consists of only a few days during which weather permits the high-altitude ascent. The short window of opportunity for summiting Everest falls between periods of high winds and heavy rains, so climbers are crowding the mountain in between.

Either a bigger mountain is required, or an entirely different bucket-list destination for those adventure-seekers headed to the Himalayas.

My inner-voice, now fully enjoying the sound of itself, continued, asking: Why climb Mt. Everest at all? Beyond the obvious answer — “Because it’s there.” — I can only speculate.

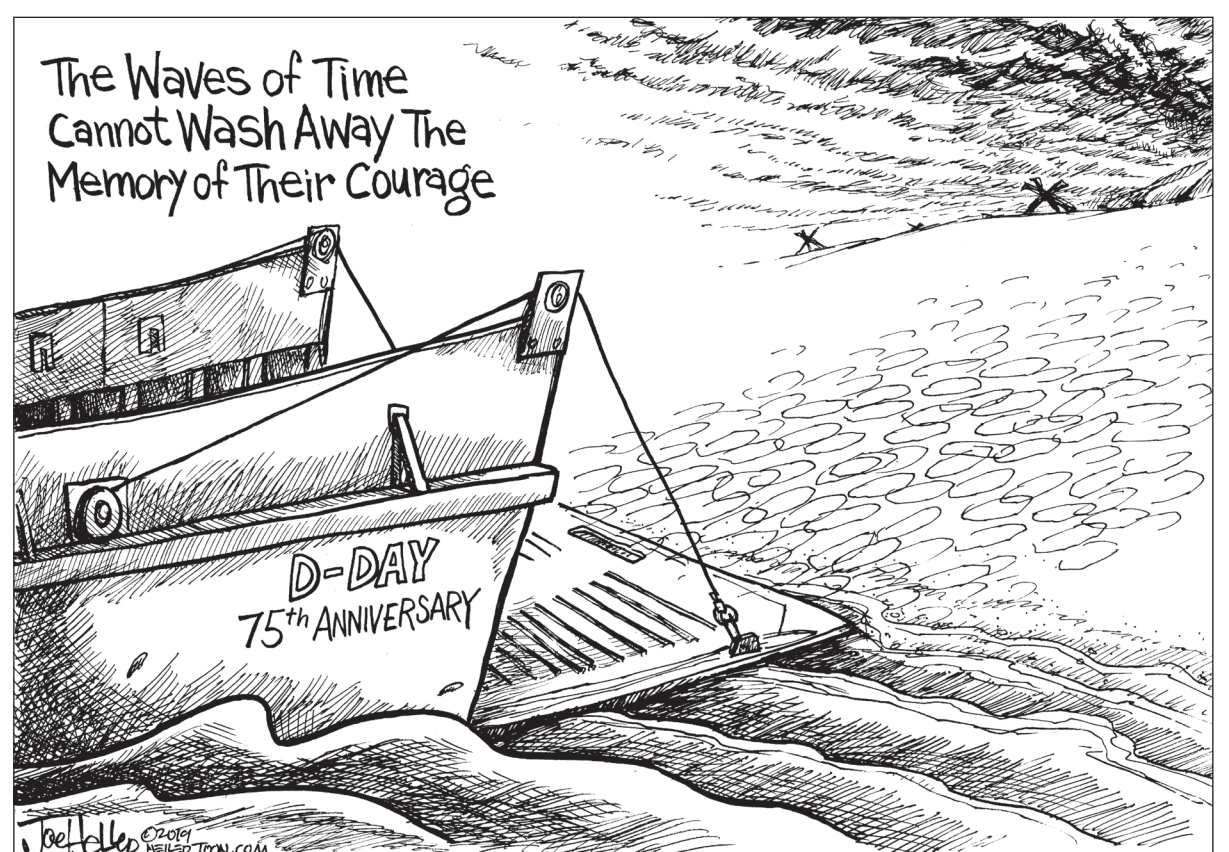
But I can come up with a few reasons not to: • It’s expensive. A permit, required of climbers, costs \$11,000. A total of 381 permits were issued for this year’s limited window of climbing. In addition to the permit, other costs include travel, equipment, food, guides, bottled oxygen and more, bringing the tally for a single climber, according to an article on CNN.com, from \$35,000 to as high as \$100,000. It’s a destination aimed not at penny-pinching thrill-seekers.

• It’s dangerous. Sixty-six years ago, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first climbers to successfully summit Everest, but they weren’t the first to try. More than 200 people have died on Mt. Everest since the first death recorded on the mountain in 1922. Only 29 percent of people who attempt it — and there have been 11,000 attempts between 1922 and 2006, according to Adventurestats.com — succeed. And, of course, at least 11 people died this year.

• It’s overcrowded. And this is the point my inner-voice, now even starting to get on my own nerves, kept underscoring. I can imagine the attractive, romantic appeal of climbing Mt. Everest — an exhilarating experience; an incredible view; an awesome profile picture for Facebook; bragging rights — but all that goes away when romance meets reality. Again citing CNN.com, an “enormous increase in visitors” to Everest in recent years has resulted in a “severe impact on the mountain’s sensitive environment.” Which leads to one last point:

• It’s not good for Mt. Everest. A clean-up effort earlier this year collected in just two weeks nearly 7,000 pounds of garbage including cans, bottles and discarded gear. And that’s not to mention the bodies of some of those failed climbers congesting the one way up.

Everyone is entitled to their own experiences, of course. But maybe it’s time we remove Everest from our bucket lists. It’s been done to excess already, and it sounds like the mountain could use a break.



## Advice I’d give to graduates if I were asked

If it’s June, it must be time for baseball, weddings, graduation...and ceremonies.



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin’ Around

Through the years, I’ve attended a number of such events — my own in high school and seminary, Shirley’s college, the high school and college ones of the two 40-somethings who used to be teenagers who lived at my house and the occasional other as a newspaper reporter or as spouse of my better half when she had to be there as part of the faculty.

I didn’t get one of my own for college, mainly because it took seven years for me to do the do from the time I started until finally getting that piece of paper, although it wasn’t entirely unnoticed — the mailman shook my hand when he brought it to the mailbox.

And it also wasn’t seven straight years, either. Much of my college career was on the revolving door plan; specifically I’d drop in and then drop out, either on my own or being invited not to come back because of something about not-so-good grades. It took me awhile to come to learn it was probably a good idea to go to class and study.

I can’t remember anything special about any of those I did have, except hearing Mrs. Bell playing “Pomp and Circumstance” on the piano in the gym at old Pittsboro High School. And I certainly don’t remember what any of the speakers said, except that the one at my high school ceremony was incredibly boring. I remember that, even 50-plus years later.

It’s never been my lot to be the speaker at a graduation ceremony, although over the years I’ve had the opportunity to say a word or two to the graduates and their families at several baccalaureate services. However,

remembering that I don’t remember what the speakers said at my ceremonies I don’t have any notions that the young folks held on to every word I said, either. That’s why I tried to keep those times short and sweet.

Typically, speeches, like sermons, I suppose, are better brief than not. If that’s so, then no doubt the most meaningful graduation address ever given was by Sir Winston Churchill at his old prep school in 1941. It contained something like 40 words, the most famous the 10 that said, “Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never . . .”

Among the most famous is one allegedly given by Bill Gates, which really wasn’t despite an urban legend but which is still pretty good advice. Those “11 Rules of Life” include:

Rule 1 – Life isn’t fair; get used to it.

Rule 2 – The world won’t care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 – You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won’t be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4 – If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.

Rule 5 – Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping — they called it opportunity.

Rule 6 – If you mess up, it’s not your parents’ fault, so don’t whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.

Rule 7 – Before you were born, your parents weren’t as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents’ generation, try delousing the closet in your own

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room.

Rule 8 – Your school may have done away with winners and losers but life HAS NOT. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they’ll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn’t bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in life.

Rule 9 – Life isn’t divided into semesters. You don’t get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10 – Television is NOT real life. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11 – Be nice to nerds. Chances are you’ll probably end up working for one.

Even though, Mr. Computer Genius didn’t, so the experts tell us, actually say those things anywhere, they are still pretty good ideas to take under advisement.

To those, I would add a couple — “Never pet a burning dog” and the more serious notion to “Enjoy what you do and learn to be good at it,” as long it doesn’t include robbing banks.

But the best advice of all, the one that could go far in easing the pains of this old world, is what folks call “The Golden Rule.” Some people think a new version — “He who has the gold makes the rules” — is the Golden Rule for today.

It’s not. Try the old one: “Treat other folks like you’d like to be treated.”

Try that throughout your life, Class of 2019, and get back to me in 50 or 60 years and let’s see how it turned out.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Lessons from Gettysburg for next year's presidential candidates

Are there lessons from the Civil War battles at Gettysburg for the Democrats and their candidates as they prepare for the 2020 presidential elections?



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

Let's think about it together. On my trip to the Gettysburg battlefields late last month, the first lesson was that General Lee's forces' failure to keep the federal troops from seizing and holding the high ground turned out to be a critical factor.

After the first day of fighting in and around the town of Gettysburg, federal troops retreated in disarray, to the nearby Culp's and Cemetery hills and the adjoining ridgelines.

That first day, General Lee, knowing the importance of the high hills, sent a message to

General Ewell to take Culp's Hill. He added the words "if practicable." General Ewell decided against making the effort. Culp's Hill, Cemetery Hill, Cemetery Ridge, Little Round Top, and the other high ground occupied by the federals gave them a critical and overwhelming advantage that the master tactician Lee could not overcome.

So, if the importance of seizing the high ground is the lesson from Gettysburg for next year's election, what are the high grounds that the Democrats should seize and seek to hold for the upcoming election?

There are many potential political high grounds to try to seize, almost as many as there are candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination.

At the top of the list today is impeachment. Many presidential candidates are claiming this issue as their political high ground, more each day, as they respond to the demands of partisan Democrats who smell

blood after reading the details of the president's conduct outlined in Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report.

But will the impeachment issue, however good it is for insider Democrats today, be high ground next year for the general election?

Or, will Democrats, by spending so much time on an impeachment effort that is doomed in the Senate, come across as time-wasters who have lost touch with a huge set of other challenges that need attention? Will that turn today's impeachment high ground into a messy swamp, something of no value to Democrats next year?

If not impeachment, where can the Democrats find high ground? Could a positive program of trade relations be a winning contrast to President Trump's risky and seat-of-the-pants tariff actions? More reasonable trade policies might be high ground today, but if Trump's clumsy tactics should

be followed by better arrangements with China and other countries, Democrats could find their opponent on the high ground.

Democrats appear to have an advantage on health care. Most Americans want coverage of pre-existing conditions to continue, and the Republicans have produced no viable alternative. Democrats can protect this high ground by recognizing problems in the current law and proposing pragmatic adjustments. On the other hand, the high ground could be compromised by radical and expensive proposals.

Which side has the high ground on immigration? Democrats consider they have an advantage over President Trump's determination to build his wall no matter what it costs or what good it actually would do. But a problem for Democrats is that many Americans believe Democrats do not have an immigration and border protection concern. Unless they

counter that impression with workable proposals, they could cede the immigration high ground to the president.

By its policies the current administration has ceded the environmental and climate change high ground. The Democrats should take it. But there is a danger for them. The president has claimed high ground on job creation. To dislodge him, Democrats have to show that their programs for protecting the environment can be consistent with growth in employment.

Unfortunately, Gettysburg's good lesson about the importance of taking and holding the high ground does not tell modern-day candidates exactly how to do it.

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## Good citizenship requires skepticism

RALEIGH — In an act of integrity that also proved to be politically shrewd, future President John Adams served as defense counsel for British redcoats involved in the Boston Massacre of 1770.



**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

Adams was a prominent advocate of the Patriot cause. His cousin Sam was one of its top leaders. Still, John Adams insisted that the soldiers deserved legal representation. He also recognized that if they didn't get a fair trial, whatever "justice" got meted out by a Boston mob would harm rather than help the Patriots' case for self-government.

During the trial, Adams offered a defense not only of the presumption of innocence and the right to counsel but also for seeking truth wherever it may be found. "Facts are stubborn things," he said, "and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

Modern politicians sometimes quote this passage solemnly before making a political point. But do they really practice what Adams preached? Or, if I may be so bold, do you?

Politics is a team sport. It always has been. As another American Founder, James Madison, famously explained, the origins of political faction are "sown in the nature of man." Humans can approach the same question with wide varieties of information, perceptions, and objectives. "As long as the reason of man continues fallible, and he is at liberty to exercise it," Madison observed, "different opinions will be formed." These differences, in turn, have "divided mankind into parties, inflamed them with mutual animosity, and rendered them much more disposed to vex and oppress each other than to cooperate for their common good."

Neither Adams or Madison thought it possible to wish political factions away. Nor do I. As regular readers surely know by now, I have strong opinions on political questions. I want government at all levels to be smaller, less costly, and less intrusive. I think competition is superior to monopoly in both the private and public sectors. I don't think government should try to engineer "social justice," whatever that means, because it requires inflicting injustice on specific individuals.

Regardless of whether you agree with me on these and other political propositions, however, it ought to be possible for us to come to some level of agreement on basic facts. We may well continue to disagree about what these facts mean, of course. But at least we'd be talking about the same thing. We'd truly be arguing rather than just bickering with each other.

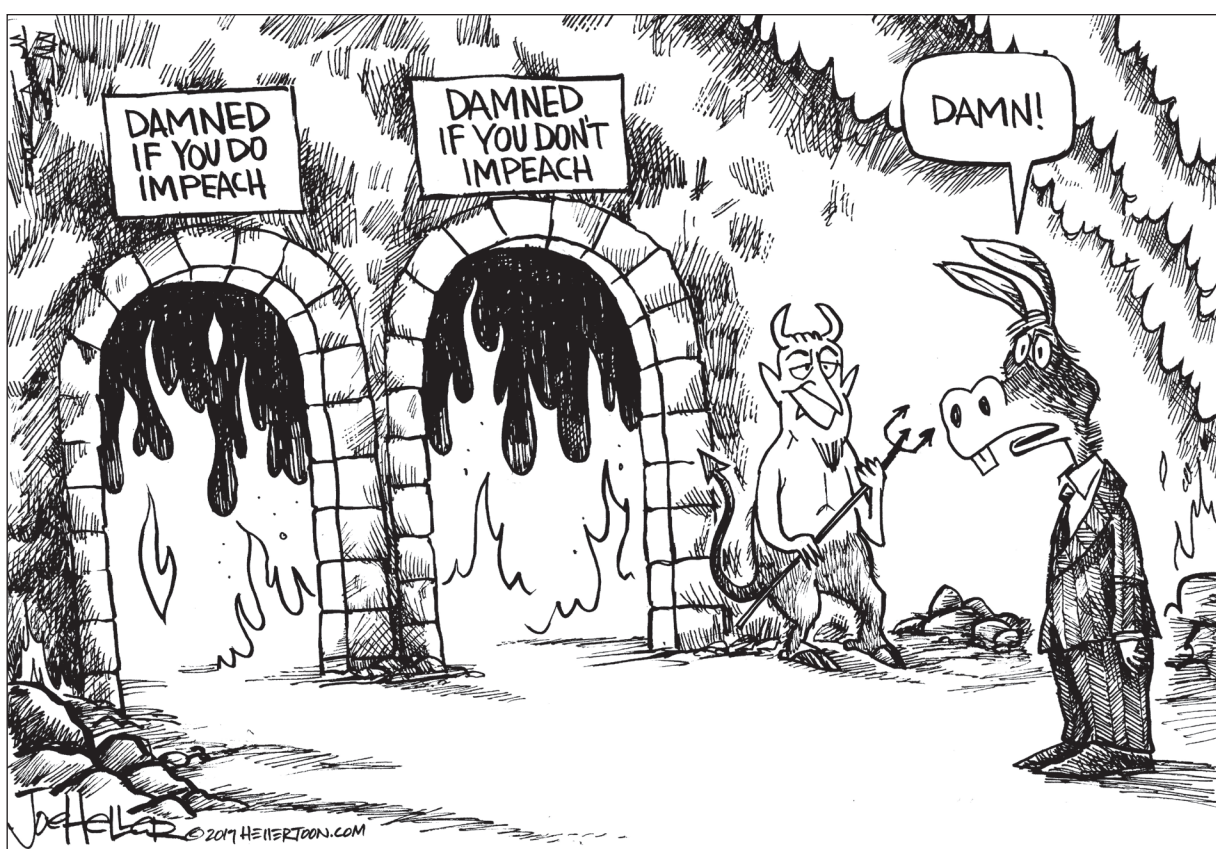
This is, alas, much harder to do than to describe. When trying to answer a question of fact, we tend to follow the lead of sources, of "experts," whose political views we share. When someone from the "other team" offers a factual proposition, we frequently discount it. Indeed, we don't just tend to discount their factual claims about political issues. As the authors of a new study in the academic journal *Cognition* discovered, there's a strong tendency to let politics influence judgments on matters far afield from public policy.

The researchers called this effect "epistemic spillover," which they detected in a creative set of online experiments that blended political questions with a geometric-puzzle test. They found "participants falsely concluded that politically like-minded others were better at categorizing shapes and thus chose to hear from them."

Cognitive biases are tricky things. Be honest: when you hear about the kind of behavior I just described, do examples from the "other team" come more quickly to mind? If you are Trump critic, do you see MAGA hats on those subjects? If you are a Republican, are social-justice warriors making the mistake?

The truth is that we are all prone to the same errors. We face the same temptations. I believe being a good citizen requires that we lean against our biases — that we do our own homework and be skeptical (though not cynical) when listening to political leaders. If you agree, perhaps that gives us a good place to start.

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## Are today's young people under too much pressure?

Can you remember the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer," those months without early risings, homework, tests and structure?



**TOM CAMPBELL**  
N.C. Spin

In just a few days school will end for another year for roughly two million North Carolina school-age children and while they take some time off, we should go to class to learn whether they are facing too much pressure.

The youth pastor at one church recently proclaimed that Raleigh's Broughton High School was "toxic" for many children, explaining that he hears traumatic stories of academic and social pressures. We have no way of knowing whether Broughton is more or less stressful than other schools, but we do know there is an uptick in teens exhibiting mental health symptoms like anxiety, depression and mood disorders. Some studies suggest they impact one in five adolescents, and the Center for Disease Control reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death among those between the ages of 10 and 24 in North Carolina.

**Social pressures are also increasing. In addition to normal comparisons with peers regarding looks, clothes, weight, wealth and loves, Common Sense Media reports the average teen spends nine hours a day with digital technology. Even "tweens," ages 8 to 12, report six hours with media each day. They may be friending, but in this impersonal world peers say hateful, hurtful, mocking and nasty things to one another, much as do adults.**

na. Some 13.8 percent of them admitted they made a plan to commit suicide.

The stress begins early. We know many young families where parents divide up on school nights and weekends so that one can take a child to soccer practice while the other carts a child to dance, music, art or some other activity. Kids can't unwind because their lives are so structured.

Young people frequently hear sermons about how every test matters in raising their GPA or getting them placed in AP courses. Parents hire tutors to help their children in subjects in which they are weak and our schools are complicit because, in our fervent desire to hold our schools accountable, we test students to death. Truth be known, those test results affect teachers and schools almost as much as students.

September of a student's senior year begins the college application ritual. Students talk about their "reach" school, that elite college from which a degree would almost guarantee a good job. In the dozen or so applications the typical college-bound senior completes there will be one or two "early admission" applications, meaning that if accepted they pledge to enroll. Seniors hardly enjoy Christmas vacation because of anxiety waiting to get acceptance letters. We recently saw how this plays out among the rich and famous who had surrogates take SAT or ACT tests, falsified applications and paid large sums to ensure their children get accepted to the "right" school. It's a major competition and the pressure is intense.

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Do the math. The typical school day is 6½ hours. There's between one and three hours of homework per night for high schoolers. Factor in extracurricular activities, meals and the nine hours of digital media and you easily see our young aren't getting enough sleep and rest.

We ask again if our young people are under too much pressure? More importantly, what should we be doing about it?

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# STONE: Officer defends SCV as activists call for his ouster

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friends, family and various people from his past, even elementary school classmates. Friends have lobbied on behalf of him on Facebook, with some posts in support of Stone and critical of the news reports receiving hundreds of "shares" on the social network platform.

Stone hasn't spoken to other media outlets and would not answer any questions related to his employment and whether or not there were any truth to claims of bias — "I am not at liberty to discuss my job at NCDPS," he said — but said he was "just a regular person like anyone else."

"I have flaws and have never claimed to be perfect — there was only one perfect person on this Earth and his name is Jesus — and therefore I expected the worst would come out of all this but instead it has proven to have been a blessing instead," Stone said. "I knew when I accepted the nomination for Commander of the N.C. Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans three years ago that it would put me in the crosshairs of those people that hate us for honoring our ancestors, but I knew it was the right thing to do and I am glad I did. I certainly did not expect this level of intense hatred and vicious unwarranted attacks on my credibility or judgment, but I guess I was a bit naive."

Stone has spoken out multiple times regarding the Confederate monument in downtown Pittsboro, which is under consideration for removal by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Answering questions for the News + Record in March, he said the "memorial is not only an important symbol of Pittsboro and Chatham County's role in history — it also represents a tombstone for the sons of the county who did not return from war." He also gave public comment during the May 5

commissioners meeting on the topic.

In responding to those speaking about him, Stone said he'd point to the old adage: "If you point your finger at someone, there are three (fingers) pointing back at you."

He added that the Sons of Confederate Veterans participate in numerous charitable events and honor law enforcement officers and first responders each year.

"Day in and day out, members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans just like me are part of the local community and should not be looked at any differently than any other civic organization," Stone said. "We are some of the most patriotic and hardworking everyday people you can find and are only trying to honor our ancestors, nothing more and never less."

A friend of Stone's, Dusty Phillips of Sanford, was one of the people who came to Stone's defense on Facebook. In a May 16 post, he shared the story WTVD posted about Stone and wrote, "I have known the man in this picture/article for nearly 35 years. I know Kevin to be a GOOD MAN. He is certainly not the racist he is being portrayed as."

Phillips went on to write that he has "personally witnessed Kevin give to locals in need on many occasions," and shared the story of a phone call he got from Stone while working on a Toys for Tots drive in Lee County, asking Phillips to come to his house.

"I drove to his home and there sat a huge enclosed trailer wrapped in North Carolina Sons of Confederate Veterans attire," Phillips wrote. "There were horses, Generals and of course as part of the Confederate history a Confederate battle flag. Kevin and his friend David helped me load my entire truck bed down with toys for the less fortunate kids of Lee County. They weren't for the white kids, they weren't for the kids of people who

agreed with his passion for Southern heritage. They were for ALL KIDS! The kicker was, this enclosed trailer was the things that wouldn't fit into the tractor trailer load of toys, blankets, toiletries that Sons of Confederate veterans took to the fairgrounds to hand out to less fortunate kids from our area. They also distributed these items to local charities within our community knowing first that it was going to help make life easier on many in need within our community and also knowing that many if not most were going to minority kids."

A group of "concerned citizens" published an online press release on May 22 which said, among other things, that Stone had been "unacceptably compromised" because of his associations with Confederate groups, citing specific associations with individuals and groups the "concerned citizens" — who didn't identify themselves in the press release — deemed as "white supremacists."

The release said, "Mr. Stone's supporters will attempt to deny what is right in front of everyone's nose. They will say that all of the connections we've documented here are innocent coincidences, and that their obvious inferences amount to defamation. They will say there is 'no proof' of anything. But this is a diversion."

The release said it was "impossible for anyone to prove beyond any doubt that Mr. Stone is 'a racist,' and that is not our aim." But it says Stone's "demonstrated pattern of behavior and associations" and Stone's "own deliberate actions" has caused a loss of public trust.

"Mr. Stone has lost the public trust, and thus can no longer discharge his job responsibilities," the release says. "He must be removed. In the interests of justice, Mr. Stone's past record should also be carefully examined for



Screenshot from Facebook

A Facebook page called 'Move Silent Sam,' likely in reference to the Confederate monument that once stood on UNC-Chapel Hill's campus, recently created a video claiming Kevin Stone, a probation officer based in Chatham County, was racist based on his connections to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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KEVIN STONE, a Chatham County probation officer

evidence of bias against people of color. We request a prompt and thorough investigation of this matter, as well as why it wasn't detected and acted upon before."

In defending Stone, Phillips also wrote, "I know a man who is my friend, my customer and a brother in Christ. I know him to be a man of integrity

and a man with more knowledge of American history than many college professors. I know him to be a man who treats EVERYONE fairly and with respect."

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# OBITUARIES

## LEILA MCKIMMON WEBSTER April 3, 1950 - May 22, 2019



Generous friend, devoted partner, and consummate professional, Leila McKimmon Webster transitioned to the afterlife on May 22, 2019. She was surrounded by loved ones. Leila was admired for her integrity, intense focus, lively mind and commitment to tough challenges. She lived in this world as a respected, thoroughgoing professional, a loyal friend, and, in the words of close friends, she was at once inspiring, courageous, persistent, original, purposeful, compassionate, hard-working, optimistic and ever-curious. Even when facing death, Leila expressed a deep curiosity about what was next. Leila is survived by a wide circle of friends from around the globe, her three siblings (Mary Hull Webster, Diane Terrie Webster and Arthur McKimmon Webster), and her beloved cat, Rosie. She will be buried next to her partner who predeceased her, William Andrew Russo, in a tomb she designed with a Chatham County potter and a local cabinet-maker.

Leila's professional career reveals her deep commitment to human rights. As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand in the early-1970s, she taught for two years at a school for the blind. Her forthcoming memoir, *Gems in the Hem of My Skirt*, traces in bracing detail her transition from the Peace Corps to a highly competent, multilingual professional hired by the US Embassy in Thailand a year after the Vietnam War. At 25, she was named Section Chief of the Indochinese Refugee Office where she assumed a key leadership role on a five-member team that re-settled 11,000 Lao citizens who had supported the American military effort. This heroic work enabled Lao families to begin new lives after a devastating war. Leila worked for 19 years for the World Bank, helping, among others, rural African women entrepreneurs begin and grow their businesses. For the last several years, she was a valued advisor to the Jamaican National Small Business Bank.

It was clear to all who knew Leila that she was deeply invested in people in desperate conditions who needed a hand. From battered women in Chatham County to Lao refugees, to rural African women to Vietnamese entrepreneurs, it was Leila's perseverance that so positively impacted thousands of people. When Hillary Clinton was educating herself in the 1990s about realities facing African women, Leila was selected to oversee the training. In addition to her many accomplishments abroad, she co-founded the Family Violence and Rape Crisis of Chatham County. As a scholar and researcher, she authored some 15 papers published by the World Bank, a book on West African micro-finance, and five articles published in international economics journals. She held master degrees from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and UNC-Chapel Hill, an MBA from Georgetown University, and an undergraduate degree in English and Sociology from UNC-Chapel Hill. She spoke Thai, Lao, Vietnamese, and French.

Apart from her career accomplishments, Leila developed deep Buddhist roots, originating with her residence in a Thai Buddhist temple. Leila played a mean second base for the 1982 He's Not Here softball team in the Chapel Hill Women's Recreational League. She continued to be active on the boards of Second Bloom of Chatham, Inc. and the North Carolina Zen Center. In the last chapter of her life, she kept a promise to herself to "circle back" and write about a life that was fast, meaningful and uniquely focused. She dove into the craft of memoir writing, and faithfully attended her Thursday night writing group.

A private funeral is being planned by her friends, as is a non-alcoholic toast in her memory at her Thursday night writing group.

The Webster family is under the care of Hall-Wynne Funeral Service.

Online condolences:  
www.hallwynne.com - select obituaries.

## ERNESTINE HACKNEY PERRY

Ernestine Hackney Perry, 78, of Siler City died Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Mrs. Perry was born in Chatham County on October 8, 1940. She was a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church and a homemaker. Ernestine had worked in food service and as a caregiver. She was preceded in death by her husbands, James "Shag" Johnson and Bryant E. Perry; son, Charles Johnson; sisters, Shirley Faye Hackney and Ruth Mae Goodman; grandchildren, Erica and Sara Lisa Johnson.

Ernestine is survived by children, Mark Johnson of Seagrove, Margaret Johnson of Graham, Linda Williams of Bear Creek, Brenda Hadley of Snow Camp, Glenda Branson of Siler City; grandchildren, Amanda Johnson, Kimberly Johnson, Laura Collins, Charles Johnson, Stephanie Bowles, David Keith Bradshaw, Amy Poe, Charles Hadley, Andrew Hadley, Ashley Parks, Dennis Ray Branson and Dylan Branson; great-grandchildren, Charlotte Johnson, Brittany Winn, Nathan Phillips, Colton Collins, Luke Collins, Katie Johnson, Charles Johnson, Jr., Landon Uthus, Marissa Bradshaw, Parker Poe, Jake Poe, Lillie Poe, Payton Auman, Wyatt Branson and Abby Branson.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 31, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, N. Chatham Avenue, Siler City with Josh Conrad and Ricky Sessoms officiating.

Memorials may be made to Edward Hill Friends Meeting, 92 Ed Leonard Road, Siler City, NC 27344 or South Fork Friends Meeting Circle of Friends, 251 South Fork-Bethel Road, Snow Camp, NC 27349.

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

## JOHN HENRY HEARNE



John Henry Hearne, 76, of Pittsboro, stepped peacefully through the heavenly gates on May 31, 2019, at his home, surrounded by his family. John was born November 6, 1942 in Durham, NC, but lived in Chatham County nearly all his life.

John served three years in the US Army stationed at The Presidio of San Francisco and in Saumur, France, specializing in nucleonic calibration repair. After an honorable discharge, he served an additional three years in the Army Reserve. John worked as a salesman for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in Chapel Hill for about 15 years and later owned and operated the famous "Hearne's BBQ" restaurant in Pittsboro. Then, John was recruited to work for a convenience store chain, where he rose to the position of vice president of real estate and development. After retirement in 2000, he served several years as a bailiff for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

John enjoyed riding his motorcycle, golfing, gardening, mapping trip routes and traveling around the continental United States, Canada, and Alaska with his wife, Sally and parrot, Ben, in their motor home. He was active in the Baptist Church for many years and was devoted to God and his family.

John is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sally Barrett Hearne; one son, John Hearne, Jr. and wife Robin of Kitty Hawk; daughters, Loraine Timmons and husband Mike of Pittsboro, and Etta Blankenship and husband Gary, also of Pittsboro; six grandchildren include Lt. Matthew Hearne, USN (currently stationed in France), Kristi Hearne of Fairfax, VA, Jeremy Timmons and wife Annie of Sanford, Dr. Sierra Timmons of Raleigh, Kyle Lemons and wife Katie of Holly Springs, Kayli Blankenship of Pittsboro, and one great-grandson, Elijah Lemons. John is also survived by sisters Gertrude Horton of Apex, Linda Slone and husband Larry of Pittsboro, and brother Dennis Hearne and wife, Ann, of Pittsboro; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Elsie Hearne, brothers Lee and Tommy Hearne, and sisters Margaret Cooper, Hilda Hearne and Sylvia Martin.

A memorial service will be held at New Salem Baptist Church on Friday, June 7, at 2 p.m., followed by interment in the church cemetery. The family invites friends to greet them in the church fellowship hall after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in John's honor to the New Salem Baptist Church building fund or UNC Hospice.

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

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

## FRANCES ANN (BERRY) CLARK DECEMBER 15, 1951 - MAY 30, 2019



Frances Ann Clark, age 67 of 966 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek, passed on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2019 at the Church of God in Siler City. Interment will follow at Antioch Christian Church, 246 Antioch Christian Church Road, Bear Creek.

Ann was born December 15, 1951 and attended school in Goldston. She graduated from Chatham Central High School. She worked for AJ

Schneier and Company and retired from Trion in Sanford. "Ann" attended the Church of God.

She is survived by three children, Susan Berry Dorsett of Pittsboro, Barbara Jo Berry of Siler City, and Steven Clark of the home; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Jean Oldham (Kerry).

The family will receive friends at the home of her daughter, Barbara Perry, 146 Star Ranch Road, Siler City. Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## WILLA MARIE WHYBURN AUSTIN

Pittsboro - Mrs. Willa Marie Whyburn Austin, 90, wife of the late George Austin, died Thursday, April 4, 2019 at The Arbor at Galloway Ridge.

Mrs. Austin was a proud graduate of Bryn Mawr College, Class of 1949. She had a stellar career working as a scientist for NASA and Lockheed Aerospace. She worked on the Apollo program, the moon landing, the Space Shuttle program and handsat.

Willa is survived by her children, William Bussard of Durango, CO, and Elise Bright of Austin, TX; grandchildren, Zack Bright, Larissa Diaz, Sarah Bright; four great-grandchildren; brother, Clifton Whyburn, and his wife Kay, of Cincinnati, OH; and her niece and nephew, Elizabeth and Robert.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of the Cross, 304 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill.

The Austin family is under the care of Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill. www.walkersfuneralservice.com.

## HELENE KRAPF

Helene Krapf, 61, of Pittsboro, died Thursday, May 30, 2019 at the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice House.

The family will receive friends Friday, June 7, 2019 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation, Griffin Chapel.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Bynum United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Helene was born in Brooklyn, NY on August 25, 1957 to Helen Marconi DiGiario and the late Frank DiGiario. She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Linda and Frankie.

She is survived by her husband John H. Krapf; sister, Diane; step-sons, Matthew Krapf of Freeport, NY, Jesse Krapf of Brooklyn, NY; step-daughters,

Jamie Thorsen of Huntington, NY, Kaitlyn Hintze of Lynbrook, NY; and ten grandchildren.

Prior to her death, she insisted that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her honor to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please visit: <http://giftfunds.stjude.org/Helenekrapf> to make a donation.

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

## REBA ANNETTE MCKAY WOMBLE

Reba Annette McKay Womble, 75 of Pittsboro, passed away Friday, May 31, 2019 at UNC Hospital.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The family had visitation in the fellowship hall afterwards.

Annette was born April 20, 1944 to the late Carl and Elizabeth "Lib" Crouch McKay. She was also preceded in death by her brother Larry McKay. Annette was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. She graduated from Ellerbe High School and completed two years at Sanford Business School, retiring from UNC Hospitals after 33 years of service.

Annette is survived by her

husband, Gene Womble; her son, Glenn Womble of Apex; and her sister, Norma McKay of Chapel Hill.

Memorials can be made to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church/Cemetery Fund, 1785 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or to the American Heart Association.

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

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

## CASON, MILDRED ANN (VAUGHN, BAGGETT)

Mildred Ann (Vaughn, Baggett) Cason, 82, passed away on June 1, 2019.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Pittsboro Presbyterian Church in Pittsboro at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8 (with special music beginning at 3:30). Following the service, a short reception will be held at the church.

She is survived by her three children: Sarah (Baggett, Gustafson) Aloise, John Mark Baggett, and Samuel (Sam) David Baggett. She will also be remembered kindly by her sister, Frances Beverly (Vaughn) Baggett; brother-in-law, John Rapp; sister-in-law, Laura Esters; nieces, Cherya Esters and Aubri Esters; grandchildren, Matthew Gustafson, Nathan Gustafson, Samuel Allen Baggett, Zachary Baggett; and great-grandson, Samuel Joseph Johnson-Baggett, as well as her numerous close friends, former students, and extended family members. Millie was pre-deceased by her brother, Joshua Esters.

Millie was a teacher in the Chatham County, Wake County, and Chicago Schools for much of her life.

In lieu of flowers and in keeping with the spirit of Millie's life, the family requests "Pay it Forward" gestures that could include an act of kindness to a stranger or a donation to a cause on her behalf. Causes close to her heart included: Defenders of Wildlife, The Southern Poverty Law Association, UNICEF, ASPCA, ACLU, The Nature Conservancy, The National Park Association, The UN Refugee Agency, Democratic Party candidates, The NC Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and Pittsboro Presbyterian Church.

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

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

## BERTHA ALSTON BLAND

Bertha Alston Bland, 83, of Pittsboro passed on Friday, May 31, 2019 at UNC Hospice Home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church with interment in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bland was born June 11, 1935 to the late General Alston and Nellie Alston Moore in Pittsboro.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie L. Bland; children, Sandra Tammy Gardner, Rev. Samuel N. Lassiter, Jr.; five grandchildren; siblings, Georgia Womble Rantoul I.L. and Gary Alston of Baltimore, MD.

## CLYDE T. HEADEN

Mr. Clyde T. Headen, 92, of Siler City passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at his home.

Survivors include children, Karen H. Minor, Linette Harris, and Cynthia McDaniel. He was preceded in death by Beverly Headen.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## STEPHANIE ANN (QUICK) MCLEAN

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

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Works for Christ Christian Center in Sanford. Interment followed in Lee Memory Garden.

## LAURA ZAGADA-CONTRERAS

Laura Zagada-Contreras, 35, of Siler City passed on Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Liberty. Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

## JAMES THORNTON

James Thornton, 92, of Co-coa, FL based on Monday, May 27, 2019 at Courtenay Springs Village, Merritt Island, FL.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## KATRINA JEANETTE LASSITER

Katrina Jeanette Lassiter, 43, of Sanford, passed on Monday, May 27, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

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### EDWARD LEE HERRON

Edward Lee Herron, 49, of Raleigh passed on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at The Laurels of Chatham, Pittsboro. Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

### ALONZO JOHNSON

Alonzo Johnson, 79, of Pittsboro passed on Monday, May 27, 2019 at his home. Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

### WILLIAM ALFONZO FONVILLE

William Fonville, 79, of Carboro, passed on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

### REGINA KATHLEEN MCLEAN

Regina Kathleen McLean, 54, of Cameron, passed on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at Moore Regional Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

### EARL PAIGE

Earl Paige, 82, of Siler City

passed on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Laurels of Chatham in Pittsboro.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

### FRANCES ANN (BERRY) CLARK

Frances Ann Clark, 67, of Bear Creek, passed on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

### JOHN BATTLE

John Battle, 75, of Sanford passed on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

### CLYDE R. THOMPSON, JR.

Clyde R. Thompson Jr., 65, of Sanford, passed on Friday, May 31, 2019 at More Regional Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Briar Chapel announces 'life-sciences corridor' in neighborhood

CHAPEL HILL — The Briar Chapel community in northeast Chatham County has announced two new facilities coming to the area to serve seniors. As part of its "life-sciences corridor," located on U.S. Hwy. 15-501, Briar Chapel will soon be home to senior apartments and an assisted living/skilled nursing facility, both operated by Liberty Healthcare Management. The institutions will join the soon-to-be-opened Health Sciences campus of Central Carolina Community College.

"Briar Chapel's new offerings will help to fill a growing need along the 15-501 corridor for health sciences education and healthcare services," Mike Scisciani, vice president of operations for Newland, Briar Chapel's developer, said in a press release. "These new projects with Liberty and Central Carolina Community College now equip Briar Chapel to provide offerings for every age and stage of life."

The apartment complex will offer approximately 150 age-qualified units for adults aged 55 and up. It is slated to break ground later this year and feature "a large proportion of two-bedroom options" with "tailored design features," a wellness facility, salon and art program. Residents will also have the option of in-home care.

The skilled nursing/assisted living facility will get under construction in 2020 and offer approximately 105 nursing facility beds and 36 assisted care beds. It will be located adjacent to the apartment complex.

"Liberty and Central Carolina Community College provide a seamless cycle in Chatham's healthcare and health services," Dan Klausner, vice president of commercial real estate for Newland, said in the release. "Briar Chapel will now become a hub for educating and training healthcare professionals who can then provide care for residents in their own backyard."

### Jordan-Matthews students receive art honors

Six artists received music, theater and visual arts awards in May at JM Awards Night, an annual presentation highlighting top students across all disciplines at Jordan-Matthews High School.

Corrine Collison, a senior, received the 2019

Outstanding Graduate in Theater Award. A two-time JM Arts Scholar, she capped off her JM theatre career with an unforgettable performance as Ursula in "Disney's The Little Mermaid" last fall, and received a superior rating at Musical Performance Adjudication assessments this spring. Collison will attend East Carolina University this fall to study music education.

Jocelyn Lopez Mejia, a freshman, received the 2019 Underclassman Student Artist of the Year Award. A student in the AVID college preparation curriculum, her intuitive use of advanced techniques and willingness to experiment artistically are evidence of her natural talent. Lopez Mejia will return to JM this fall. Oliver Mitchum, a senior, received the

2019 Outstanding Jazz Award. A four-year band veteran, his outstanding musicianship is evident not only with his saxophone, but piano as well; he will play his own arrangements for the processional and recession at the JM Baccalaureate service on June 2. Mitchum will attend North Carolina State University this fall.

Aaron Partin, a senior, received the 2019 Outstanding Musician Award for instrumentalists. A JM Arts Scholar, his four-year leadership and dedication in the marching, concert and jazz bands have prepared him well for a future as a school band director. Partin will continue that preparation this fall as a music education major at Greensboro College.

Joseph Richardson, a senior, received the 2019 Student Artist of the Year Award. His portfolio is ready to fill a gallery for a solo show, and his identity studies have received compliments from viewers on social media in the United States, Australia and Dubai. Richardson plans to begin college at Central Carolina Community College, and transfer to the UNC School of the Arts to pursue a major in visual arts.

Samantha Zarate, a senior, received the 2019 Outstanding Graduate in Vocal Music Award. A

two-time JM Arts Scholar, her stellar vocal performances in three musicals, soulful solos at concerts and events, and superior rating at Musical Performance Adjudication assessments are highlights in her record of excellence. Zarate will study music next fall at Guilford Technical Community College.

*From JM Arts*

### NCDOT promoting hot weather safety

RALEIGH — In 2018, 52 children died from heatstroke in cars, either because they were left or became trapped. More than half of these cases were because an adult forgot about the child in the back seat.

To help avoid this catastrophe:

- Put a bag or phone next to the child's car seat so you'll always check the back before leaving the car.

- Keep a stuffed animal or memento in your child's car seat when it's empty. Move it to the front as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat.

Making a habit of checking your vehicle before getting out could save a life.

100 Deadliest Days Don't forget about your teen drivers as school lets out for the summer,

either. The period from Memorial Day to Labor Day is called the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer due to the increase in crashes among teen drivers. What can you do to help keep your teen safe?

Educate yourself and your teen about risky driving behavior.

- Talk with teens early and often about the dangers of risky driving situations.

- Teach by example and minimize behaviors such as speeding or texting on the phone when behind the wheel.

- Encourage them to call a parent if they're in a potentially bad driving situation and let them know they'll be picked up without consequences.

Summer Drone Safety With summer right around the corner, people will be taking to the skies in record numbers with their personal drones. While the technology is fun, it's important to fly safely and legally.

Remember to not fly above 400 feet; never fly near airports; avoid flying over people or events; and always keep the drone within your visual line of sight.

To register a drone or get more safety tips, visit the Division of Aviation's website at <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/aviation/Pages/default.aspx>.

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# CCL's digital tools, programs keep library growing

*In a world that's become more and more digital, Rita Van Duinen is part of a team working to make sure Chatham County's public libraries remain relevant and useful. This week, we speak with Van Duinen, the branch manager for Pittsboro's Chatham Community Library, about the library, its changes and its programs. A native of Greensboro, Van Duinen has been a Chatham County resident for more than 20 years. She began working in libraries while pursuing a degree in Russian Language and Literature at the University of Oregon in the 1980s. Van Duinen returned to North Carolina and in the early 1990s began a 17-year career at the UNC University Library system, during which she earned a Master of Science in Library Science from the school. Following a stint as lead instructor for CCC's Library and Information Technology program and time spent as a consultant to the Washington, D.C.-based Council on Library and Information Resources, she became branch manager of the Chatham Community Library in 2017. Van Duinen has two children — a rising sophomore and N.C. State and a rising 8th-grader at Pollard Middle School.*

## In an increasing digital landscape, what's happening in the world of libraries these days?

With the onset of the digital age many assumed that libraries would become obsolete. In fact, the opposite has proven to be true. Data shows that library usage has actually increased despite the prevalence of the Internet and easy access to digital information. Since the mid-90s the number of public libraries in the U.S. has increased as

have their usage (<http://scitechconnect.elsevier.com/library-outlived-usefulness-internet-age/>).

We're seeing this trend at the Chatham Community Library as well. During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, 11,881 people visited CCL. Our reference librarians logged 12,421 transactions which included questions on computers and technology and on job searching and online employment applications. Nearly 9,800 patrons took advantage of our public computers and internet access. Also popular are the electronic resources that patrons can access with their library cards; e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines. Last year 1,961 electronic resources were checked out — all for free!

## Chatham Community Library also offers genealogy tools as well, right?

Genealogy assistance is available at CCL by appointment. Volunteer genealogists assist with family history research, whether your ancestors lived in Chatham County, the 50 states, or overseas. Our local history and genealogy collection includes published and unpublished family histories, church and community histories, troop lists, cemetery records, census information and more. Online genealogy databases are available to patrons at all Chatham County Public Library branches and include African American Heritage, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online.

## What's CCL's relationship with Central Carolina Community College?

Chatham Community Library is a unique model in that we're one of three county libraries, but the only public library in NC that serves as a dual-use facility with a community



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Rita Van Duinen

college. A 2016 inter-institutional agreement with the college expanded CCL's original mission to provide information resources, services and programs for both the public library system and CCC. Most people don't know this about CCL and are often unaware that, because of this relationship, we are able to provide professional reference services and have college resources interfiled in our general collections. CCL is in a winning position to make the most of this relationship, something we want to capitalize more on in the future.

## We all know there are plenty of books at the library...but what about CCL's ever-growing list of programs that are offered to the community?

Children's program-

ming is the highlight for many families and includes regular story time at all three branches and the ever-popular Summer Reading Program. This year's Summer Reading theme is "A Universe of Stories" and officially begins on Saturday. This is just one of the many ways we work to promote literacy. Youth Services staff recently implemented "Chatham Babies READ!" an early-literacy program that provides new parents in Chatham County with information about early literacy, as well as information on other Library programs designed for babies and their families.

We've recently partnered with the Chatham County Schools on the Chatham PASS program where every student in the County's pub-

lic schools will have a library card by virtue of their unique school ID number. This project is currently in soft-launch mode with a full rollout coming at the onset of the 2019-2020 school year. This particular project is far reaching in that it not only promotes literacy, but removes barriers to getting a library card and accessing materials. Stay tuned for more details on Chatham PASS...

Adult programming continues to be a high priority. I'm constantly seeking new opportunities to provide the community with a variety of programs from author events, musical performances, and film series, to name a few. This is the 2nd year that CCL has partnered with CORE (Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity) to co-sponsor a "Juneteenth" celebration. This year's celebration will take place on Saturday, June 22, at the new Agriculture Center in Pittsboro. The celebration commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in the state of Texas, and more generally the emancipation of slavery throughout the former Confederate States of America. CCL staff member Evie Evans has been much of the driving force in planning the Juneteenth events. Her dedication and passion for the event is apparent in the incredible line up for the celebration. It's an awesome experience and one that promotes unity and understanding in the community. I encourage you to attend!

Another effort under way is a series of Community Awareness Events we are curating. These events are facilitated and respectful dialogues on serious and difficult topics. They are designed to educate and inform

the community and to promote understanding. Our first event centered around the opioid crisis and its impact on Chatham County. In the works are programs on food insecurity, and domestic and sexual violence; all topics that impact our community in some way. I welcome suggestions from the community on topics they'd like to see addressed.

## What's your message to someone who hasn't visited the library lately?

Public libraries are so much more than books and story times. They are community spaces, meeting spaces and safe spaces where learning and discourse are encouraged. Libraries are a place for everyone and where everyone is welcome. Chatham County Public Libraries are YOUR libraries. If you haven't visited your local library lately, I encourage you to do so. You'll be pleasantly surprised at all we have to offer.

And any conversation about the library wouldn't be complete without a shout-out to our wonderful Friends of the Chatham Community Library group. They work year-round gathering donations and holding book sales twice a year. They generously fund many of the programs we offer and several of our electronic resources. They help with facility improvement projects and provide funds for purchasing books. Without this dedicated group CCL would be in a much different position to provide resources and services. Please consider becoming a Friend of the Library!

For more information, contact Rita Van Duinen at 919-545-8083 or by email at [rita.vanduin@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:rita.vanduin@chathamlibraries.org).

# Chatham County sues opioid manufacturers, distributors

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Chatham County has joined several cities, counties and states across America in seeking financial restitution for damage done by opioids.

The county government announced May 29 it has decided to file a class action suit in federal court against "manufacturers and distributors of opioids which have created such a problem in Chatham County and across the country."

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously in a closed session May 20 to take legal action, something Chairman Mike Dasher said was a long time coming.

"We've been talking about it for a while," Dasher told the News + Record last week. "It's something that has really frustrated me for a couple years. We just felt like this was the right time to move forward."

The county has hired several North Carolina-based attorneys to help in the effort, including Siler City-based Ben Atwater of Atwater Law Firm. Atwater said he and the other attorneys are getting started on getting a complaint drafted, and while he didn't mention any manufacturer or distributor in particular, he said "there will be a lengthy list of them."

"The human toll and financial toll is staggering as to what it caused," he said. "All kinds of damages are caused by these things, from law enforcement to social services budgets. We need it for treatment, education. There will be a damages model from all of these things, how this opioid crisis has affected not just Chatham County but everyone."

The commissioners passed a resolution on Nov. 20, 2017, declaring the opioid crisis a public health nuisance "which must be abated for the benefit of Chatham County and its residents and citizens." The resolution stated that the county "has seen an increase in opioid overdoses...in recent years," and that 74 percent of the children placed in custody of Chatham County's Department of Social Services were the result of substance abuse. Additionally, 27 deaths from unintentional opiate poisoning have occurred in Chatham from 1999-2017.

"(The county) is determined to take proactive measures to mitigate further increases," the resolution said. "Chatham County has expended, and is expending, and will continue to expend in the future substantial County funds to respond to the serious public health and safety crisis involving all types of substance misuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in

Chatham County."

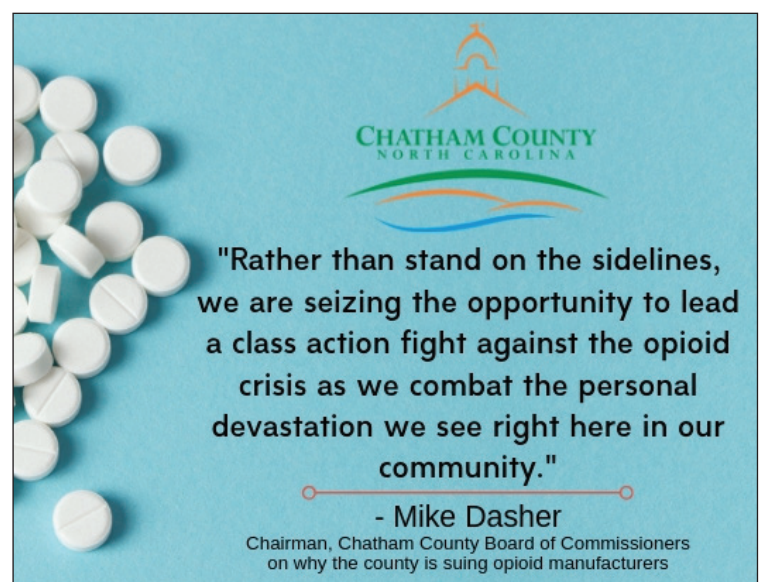
However, the county is not spending any taxpayer money on the litigation. Dasher said any attorney fees will come out of the financial settlement.

The next step, Atwater said, was for the lawyers to work with the county to develop statistics related to how the opioid crisis has affected the county's budget and expenditures, as well as human costs. It's likely, he added, that Chatham's suit would be combined with other litigation once it reaches federal court.

In the county press release, Dasher stressed that the county was "seizing the opportunity to lead" the battle against the opioid crisis.

"Chatham County has already taken steps to combat this public health and safety crisis, which has impacted county budget expenditures in several areas," he said. "We are being proactive in seeking appropriate reimbursement of past expenditures through legal channels from those responsible for the costs of this health and safety crisis. Most of all, we must secure additional funds to abate the nuisance going forward."

Thousands of suits have been filed in recent years against manufacturers and distributors. One major suit was settled in March, when Purdue Phar-



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

ma, the maker of the opioid Oxycontin, agreed to pay the state of Oklahoma \$270 million to fund addiction research and treatment in the state, according to report on NPR.

Several North Carolina counties have already filed similar suits to Chatham County's, including Lee County, Chatham's neighbor to the south. That county's commissioners voted in September 2018 to hire a law firm to represent them in litigation, and declared the opioid crisis a public health nuisance by a 5-2 vote in December.

The News + Record recently published a five-part series on the opioid crisis in Chatham County, a report that revealed the extent of the problem in the area. The stories explored the addictive nature of opioids, how the spread of heroin from nearby counties and lack of awareness of available resources have inflamed the situation, and what groups and individuals are doing to fight back.

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# Chatham COA recruiting 'community ambassadors'

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Littered throughout the list of goals in the Chatham County Aging Plan for 2018-2023 is the idea of awareness. "Overarching goals" include the idea of "promot(ing) awareness among older adults, their families, and service providers of services available to older adults and their caregivers," as well as "promot(ing) prominent consideration of the interests of older adults among public officials."

The Chatham Council on Aging is putting a team in place to help accomplish those goals.

The agency is currently establishing a group of volunteer Community Ambassadors whose aim, according to COA Executive Director Dennis Streets, is to "serve as local connections for our Council on Aging and our community partners."

"We recognize still in Chatham that we're such a large and still largely rural county," Streets said. "So much of what takes place is still word of mouth. It is hard to sometimes reach the entire county. There's certainly a lot of our older population that is not connected to the Internet. It is still hard to try to connect with, reach out to everyone and inform them."

According to the Aging Plan, 32 percent of Cha-

tham's population in 2016 was 60 years old or older, and the percentage is expected to rise to 41 percent by 2036. To help reach that rapidly-growing group with information about services and connect different agencies and organizations to them, the Ambassadors program was started, with the help of summer intern Bria Berry.

Berry, a graduate student at the UNC School of Public Health, said the group, which will feature 15 people, is seeking "people who enjoy volunteering and enjoy caring about the older population in Chatham and the community in general, serving their community, working with others."

Streets said the COA hopes to have the first group of Ambassadors in place by the end of the summer, after which there would be eight training sessions lasting 4-5 hours each day. That training will include field experience to help prepare.

Once trained, Community Ambassadors would be working as part of a "two-way street," Streets said. Not only would they be helping elderly adults get connected to needed services, the Ambassadors would also gather information to help community organizations serve that population better. For example, he said, the group could work with the Chatham County Public Health Department to raise awareness and answer questions about vaccines. "There's an effort to try to reach as many folks with

the flu vaccine or the pneumonia vaccine, and yet some people may not have access to it," he said. "Some people may be worried that if they get it, they'll get the flu. With the Ambassadors, it would be a two-way street, in that we would hope to be able to use these Ambassadors to learn why people are not accessing the vaccine at a higher rate. And then if there are some myths about that, maybe help us dispel that myth."

The COA would then use that information to improve services and, Streets said, maybe trickle awareness about resources to the younger crowd.

"I think it's a tool that we would use for reaching and informing ourselves about people's interests and needs, with a focus on seniors," he said, "but hopefully a spillover to informing other generations."

If you're interested in being a part of the COA's Community Ambassadors, reach out to Berry at [bria.berry@chathamcoa.org](mailto:bria.berry@chathamcoa.org) to begin the application process. Ambassadors would need to have Internet access and transportation capabilities. Streets said the agency would also like representatives from different parts of the county and different subgroups, like farmers or the Hispanic/Latinx population.

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## Class of 1969

Members of Chatham Central High School's Class of 1969 gathered for a 50th reunion at Tyson's Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on May 18. Pictured are (seated, from left) Karen Baxter Fields, Belinda Scott Jordan, Henry Kitchings, David Pearce, Diane Whitehead, Gail Webster, Susan Brown Thomason, Ronald Scott, Barry Burns, Betty Caviness; (first row standing, from left) Julian Smith, Ava Oldham Rives, Donna Dowdy Phillips, Eldean Talley Altland, Debbie Lawrence Love, Betty Beal Blakeley, Delphine M. Harvey, Carol Overman Tucker, Billy Joe Binkley, Linda Pettit Goodman, Don Pettit, Cathy Hilliard Beavers, Roy Stinson; (back row, from left) David Cunnup, Thomas Dowdy, Earl Dowdy, Stanley Jourdan, Larry Phillips, Jay McDaniel, Nelson Broadus, Rod Hackney, Dennis Burke, Donnie Brafford, Jerry Whitaker, Sammy King.

## CHURCH NEWS

### EDWARD HILL FRIENDS MEETING

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 10 - 14 at Edward Hill Friends Meeting. Commencement will be Friday, followed by a hot dog supper. Everyone is invited. The church is located on Ed Leonard Road, off from Edward Hill Church Road.

### BEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual Homecoming services are planned for Bear Creek Baptist Church Sunday, June 9. Activities will get underway with a program of bluegrass and traditional Gospel music by New Direction at 10:15. Morning worship service will follow at 11 with a covered dish luncheon afterwards. The public is invited.

Bear Creek Baptist Church is just south of NC 902 just past Chatham Central High School. Turn at the intersection of NC 902 and the Bonlee/Carbonton Road; watch for the sign.

### STAUNTON MEMORIAL CME CHURCH

There will be a Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 8 at Staunton Memorial CME Church, located at 230 Credle Street, Pittsboro. A TBC donor card or photo ID required. Sign up today online: donate.the-bloodconnection.org. All donors will receive a \$20 Walmart gift card.

### MOUNT SINAI AME CHURCH

The male chorus of Mt. Sinai AME Church will celebrate their anniversary at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Groups from the surrounding area will appear on the program.

The church is located on the corner of Chatham and Masonic Street in Pittsboro (behind Hardee's). All are welcome.

### HANKS CHAPEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Harvesters Quartet will present a gospel music program at Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. Refreshments will be served after the program.

The church is located at 190 Hanks Loop Road, Pittsboro, and the public is invited.

### FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

You are invited to come fellowship with us at 7:30 p.m. on June 7 at our "Friday Night Fire" worship event being held at Firechosen Ministries. The guest speaker will be Pastor Rita McLean of God Chosen Ministries. We are located at 190 Sanford Road, Pittsboro.

### MOUNT CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

A Men's Day program will be held at Mt. Calvary Holy Church at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. The guest speaker will be Elder Samuel Brewer, Assistant Pastor, Agape Outreach

Ministries, Asheboro. Our church is located at 578 Stockyard Road, Siler City. Everyone will be welcomed.

### MOUNT VIEW AME ZION CHURCH

The 2019 spring fundraiser will be held at Mt. View AME Zion Church with a BBQ, fish, and fried chicken plate selling on Friday, June 14, starting at 10 a.m. and selling until sold out. Funds will support ongoing church programming activities. Plates w/individual meats are \$10, combo plates are \$12. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Take out, dine in, or delivery available. The church is located at 3538 Mt. View Church Road, Moncure (corner of Mt. View and Moncure-Pittsboro Roads). Questions or delivery? Call (919) 545-4476 or 919-542-4569.

### HOLLAND CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

The Intercessory Prayer ministry worship service will be held in the Assembly Room at Holland Chapel AME Zion Church at 9:30 a.m. on June 8. The guest preacher/teacher will be Rev. Jerry Cobb. The attire is casual and the public is invited.

Vacation Bible School will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 10 - 12. There will be classes for all ages. Dinner will be served on Wednesday night. Family and friends in the vicinity are welcome to attend.

## CARD OF THANKS

### SHERMAN DAVID BROOKS

Time shared with a loved one during their final journey home has some of life's most challenging adjustments. The family of Sherman extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the love and thoughtfulness shown to us during the loss of our brother. Your kindness will help us get through the challenges ahead of us. We will miss him!

The Family - Deborah Brewer, Sherman Brooks II, Grady Lane, Gladys Matthews, Judy Jones, Lawrence Brooks, Sable Humphries and Joshua Brooks

## Happy 90th BIRTHDAY



The family of Ernestine H. Perry would like to Thank Dr. James Davis & the Staff at UNC Healthcare, Dr. Paul Vieta, Dr. Joel Burman, Jennie & the Staff at Pinehurst Surgical. We would like to thank Liberty Home Health and Liberty Hospice which includes Kathy, Sheila, Amber and Michelle. We would like to thank them for the care that they provided during this difficult time in our mothers life. We would also like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and concerns during the last three months that our mother fought her courageous battle with cancer. We take comfort knowing that she is now in Gods Hands.

## STUDENTS NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST

### CORZINE NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Giles Corzine has been named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the Spring 2019 semester. Corzine is a resident of Bear Creek.

### LAETHEM NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Emery Laethem has been named to the Dean's List at Emory and Henry College in the Highlands of Virginia, for the Spring 2019 semester. Laethem is a resident of Pittsboro.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Designer Heath Smith named to JMArts Board of Directors

SILER CITY — Designer and teacher Heath Smith has been named to the JMArts board of directors, the first former Jordan-Matthews High School arts student to help lead the nonprofit educational foundation.

Smith works as a designer at Hollyfield Design, a floral and furniture specialist in Southern Pines, and is adjunct instructor for Interior Design at Randolph Community College. He also operates his own small business, H.F. Smith Interior and Floral Design, and recently published a children's book titled "Mr. Gilmore's Glasses."

While at JM, Smith studied visual art and music, also appearing in musicals as Mr. Lundie in "Brigadoon" and Daddy Warbucks in "Annie." His performance in "Annie" earned him a spot on the Durham Performing Arts Center stage as a finalist in the 2014 Triangle Rising Stars musical theater competition.

The JMArts board includes President Rose Pate, Vice President Matthew Fry, Secretary Rahma Mateen-Mason, Treasurer Denise Partin, Angie Brady-Andrew, Greg Burriss, Justin Harper and Smith.

JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization that raises money and provides expertise to help students excel.



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Heath Smith appeared at Jordan-Matthews High School as pianist for Jennifer Trejo Benitez in her performance of 'Beyond My Wildest Dreams' at the annual Music in May concert.

### Extension Service offers Forestry Pest workshop

The Chatham County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension will offer a Forestry Pest Management Workshop as part

of its Enhancing Sustainability Series from 3-5 p.m. on June 20 at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Kelly Oten, Forest Health Monitoring Coordinator with the N.C. Forest Service. As part of

her duties, Dr. Oten surveys for and tracks invasive pests, manages the Ash Protection Program, partners with universities and government agencies in research, and does field diagnostics of forest health issues. She is also adjunct faculty at N.C. State University where she teaches Forest Entomology.

Agenda topics include:

- Native Forest Pest Insects (e.g., defoliators, pine bark beetles)
- Invasive Forest Pest Insects (e.g., emerald ash borer, walnut twig beetle/ thousand cankers disease, spotted lanternfly)

Dr. Oten will discuss pest identification, life cycle, range, and integrated pest management.

This workshop will provide 2 continuing certification credits for private and commercial pesticide applicators in classes G, N, D, and X.

This workshop has also been approved for Society of American Foresters 2 hours Category 1 CFE credits. The workshop is free but advance registration is required. The deadline to register is June 14. Call 919-542-8244 to register.

### Chatham Libraries receive Teens' Top Ten book giveaway from YALSA

Chatham County Public Libraries has been named the recipient of a set of 25 Young Adult books nominated for the 2019 Teens' Top Ten list from YALSA, the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

The nominee list is comprised of 25 teen acclaimed young adult titles ranging from a multitude of different genres.

Youth Services Librarian Katy Henderson applied for the giveaway on behalf of the Wren Memorial Library in Siler City, to bolster the Young Adult collection with the hope of attracting more teen users to the branch during the summer months. In

a statement released by YALSA, Chatham County Public Libraries was included among 60 recipients of the giveaway, which was funded by The Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Teens everywhere can nominate their favorite titles to become the official nominees of the upcoming Teens' Top Ten. Nominations are posted in April during National Library Week, and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year between August 15 and the third week in October.

For more information about the titles, or about the Teens' Top Ten, contact Youth Services at (919) 545-8085 or kathy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org.

— CN + R Staff Reports



**Congratulations!!** Demetria N. Siler who graduated on May 13, 2019, from North Carolina A&T State University with a Doctoral Degree (Ph. D.) in Leadership Studies with a concentration in Community College Administration. She is the daughter of Marvin J. Siler (deceased) and Georgia Bernice Siler.

Demetria graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School in 1991 and went on to further her education at Winston-Salem State University where she played basketball and majored in English education. In 1996, she transferred to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and earned her undergraduate degree in English followed by a Master's in English and African-American Literature in 2002.

Since then, Demetria has worked in the community college system as an Assistant Professor, English and Humanitarian for 16 years. She is also the youngest sister to Melinda Walden, Deborah Alston, Cheryl Siler-Jones, Barney Siler, Pamela Siler Moffitt, and Anita Dickson.



# What's going in that empty Piggly Wiggly site, anyway?

**BY CHLOE ARROJADO**  
Our Chatham

PITTSBORO — What's planned for Pittsboro's vacant Piggly Wiggly store?

This Piggly Wiggly was located at 386 East St. It opened its doors on October 15, 2007, and served its customers for over 10 years before it announced its closure on Facebook this past July.

Now the storefront of the defunct Piggly Wiggly is left with scratched-off letters where its sign once stood.

According to Victoria Bailiff of the Pittsboro Planning Department, the Piggly Wiggly spot won't

have a successor anytime soon.

"Right now, we haven't had any plans submitted," said Bailiff.

According to the Chatham County Land Use & Planning viewing application, the land's deed belongs to Piedmont Center Investments LLC. The company acquired the 4.15-acre property in 1999.

The viewing application also says that the plot of land is zoned as C-2, which stands for "highway commercial." Pittsboro's zoning ordinance document classifies a C-2 property as an area along a highway that is intended for the public. This definition includes

"shopping centers and strip centers as well as free-standing, highway oriented business establishments."

Bailiff said she remembers speaking with the owner of the shopping center when Piggly Wiggly initially announced its closing in 2018. They discussed possible options for the space's occupants after Piggly Wiggly's closure, but no plans have materialized since — at least to area officials.

If someone did submit an application to take over the grocery store, Bailiff said the change would happen rather quickly. Businesses that want to move into shopping centers usually

don't take a long time to get approved. She said she hopes that will happen soon.

"You don't want a shopping center to sit there stagnant," Bailiff said.

For those of you who still dig the pig, you can go to the Siler City store. It's open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is located at 600 W. Raleigh St. in Siler City.

*Chloe Arrojado is a reporter for Our Chatham, a project of the UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Journalism and Media and a strategic partner of the News + Record.*



Our Chatham photo by Chloe Arrojado

Pittsboro's vacant Piggly Wiggly store, located at 386 East St. It opened in 2007 and closed last summer.

## TREES: Tax zone's use examined

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sioners would often interchange the two words during discussions, creating confusion. Throughout those discussions, Chatham Park officials would remind the board that other areas where trees were required, such as in open space, parking lots, and landscaping, would not be used to calculate tree coverage. In addition, since canopy refers to the extent of the outer layer of leaves of an individual tree or group of trees, an area with 10 percent tree coverage would often equate to 50-60 percent canopy.

The definition of tree coverage planning area had been a major point of contention. Tree coverage planning area is an area for development that will be used to calculate the amount of tree protection required. Though requests to change language for clarity were made and fulfilled, some commissioners still felt the language was not clear enough, voicing concerns that there were no limitations on the size of the area in terms of calculated tree protection. Those issues were finally assuaged as additional language was agreed to limiting the size of a tree coverage planning area.

The board's desires at times were limited by state law, which allows timbering (something some board members didn't want) through forestry management. However, municipalities can request that those that timber must wait 3-5 years after timbering prior to development. Several times, commissioners

asked that developers be required to use only local nurseries and plant providers, but Town Attorney Paul Messick reminded the board that it was not allowed by law to demand a developer only use specific nurseries. Chatham Park agreed to place "consider local" growers in the element. However, the board later decided it wanted even stronger language short of requiring the developer to use a specific source.

The board was also interested in having individual land owners be responsible for trees that were lost due to a natural disaster or disease. Chatham Park noted that it would not be able to cover trees in perpetuity and Messick noted that such a demand on a property owner would cause undue stress on code enforcement, pit neighbor against neighbor, or possibly violate property rights.

**What were the main points of the Elements' final version?**

- Tree coverage protection area: Chatham Park suggested and was provided consent from the board to add language that says "[no [tree coverage protection area] shall be larger than any section or village center identified in a small area plan."

- Timbering: There was a request from the board to move a footnote regarding timbering on Chatham Park land into the body of the element, with the acknowledgment that it should not conflict with state law.

- Local nurseries: The board decided to change the phrase "encourage to consider local" nurseries

to "required to consider" in two different sections of the element.

- Chatham Park agreed to include a line item on the tree coverage area table to reflect greater tree coverage 2,000 feet from the banks of the Haw River.

- Attorneys for both the town and Chatham Park will investigate if the "special assessment district," the proposed tax zone that would be just for Chatham Park that could be used for infrastructure, could be used to replace trees that die in a natural disaster or disease.

**Now that it's approved, what's next for the town and for Chatham Park?**

As part of the agreement with the town, Chatham Park was allowed to perform a certain percentage of commercial and residential development while the additional elements were being negotiated. Commercial and mixed-use development on Russett Run near the Bojangles restaurant and residential development near Thompson Street has progressed throughout the negotiations.

The commissioners and Chatham Park will now move on to negotiating the last of the "Additional Elements" that will need to be considered: affordable housing. The Affordable Housing Element will outline regulations and requirements involving affordable housing development in Chatham Park. No date has been determined for the board to begin discussions on that element yet.

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## WILDLIFE: Feeding may cause harm

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predators.

Rabbits, like deer, try to hide their young, digging shallow nests for them in clumps of thick grass, under low-growing shrubs, or in the middle of a yard. Nests can be hard to see and often look like piles of messy or dead patches of grass.

The female leaves her young alone while she wanders off to forage, only visiting the nest a few times a day. In the nest, the young rabbits — called kits — are easily found by people who mistakenly think the young have been abandoned. If the kits appear uninjured, cover the nest and walk away, no matter how tempting it might be to "help" them, advise Wildlife officials.

"We know that people mean well when they want to help what they think is an 'abandoned baby.' However, handling a wild animal, particularly a young one, can stress it, sometimes fatally," said Falyn Owens, the state Wildlife Commission's extension biologist.

"The chances that a young wild animal will survive for long in the care of humans is pretty slim," Owens said. "Even those that stay alive long enough to be released usually lack the skills to survive on their own. When people take in a wild animal, such as a fawn, and try to keep it as a pet, or even just to nurture it temporarily, not only are they being biologically irresponsible,

they are also likely breaking the law. Taking a fawn — or most wild animals for that matter — out of the wild and into your possession is illegal."

Owens also advises that people not feed young animals they may encounter in the wild. Doing so can often cause irreversible harm to the animal by providing the wrong food or feeding it in a manner that causes injury.

Instead of interfering in nature, Wildlife Commission officials say if you find a fawn that is calm and appears uninjured, leave it where it is and check on it the following day. If it is still there and bleating loudly, it appears cold, weak or thin, or its injured — it might truly be orphaned. In this case, do not take it out of the wild, but instead contact a local licensed fawn rehabilitator.

"If you do take a fawn out of the wild, as we know people do sometimes, and it has been less than 48 hours, please take it back to where you found it," Owens said. "A doe will usually try to find her missing fawn for about 48 hours before she gives up. If more than 48 hours have passed, or you have tried to feed the fawn, contact a local, licensed fawn rehabilitator as soon as possible."

Kit rabbits also can be observed from a distance to see if the mother returns. Female rabbits will avoid approaching the nest if they think a threat is nearby, including people, so officials advise not

to stick around waiting. Instead, place some thin twigs in a tic-tac-toe pattern over then nest and check back in 24 hours.

"If the pattern is disturbed, you know the mother has visited," Owens said. "Nests that have not been visited for 24 hours may be abandoned. Obviously injured, cold, or bony kits may need help as well."

If you should happen to touch a fawn or a baby rabbit, Owens says, don't worry. "It's a myth that mothers will reject their young if they smell human scent on them," she said. "As long as the young are returned to where they were found within the maximum time frame, they should be fine."

Smith said it appropriate, when necessary, to help turtles crossing busy roads; but he advised one should only do so if your own safety isn't jeopardized.

Questions about human-wildlife interactions may be addressed through the Commission's N.C. Wildlife Helpline toll-free at 866-318-2401. The call center is open Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional information about co-existing with wildlife is available at the Commission's "Tips on Co-Existing with Wildlife" page (<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Have-A-Problem/Tips-on-Coexisting-with-Wildlife>).

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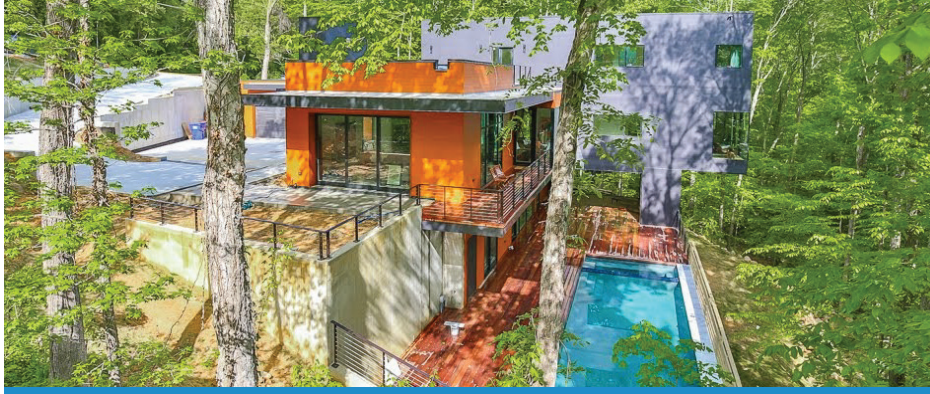
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## Hatch, Barbee too much for Cats as Lady Colts take 2A state crown

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO — Jordan Hatch hurled a complete game shutout and Shelby Barbee mashed a two-run homer to send West Stanly to a 3-0 win in the third and decisive game of the NCHSAA 3A Softball State Championship Series over Eastern Randolph at the UNC-Greensboro Softball Complex on Sunday afternoon.

A storybook ending escaped the Lady Wildcats, who closed the season at 25-7 overall.

West Stanly, meanwhile, closed the season at 28-2 overall as the win secured the Colts' third Softball State Championship.

Barbee was named the Most Valuable Player for the series thanks to a 4-for-10 performance at the plate with three RBI's. Barbee went 2-for-3 in the series finale, including a pair of RBIs to cement the victory.

West Stanly picked up a run in the

home half of the first thanks to a leadoff double by Morgan Edwards who later came around to pick up the game's first run on a two-out infield single by Rosalyn McRae. The early run forced Eastern Randolph to play catch up the entire way and much like the series opener, the locals never could get the clutch hit to even the game up, stranding four batters entering the bottom of the fifth.

### GAME 3

In the bottom of the fifth, Barbee crushed a high fastball offering from Eastern Randolph ace Savannah Beaver over the fence in left. The towering shot pushed the Colts' lead to 3-0 and all but secured the state championship.

Hatch, a Duke University softball commit who just received a North Carolina High School Gatorade Player of the Year honor a week earlier, put the finishing touches on the title by firing seven shutout innings in 116 pitches. She scattered six hits and a walk while striking out six Wildcats.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Eastern Randolph's Aniyah King, Makayla Pugh and Coach LaVette Graham, left to right, show their runner-up trophy after the Wildcats lost the third game of their state championship tournament Sunday at UNCG.

No Wildcat tallied multiple hits in the contest with Eastern Randolph getting a double from Kesley Craven and single from Courtnee Carter. Aniyah King, Brooklyn Rush, Olivia Hall, and Leighanna Ward. ER agonizingly stranded eight base runners in the loss.

Morgan Edwards added a 2-for-3 effort at the plate for the Colts and scored a run and doubled while Roslyn McRae chipped in a 2-for-3 day with an RBI.

Beaver took the loss on the mound for the

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## Beaver twirls gem as Eastern Randolph forces decisive third game for state title



After a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning, the West Stanly Colts come out to celebrate. West Stanly went on to win the game and the state championship Sunday at UNCG.

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

### GAME 2

GREENSBORO — Facing a must-win situation, Eastern Randolph got a gem of a performance from Savannah Beaver in the pitching circle as the sophomore southpaw shut out West Stanly 3-0 on Saturday night at the UNC-Greensboro Softball Complex to force a decisive Game 3 in the 2A Softball State Championship Series.

Beaver was simply fantastic in hurling the two-hit shutout which featured seven strikeouts while allowing just one lone walk.

Eastern Randolph improved to 25-6 in forcing a winner take all contest to be played back at UNC-Greensboro Sunday at 4 p.m.

West Stanly lost for just the second time this season to drop to 27-2 overall heading into the Sunday finale for all the marbles.

The Wildcats made the most of their five hits of the night, pushing across single runs in the first, third and fifth innings. Beaver helped her own cause in the bottom of the first inning, picking up an RBI infield single that drove in Courtnee Carter with two outs to put Eastern Randolph into the lead 1-0. Carter

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## Coyotes club Muddogs 19-4 in Old North State League season-opener

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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RAMSEUR — While a trio of Carolina hurlers held Deep River to only two hits, the Coyotes exploded for six runs in the top of the first and pounded five Muddogs' pitchers for 13 hits in frolicking to a seven-inning, run-rule 19-5 triumph in The Old North State League season-opener for both teams Saturday evening at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Pres Ostert started on the mound for Carolina and went three-plus innings, giving up one earned run on no hits in addition to walking six and fanning three, before Jackson Clark came on in relief and tossed three innings to receive credit for the win while allowing both Deep River hits and four runs (two earned) besides issuing one free pass and whiffing two.

Southpaw Caleb Staley pitched the final frame for the winners and struck out the side.

Left-hander Cade Culberson opened on the hill for the Muddogs and lasted just one-third of an inning, taking the loss after yielding one hit and five earned runs while walking four and striking out one.

Four Deep River relievers (Nathan Cockman, Isaiah Ortega, Warren Gay and Austin Johnson) who followed Culberson to the mound surrendered a collective 12 hits and 14 runs (10 earned) while issuing half a dozen walks and fanning seven.

The Coyotes wasted no time seizing control their first turn at bat as they loaded the bases with one away on walks to Jordan Blalock, Tyler Dodson and Chase Hetzel.

Tyler Myers followed with a

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## Post 45 takes down Post 81 in rivalry clash

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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ASHEBORO — Randolph County Post 45 broke up a scoreless contest by plating three unearned runs in the bottom of the third without the benefit of a hit and used that momentum to cruise past Eastern Randolph 8-2 in non-league American Legion action Friday night at McCrary Park.

The winners posted their eighth victory in nine outings this season, while Post 81 dropped to 2-6 overall.

Randolph County starter Harris Jackson hurled six innings to gain the win, allowing just two hits and a pair of unearned runs while

walking two and fanning five. Travis Winslow pitched the final frame for Post 45, giving up one hit besides striking out two.

Samuel Murchison opened on the mound for Eastern Randolph and absorbed the loss, tossing four hitless innings but surrendering three unearned runs in addition to issuing four free passes and fanning seven.

Post 81 reliever Kevin Cano went one-third of an inning and was tagged for a pair of hits and three runs (one earned) while walking one and whiffing one before Nate Canter came on to hurl the final one and two-third innings, yielding three hits and two earned runs with one strikeout.

"Murchison pitched well and was very effective, but he did have some control issues one inning that allowed us to put a few runs on the board," said Randolph County coach Ronnie Pugh. "I was real pleased with Jackson's effort tonight as this was his third strong outing in a row, and while it took us a while to produce some hits we finally started hitting the ball hard over the last couple of innings."

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Post 81's Cade Sotherly dives for the ball in center field Friday at McCrary Park in Asheboro in the post's game against Post 342. The contest on the cool night resulted in a loss for Post 81, 8-2.

Staff photo by David Bradley



# Barker gearing up for 4-H Shooting Sports Nationals with fundraiser

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Since the age of 5, Siler City's Luke Barker has displayed a talent for shooting, including winning his first Turkey Shoot at the spry age of 6.

Now Barker, 10 years later and nearing his 16th birthday, will be one of four North Carolinians representing the Tar Heel state out at the week-long National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition in Grand Island, Nebraska, beginning on June 23.

Before embarking on what will be approximately a 25-hour drive for the local teen and his family, Barker will be holding a 4-H Fundraiser to help whittle

down some of the anticipated \$4,000 cost to represent his home state. The event will be held at The Exchange in downtown Asheboro on Saturday, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and the event lasting until 9 p.m.

It will be a family-friendly event featuring bluegrass-style music performed by Tim Moon, Nick Honeycutt, Brandon Shepherd, and The Walters Family.

Food will be available for purchase and there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle of a Henry .22 rifle.

Barker, who shoots for the Randolph County 4-H Shooting Club since there is no team in Chatham, will be joined by on the Tar Heel squad by Caleb Mathis of Davie County, Mason Johnson of Edgecombe County and Matthew Daniel of Pitt County.

The state tournament was held in Ellerbe at the Millstone 4-H Camp earlier in the season and Barker posted a perfect 20-for-20 in one Rifle round.

In Nebraska, Barker will go through the opening ceremonies on Sunday evening before beginning practice on Monday and competitions of Rifle,

Archery, and Shot Gun taking place there on Tuesday through Thursday. There will be a Hunter Skills competition for all three of the events following the respective competitions daily.

"The Shot Gun will be the most challenging. It's a two-mile circle radius cut out on the island that is surrounded by a river," said Barker. "The officials load your gun, then you go down wooded trails and they may throw one clay out, two clays out, or one clay and a hen (which you can't shoot). With the Shot Gun you have to be on your game the whole time."

Archery is another interesting event as its done in 3D.

"Sighting the distances in archery is very challenging because they are in 3D and you have to judge the distances," continued Barker. "It's also very windy out there from what we've been told, and the weather could be hot one day and very cold the next. So that could affect any of the three events."

As far as the Hunter Safety part of the event, Barker says it will focus on Wildlife Identification.

"It can be challenging but that makes it fun," Barker said. "You have to focus just like in the shooting. In the shooting, it's what you are there for, and if you shoot a bad shot, you have to put it off and go to the next one. Some days you are on and can tell, other days you



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**Local sharp shooter Luke Barker aims his rifle at the target. Barker will be on the North Carolina 4-H team representing the Tar Heel state at the National Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska.**

feel a little off. You just have to focus in and take it one shot at a time."

Barker, who practices with his team once a week out at the Kildee Strawberry Farm between Siler City and Ramseur, also takes all the opportunity he has to shoot archery and rifle at his house when not working at Captain Tom's.

"Those are the only two shooting events I can practice at home, but I try to get as much practice in as I can."

Allison Walker, the Extension Agent who handles 4-H Youth Development for the NC Cooperative Extension Agency for

the Randolph County Center in Asheboro, says this will be a special trip for Barker and his teammates.

"This trip will provide Luke with a once-in-a-lifetime experience!" said Walker. "I'm sure any donation to help make this trip possible will be appreciated by him and his family. He and his teammates will undoubtedly make the state of North Carolina and our local community proud at the Nationals."

For more information on the event, to purchase tickets and/or raffle tickets, or to make donations, contact Missy Barker at 919-799-3054.



**Luke Barker of Siler City will be representing North Carolina at the 2019 4-H National Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska beginning on June 23.**

## CLASH

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Noting this was Murchison's first real outing of the season, Eastern Randolph coach Jerry Kidd remarked, "The ball came out of his hand good, and when he put it in the strike zone he was pretty much unhittable. But we gave Randolph County so much in the form of walks and errors, and since we're not a strong hitting team we need to play a clean game to give ourselves a chance to win."

Post 45 managed to forge a 3-0 advantage in the bottom of the third by loading the bases with one away following walks to Easton Morgan, Blake Marsh and Trevor Marsh.

After Morgan sprinted home when Jackson reached on an infield error that kept the sacks full, Landon Smith lofted a sacrifice fly up the gap in right-center that allowed both Blake and Trevor Marsh to score.

Randolph County stretched its lead to 6-0 in the home fifth as Trevor Marsh notched a one-out single to right and went to second when Jackson's fly ball to shallow left was dropped.

After the runners

pulled off a successful double steal, Smith followed with a two-run base hit up the alley in right-center and advanced to third on back-to-back free passes issued to Braxton Davis and Austin Curry prior to scoring when Tatum Marsh reached on a fielder's choice.

Post 81 trimmed its deficit to 6-2 in the top of the sixth, loading the bases with no outs as Chris Morgan was hit by a pitch, Connor Murphy drew a walk and Camden Fuquay lined a single to left.

Both Morgan and Murphy came in to score when Mason Canoy reached on an infield error before Jackson escaped any further damage by retiring the next three batters on a fielder's choice, a fly-out and a strikeout.

Post 45 put the finishing touch on its triumph by scoring a pair of runs in the bottom half of the frame as Chris Hardin belted a one-out triple to deep center field prior to dashing home on a two-out wild pitch.

Jackson then followed with a triple up the gap in right-center and tallied when Smith, who went two-for-three at the plate with five RBIs and a run scored, poked a base hit to left.



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Eastern Randolph's Brooklyn Rush goes for the tag at second base against West Stanly's Alex Stabler during the final game of their three-game tournament for the state Championship Sunday at UNCG. Randolph lost the game 3-0, and the championship.**

## CROWN

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Wildcats as the sophomore southpaw standout worked six innings and allowed nine hits, no walks, three runs and struck out a pair.

The Wildcats appeared in the State Tournament Finals for the third time in school history and the first time in the Best-of-

Three Series era. The last trip to the State Finals for the Wildcats came in 2011.

The Colts won the program's third Softball State Championship and first since 2013 when they knocked off South Granville in two games.

The Colts appeared in the State Tournament Series for the fifth time in the program's history and second time in the Best-of-Three Series era.

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SALISBURY — Don't mind the Eastern Randolph Post 81 American Legion baseball team if they are feeling a bit snake-bit this season.

Eastern Randolph dropped its fifth game of the summer by three runs or less in a 4-3 defeat at the hands of a 10-3 Rowan County squad on Sunday night in Salisbury on the campus of Catawba University.

Post 81 falls to 2-7 on the season in Area III play but remains 1-0 in the Northern Division.

It seemed to be the same ol' tune Sunday evening as the locals battled powerful Post 342 all the way to the bitter end before the homestanding bunch plated a walk-off run in the bottom of the seventh to send Post 81 to Ramseur with the defeat. And Rowan County had to do little to produce the winning run as leadoff man Jordan Goodine walked, stole second, darted to third on a wild pitch and scored when the ER throw to third sailed wide and into the outfield for an error.

Eastern Randolph had taken an early 2-0 advantage when Mason Canoy singled to center, Clay Edmondson and Cameron Kennedy singled to left to load the bases, and Cade Snoterly came through with a two-run

# Post 81 continues that snake-bit feeling



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Post 81's Kevin Cano throws a fast ball to the plate in Friday's loss to Post 342 at McCrary Park in Asheboro with a score of 8-2.**

safety to left to plate Canoy and Edmondson.

Chris Morgan would slap an infield single one out later before to load the bases again but Rowan County starter Daniel Durham coaxed Tyler Campbell into an inning-ending ground out short.

Rowan County came back with three runs in the home half of the second ignited by leadoff walks from Bo Rusher and C.P. Pyle. Back to back singles from Steven Smith and Cameron Graham tied the score at 2-2 before a ground out to second by Goodine sent in Smith to give Post 342 a 3-2 lead.

Eastern Randolph, which out-hit Rowan

County 10-to-4 in the contest, put runners at first and second with no out in the third behind base hits from Camden Fuquay and Canoy. Durham hurled an inning ending double-play ball off the bat of Edmondson to end the Post 81 threat.

The contest remained scoreless until the top of the sixth when Kennedy tagged a 1-1 offering from Post 342 reliever Jake Davis over the left field wall to leadoff the inning and even the game at 3-all.

Eastern Randolph would receive a single from Nate Canter later in the sixth, and a base hit from Canoy in the seventh, but could not plate

another run, setting up Rowan County plating the walk-off winner in the home half of the seventh.

Kennedy paced the ER effort offensively with a 2-for-2 night that included a run, two RBI, a walk and a homer while Canoy was 3-for-4 with a run.

Chipping in a 1-for-2 effort with two RBI and a walk was Snoterly while Canter was 1-for-2, Edmondson 1-for-4 with a run, Fuquay 1-for-4, and Morgan 1-for-4.

Smith was 1-for-2 at the plate with a run and an RBI to lead Rowan County while Rusher was 1-for-2 with a run and a walk.

Chandler Kime was the hard luck loser for Post 81 after working three innings and allowing one hit, an unearned run, three walks and striking out one.

Eastern Randolph starter Trevor Maness hurled three innings and yielded three hits, three runs and two walks while striking out a pair.

Rowan County reliever Scout Nichols took the win on the mound after going the final 1.2 innings for the victors and allowing a hit and striking out two.

Durham worked the opening three frames and surrendered seven hits and two runs while Davis went 2.1 innings and yielded two hits, a run and three walks while fanning one.

## COYOTES

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two-run single to center, and after Cameron Wells drew a free pass to refill the sacks, Kevin Greenwood stroked a double to the left field fence to drive in Hetzel and Myers.

One out later Darden Eure's infield single plated Wells before Blalock brought in Greenwood with a single to left.

Greenwood's leadoff home run over the left field fence on an 0-1 offering from Cockman in the top of the third put Carolina up 7-0 prior to the Muddogs scratching a run in the bottom half of the inning as Parker Clayton reached on a two-out fielder's choice and came around to score on consecutive walks issued to Jordan Cassell, Jamey May and Rafy Ortega.

The Coyotes answered with three runs in the visitors' fourth to increased their advantage to 10-1 as Vinny Consolo was hit by a pitch with one away and Hetzel coaxed a walk before Myers slammed a two-run double up

the alley in left-center and advanced to third on Wells' infield hit prior to scoring when Cort Maynard reached on a fielder's choice.

Deep River narrowed the gap to 10-2 in the home fifth as Clayton and Cassell were both nicked by a pitch leading off the frame before the former came in to score on Zach Olinski's two-out opposite-field single to left.

Carolina pushed across a pair of runs in the top of the sixth to forge ahead 12-2 as Hetzel and Myers led off the inning with back-to-back base hits prior to Wells receiving a full-count free pass to load the sacks with no outs.

After Greenwood brought in Hetzel with a sacrifice fly to right, Myers raced home one out later when Eure reached on an infield muff.

The Muddogs came right back with three runs in the bottom half of the frame to pull within seven as leadoff batter Noah Handy sped all the way to second on a throwing error and scored when Clay Richardson drilled a double down the left field line.

Following a walk to Clayton,

Richardson came around to score on consecutive wild pitches before May brought in Clayton with a groundout.

The Coyotes then proceeded to turn the contest into a runaway by tallying seven runs in the visitors' seventh.

Back-to-back leadoff walks to Consolo and Hetzel followed by Myers' infield hit filled the bases with no outs prior to Wells forcing home Consolo when he was plunked by a pitch.

After Greenwood's infield single drove in Hetzel, Myers came in to score as Maynard reached on an infield miscue before Wells sprinted home on a passed ball.

Eure then plated Greenwood with an opposite-field base hit to left, and following a throwing error that allowed Maynard to come home, Austin Gilley closed out the scoring by bringing in Eure with a groundout.

Leading hitters for Carolina included Myers, who was four-for-four at the plate with four RBIs and four runs scored, while Greenwood was three-for-four at bat, with five RBIs and three runs scored.



Staff photos by David Bradley

A large number of students at Jordan-Matthews turned out for Friday's UNIFIED game against Northwood. The game featured good work on both sides, with a win for JM, 21-20.

## Jordan-Matthews, Northwood wrap up Unified Games on softball diamond

BY DON BEANE  
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SILER CITY — It's been a fantastic school year for the Unified programs at Jordan-Matthews and Northwood, and last week put an exciting close on it.

After a fishing trip to Jordan Lake on Thursday, the two schools met on the softball diamond at Jordan-Matthews in Siler City on Friday morning in front of a large contingent of faculty, community, and student supporters.

Needless to say, it was just another great event for the lo-

cal Unified kids at the schools. "I can't say how much our kids in the Unified program get out of this," said J-M's Andrew Pook. "The smiles on their faces and the excitement can't be described. And to get to do it in front of their classmates and teachers, where they are the stars of the show, you can't put a value on it."

Northwood's Jason Amy agreed.

"What a way to end the year for these kids," noted Amy. "It was just a great event out here with the kids from both schools playing softball. It's something they will remember all summer, along with the fishing trip,

the socials, the basketball and other sporting events. What is being done between our two schools and in Chatham County is simply amazing."

Complete with music playing and the game being announced by fellow students from each school, there was little doubt that it would be a success.

And Amy and Pook see it only growing in the future.

"We want it to continue to get bigger and better," said Amy. "Andrew and I are always looking for new things, new ideas to build upon the foundation that's been laid. And I have no doubts that we will do that."



Jordan-Matthews' Nathan Allred gets a hit during the UNIFIED game against Northwood Friday. JM won the highly contested match, 21-20.



## Hatch out-duels Beaver to put West Stanly up 1-0 over Eastern Randolph

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

### GAME 1

GREENSBORO — West Stanly plated the game's only run in walk-off fashion in the bottom of the ninth inning to slip by Eastern Randolph 1-0 in extra innings and claim the Game 1 victory in a best-of-three series for the NCHSAA 2A Softball State Championship at the UNC-Greensboro Softball Complex on Saturday afternoon.

The contest was slated to begin Friday night, but a sudden thunderstorm, coupled with a faulty

sprinkler head, made the field too wet to play despite valiant efforts by the UNC-G grounds crew.

On Saturday, it was a classic pitcher's duel between Eastern Randolph's Savannah Beaver and West Stanly's Jordan Hatch. Beaver twirled eight scoreless innings while only allowing three hits during that span. However, she gave up a lead-off double to Edwards in the bottom of the ninth, before surrendering the walk-off single to Shelby Barbee for the win. Barbee slashed a single through the left side to bring home Morgan Edwards with one out.

Beaver finished the game with one earned run allowed, five hits and six strikeouts and did not allow a walk.

Hatch, a Duke University commit and only a sophomore, was equally spectacular for West Stanly, matching Beaver pitch for pitch, in a nine-inning, six hit shutout effort. Hatch walked a single batter while striking out three in on the afternoon. Brooklyn Rush was the only Eastern Randolph batter to reach base twice against Hatch, as she had a pair of hits in a 2-for-4 effort.

Rush singled in the first and fifth innings as Eastern Randolph proceeded to eventually strand her both times while leaving nine on base including at least one in six of the nine innings.

Beaver, Aniyah King, Gerrilyn Milligan and Leighanna Ward were all 1-for-4.

Edwards paced the West Stanly offense with a 1-for-4 outing with a run and a double while Barbee was 1-for-4 with an RBI, Meredith Harwood and Roslyn McRae 1-for-3 each, and Ashlyn Hughes 1-for-4.

Eastern Randolph's Gerrilyn Milligan reaches for a wild throw as West Stanly's Morgan Edwards slides for third in the first inning of their last state Championship game at UNCG Sunday afternoon. Randolph lost the game and the championship, 3-0.

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## Post 81 Juniors take wild win over Post 36

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — The Eastern Randolph Junior Legion team captured a wild 17-15 win over Kernersville on Saturday evening in Area III Northern Division play.

Eastern Randolph (3-7) fell behind 7-0 after one half inning and behind 10-5 and 13-9 after two and a half innings in the books.

A three spot in the bottom of the third, a run in the fifth, and four more in the sixth secured the victory for the locals, snapping a four-game

losing skid.

Ethan Sheppard had a monster game offensively for Eastern Randolph in going 2-for-4 at the plate, being hit by a pitch, scoring a pair of runs, smacking a triple and driving in seven. The triple to the centerfield fence by Sheppard came in the sixth and cleared the bases before he scored moments later on a wild pitch to up the Post 81 lead to 17-13.

Will Coltrane and Dustin Stephens walked and Jayden Moffitt singled to right field to load the bases.

A single by Adam Blevins coupled with an ER error and a hit batter led to a pair of runs in the top of the seventh to account for the 17-15 final.

Adding to the 12-hit Eastern Randolph attack in the win were Stephens going 3-for-4 with five runs, two RBI and a double while Brody Gardner was 2-for-3 with two runs and a

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double, Moffitt 2-for-3 with a run, Coltrane 2-for-4 with three runs, a walk and a double, Andrew Canter 1-for-4 with two RBI, Tyler Foust 0-for-3 with two walks and two RBI, and Kyle Smith who walked four times, drove in a run and scored three more.

Kernersville was led offensively by Colby Niten who was 3-for-5 with a run and an RBI while Trent Jones was 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBI, Owen Smith 2-for-4 with a walk, three runs and a double, Griffin Icenhower 1-for-4 with a run, a triple and four RBI, David Payne 1-for-3 with a run, a double, a walk and two RBI, and Zach Shearer 1-for-3 with three runs,

an RBI and two walks. Moffitt picked up the win for Post 81 after working 4.2 solid innings and allowing four hits, two runs (both unearned), no walks and striking out six.

Garrett Craven also hurled 2.0 innings for the locals and yielded five hits, six runs (five earned), and two walks while fanning one.

Post 36 reliever Colby Nixen was dealt the loss after going 4.2 innings and allowing six hits, eight runs (six earned), six walks and whiffing seven while starter Adam Blevins lasted just 1.1 innings and surrendered six hits, nine runs (eight earned), and four walks while striking out none.

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had walked and Aniyah King slapped an infield single to set the stage for Beaver.

In the bottom of the third, the Wildcats added onto their lead after Carter led off the inning with a double to left and moved to third on a groundout by King. Moments later, Brooklyn Rush put down a bunt as Carter sprinted home just ahead of the tag to put Eastern Randolph up 2-0.

The Wildcats added an insurance run in the fifth, opening the inning with a pair of singles b King and then Rush be-

fore Beaver sacrificed them into scoring position to set up Kelsey Craven's sacrifice fly to right which plated King from third to give the Wildcats a 3-0 advantage.

Beaver did the rest on the mound in firing the masterful shutout. Craven paced Eastern Randolph offensively with a 1-for-1 day that included a double, and RBI and a sacrifice fly while Carter closed 1-for-2 with two runs and a walk, King 1-for-2 with a run, Beaver 1-for-2 with an RBI, and Rush 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Shelby Barbee and Roslyn McCrae were both 1-for-3 for West Stanly in the loss while Jordan Hatch suffered the loss on the mound after working all six innings and allowing five hits, three runs, a walk and fanning seven.

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# Triple play lifts Post 81 to victory

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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RAMSEUR — With Eastern Randolph clinging to a two-run lead entering the top of the seventh, Mocksville Post 54 put its first two batters on base in the final frame before Post 81 managed to pull off a tailor-made triple play to conclude the contest and wrap up a 4-2 non-conference American Legion victory Wednesday night on Grady Lawson Field.

Gaining a split in the season series, Eastern Randolph registered at least one hit every inning while improving to 2-5 for the year, whereas Mocksville fell to 4-6 overall.

After Logan Hosch drew a leadoff walk in the visitors' seventh and courtesy runner Will Cheek advanced to second when David Highman reached on an infield error, both runners were on the move when Nick Word scorched a line drive right to Post 81 second baseman Nate Canter, who threw to first baseman Nyk Poland to force out Highman prior to Poland throwing to shortstop Evan Shaw at second before Cheek could return to the bag to complete the rare game-ending sequence.

Eastern Randolph starting pitcher Colton Craven hurled four and one-third innings to pick up the win, giving up five hits and a pair of earned runs while striking out four.

Post 81 reliever Chandler Kime threw one and two-third innings, allowing one hit in addition to walking four (one intentional) and whiffing a pair prior to Clay Edmonson tossing one scoreless frame to collect a save.

"Craven gave us a good effort on the mound tonight before he felt some discomfort in his right arm in the top of the fifth and we had to go to the bullpen," remarked Eastern Randolph coach Jerry Kidd.

"We took advantage of Mocksville mistakes which contributed to all our runs and put guys in motion on the bases, playing some hit-and-run, although we need to do a better job getting our bunts down to move people up," Kidd said. "As a group we still need a little more offense,

but the infield defense played really well this evening."

Hard-luck loser Jalen Austin went the distance on the hill for Post 54, yielding eight hits and four unearned runs while fanning six. The right-hander threw a total of 84 pitches, including 62 (74 percent) for strikes.

"Austin pitched a great game but we just couldn't give him any run support," said Mocksville coach Charles Kurfees. "Errors caused us to fall behind early while we stranded a few guys in scoring position, and those are things you can't have in a close ball game. The bottom line was our pitching showed up tonight, but the gloves and the bats didn't."

Post 81 fashioned a 1-0 lead its initial turn at bat as Chris Morgan was nicked by a pitch with one away, moved to third when Connor Murphy reached on an infield miscue and came home on Camden Fuquay's sacrifice fly to deep left.

Eastern Randolph increased its advantage to 3-0 in the bottom of the second as Shaw led off by bunting his way on base and went to second on Canter's single to right.

One out later Cade Snotherly reached on an infield muff that allowed Shaw to race home while Canter advanced to second and tallied one out later on Murphy's base hit to center.

Post 54 picked up a solo run in the top of the fourth as Joe Johnson opened the frame with an opposite-field single down the right field line, stole second, moved to third on a fly-out and came home on Hunter Meacham's two-out double up the alley in right-center.

Mocksville closed the gap to 3-2 in the visitors' fifth when Hosch lined a base hit to center with one away and went to second on a wild pitch prior to tallying on Highman's double to center field.

Post 81 then added an insurance run in the bottom half of the fifth to close out the scoring when Mason Canoy, who went three-for-three at the plate, notched a one-out infield hit, stole second and dashed home as Shaw reached on a two-out infield error.

## East Chatham Tournament Champions

8U



The East Chatham Raptors put the finishing touches on the regular season and tournament titles on Saturday with a 9-3 win over the East Chatham Lake Monsters to conclude the season 12-2. Coaches from left: Greg Owens, Christian Batcheller, Matt Mospan, Matt McGovern. Players are Top from left: Price Batcheller, Declan McCann, Dex Owens, Carter Mospan, Joseph Barbour, William McGovern, Brody Johnson. Bottom from left: Elliot Plitt, Christian Batcheller, Nathan Maynor, Jackson Mospan, Bryce Hogg.

10U



The East Chatham A's downed the East Chatham Rays 8-2 on Saturday to capture the tournament title to finish 8-5 on the season. Coaches: (not pictured) Jimmy Simpson, Daniel Huneycutt, Cliff Stickney. Players top from left: Gabriel Storrs, Jack Simpson, Miles Johnson, Conner Stickney, Liam McCann, Noah Smith. Players bottom from left: Ben Taylor, Logan Guhr, Brody Zsuppan, Gavin Rocket, Bryce Huneycutt

12U



The East Chatham Red Sox defeated the East Chatham Pirates 10-7 on Saturday to capture the league tournament title and finish 6-7 on the season. Coaches (not pictured): Dan Spillman, Joe Seawell, Mike Mineer. Players top from left: Jayden Seawell, Josh Brown, Jagger Emerson, Eric Hepburn, Brandon Rives, Omar Gallegos, Jesse Sikes. Bottom from left: Tate Kidd, Thomas Springle, Tannin Friedt, Samuel Fry, John Spillman.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Sheriff's office recovers stolen items, charges Siler City man

Andrew Brown, 29, of Siler City has been charged with multiple felony counts of larceny and more after the Chatham County Sheriff's Office linked him with a series of larcenies in west Chatham from last month.

In early May, the sheriff's office received a string of reports of stolen items, including two dirt bikes and a four-wheeler, with an estimated total value of more than \$8,000. The property was taken from addresses on Bonlee Bennett Road, James Caviness Road and Siler City Glendon Road, according to a release from the sheriff's office.

After investigation, deputies connected Brown with the crimes, and a search conducted at his residence revealed the stolen items, which were returned to their owners.

Brown has been charged with felony breaking and entering, two counts of felony larceny of a motor vehicle, felony attempted larceny, three counts of felony possession of stolen goods/property, larceny, and possession of stolen goods/property.

He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a June 10 court date in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

## Henderson man arrested on financial, identity theft crimes

Charles Rigsbee, 45, of Henderson was arrested May 24 in relation to charges including identity theft and financial card fraud occurring in Chatham County.

According to a press release from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Rigsbee is accused of using fraudulently-obtained financial cards at ATMs, convenience stores and restaurants, racking up charges of more than \$3,000. The actions came to the attention of the sheriff's office in January, when the victim reported a credit card had been taken out in his name.

Rigsbee is facing charges of felony identity theft, felony financial card fraud and misdemeanor financial card fraud. He was taken into custody by the Vance County Sheriff's Office and assigned a \$40,000 bond. His first court appearance is scheduled for June 10 in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Brandolyn Horton, 35, of Pittsboro, was charged May 28 with failure to appear and resisting a public officer. She was held under a \$6,000 bond with a June 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Amanda Davis, 37, of Siler City, was charged May 28 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$20,000 bond with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Peyton Constantine, 27, of Moncure, was charged May 30 with a violation of domestic violence protective order. He was held under no bond with a June 5 court date in Pittsboro.

James Nichols, 33, of Asheboro, was taken into custody May 30 for a warrant service from another jurisdiction. He was held under a \$225 bond with a July 8 court date in Newton.

Shantese Burnett, 20, of Pittsboro, was charged May 31 with breaking and entering a motor vehicle, attempted uttering and identity theft. She was released on a written promise with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Jeremy Lohry, 24, of Warrenton, was charged May 31 with failure to appear/child support. He was held under a \$3,507 bond with a court date in Franklin.

Laneisha Allen, 18, of Siler City,

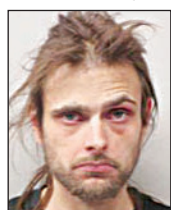
was charged May 31 with communication threats. She was released on a written promise with a June 25 court date in Siler City.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deborah Thomas, 51, of Siler City, was taken into custody May 30 on a warrant service for failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a June 26 court date in Pittsboro.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Abigail Herrera Leal of Winston-Salem was cited May 27 for a yield violation on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.



Brown



Rigsbee



Staff photo by David Bradley

## Change your password!

Hugh Harris, an attorney with the N.C. Attorney General's Office, presented solutions Thursday for the elderly who may encounter scammers attempting to prey on their age group. He recommended changing passwords every month as a method to fighting back against scammers. Presentations from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and the Senior Medicare Patrol Program the Western Chatham Senior Center offered additional tips and solutions to the crowd.



Staff photo by David Bradley

## Who's received their new Medicare card?

Stephanie Bias with the North Carolina Senior Medicare Patrol Program talks about scams targeting the elderly during last Thursday's information session on elder abuse at the Western Chatham Senior Center. Her real life stories offered examples of medicare fraud and phone scams, and how seniors can avoid them.



Staff photo by David Bradley

## Law enforcement wants to know

Detective Mike Copeland with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office stressed the importance of constant vigilance and security for one's identity at Thursday's meeting at the Western Chatham Senior Center. His presentation, one of three during the program, told the group who to call and what to do in case of identity theft.



Staff photo by David Bradley

## Fight!

Marion Goldston of Siler City raises her hand in the fight against fraud during Thursday's Elder Abuse Seminar at the Western Chatham Senior Center. The fight, she said, 'means when you are aware of crime of fraud, report it. Let people know you are fighting against it.'

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**Kid Scoop Together**

## Book Scoop

Use the Decoder Ring to discover the name of this fun book by Jane Yolen, which is available at the library. To fill in the blanks, find the letter on the outer ring, then replace it with the letter below it on the inner ring.



Commander Toad and his crew on the spaceship *Star Wars* come across a black hole while leapfrogging across the galaxy. Something long, pink, and sticky grabs their spaceship and it isn't space gum — it's the tongue of an E.T.T. — an Extra-Terrestrial Toad! When all else fails, Commander Toad has to resort to a secret weapon from his past to save the ship from "toad-al" destruction.

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# Black Holes

Black holes in space are hard to see. But some black holes, especially super big ones, stand out. They gather bright rings of gas and other material.

This year, a world-spanning network of observatories, called the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT), zoomed in on a huge galaxy called M87 to create the first-ever photograph of a black hole.



Photo: Event Horizon Telescope (EHT)

## First Black Hole Photo

This super huge black hole is about 55 million light-years away in a galaxy called M87.

While the existence of black holes was first discussed by Albert Einstein and other scientists a little more than 100 years ago, it wasn't until this April that a photograph of one was taken.

## Don't Let the Name Black Hole Fool You!

A black hole is not empty. Rather, it is a great amount of matter packed into a very small area — think of a star ten times more massive than the sun squeezed into a sphere approximately the diameter of New York City. Packing all that matter into one little space causes a huge **gravitational field** so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape.



It would be like squashing all the bricks, concrete, steel, wood and glass of a large building into a tiny ball smaller than the size of a pea.

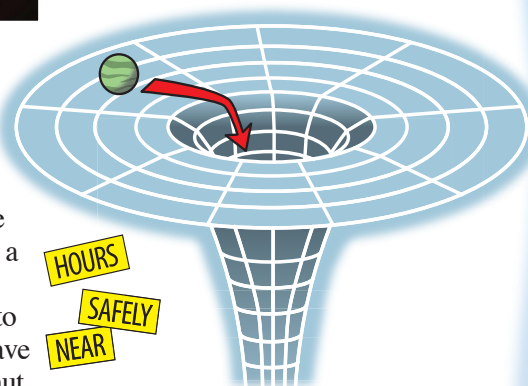
Katie Bouman, a 29-year old graduate student, came up with the math and made it possible for the EHT to capture the first photo of a black hole!

## Black Holes and Time

Replace the missing words.

SPACESHIP PASSED ASTRONAUT

If an \_\_\_\_\_ was able to get close to a black hole \_\_\_\_\_ and spend a few \_\_\_\_\_ there, a strange thing would happen when he or she returned to their \_\_\_\_\_. Many years might have \_\_\_\_\_ in Earth time while the astronaut was \_\_\_\_\_ the black hole!



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## What is a black hole?

When a star implodes, it collapses in on itself. The tremendous gravity of this can create a black hole.

A whirlpool in water is similar in some ways to a black hole. Both have a core that sucks in whatever is close by, which in a black hole includes light.

## Spaghettification

What do noodles and spaghetti have to do with black holes? The closer one gets to a black hole, the stronger the pull of its gravity. As the gravity pulls things towards the black hole, they get stretched out like a long piece of spaghetti. That's called **spaghettification**, or the noodle effect.

Here's what a carrot might look like during spaghettification.



Draw what you think these things might look like if they went through spaghettification.



## Extra! Extra! What's the area?

Area is the measure of how much space there is on a flat surface. Practice calculating area by measuring the sides of photographs in the newspaper. To find the area, multiply the length by the height.

Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Measure using standard units.

## Libraries are Here to Help You!

Do you ever struggle with your homework? Libraries to the rescue! Most libraries have after-school programs to give one-on-one help to students. A tutor or a volunteer will provide personal help with a school assignment. Some libraries offer online help. And for students that perhaps do not have internet access at home, some libraries provide reference sources suitable for students.

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **NETWORK**

The noun **network** means a group or system of interconnected things.

The **network** was used to alert the community to danger.

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

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

The words black and hole are often used in **compound words**. Those are words created by combining two smaller words. Use the words floating in space to create compound words by combining them with either the word BLACK or the word HOLE.

**BLACK**

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**HOLE**

BLACKTOP

SMITH

POTHOLE

TOP

BLOW

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

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

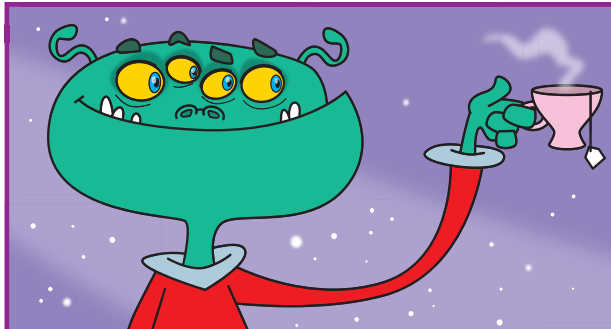
## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Exclamation Points!

Count all the exclamation points you can find in each section of the newspaper. Graph your results. Which section has the most? Why do you think this is?



Standards Link: Math: Students summarize and display data.



What do you get if you cross a space alien and a hot drink?

ANSWER: Gravi-teal!

## Write On!

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# Officials taking steps to prep for hurricane season and urge you do so, too

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — June 1 marked the quiet beginning of this year's Atlantic hurricane season, which continues through the end of November, and while the season began unremarkably and forecasters predict "normal" storm activity this year, state officials are urging residents to be ready and Chatham County emergency officials are working to ensure they're prepared for whatever comes.

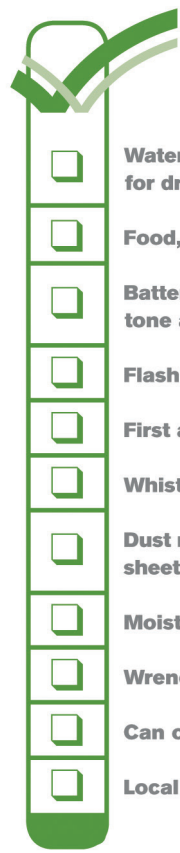
Such preparations at the county level, according to Chatham County emergency management director Steve Newton, continue throughout the year. Staff trains not only for hurricane preparedness but for other natural disasters or situations that may require their action on behalf of public safety.

"I think we're at a good place now," Newton said, "but we're never going to let our guard down."

Newton noted that some effects of last year's saturating hurricane season have continued to require attention. The N.C. Dept. of Transportation, for instance, is still working to remove trees and debris from around bridges throughout the area.

And residents in northeastern Chatham County off Jeremiah Drive, which has had a long history of flooding, are getting some relief as the DOT crews work to raise the road level to above flood levels. That work is continuing now.

But beyond those ongoing efforts to address storm-related concerns, Newton said county emergency officials train throughout the year.



**Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:**

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Graphic by Federal Emergency Management Agency

Recently, they participated in a regional exercise with emergency management officials from Lee and Harnett counties at Harris Nuclear Plant in New Hill. And last week, Chatham emergency management officials participated in a two-day training exercise with state officials.

"We regularly get the band together and practice," Newton said. "We make sure we don't get rusty."

Newton said he and his staff continually learn from experience, including last year's Hurricane Florence response. After last year's storms, county officials are working to improve local shelters,

including budgeting for additional back-up power sources.

According to researchers at N.C. State in Raleigh, the 2019 season should see 13 to 16 named storms forming in the Atlantic basin, which includes the entire Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

This is slightly higher than the long-term (1950 to 2018) average of 11 named storms, but the 2019 forecast is in line with the recent (1995 to 2018) average of 14, researchers in Raleigh said. Of those named storms, five to seven may grow strong enough to become hurricanes. The historical average is six, N.C. State

researchers said, adding that two to three of those storms could become major hurricanes.

N.C. State researchers evaluated more than 100 years of historical data on Atlantic Ocean hurricane positions and intensity and other variables including weather patterns and sea-surface temperatures to predict how many storms will form this year in each ocean basin.

While this year's season is just beginning, two back-to-back years of intense hurricane activity, including last year's day's-long soaking from Hurricane Florence, remain a vivid memory for those who experienced it.

State officials say now, in the relative calm of late spring and early summer, is the best time for residents to ensure they are prepared for bad weather that may strike later in the season.

"North Carolina has

been hit by two huge storms in two years, and we know from experience that any storm should be taken seriously," said N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper, who proclaimed a week last month as Hurricane Preparedness Week. "We hope and pray that North Carolina will be spared this hurricane season, but we must do everything we can to be prepared."

Here's what state emergency officials recommend we do:

- Prepare an emergency supply kit, which should contain enough supplies not just to get through a storm, but for a potentially lengthy aftermath. Make sure to have include enough non-perishable food and water to last each family member three to seven days.

Kits should also include:

- Copies of insurance papers and identification sealed in a watertight plastic bag
- First-aid kit
- Weather radio and batteries
- Needed prescription medicines
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Changes of clothes
- Hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and deodorant
- Cash
- Pet supplies including food, water, leashes, bedding, muzzle and vaccination records.

"It's critical that people prepare themselves and their families now for emergencies," said N.C. Public Safety Secretary Erik A. Hooks. "Prepare not just for the storm itself but for the days to follow, as with the larger storms it sometimes takes a few days for essential services to be restored."

Hooks reiterated that the most dangerous threat from hurricanes and tropical storms is flooding and storm surge. The storm doesn't even have to be classified as a tropical system to cause serious damage, said Hooks.

Other steps state officials recommend to take

now:

- Know your evacuation routes and plan how you would get to safer ground if needed.

- Consider flood insurance, especially if you live near a body of water or in an area that has ever experienced flooding.

- Sign up for flood alerts from FIMAN, the N.C. Flood Inundation Mapping and Alert Network, to get up-to-the-minute warnings on potential flooding.

This week, N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler issued a plea for farmers to prepare for hurricane season.

"So many of us are still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Florence," said Troxler. "This storm has been a disastrous reminder of just how important it is to have an emergency plan for your farm, food company or agribusiness. Take precautions, think through your plan now and discuss it with your employees and family."

Planning, Troxler said, helps farmers protect their families, workers, equipment and buildings. "Livestock operations should maintain emergency plans that address power needs and on-site feed capabilities," he said. "Also, identify places to relocate animals from low-lying areas. We need farmers to take these precautions to reduce animal losses from the storm."

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has a website, [www.ncagr.gov/disaster](http://www.ncagr.gov/disaster), with links and resources for different types of agribusinesses to plan and recover from a disaster. A Farm Emergency Plan Template is available on the site to help organize information that is needed after a disaster.

Additional information on hurricanes and how to prepare can be found on the ReadyNC mobile app and online at [www.ReadyNC.org](http://www.ReadyNC.org).

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## Bridge to be replaced on U.S. 15-501 at Chatham, Lee County line

From the N.C. Dept. of Transportation

RALEIGH — Work is getting underway on a project to replace the bridge that carries U.S. 15-501/N.C. 87 over the Deep River at the border of Chatham and Lee counties.

The N.C. Department of Transportation recently awarded an \$8.8 million contract to Smith-Rowe LLC of Mount Airy for the project. The new bridge should be open to traffic by June 1, 2021.

The existing bridge is 70 years old. While it is still safe to travel on, it is considered structurally deficient, which means it has reached the end of its use-

ful life and needs to be replaced.

The new, 600-foot-long bridge will be built about 75 feet west of the existing bridge. It will include two 12-foot lanes, and shoulders 6 and 8 feet in width. The design will also accommodate the possibility of future greenways on either side of the river.

Traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge until the new bridge is complete, minimizing the impact on highway traffic. Lane closures may be utilized at various points of project, but will not be allowed at peak traffic times — Monday through Friday from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.



Staff photo by David Bradley

## 'Grocery Story' author visits

Jon Steinman, center, made a stop to the Chatham Marketplace co-op in Pittsboro Monday as part of his book tour. George Shaw, Ruth Green, Steinman, Fred Broadwell and Evan Diamond, from left, talked about the value of the co-op in communities across the country. His book is designed to raise awareness about decision-making about our food, who owns grocery companies, and where consumers' money is going. He says the power is in the hands of the manufacturers, not the people.

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**About Pandora Paschal:**  
A native of Chatham County, Paschal is Chatham County's director of elections for the Chatham County Board of Elections. A graduate of Chatham Central, Paschal attended Sandhills Community College. She is a graduate of Chatham County Leadership Academy and Chatham County Advanced Leadership Academy, a Certified North Carolina Elections Administrator and a Certified Elections Registration Administrator through The Election Center with academic instruction from Auburn University, and completed the 2018 Director of Elections "Boot Camp" at the North Carolina State Board of Elections. Paschal has been with the Chatham County Board of Elections for 15 years. "People think we only work one day out of the year," she said. "The board and the staff has the responsibility to ensure that Chatham County citizens have access to fair and impartial elections, whether they vote early, absentee by mail, or in person on Election Day. They can be assured that every vote counts in accordance with state and federal elections laws." Paschal is the daughter of Josephine Dowdy Cotten, and the late Fred Coley Cotten. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Jerry Lynn Paschal. Together they have one daughter and a dog.

**What was your first paying job, and what did it**

**teach you?**

Kayser Roth Hosiery Mill in Goldston, when I was 15 years old, re-pricing socks. Having to be at work at 7 a.m. taught me not to be lazy; if you want anything in life you have to be willing to get up early and go get it!

**Who is your personal hero?**

My husband of almost 28 years.

**Coke or Pepsi?**

Pepsi

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

Get up early!

**What makes your home special?**

My family.

**Your strongest trait:**

My faith and sense of humor.

**Words or phrases you overuse:**

It is what it is!

**What radio station do you listen to most frequently?**

103.9 FM

**What do you plan to do after retirement?**

Whatever I want to do!

**What's your favorite snack food?**

Lays potato chips.

**One food you'll never be caught eating:**

Beets.

**If you could eliminate any invention, what would it be?**

Social media.

**The most famous person**



Staff photo by Casey Mann.

**Pandora Paschal, Executive Director for the Chatham County Board of Elections.**

**you've ever met:**

Olympic Champion Marion Jones — she came to the office in 2004 to register to vote.

**The credo or motto you like to try to live by:**

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you."

**What was your dream job when you were a child?**

Secretary.

**Favorite professional**

**sports team:**

Golden State Warriors.

**Did you have a childhood nickname?**

"Pansy" and "Panky."

**Favorite season?**

Spring or fall.

**If you could create one rule that all society had to live by, what would it be?**

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

**How do you define success?**



Submitted Photo

**Pandora Paschal is married to her high school sweetheart. Paschal shared her prom picture with the News + Record.**

Having peace of mind, knowing you made an effort to do the best you could at the end of each day.

**What's the most important thing your job has taught you?**  
Never assume anything.

# 'Ma' brims with contradiction, confusion, camp, compassion, crass

One of the many tropes in horror films is that the villain is often concealed in some fashion, whether it's their identity, their physical appearance, and/or their motivations. The scariest aspect to slashers like Jason Voorhees, Michael Myers and Leatherface is their masked visages coupled with inscrutable impulses, beyond generalized childhood trauma. Their compulsions remain largely unknown, forcing us to callously dissect and even blame their victims in order to derive meaning from the otherwise mindless carnage.

"Ma" takes a different approach. The antagonist is Sue Ann "Ma" Ellington, played by Octavia Spencer, an unassuming veterinary tech in a small Ohio town (filming took place in Mississippi). From the moment a group of teenagers beg Sue Ann to buy them booze from the local mini mart, we're keenly aware that something is off with "Ma."

They initially wave off Sue Ann's eccentricities, especially after she offers her spacious basement for the local kids to carouse instead of having to dodge cops at the rock pit. Still, it's hard to explain their collective blind eye once Sue Ann holds one teen at gunpoint and makes him strip nude, something that happens during their first visit to her house! Even after they collectively block an increasingly unhinged Sue Ann from their phones and she shoehorns her way back in using a new number, the high schoolers still show up back at Ma's place to party hearty.

For a while, it appears that Sue Ann might be an intriguing variation on the horror villain archetype, a smiling reaper sent to punish would-be innocents for sinfully succumbing to drink, drugs and debauchery. But the screenplay by Scotty Landes and director Tate Taylor isn't that nostalgic or subversive. Instead, they provide Sue Ann an elaborate backstory that involves her own high school experiences with the parents of her new party pals. They include Maggie (Diana Silvers, who between



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

**Octavia Spencer stars in 'Ma.'**

this and "Booksmart" is having a busy May) and her mom, ex-cheerleader Erica (Juliette Lewis), a divorcee who attended school with Sue Ann and just moved back to town to take work as a casino cocktail waitress. Maggie has eyes for Andy, the son of Sue Ann's erstwhile tormentor Ben (Luke Evans), a pretty skeezy person who also understandably doesn't want Sue Ann luring his son to her house and plying him with alcohol.

However, Sue Ann's origin story only adds layers of contradiction and confusion. The audience is meant to find schadenfreude in the revenge aspect of Sue

Ann's actions, her payback against those who subjected her to an awful, emotionally damaging prank years ago. But not only is Sue Ann's ultimate retaliation against them wildly excessive, but any sympathy for her falls well short of her obsession over their children. It puts the audience in a schizophrenic spot, and by the time Sue Ann reaches the "Saw"-like culmination of her plan, "Ma" has utterly lost its plot and any modicum of empathy for Sue Ann is rendered moot. Moreover, there's an obvious racial component to this landscape, referenced only indirectly during the film's denouement,

**"MA"**  
**GRADE:** C +  
**DIRECTOR:** Tate Taylor  
**STARRING:** Octavia Spencer, Juliette Lewis, Diana Silvers, Luke Evans, Missi Pyle, McKaley Miller, Corey Fogelmanis, and Allison Janney  
**MPAA RATING:** R  
**RUNNING TIME:** 1 hr. 40 min.

that is criminally unexplored.

It's a tribute to Spencer's acting ability that she manages to navigate this rollercoaster role without losing face. Spencer maintains a simmering manic undercurrent

that's the closest thing this film has to a narrative throughline. But even that's not enough to stitch together the disparate parts of this Frankenstein's monster of a film that's torn between camp, compassion and crass.

## Dr. Lisa Chapman Joins WGU NC Board of Advisors



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**Central Carolina Community College President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman will join the Board of Advisors of WGU North Carolina**

**CN+R STAFF REPORT**

RALEIGH — Central Carolina Community College President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman will join the Board of Advisors of WGU North Carolina, an affiliate of the national online nonprofit Western Governors University, WGU officials said.

Earlier this year Dr. Chapman and WGU North Carolina Chancellor Catherine Truitt signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will ease the transition for CCCC graduates to pursue bachelor's degrees offered by WGU, provide tuition discounts, and provide access to scholarship funds.

Dr. Chapman became president of Central Carolina Community College on April 1. Prior to that, she served as senior vice president/chief academic officer at the North Carolina Community College System office in Raleigh. Before going to the state level in 2014, Dr. Chapman had been with CCCC for 27 years. At the college, she held the positions of instructor, chair of the Math and Science

Department, academic dean, vice president of academic affairs/chief academic officer, and executive vice president of instruction/chief academic officer.

WGU is an accredited online university offering more than 60 bachelor's and master's degree programs in healthcare, IT, business and K-12 education. The university has more than 115,000 students enrolled nationwide, including about 3,000 in North Carolina. Tuition is around \$3,225 per six-month term for most degree programs.

"I've known Dr. Chapman for a long time, and it is an absolute honor to have her join WGU North Carolina's Board of Advisors," said Chancellor Truitt. "She will do an excellent job advocating for North Carolina's community college students, and will help us further align our efforts to develop an educated and highly employable workforce in rural North Carolina."

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**DR. LISA M. CHAPMAN, President of Central Carolina College**

consistently serve our community college graduates," Dr. Chapman said. "I appreciate the additional, affordable, seamless baccalaureate pathways provided for our graduates as we partner to meet our workforce needs throughout the state."

For more information about WGU North Carolina, visit [www.wgu.edu/north-carolina.html](http://www.wgu.edu/north-carolina.html). To learn more about Central Carolina Community College, visit [www.cccc.edu](http://www.cccc.edu).

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## OFFICE SPACE RENT

**OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE**, Downtown Pittsboro on Hillsboro Street across from Courthouse. Call 919-612-0596 for details. Jun6,1tc

**RENTAL - COMMERCIAL**/Office Bldg/Church, 900+ sq ft, 6 rooms including kitchen, Handicap ramp and parking, \$650/mo, Siler City, 919-663-3137. F28,tfnc

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## YARD SALES

**YARD SALE, SATURDAY, 6/8, 9** to 1, Tools, ladders, new lawn hose, boots, cowboy hat, men's Xlg shirts, electronics, housewares, decor, linens, 1012 Cliffwood Drive, Siler City. Jun6,1tp

## AUTOS FOR SALE

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## AUCTIONS

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## HELP WANTED

**TOWN OF SILER CITY TELE-COMMUNICATOR:** General Statement of Duties: Performs intermediate technical work receiving and dispatching law enforcement, receives and processes emergency and non-emergency service calls, assists the public with informational requests, prepares and maintains records and files. - This position receives incoming routine and emergency police and public utilities calls, dispatches proper personnel for assistance, and maintains contact with police units. Employees also utilize a 911 emergency telephone system with computer-aided dispatch to receive and dispatch calls and enters disposition of calls. Work involves frequent public contact which requires tact, firmness, and decisiveness in obtaining necessary information from people who are under extreme stress. Work is performed in accordance with departmental policy and State and Federal law, supplemented with specific directions from sworn personnel. Work is performed under the moderate supervision of the Telecommunications Supervisor. - Education and Experience Requirements: Graduation from high school or high school equivalent. Moderate experience in communications, dispatching, or clerical/administrative work. Obtain DCI certification Modules, I, II, and III within six months of hire. - Annual Hiring Salary: \$31,984. - To Apply: This posting is open until filled. A completed application is required and can be found at www.silercity.org. It may be mailed or delivered to Nancy Darden at City Hall, 311 N Second Avenue, PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or submitted via email to ndarden@silercity.org. Pre-employment drug testing and background checks are required upon conditional job offer. EOE. -- The Town of Siler City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Siler City's applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, disability, or other legally protected status. The Town invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such as arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Sec-

ond Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. -- Esta informacion está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. Jun6,1tc

**CHATHAM COUNTY- Social Work Supervisor III - Child Protective Services** - Intake, Foster Care and In Home Services - Provide leadership and supervision to a unit of Social Workers in Child Protective Services (CPS). This position must assess all social work interventions with families to ensure that they comply with state laws and federal mandates, and ensure that all case decisions have the primary focus of safety and well-being of children. The intake unit also receives APS reports. This position build partnerships with community agencies, participates in court proceedings, plans and facilitates the work flow of the unit, shares on-call supervision with other supervisors, and interacts with families being served. This position also currently oversees some emergency financial assistance programs as a part of intake services. MSW with 2 years experience preferred or BSW and 2 years CPS experience. CPS Pre-service Training (Mandatory). CPS Intake (Strongly Preferred). APS Intake (Preferred). Legal and Medical Aspects of CPS (Preferred). Previous Supervisory Experience (Preferred). Equivalent Training/Experience. For more information, including the website for state application and full job requirements, visit www.chathamnc.org. Salary: \$55,044. Position Closes, June 14, 2019. EOE. Jun6,1tc

**Chatham County - Tax Administrator's Office - Business Personal Property Appraiser** - Work involves processing business personal tax statements and performing the annual listing and assessing of business personal property. Verifies accuracy of listings filed for auditing purposes. Responsible for the discovery of new businesses, reviewing and processing public utility billing, conducting on-site audits, performing in house audits under \$50,000, and generating listing forms. Must have good mathematic skills, and be able to understand accounting procedures, be able to read, interpret and understand maps for property locations. High school diploma and three years experience in bookkeeping-clerical work, with some experience in assessing preferred; or an equivalent combination of experience and training. Hiring Rate: \$41,075-\$52,370. Position closes June 16, 2019. For more information and full job requirements, visit www.chathamnc.org. EOE. Jun6,1tc

**CHATHAM COUNTY - Utility Service Worker Temporary** - Duties include, assisting crew members with connecting/disconnecting water services, installing/repairing water and sewer mains/laterals, flushing and sampling and assisting with new accounts, completion of work orders. Must work under all types of weather conditions and provide excellent customer service. General knowledge and experience utilizing tools, materials and equipment used in general construction and maintenance work. High school diploma or equivalent and a valid NC driver's license. Salary: \$14.00 per hour. Position closes June 12, 2019; 5:00pm. To apply, visit www.chathamnc.org. EOE. Jun6,1tc

**PINEY GROVE U.M.C.** has an immediate opening for a part-time Choir Director. This

is a paid position. For more information, call Cliff at 919-818-7847 or send resume to the church at P.O. Box 9, Siler City, NC 27344. My30,Jun6,13,20,27,5tc

**CAROLINA ADVANCED DIGITAL** is seeking a Government Sales Order Specialist to join our team! Immediate opening, part-time. We are hiring candidates for this position to work out of our Siler City, NC location, which is a federal HUB-Zone. You must also live in a HUBZone. Check your address here: <https://maps.certify.sba.gov/hubzone/map> - Daily Responsibilities include: Provide customer service and account support for government/federal customers, Responsible for inside sales functions, quotes, contract maintenance, Data entry and customer database maintenance. Skills & experience, Exceptional written and verbal communication skills, Moderate software skills: Word, Excel, Adobe Acrobat. Great customer service skills/attitude. If you are hardworking, responsible, detail-oriented, have a great personality, a sense of humor and have an interest in information technology, apply here: <https://jsco.re/2q0uy>, My23,Jun6,13,4tc

**SEEKING FULL-TIME HANDY-MAN** w/5 years experience, in Modular Home Building Industry and/or stick-built industry. Must have valid NC DL. Pays \$15 - \$20 per hour, based on experience. Apply in person at Suits Homes, Inc., 1000 East 11th Street, Siler City or call 919-548-7953. A11,tfnc

**CHATHAM PTA THRIFT SHOP** is looking for a part-time truck driver. Must have a clean driving record and be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Our Cole Park Store is looking for a senior clerk to run a cash register. Some lifting may be required. A4,tfnc

**NEEDED IMMEDIATELY** - CNAs needed for CAP cases in Siler City and also Pittsboro. If you need work, please contact us at 919-545-2027, F22,tfnc

## MISC

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, An item of value was found in Siler City recently. If the owner will call 919-200-1950 and identify the item with a name, address and a contact phone number, it will be returned as soon as the owner pays for this ad, \$10.40. Jun6,1tp

## LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified on the 6th day of May, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **RICHARD M. CRAFTS, Sr.** a/k/a Richard Morton Crafts, Sr., deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims

against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 14th 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 the 14th day of May, 2019 Richard M. Crafts, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Richard M. Crafts, Sr. a/k/a Richard Morton Crafts, Sr. 4011 University Drive Suite 300 Durham, NC 27707 G. Rhodes Craver, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 My16,My23,My30,Jun6,4tc

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**19 E 216** 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 My16,My23,My30,Jun6,4tc

**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. Debtors of the Decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 13th day of May, 2019. Diane A. Wallis of

## CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

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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 My16,My23,My30,Jun6,4tc

**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

## PUBLIC AUCTION

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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 corpora-

tions 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 My16,My23,My30,Jn6,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons, firms and corpora-

rations 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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**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 DEVICES OF CHARLES GRESHAM, et al**  
Defendants  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEVICES 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

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 My30,Jn6,Jn13,Jn20,4tp

**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,Jn20,4tp

**TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on June 17, 2019 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:  
1. William F. & Sallie T. Milholen proposes to rezone ~11.01 acres from Agricultural-Residential (A-R) to Light-Industrial (L-I). The subject property is located at the southwest intersection of Harold Andrews Rd. and US 421 N. and is identified as parcel # 61149.  
2. Fisher Adams, LLC proposes to rezone ~ 0.53 acres from Central-Business (C-C) to Office-Institutional (O-I). The subject property is located at the southeast intersection of E. Beaver St. and S. Chatham Ave. and is identified as parcel # 16316.  
3. Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §255 Definitions (ideological sign, noncommercial sign, off-premises sign, permanent sign, personal expression sign, portable sign, sign), §256 Signs Excluded from Regulation, §257 Prohibited Signs, §259 Signs Which Do Not Require a Permit (construction signs, noncommercial signs, real estate/auction event signs, temporary signs for businesses) §260 On Premise Sign Regulation General Requirements, §262 Number of Freestanding Signs, §274 Special Provisions for Certain Signs of the UDO.  
The proposed items are available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the request are invited to attend the public hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on June 10 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board.  
The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. Jn6,Jn13,2tp

**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,Jn13,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified 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,Jn13,4tp

**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 with-in 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 aflloyd@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,Jn6,2tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
19 E 231 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix 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

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consider amendments to Section 8.8, Height Limitations Exceptions, to delete monuments and observation towers from the list of eligible exemptions and Section 10.13, Zoning Table of Permitted Uses, to require a conditional use permit for assembly occupancies in residential zoning districts. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312. Jn6,Jn13,2tc

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Town Clerk, www.silercity.org  
Jn6,Jn13,2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
All persons, firms or corporations having claims against **PAMELA SUE KUDER**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before September 8, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 6th day of June 2019. Janelle E. McDonald, Executor c/o R. Keith Shackelford, Attorney  
Warren, Shackelford & Thomas, P.L.L.C.  
Post Office Box 1187  
Wake Forest, NC 27588-1187  
(919) 556-3134  
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**LEGAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING**  
The proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for the Town of Siler City has been presented to the Town Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection in the Town Manager's Office at City Hall, 311 North Second Avenue from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays. A public hearing will be held on the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 on **Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom**, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina. Citizens are invited to submit written or oral comments. The following is a summary of the budget as presented: General Fund: 7,402,925.00 Powell Bill Fund: 346,395.00 Enterprise Fund (Water & Sewer) 7,775,616.00 Enterprise Fund (License Plate Agency)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
HAVING QUALIFIED, as Executrix of the Estate of **CECIL THOMAS WEAVER**, 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 September 9, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 6th day of June, 2019. **DONNA WEAVER** (a/k/a Donna Weaver De Lozada)  
306 South Dogwood Avenue  
Siler City, North Carolina 27344  
(919) 663-2533  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The County of Chatham, North Carolina (the "County") has

previously entered into an Installment Financing Contract (the "2009 Contract") dated as of July 1, 2009 with Capital Bank to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of improvements to multiple campuses of Central Carolina Community College and a library for the County and Central Carolina Community College. At its June 17, 2019 meeting, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina (the "County") will consider the adoption of a resolution which would authorize the County to: (1) refinance the 2009 Contract pursuant to an installment financing contract (the "Contract"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$7,150,000 under which the County will make certain installment payments, in order to refinance the 2009 Contract; and (2) proceed to provide, in connection with the Contract, as grantor, a deed of trust, security agreement and fixture filing (the "Deed of Trust") under which the County's interest in the sites of the Center for Sustainable Technologies and the Chatham Community Library and the improvements thereon located on the Chatham Main Campus of Central Carolina Community College, located at 764 West Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina (the "Mortgaged Property"), will be mortgaged by the County to create a lien thereon for the benefit of the entity, or its assigns, providing the funds to the County under the Contract. The Contract and the Deed of Trust permit the County to enter into amendments to finance additional projects using the Mortgaged Property as collateral and to refinance projects, and the County may or may not grant additional collateral in connection with such amendments. On payment by the County of all installment payments due under the

Contract, the Deed of Trust and any lien created thereunder will terminate and the County's title to the Mortgaged Property will be unencumbered. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Sections 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, that **on June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Historic Courthouse Courtroom**, 9 Hillsboro Street, Second Floor Courtroom, Pittsboro, North Carolina, a public hearing will be conducted concerning the approval of the execution and delivery of the Contract and the Deed of Trust and the County's refinancing of the 2009 Project. All interested parties are invited to present comments at the public hearing regarding the execution and delivery of the Contract and the refinancing of the 2009 Project thereby. /s/ Lindsay Ray Clerk to the Board of Commissioners  
County of Chatham, North Carolina  
Jn6,1tc

Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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**ELECTRONIC AUCTION**  
The **Town of Pittsboro** will hold an electronic auction of 1992 Ford Econoline E350, 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 short bed 2WD, 2002 Ford Crown Vic, 2008 Ford Crown Vic, 2007 Ford Crown Vic, 2003 21" Troy Bilt push lawn mower and Intek 22HP twin OHV riding lawn mower beginning June 17, 2019 and ending June 24, 2019. Website address to view and bid is [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com). A minimum will be set for each unit and all units not sold electronically will be disposed of according to the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The right is reserved to delete or "NO SALE" any item(s). All items are to be removed by June 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Any questions regarding this sale, contact: Cassandra Bullock, Town of Pittsboro at 919-542-4621 ext. 1100.  
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p.m. and cover the state of the Fire Department, financial report, and Board of Directors elections. If you reside in the Moncure Fire District and are a taxpayer, you are a member and encouraged to attend. Jn6,1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
State of NORTH CAROLINA  
County of CHATHAM  
The undersigned, Janet T. Keefer, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **BOBBY STALEY TEAGUE**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to present such claims to the undersigned in care of the undersigned's attorney at their address on or before September 5, 2019 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the above named Administrator. This the 6th day of June, 2019. Janet T. Keefer, Administrator Estate of Bobby Staley Teague c/o Justin N. Plummer, Esq. Law Offices of Cheryl David 528 College Rd. Greensboro, NC 27410 Telephone: 336-547-9999 Fax: 336-547-9477  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ANA JUDITH TRAYWICK**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **ANA JUDITH TRAYWICK**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Jack Dee Traywick as Limited Personal Representative of the decedent's estate on or before September 4, 2019, c/o Samantha Reichle, Attorney at Law, 205 Providence Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Limited Personal Representative. This the 6th day of June, 2019. Jack Dee Traywick, Limited Personal Representative c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty. TrustCounsel  
205 Providence Road

**MONCURE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL MEETING**  
The Moncure Fire Department will hold its annual meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019 at Moncure Fire Department, Station #8, located at 2389 Old US 1, Moncure, NC 27559. The meeting will begin at 7



**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Chatham Libraries' 2019 Summer Reading Program kicking off**

Chatham County Public Libraries has been named the recipient of a set of 25 Young Adult books nominated for the 2019 Teens' Top Ten list from YALSA, the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. The nominee list is comprised of 25 teen acclaimed young adult titles ranging from a multi-tude of different genres. Youth Services Librarian Katy Henderson applied for the giveaway on behalf of the Wren Memorial Library in Siler City, to bolster the Young Adult collection with the hope of attracting more teen users to the branch during the summer months. In a statement released by YALSA, Chatham County Public Libraries was included among 60 recipients of the giveaway, which was funded by The Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Teens everywhere can nominate their favorite titles to become the official nominees of the upcoming Teens' Top Ten. Nominations are posted in April during National Library Week, and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year between August 15 and the third week in October. For more information about the titles, or about the Teens' Top Ten, contact Youth Services at (919) 545-8085 or [katy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:katy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org).

**2nd annual Juneteenth set for June 22**

In keeping with its commitment to be an integral part of the community, Chatham Community Library, in partnership with Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE), is co-sponsoring the 2nd annual Juneteenth celebration from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the Chatham Agricultural & Conference Center (192 US Hwy 64 Business, Pittsboro). 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 NC Central University will speak on "African Civilization Before Slavery", Chatham County Commissioner Dr. James Crawford will

present on "The Origins and Trajectory of Slavery in the US", and Dr. Arwin Smallwood of North Carolina A&T will discuss "Native Americans, Africans and Slavery in NC". Robin Cleary from NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault will discuss "Human Trafficking in a Historical Context". A variety of food trucks will be on site. The first 400 guests to arrive will receive a FREE \$5.00 food truck coupon. Doors open to the free event at 10:30 AM. The event is 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.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org) or call the Library at (919) 545-8084

**Soul band 'Chairmen of the Board' to play June 12 in Sanford**

SANFORD — Soul music band Chairmen of the Board will be appearing at The Mann Center of NC in Sanford next week. The venue will host the Music Hall of Fame Group on June 12, with the concert kicking off at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$10, and all profits will benefit the renovation of the Mann Center. Tickets are

available at the venue, located at 507 N. Steele Street, Sanford, or online at [sanfordartsandvine.com](http://sanfordartsandvine.com). With one of Soul Music's all-time great group names, the Chairmen of the Board has pleased music lovers for over 30 years. Formed in Detroit, the Chairmen were one of the first acts signed by songwriting legends Holland/Dozier/Holland for their Invictus label following H/D/H's messy divorce from Motown. The group came out of the box strong in 1970 with the wonderful "Give Me Just A Little More Time," a classic early 70's radio smash highlighted by lead singer General Johnson's emotive, plaintive vocals. "Give Me" was the foundation of the group's excellent debut album, which also featured the infectious "(You've Got Me) Dangling on a String." Over the years, the Chairmen of the Board were among Soul Music's most consistent hit-makers, scoring big with "Pay to the Piper," "Finders Keepers," "Chairman of the Board" and the blissful "Everything's Tuesday." The Chairmen continued to record with moderate success, scoring a surprise hit in Europe in the early 2000's with the joyous "Bless Your Heart," a great tune and performance that sounds like it was plucked from their early 70s catalog. Group leader General Johnson died on October 13, 2010 at age 67. At the request of General Johnson to keep the group's legacy strong, 38-year member Ken Knox continues to lead the group touring with members Thomas Hunter and Brandon Stevens and 6 musicians. Two years later, Swiffer Jet used the group's timeless hit "Give Me Just a Little More Time" in a popular commercial for the company. The group also released their first single post-General Johnson titled "You." 2015, the group scored a No. 5 record on the UK Soul Charts with "Reach Out 2 Me," written by Thomas Hunter and Ken Knox with Production from famed UK Producer Nigel Lewis. The NFL's Carolina Panthers recently featured the group in a video and a halftime performance and continues to play their music during home games. Chairmen of the Board are members of the NC Music Hall of Fame. — CN+ R Staff Reports

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**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 18 FOR THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF U.S. 15-501 (HILLSBORO STREET) FROM LAUNIS STREET TO POWELL PLACE LANE PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY**

**STIP PROJECT NO. R-5724**

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on **June 18, 2019** regarding the proposed U.S. 15-501 (Hillsboro Street) roadway widening project in the Town of Pittsboro. The proposed project involves widening approximately 1.4 miles of U.S. 15-501 (Hillsboro Street) from Launis Street to Powell Place Lane in Chatham County.

The proposed project would widen the existing undivided, two-lane typical section south of U.S. 64 to a three-lane roadway. It would provide one lane in each direction with a continuous center turn lane, curb, gutter, a sidewalk on the west side and a multi-use path on the east side. Intersections with collector roads will also be upgraded. The project is included in the 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) with construction planned for fiscal year 2021.

An open-house public meeting will be held **June 18, 2019**, from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at **Forest Hall at Chatham Mills**, located at **480 Hillsboro Street** in Pittsboro.

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours. Please note that there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops. Written comments or questions may be submitted at the meeting, or by email, or USPS mail until **July 5, 2019**.

Project maps will be on display at the meeting and are available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings/>.

For additional information contact Jeffrey Teague, PE, NCDOT Project Manager by phone: (910) 773-8025 or via email at [jlteague@ncdot.gov](mailto:jlteague@ncdot.gov); or by mail: 121 DOT Drive, Carthage, NC 28327.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Diane Wilson by email at [pdwilson@ncdot.gov](mailto:pdwilson@ncdot.gov) or by phone at (919) 707-6073 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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