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Helping prepare new dads for the role of a lifetime

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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PITTSBORO — Since its debut in 1999, a program offered by the Chatham County Public Health Department has helped prepare nearly 400 new fathers for the challenging role of a lifetime.

Called Focus on Fathers, the unique program — it’s one of only two formal programs in North Carolina aimed at fostering better fathers — helps equip new dads with a variety of skills to make them better parents and providers, particularly during a child’s critical early years of development.

“The objectives of the Focus on Fathers program are to increase Chatham fathers’ family and life-skills competencies to prepare them for a life-long role of mentoring

their children, to address emotional support and provide life-skills training, and to promote father-child bonding through recreational and educational activities,” said Shannon Godbout, a social research associate for the department.

“To meet these objectives,” she said, “the Focus on Fathers team provides one-on-one assistance and support through home visits as well as group meetings and skill-building sessions.”

Focus on Fathers also offers job training and GED preparation in partnership with N.C. Works through Central Carolina Community College as well as a support group, kid’s playtime, educational time, and goal setting, Godbout said.

Parents with children up to 5 years of age may participate in the program.

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GRADUATION: A moment in time

Nevaeh Bales, left, captures a selfie with Brittany Brooks during last-minute preparations for Chatham Central’s graduation Friday night at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center in Sanford. For complete coverage of local graduation ceremonies and more pictures, see pages A6-7.

WREN FAMILY LEGACY

Rebuilding Siler City, one property at a time

BY CASEY MANN
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SILER CITY — The Wren family has been a fixture in Siler City for more than 100 years.

Now, one of the great-grandsons of scion L.L. Wren is looking to make his mark on downtown.

Wren Farrar started with the development of Chatham Lofts apartments, a \$500,000 refurbishing project of the former Siler City Auto Parts store on North Chatham Avenue. Now he has his sights set on four other family-owned properties downtown — hoping to eventually create a downtown space that combines livability with the kind of amenities that attract visitors and retail growth.

Wren traces his local lineage to L.L. Wren, who opened Siler City Mills, a feed mill that produced all kinds of animal feed from chicken to livestock to pet food, in 1910. The mill originally produced two types of flour for area residents, but later expanded its operation to include making feed to supply many farmers east of the Mississippi River. L.L. Wren was also a founding member of The Chatham Bank, which operated in Siler City from 1901 until it merged with First Union National Bank of North Carolina in 1961.

In the 1940s and 50s, during the heyday of the mill, L.L.’s son William Wren began investing in downtown, purchasing about 10 properties. In 1963, William Wren established Wren Foundation Inc., which his daughter Margaret de St. Aubin operates today. Wren



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Wren Farrar is redeveloping properties in downtown Siler City purchased by his grandfather in the 1940’s and 1950’s. Here he is standing inside the John F. Lambe Building located at 121 N. Chatham Ave. The building will eventually house two commerical storefronts and 2 one-bedroom apartments.

Farrar, Margaret de St. Aubin’s son, is the latest descendant to build on that legacy through the Wren Family Estate LLC. As the property manager, Wren is rehabilitating the properties

originally purchased by his grandfather in an effort to give back to Siler City and help revitalize downtown. Farrar received his B.A. in Historic Preservation and

Community Planning from the College of Charleston and worked for a time with a brick mason. In 2011, he returned to Siler City and began crafting a comprehensive redevelopment

plan focused on rehabilitating existing properties and promoting the revitalization of downtown’s commercial district. See **WREN**, page A8

DOES DANGER LURK IN THE HAW?

Town, state studying chemical contaminants in river

BY CASEY MANN
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PITTSBORO — The Haw River, which flows through Pittsboro, is “one of the most impacted” waterways in terms of unregulated chemicals in the Cape Fear Basin.

That’s according to Detlef Knappe, who’s been conducting research on water treatment processes for more than 25 years.

Knappe, the S. James Ellen Distinguished Professor of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering at N.C. State, was also a member of the team of scientists who discovered GenX in Wilmington’s drinking water. He began researching the Haw River in 2013, a study in which he discovered 1,4 Dioxane in the river, and subsequent years began studying PFAS in the water.

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Staff photo by David Bradley

The Haw River, which flows through Pittsboro and supplies the town with its drinking water, is ‘one of the most impacted’ waterways in terms of unregulated chemicals in the Cape Fear Basin, according to according to Detlef Knappe, S. James Ellen Distinguished Professor of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering at N.C. State.

Year’s end doesn’t mean work ends for Chatham’s school teachers

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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BONLEE — Bonlee School Principal Kim Taylor said she hadn’t had a solid lunch for a whole week.

She snacked, but nothing full. That’s what the last week of school is like.

It was the last day with students, Friday, June 7, but for Taylor and other Chatham County Schools teachers and administrators, some things were just beginning.

“Once they head out, we might actually get lunch today,” she said. “After that, we try to take this afternoon to take a deep breath, and then we begin to look at the schedule.”

Education personnel will tell you that just because students aren’t in the building, that doesn’t mean work stops. Administrators work on scheduling and goal-setting for the whole school, while teachers clean and prep for the next year.

Taylor said she takes Bonlee’s

mottos into account when planning ahead.

“I believe that building relationships is key to anything, and that’s students staff and their families,” she said. “Our motto — other than ‘learn, lead, live’ — is that they’re safe, that they’re loved and that they’re not hungry. If those three things take place, the learning can happen from that.”

One of the key parts of that is grade configuration, or where each teacher will be placed for the next year. It’s one of the first steps Bonlee School administrators take after the bell rings on the final day.

“It’s very hard to make a schedule for a K-8 school,” she said. “This afternoon, we start doing that. Next week, we will plug in schedule teachers. Then we dive into the data to talk about kids and class placement.”

At Jordan-Matthews High School

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COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

- The **Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13 in the conference room downstairs in the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting. To confirm this meeting or for additional information, call the office at 919-542-8240, Brenda at 919-545-8440 or Suzannah at 919-542-8228.
- 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 6 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

- The **Pittsboro Farmer’s 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!
- **Goldston: NASA Solar System Ambassador & SRP Kickoff** will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on June 13 at the Goldston Library. Come and explore our return to the Moon and the exploration mission to Mars! Presented by NASA Solar System Ambassador Dan Combs, Ambassador for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The Solar System Ambassadors program is a public engagement effort that works with motivated volunteers across the nation to communicate the science and excitement of NASA’s space exploration missions and discoveries to the people in their communities. For more information, contact Goldston Library at (919) 898-4522.
- The **Pittsboro Kiwanis Club Meeting** will be held from 7 - 8 p.m. on June 13 at the Pittsboro Kiwanis Club House at 309 Credle St. in Pittsboro. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Pittsboro Kiwanis Club is dedicated to serving the local community through various service and fundraising projects. Our club has been in service to our community for more than 65-years. We are part of Kiwanis International, an organization serving children for over 100 years. We’d love for you to come to join us at one of our meetings or a service project. Please go to our Contact page and drop us a line! Someone will get back with you.

- Come to **Pups and Pints at the House of Hops** in Pittsboro every third Saturday from 1 - 3 p.m. Pups and Pints is a monthly opportunity for dog owners and folks looking to own a dog, to mix and mingle. We invite a dog vendor to sell savory treats for your fur babies. For those looking to add an animal to your family, Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) will have dogs available for adoption March 16th, Sept 21st, and Dec 21st. Just 4 Dogs Mobile Dog Treats will have goodies for your fur baby. All dog breeds are welcome. We ask that all dogs remain on non-retractable leashes no longer than 6 feet. We understand dogs get excited, however, if your dog continuously barks inside you may be asked to step outside until he/she can relax.
- **Chatham Wine Experience** by Limo will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 starting at Fairgame Beverage, 193 Lorax Ln. in Pittsboro. After the tasting at Fairgame, we will travel in style by Stretched Limo to Cloer Family Vineyards in Apex for another tasting. Afterward, we will return to Chatham to visit Fireclay Cellars Vineyard, Chatham’s newest winery. Returns at 5:30 p.m. Email us for more info, and to reserve your spot: southern sunshine@hotmail.com. Cost: \$35/ person includes travel and tastings (bring your friends, better discount for groups 3 or more!)

FRIDAY

- Come join us for the **Wren Memorial Library Friday Movie Matinee** from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Families with children of all ages are invited to join us each Friday from June 14 through August 16 for a space-themed, all ages appropriate family movie. Grab a snack, a pillow, and a friend and join us each week to beat the heat with a cool movie! For more information, contact Wren Memorial Library at (919) 742-2016.
- Enjoy the **Bynum Front Porch Friday Night Music** from 7 - 9 p.m. each Friday at the Bynum General Store at 950 Bynum Rd in Bynum. The Bynum Front

- Porch Friday Night Music Series kicks off the first week-end in May. Every Friday Night from 7-9pm May through the end of August. Each week the bands take the outdoor stage or we move inside if the rain clouds roll our way. The event is open to the public featuring a variety of bands spanning multiple musical genres, including gospel, folk, blues, rockabilly, and bluegrass. No tickets are needed to come and a hat is passed for contributions. Food vendors on site.
- **Free Friday Music Jam** at the Oasis Open Air Market in Siler City from 4:30 - 6:30/7 p.m. every Friday. 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 starts 4:30-6:30/7 every Friday, if ya want to join show up or email John Eichorn, johneichorn72@gmail.com. Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits our music is out on the patio.

SATURDAY

- **LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT** at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 — Join Friends of the 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 is needed. All ages are welcome! Meet in the parking lot by the bridge at 8 p.m. Bring insect repellent, a jar for firefly catching and drinking water. No restrooms! Meet at the parking lot on the Bynum side of the Haw River pedestrian bridge. The lot is at the end of Bynum Road on the left. Contact info: LowerHaw-Events@gmail.com

- Come to **Pups and Pints at the House of Hops** in Pittsboro every third Saturday from 1 - 3 p.m. Pups and Pints is a monthly opportunity for dog owners and folks looking to own a dog, to mix and mingle. We invite a dog vendor to sell savory treats for your fur babies. For those looking to add an animal to your family, Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) will have dogs available for adoption March 16th, Sept 21st, and Dec 21st. Just 4 Dogs Mobile Dog Treats will have goodies for your fur baby. All dog breeds are welcome. We ask that all dogs remain on non-retractable leashes no longer than 6 feet. We understand dogs get excited, however, if your dog continuously barks inside you may be asked to step outside until he/she can relax.

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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, contact Annie Ritter, UNC Hospice, 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 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@embarg-mail.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. The 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join **Wake Up Wednesday** at 8 a.m. on June 19 at the Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro. You will meet people doing business of all types in and around Chatham County. After networking, the program will run from 8:25 to 9:30. Admission is \$5 and includes a fresh, hot breakfast. Nora Young, a hypnotherapist will be one of the six-minute speakers; Lee Shanklin with Edward Jones will be the other. Join us to give your business a jump start!
- **Randolph Electric Membership Corporation** will celebrate its 81st annual meeting of the membership Friday, June 21, 2019, at Southwestern Randolph High School in Asheboro. The doors will open at 5 p.m. for members to register and enjoy free homemade ice cream, various informational displays and safety demonstrations. A local band, The Ingrams, will provide live entertainment from 5 . to 6:30 and magician, Fish the Magish will provide entertainment for children 12 and under during the business meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.
- 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 technology used to help predict natural disasters, learn about preparedness using the national CERT curriculum, and ultimately work with their own family and those around them to develop disaster preparedness plans. The public is encouraged to visit mypinorthcarolina.org to learn more about this camp. Camp costs include snacks, insurance, and transportation. *Students must apply to participate in this camp; teens should submit applications online here: https://mypinorthcarolina.org/students/student-application*
- Upcoming rides at **NEW HOPE VALLEY RAILWAY** include its June 29 Brew ‘n’ Choo and July 14 Slow Down Sunday. The complete 2019 schedule can be found at TriangleTrain.com/schedule. Buy tickets at 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.
- The **Circle of Support** for those who have lost a loved one to death meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one to death. Hospice staff and volunteers will facilitate the circle of support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to register! Just come! If you’d like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.

ALSO HAPPENING

- **Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday June 20 at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments are welcome. For more information and directions, contact Shirley-Ray@aol.com, or 919-929-5359.
- **Foster and/or adoptive information** - Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent. Call 642-6956 to learn more.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meeting schedule for this area.
- **Motorcycle Association** - The Motorcycle Association for Chatham, Western Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.
- **Narcotics Anonymous** - For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps! Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings!



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Siler City officials working to ensure remedy for ‘war zone’ parking lot

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SILER CITY — “It’s time to do something,” said Jose Rodriguez. He’s frustrated. As manager for the last six years of Compare Foods at Siler City’s Park Shopping Center, off Raleigh Street, he’s seen the parking lot that serves his store deteriorate from bad to worse. Heavy rainfall from Hurricane Matthew in 2016 left the parking lot badly damaged. It remains in bad condition today. Dappled with deep potholes and chunks of broken asphalt, the

parking area — Siler City planning director Jack Meadows has likened its appearance and condition to a “war zone” — is an obstacle course for motorists. Rodriguez said one of his customers was injured when he accidentally stepped in one of the large holes. Dangerous for motorists and pedestrians, the parking lot’s bad condition has ultimately been hard on the grocery store’s bottom line. “We’ve lost a lot of business,” Rodriguez said. With a new bakery and restaurant recently opened inside the grocery, the condition of the out-

side property is especially frustrating, Rodriguez said. “It doesn’t matter how clean I keep the inside of my store if the presentation outside is so bad,” he said. He’s frustrated, too, because he said he has communicated with the landlord numerous times over many months and, despite promises that the problem will be addressed, little has been done. Other tenants share Rodriguez’s concerns. “It’s killing our sales,” said Patricia Taylor of Variety Wholesalers, the parent company of Maxway, which leases its space at the shopping

center and shares the parking lot with Compare Foods and four other businesses. Maxway representatives have contacted the landlord, SMA Enterprises LLC, in Alexandria, Virginia, numerous times and, like Rodriguez, they’ve been told the ongoing problem would be addressed, but so far without much result. “There’s been one delay after another,” Taylor said, “and the parking lot is in worse shape now than it ever was, and it’s affecting our customers.” Earlier this year, some work was initiated to address the matter. At the owner’s expense, some of the damaged asphalt was removed and an old drainage culvert was replaced with new pipe. That work was aimed at addressing the decade’s-old problem of flooding on the property, which is at the epicenter of the Love’s Creek Watershed. That work was completed, but the second part of the fix — repairing the parking lot — remains undone.

Siler City officials aren’t any happier with the situation than the business owners are. Recently, Mayor John Grimes visited the businesses at Park Shopping Center, speaking with owners and discussing their concerns. “We’re very aware of the problem,” Grimes said, “and we’re definitely working on it. It’s not good for the town, for other industries looking to come here, and we’re going to see that something is done.” Meadows said the situation has become a code enforcement issue. “We expect parking lots, per our ordinances, to be in good condition,” Meadows said. “We know there’s a bad situation there.” Noting the large potholes and dangerous driving conditions, Meadows said the Park Shopping Center parking lot is facing a violation of town rules and, after receipt



Staff photo by Randall Riggsbee

Potholes such as this one have made driving in the Park Shopping Center parking lot treacherous for shoppers. Business owners say it’s driven some customers away, hurting business.



Staff photo by Randall Riggsbee

Siler City officials say the deteriorating condition of the Park Shopping Center parking lot violates town ordinances and the property owner could face fines soon if repairs aren’t completed.

of a formal notice of violation, which he said the town will issue this week, the landlord will have 10 days to complete work to correct the problem or face fines of \$100 per day. Rodriguez, though frustrated, said he is hopeful

something will be done soon. He said he’s planning an outdoor event, a party with live music, to celebrate once the parking lot is repaired. *Randall Riggsbee can be reached at riggsbee@chathamnr.com.*

DADS: Program helps new fathers

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The Focus on Fathers program also offers job training and GED preparation in partnership with N.C. Works through Central Carolina Community College as well as a support group, kid’s playtime, educational time, and goal setting. Godbout said. SmartStart funding is provided to the Focus on Fathers program by the Chatham County Partnership for Children, which focuses its efforts on children’s development from 0-5 years. Focus on Fathers — a collaborative effort involving a number of agencies including Chatham County Department of Social Services, Chatham County Clerk of Court, Chatham County Schools, Chatham Literacy, Chatham County Communities in Schools, and the Chatham County Partnership for Children — was launched here in the late 1990s after then-Gov. Jim Hunt held a SmartStart summit addressing “the declining role of men in young children’s lives,” said Genevieve Megginson, executive director of the Chatham County Partnership for Children. “We also were motivated by research,” she said. For example, research in the field of child development found that children whose fathers read to them at a young age are more successful in high school, Megginson said. “Parents want to be connected to their kids,” said Megginson. “Sometimes they need a little extra support.” Megginson underscored the importance of a concept known as “serve and return,” which is interaction

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GENEVIEVE MEGGINSON, executive director of the Chatham County Partnership for Children.

between a child and significant adults in their lives. This back-and-forth interaction — talking, making faces — between young child and parent is fundamental in the development of a child’s brain. “It’s how children learn to talk,” Megginson said, “and it’s how they learn their emotions, just to name two things.” In developing Focus on Fathers, Megginson said, “We realized we had a lot of fathers in trouble.” They may have been involved in the court system, or facing other obstacles interfering with their ability to be a parent. “Dads needed support,” Megginson said. Focus on Fathers was created to offer that support. And though the program is now in its 20th year, its value hasn’t diminished with time. “It’s more important than ever,” said Megginson. “We know even more now about how critical those early years are. The first three years are so critical.” The program is offered year-round and is designed to serve 20 clients at a time. Services are provided in both English and Spanish. “Focus on Fathers is individually focused on clients,” Godbout said, “so the time clients are engaged in the program typically ranges from six months to two years.” The program employs “fatherhood specialists from the community, including a Spanish-speaking specialist

who focuses on clients from the Hispanic population,” Godbout said. “Attention is also given to provide culturally appropriate services and training.” Since its inception, more than 370 Chatham County clients have taken part in the program. “The program is often full and does currently have a short wait list, but program staff work hard to make sure that all potential clients needing services get the support they need,” Godbout said. Focus on Fathers has been proven effective. “The Focus on Fathers program has been evaluated by Nova Southeastern University,” Godbout said. “Fathers also complete a pre- and post-assessment called the Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory (AAPI) that assesses attitudes and risks across five domains.” Megginson said many fathers who complete the program have expressed how beneficial it was. “So many dads have said how much it helped them,” said Megginson. “They feel like, ‘Well, I am important.’” For more information, or to enroll in the Focus on Fathers program, contact Anthony Izzard at anthony.izzard@chathamnc.org or 919-545-8382 or Nellie Benitez at nellie.benitez@chathamnc.org or 919-545-8340. Additional information can also be found at www.chathamnc.org/focusonfathers. *Randall Riggsbee can be reached at riggsbee@chathamnr.com.*



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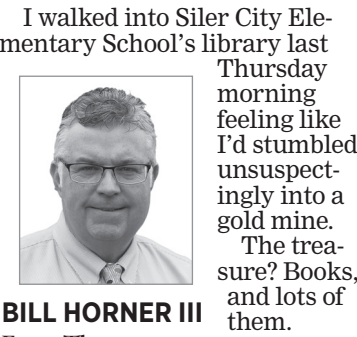


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Books on Break: instilling the opportunity for — and joy of — reading



BILL HORNER III
From The
Publisher's Desk

I walked into Siler City Elementary School's library last Thursday morning feeling like I'd stumbled unsuspectingly into a gold mine. The treasure? Books, and lots of them. Libraries are overflowing with books, of course, but on this day — the occasion was the Chatham Education Foundation's "Books on Break" program, a massive end-of-the-year book distribution — tables throughout the library, and tops of bookshelves everywhere, were jam-packed with several thousand brand-new paperback and hardback books. I'm a book guy, and even as a child I'd rather have gone to a library or bookstore than the proverbial candy store. But even more exciting to me (and to CEF

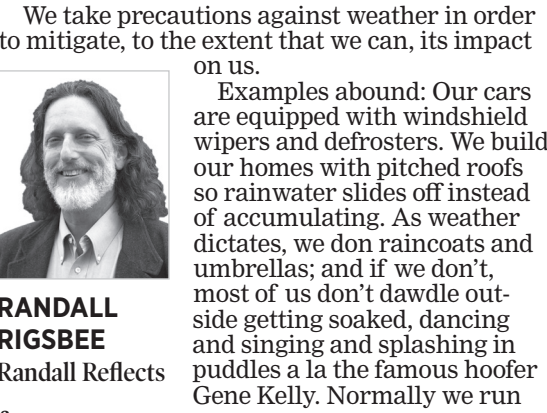
staffers and board members who were on hand to help) were the scores of young students excitedly sorting through those books. I witnessed 3rd- and 4th-graders talking enthusiastically (but quietly, of course) amongst themselves about which ones they'd be taking home for the summer, eyes bright with eager anticipation. CEF's executive director, the ebullient Jaime Detzi, invited me to the foundation's fourth Books on Break program distribution. We share a love for education and literacy, and Jaime and I share another commonality as well: I'm on the board of the Lee County's Education Foundation, going into my fourth year as its chairman — meaning that we both devote a lot of time (she as a staff member, me as a volunteer) to finding ways to raise the bar for student performance. So we love books, and this was a celebratory occasion. Books on Break is held annually there and at Virginia Cross Elementary, two schools in

Siler City where, combined, nearly nine out of 10 students qualify for Chatham County Schools' free or reduced lunch program. The percentage of students reading at grade level is alarmingly low. But with grant funds from Duke Energy, Chatham Reads, Dollar General, the Carolina Hurricanes and Carolina Meadows, Books on Break is part of an effort with a lofty ambition: to get 80 percent of the school system's 3rd-graders reading at or above grade level by the year 2020. Statistics show that two-thirds of children living in poverty don't have books in their homes, and more than 80 percent of children from economically disadvantaged communities lose valuable reading skills because they don't pick up a book during the summer — adding to up three years' worth of learning loss by the fifth grade for some of them. Books on Break's premise, then, is simple: because our schools' youngest readers lose some ground they've gained

after the school year ends, give them a jump-start as summer begins. By letting the children select and keep five books (kids in pre-K to 2nd grade actually get six), book recipients will have not just the motivation, but also the opportunity to spend part of their out-of-school summertime engrossed in reading. In years past, Jaime has gotten thank-you notes from many of the students. She pointed out that students who have taken part in the program for four years now have a library of at least 20 books back home to read and share with siblings and other family members. "And teachers love it," she said. "Every year they ask if we're coming back." All told, more than 1,350 students in the two schools took home more than 7,000 new books last week. Each of the students also received a sturdy blue bookbag and a bookmark — as well as some words of encouragement from Sarah Linkhorn, the foundation's marketing director. Sarah gave the students a million-word challenge:

read 15 minutes a day, every day, and in a year, you'll have read more than a million words. With help from Chatham County Schools and the county's public library system, the opportunities are there. There's also a pilot program working now that allows some Chatham students to use a school library card at a county libraries. Talk about a gold mine: I got my Chatham Community Library card two weeks ago and have already filled my Kindle e-reader with books (and my iPhone) with audiobooks, courtesy of the library's digital loan program). Not being a student there, of course, I walked out of Siler City Elementary on Thursday without a new book. But the experience gave me new excitement for, and an even greater appreciation of, this lifelong skill of reading. Thanks to Chatham County Schools and the work of Jaime and her Education Foundation staff and board, I'm part of a growing crowd.

Sometimes the weather comes to us

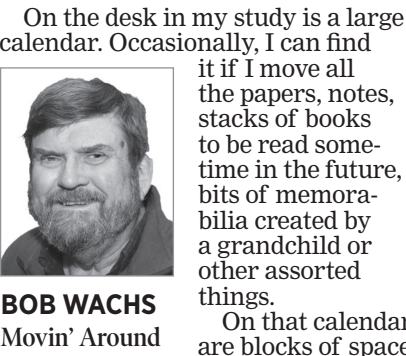


RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

We take precautions against weather in order to mitigate, to the extent that we can, its impact on us. Examples abound: Our cars are equipped with windshield wipers and defrosters. We build our homes with pitched roofs so rainwater slides off instead of accumulating. As weather dictates, we don raincoats and umbrellas; and if we don't, most of us don't dawdle outside getting soaked, dancing and singing and splashing in puddles à la the famous hooper Gene Kelly. Normally we run for cover. Entire industries — just think Ice Melt — have been built around the principle of minimizing the impacts of weather. Despite our best efforts to avoid some weather encounters, whether we want it to or not, sometimes the weather comes to us. That's what happened to Omelia Beck, a longtime reader of the newspaper who called last week to share with us something that happened to her a couple of weeks ago. Mrs. Beck, who is 85, likely wasn't much concerned about the weather as she relaxed in her recliner on what was, so far, a normal afternoon in Siler City. In the distance, a thunderstorm could be heard rumbling, but it didn't seem close enough to take notice or cause worry. She was watching television. It was still daylight. Then something odd and unexpected happened. Accompanied by a loud boom, but without causing damage to property, what she described as a "ball of lightning" appeared in Mrs. Beck's living room and hung for a moment in the air, unnervingly close to where she sat. Had she been standing instead of sitting, she said, it's likely she would have made unseemly contact with the orb she said was "the size of a basketball, with red and bluish colors." The circular mass of electricity hovered in mid-air and glowed for a moment before suddenly, silently disappearing. "It stayed there just about the time it would take for me to blink my eyes," she said, "and then it was gone." Fellow residents at the senior independent living facility where Mrs. Beck lives confirmed hearing the loud noise, she said; and the residential facility temporarily lost power, a back-up generator kicking into action. A few minutes later, power was restored and the afternoon returned to normal, no thunderstorm ever developing. But the unusual close encounter left Mrs. Beck understandably shaken. After all, weather outdoors is one thing. Having it our living rooms is entirely another. Curious about the phenomenon, she later researched it online, determining she'd encountered "ball lightning," a phenomenon about which scientists have been able to learn very little, despite numerous reports of the phenomenon over centuries. Wikipedia's entry on ball lightning calls it an "unexplained and potentially dangerous atmospheric electrical phenomenon" and notes that "owing to inconsistencies and to the lack of reliable data, the true nature of ball lightning remains unknown." But of one thing, Mrs. Beck said she is certain: "God showed me His power," she said, "and then he showed me His protection."



What's behind 'holidays' anyway?



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

On the desk in my study is a large calendar. Occasionally, I can find it if I move all the papers, notes, stacks of books to be read sometime in the future, bits of memorabilia created by a grandchild or other assorted things. On that calendar are blocks of space for each day of the month with enough space for me to write important notes or reminders, things like "pay this bill by this date" or "don't forget to eat supper" on this one or "go to the doctor" this day. Also, on some of those spaces are bits of information deemed significant, things like "summer begins" on June 21st or "Full moon" on Nov. 12. But most of the other significant and meaningful events are mainly holidays, many of them faith-based, things like Christmas Day or Thanksgiving Day or Easter, which some folks refer to as "Resurrection Sunday." In addition, there are other religious celebrations, the Jewish celebration Yom Kippur, for instance, as well as some from the Middle East I can't pronounce. There are other holidays — Thanksgiving, Independence Day, Halloween and All Saints Day, among others. In addition, there are nationalistic holidays — for the U.S., July 4, Independence Day and Patriots Day on Sept. 11. Holidays of other nations are also marked — days like July 1, Canada Day, and September 16, Mexico Independence Day. But what really caught my eye as I pondered the calendar and its notations was the question of what's behind those celebrations. Why are they there? Some of the answers are sort of obvious. Take, for instance, May 1 — "May Day."

In Russia, there's a bit of nationalistic pride, at least historically. The day once featured lengthy parades displaying vast amounts of Soviet military hardware. Most Soviet cities had obligatory workers' marches on this day until 1990. Two years later, the Russian Parliament renamed the holiday Spring and Labor Day. In my growing up days in the suburbs of Pittsboro, 1960 population 1,080, May Day was the day we grabbed long ribbons tied to the top of a metal flagpole and danced around the May pole on the front lawn of the high school, happy to see the arrival of spring, which meant it wasn't long until school was out. Not sure I could dance anywhere today — or that you would want to see it, spring or no spring. President's Day, of course, used to be Washington's Birthday, celebrated on Feb. 22, his birthday as well as that of my older brother who always said the national holiday was in his honor. It used to be that the holiday and day off was on whatever day of the week the 22nd happened to fall until somebody in Washington realized that if it was moved to the Monday closest to the 22nd then there could be a 3-day weekend. The logic, if there is such a thing, was that way all Presidents could be honored, including not only Washington but Millard Fillmore, as well. Canada Day remembers July 1, 1867, when the Constitution Act was adopted for that nation and Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick became one nation while Mexico Independence Day honors that country's independence in 1821 from Spanish rule. There's another national day in Canada called Civic Holiday, August 5. While it's not a statutory federal holiday, many folks take the day off for what is often called "August long weekend," a lesson learned by the Canadian ambassador to Washington.

Throughout the years, some holidays have been absorbed and the reasons for them modified. Again, in Canada, for instance, St. Jean Baptiste Day, celebrated mostly in Quebec, began as a religious celebration. It's now primarily a patriotic event after St. Jean was chosen as the patron and protector of the area. While there is a celebration of Mass, there's also a lot of other events, including parades, bonfires, dances, fairs, food and some things not necessarily religious in nature. Other holidays have interesting backgrounds. Take, for instance, Boss's Day — Oct. 16. Supposedly that's a day when employees can thank their employers for being fair and kind. The only problem with that is that if your boss is neither, you may be between that proverbial rock and hard place. There are many who maintain it's just a Hallmark Holiday, aimed at selling more greeting cards and gadgets. Corresponding to that is the once named "Secretaries Day," now going by the lengthier title of "Administrative Assistant Day." Same idea, to many. Lest you become saturated with more data than you'd like about holidays, I want to arrive at one last point. While all of the above may be a part of the larger view of life, what I really wonder about is some of the lesser-known celebrations, the kind that didn't make the calendar. Did you know, for instance, that June 8 is "Queen's Official Birthday" in Tuvalu, a small Polynesian island that is part of the Commonwealth of Nations? Not sure if they have a cake for Queen Elizabeth or not but, hey, it's a holiday. And then two of my newly-found favorites — June 10 — "Worldwide Knit in Public Day" and, best of all, "National Iced Tea Day." We just missed it. But to make up for that, I'll have one more round of Lipton's best. Happy Holidays to you.

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Nothing funny or foolish

“Ray Dawson didn’t do anything funny or foolish.”



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Joyner and Dawson were UNC President William Friday’s key lieutenants from the time of the restructuring of the university in 1971 and 1972 until Friday’s retirement in 1986.

Prior to the legislature’s action, UNC’s six campuses at Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Raleigh (N.C. State), Asheville, Charlotte and Wilmington operated under a 100-person board of governors, with Friday as president. The other institutions, including regional universities and historically black

colleges, operated independently. The General Assembly’s action brought all the state’s public four-year institutions of higher education under a 32-person board of governors and one president.

Friday became president of the new entity, and he asked Dawson to become vice president for academic affairs. Dawson, a native of Arkansas, earned his Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill and later returned to teach political science and serve for eight years as dean of arts and sciences until Friday’s offer.

According to William Link, author of “William Friday: Power, Purpose, & American Higher Education,” “The creation of a new multicampus system became a challenge for Bill Friday and Ray Dawson. Although the consolidated university had existed since 1931, the restructuring meant, as Dawson recalled, ‘something very new and different’: the university was venturing

into ‘uncharted territory’ with minefields of troubling issues.”

One of those big minefields was the ambition of many of the universities to expand their offerings, add graduate programs, and open professional schools. Dawson told Link that Friday’s office, called the General Administration, knew little about 10 of the 16 campuses and a “fleshing out of the structure itself” was required. Determining the various missions for each campus was essential, but was a “tall order.”

Over a reasonably short time during the early 1970s, Friday’s and Dawson’s efforts in bringing the universities into a functioning system “propelled Friday into the limelight in national higher education circles.”

Dawson gave Friday full credit. He told Link, “It took a rare and unusual kind of leadership to bring this confederation together and make it work.”

And it took Dawson’s thorough planning to give Friday

the tools to make it work.

From the beginning of the new organization, it was clear that a major challenge would be, as Link put it, “How could the desegregation of traditionally white and traditionally black institutions best be accomplished?”

This question vexed Friday and Dawson for years. Federal officials in the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health Education and Welfare, spurred on by civil rights organizations, pushed harder and harder for more vigorous plans and action.

This task was troubling for Dawson. He told Link, “We had all been proponents of integration of the university. And some of us had had an active role, for example, in working to increase black enrollment at Chapel Hill and elsewhere. Just the symbolism of being in conflict with or at odds with the civil rights establishment was painful.”

Finally, in 1981, a consent

degree, negotiated and drafted by Dawson, ended the conflict.

When Friday retired in 1986 and C.D. Spangler succeeded him, Dawson became the new president’s right-hand man. Quietly and loyally, he steered Spangler successfully through the troubled waters of higher education administration until Dawson stepped down in 1992.

In appreciation for this service, Spangler and his family’s foundation established the Raymond H. Dawson Distinguished Professorship at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Like Friday and Spangler, North Carolinians who love their state universities can be thankful that Ray Dawson in his service “never did anything funny or foolish.”

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

Don’t play favorites with business taxes

RALEIGH — Although it may not appear so, the leaders of both major political parties in North Carolina favor lowering the tax burden of large businesses. Their real dispute is about the scope and magnitude of the tax relief.



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper has consistently opposed recent state budgets, crafted by the Republican-controlled legislature, that reduced the corporate tax rate from 6.9 percent in 2013 to 2.5 percent today. This year, Cooper seems likely to veto whatever budget emerges from the General Assembly, in part because it will contain a cut in franchise taxes (which tax the value rather than the net income of a business).

The administration’s spokesman, Ford Porter, put it this way after the Senate passed its budget plan: “Governor Cooper will continue pushing for a budget that represents middle class families instead of special interests and corporate shareholders.”

But Cooper has also requested and enthusiastically supported big tax incentives for companies that moved to or expanded their operations in North Carolina, including multi-million-dollar packages for Lending Tree, Honeywell, equipment manufacturer Greenheck Group, biopharmaceutical firm Collectis, and Charlotte tech company AvidXChange, among others.

More generally, Cooper and other Democratic leaders have sought to restore, protect, and expand tax breaks for politically favored industries such as solar energy and film production.

It’s not necessarily a contradiction to favor large but narrowly tailored tax relief over across-the-board reductions. It does require making certain assumptions — and they ought to be clearly spelled out so that North Carolinians can decide for themselves whether the assumptions are reasonable.

One such assumption is that when it comes to reducing state tax burdens, some but not all companies are “worth it.” They are more important to the state’s economic vitality, one might say, either because of their sheer size or their expected future growth in sales, investment, and jobs.

Another assumption is that some companies are more responsive to taxes than others. If ACME Manufacturing is going to do business and employ people in North Carolina at roughly the same level, regardless of how much tax it pays, the state might be better off collecting the revenue generated by the higher rate and spending it on public services, or so the argument goes. On the other hand, if Ach-Mee Manufacturing won’t come to or stay in the state unless it gets a tax break, North Carolina ought to give it to them.

Finally, and most importantly, advocates of targeted tax relief assume that they or some other state officials are capable of reliably distinguishing the worthy corporate recipients from the unworthy ones — that is, they can know with confidence which companies are economically vital and most sensitive to tax burdens.

When Gov. Cooper insists, for example, that North Carolina shouldn’t cut state corporate or franchise taxes across the board but that our state should devote more tax incentives to film and TV production, he is suggesting that media companies are more valuable to the state’s economy than other kinds of firms, are more likely to do business elsewhere if they don’t get their way, or both.

There are surely North Carolinians who find these assumptions plausible. I don’t. I think economies are far too complex a set of systems to be measured, forecast, and planned at that level of detail. I don’t think it wise to put state officials in the position of choosing among “worthy” businesses or industries, which I suspect will inevitably lead to political favoritism and perhaps even rank corruption in the long run.

Of course, even if it were technically feasible and politically sustainable, I still think it would be grossly unfair to tax companies differently based on size, location, average wages or industry. Uniform taxation advances both fairness and efficiency. If a billionaire came to your county and offered to live there in exchange for exempting her mansion from property taxes, on the grounds that she’d boost the local economy by spending lots of money, wouldn’t you want your county commissioners to say no?

Which inflation measure should win?

Most of the time when economics makes the headlines it’s about big things, like recessions, trade wars, tax changes and jobs. But economics also deals with smaller, technical



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

matters — things that are boring to most people but fascinate those of us who have spent our careers in the “dismal science.”

So when one of these technical components of economics makes headlines, that’s reason to sit up and take notice because it doesn’t happen often. So straighten up and look alert, because one of these rare events just happened.

It has to do with how to measure changes in the cost-of-living — also known as inflation. Many federal programs, such as Social Security, and a variety of public assistance, are indexed to inflation. This means their monetary amount rises by how much inflation has changed. For example, if the inflation rate is two percent this year, then next year the payments from the programs will rise two percent.

Why is this done? It’s so the funds distributed by the programs maintain their purchasing power over time. Continuing with my example, if the inflation rate is two percent — meaning the cost-of-living increases two percent — then the amount of money from the programs needs

to rise by two percent to buy the same quantity of goods and services.

Obviously, if inflation is used to adjust program payments, then how inflation is measured is crucially important. Here’s the process that’s been used. The federal government identifies over 80,000 products and services most people purchase. This is called the “market basket”. The government then tracks monthly prices of each item in the market basket at over 20,000 shopping outlets. In calculating an overall cost-of-living, each item’s price is weighed by the proportion of total spending devoted to that item.

This means prices of items with larger weights — like housing and transportation — receive more importance in the overall cost-of-living than items with smaller weights.

Let me quickly dispel one misconception about the government’s measure of inflation. The misconception is that the government purposely avoids including some key items — specifically food and fuel — in the inflation measure. While there is a measure of inflation that does exclude food and fuel (the measure is called “core inflation”), that measure is used for other purposes and is not used for the annual adjustments in program spending.

One of the key issues in the inflation calculation I just described is the “market basket”, and particularly how often the market basket is updated. Traditionally the market basket was formed using spending diaries kept by a sample of consumers. Unfortunately, it takes a long time to collect and process this informa-

tion, meaning that a market basket used today might be two or three years old.

This has created two problems. First, the market basket might not reflect exactly what consumers are buying. Second, even if it did, it likely wouldn’t reflect the amount of each item purchased. This second problem can result in the government’s measure of inflation being higher than actual inflation.

How so? One of the ways consumers respond to price changes is to change the amount — or quantity — of items we buy. Consider two sources of protein — beef and pork — and assume the average consumer purchases some beef and pork every month.

Now let’s say the price of beef significantly rises but the price of pork doesn’t change. What should a smart consumer do? The consumer will reduce the amount of beef she buys and replace it by buying more pork. In other words, she substitutes more of the now more affordable pork for some of the now costlier beef.

But the traditional way of calculating the inflation rate wouldn’t pick up on this until later because the market basket is fixed. As a result, the traditional method of measuring inflation will actually overstate actual inflation. Since this is a perpetual problem due to the market basket being outdated for several years, economists have estimated the traditional estimate of inflation overstates actual inflation by as much as a full percentage point.

The government has been working on a new inflation measure that better tracks

how much of each item people are buying. That is, the new measure keeps up with how people change their market basket as prices change. The new measure is called the “chained consumer price index,” and it’s now ready to be used.

But there has been controversy over adopting the new measure because it will result in smaller inflation rates than the traditional method. Some people have cried “foul” because they think the new inflation measure is designed to give them less dollars in the future than the traditional method.

Those defending the new measure reply it is not meant to give anyone less. Instead, the new measure is meant to more accurately reflect the amount of inflation that actually occurs.

So there you have it: a controversy related to technical adjustments made by statisticians and economists. Part of me is proud because the folks with the green eye shades (does anyone still wear those?) finally have some time in the spotlight.

But in all seriousness, this is an important matter. My job is to give you the facts and the reasons why. Then I’ll let you decide which contender — the traditional inflation measure or the new, improved measure — should be the winner!

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GUEST COLUMN | DR. JOHN D. DYKERS

\$10 bill and Civil War statues

There is more harm done by self-righteous indignation than by all the meanness ever born. We all love to be “right” and only a few of us are born mean.

The evil of slavery is so overwhelming that we the people of these United States collectively forgave the evil of war as a mechanism for defending or ridding ourselves of slavery.

The hypocrisy of the states that still had legal slavery well into the 1800s, even those whose functional economic model was wage labor, was tormenting to the congressional and senatorial votes of the day as we expanded Westward. Southern states, eventually Confederate States, strove to expand the slave labor economic model to the new states. This was the inevitable roadblock and end to legal slavery in the United States.

Did slavery have to end in an awful fratricidal war? And an illegal and unconstitutional taking of property? No one would argue that the “property” of one human of another was just and moral by any but the most perverted religious doctrines that are still used by some today. But the property was “legal,” and many small families had their entire capital savings invested in a family slave. We are more familiar with the large cotton “plantations” that had multiple slaves, but in North Carolina and Virginia there was a different pattern where slaves grew corn

and tobacco. If you have ever worked in those different fields, you know those differences are perhaps subtle but very real.

The revenue for the U.S. Government in the mid 1800s was largely the tariffs on imported manufactures, paid for by slave grown cotton sold overseas. So the hypocrisy of those functioning on a wage labor model is obvious, but their greed is less easily seen than the greed of slave owners. This is the framework within which eloquent Mr. Lincoln had to operate as his nation dissolved into Civil War. The self-righteousness of the defense or abolition of slavery foolishly justified the spilling of rivers of blood in fireballs of hell on battlefields of carnage with 700,000-800,000 dead and countless others maimed. Cities and homes were burned and starved and bombed from land and river and sea.

Estimates by others have placed the buyout cost of all the slaves and markets of the day at the start of the Civil War as low as \$2.5 billion; my estimate is closer to \$4.5 billion. It would have been an enormous debt for the U.S. Government, but pales at the costs of the war including the division of the nation, the establishment and dissolution of the Confederacy, the cost of reconstruction and Jim Crow and the unresolved racial divisions of our day. The payment could have been spread over 10 years and circulated money

for commerce instead of impoverishing half the nation.

Far be it for me to suggest that the resolution of the social relationship between slave owners and former slaves, white and black, would have been easy if the slaves had been purchased by the government and then set free, but there is no doubt that the transition would have been less fraught with strife than the taking at gunpoint. The Civil War engendered antagonisms that last even now below and beyond the social stresses of skin color and culture. When we shoot at one another, the emotional meaning of our differences takes on a whole new level of intensity and insanity.

As far as I am concerned all the statues from Grant’s Tomb to the one at the Chatham Courthouse were monuments to human short-sightedness and self-righteousness and they can all be melted down to pay for school lunches and birth control programs.

Dr. Dykers was a family physician in Siler City from 1964 until retiring in 2010. His original research has been published in the New England Journal of Medicine, N.C. Medical Journal, JAMA and many others. For 35 years he was chairman of continuing education at Chatham Hospital. An inventor, Dr. Dykers is also an active Rotarian.

Chatham's high schools celebrate graduation



Photo submitted by Chatham County Schools

The 2019 graduating class of Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek.

Chatham Central High School

The Bears' Class of 2019 had 97 graduates who received their diplomas June 7 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center in Sanford. Student speakers included Lauren Oldham, Lauren Collins and Jamie Wilson, and the Rev. Carl Thompson Sr. was recognized as the Distinguished Alumni recipient. Graduation marshals were Elizabeth Phillips, Carson Brewer, Cassidy Coldren and Addie Fields.

The graduating class earned \$5,751,472 in scholarships and members are attending colleges such as Wake Forest University, UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University, UNC-Greensboro and East Carolina University.

Graduates were: Jaqueline Aguilar Soto, Alejandra Campos Albarran, Lexi Jo Albright, Cameron Cole Allred, Luis Angel Angeles Lopez, Nevaeh Faith Bales, Bailey Nicole Barker, Hannah Brooke Bates, Dariana Daylette Benitez-Manjarrez, Anthony Quentin Blackwelder, Cheyenne Amber Bowman, Randa Josie Branson, Amara Simone Brewer, Angela Cheyanne Brigham, Olivia Aryn Bright, Brandon Lee Brooks, Brittany Michelle Brooks, Isidra Renee Brower, Peyton Mackenzie Burke, Sara Jo Burke, Andrea Bliss Cheek, Erica Lee Cheek, Jarius KeShaun Cheek, Sheyanne Faye Cheek, Lauren Elizabeth Collins, Nautica Najé' Cotton, Drew Larson Cox, Lucas Ray Cox, Trinity Maria-Min Dean, Jamieon Dashaun Degraffenreadt, Samuel Ivan Demian, Lofton Garrett Dodson, Savannah Grace Dowdy, Makayla Dawn Downing, Kayleigh Crystal Edwards, Madelyn Doyle Elkins, Angel Dasani Hoku Emery, Emily Paige Ferrell, Avery Tatum Fields, Caden Thomas Fields, Carter Tinsley Fuquay, Jenna Nicole Gilliland, Angelo Richard Jimmy Goldston, Jr, Rachel Ann Hacker, Lauryn Elisabeth Hammer, Megan Nicole Hart, Heather Lynn Hayes, Sierra Denise Headen, Alazei Christina Hernandez, Dalton Randall Hough, Samantha Raleigh Johnson, Yasmine Tatyana Johnson, Grayson Jeremiah Jones, Tyler Cole Josey, Brennan Ella Kearney, Shannon Allen King, Jr., Johnathan Allen Lawson, Melissa Dawn Lima, Patrick Allen Tyler Locklear, Anya Sharlise Marsh, Angel Marie Mashburn, Hayley Elizabeth Mashburn, Moses Isaiah Matthews, Tyson Brent Measamer, Mackenzie Erin Mize, Tyler Chase Murray, Hayden Grant Nall, Magaly Nava, Mark Anthony Reed Noel, Lauren Renee O'Connor, Lauren Brooke Oldham, Elizabeth Ann Phillips, Bryson Hunter Pool, Cristall Ramirez Arzola, Micah Joshua Reisman, Dalton Gentry Richardson, Megan Elliott Rush, Morgan Elliott Rush, Nicole Marie Ryan, Lori Ann Salyers, Gra-



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Central students graduated at the civic center in Sanford. Many were part of the AVID program, a college readiness program to assist students in being ready for the rigors of college. Central is in a unique class of schools that are demonstrators for the program.



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A'nya Marsh adjusts the cap of Nautica Cotton Friday night as they get ready to walk to the stage for graduation at the civic center in Sanford.



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As one of the marshalls and the students look on, Dr. Karla Eanes, principal of Chatham Central High School, places a bag of Chatham County soil on the stage in the civic center in Sanford Friday night. The bag was brought so that each student would graduate on Chatham County soil, Dr. Eanes said.

cie Ree Shelton, Ja'Nazia Zanae-Nicole Shoffner, Caleb Eric Logan Staley, Caleb Moses Staley, Jalen Andre Staley, Virginia Ann Stevens, Adaisha Faith Strickland, Margel David Ta'Bon, Kaitlyn Louise Tyson, Faith Christine Tysor, Cody Lee Van Horn, Hunter Dean White, Cosette Laurie Michelle Wilkie, Krista Blaine Willett, Jamie Ann Wilson, Stephen Michael Wolfe and Mary Amber Worley.



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The 2019 graduating class of the Chatham Center for Innovation/SAGE Academy in Siler City.

S.A.G.E. Academy

The members of the Class of 2019 at S.A.G.E. Academy in Siler City wrapped up their high school careers May 24. John Mc-

Cann was the commencement speaker.

Graduates were: Christian Anthony Almeyda, Marcos Emmanuel Benitez, Kabria Tona Brooks, John Joseph Cruz-Pablo, Kenneth Alan Duval, Jaliyah Antinette Gonzalez,

Carlos Gomez-Palacios, Ashley Marie Harris, Seth Akeem Johnson, Delmar Walter Kautz, Brittney Nicole Mize, Daniel Uri Moshkowitz, Maria Guadalupe Pulido-Nava, Alaina Marie Rivera, Dayshone Antonio Deion Sanford,

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Over the last few weeks, Chatham County has seen a lot of high school graduates. At Monday's Chatham County Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Derrick Jordan said the commencements were "one of the highlights of the year for me." "Just a wonderful, wonderful exciting experience," Jordan said. "I'm always in awe of our students and how committed to one another they are. They are always willing to clap and pat each other on the back for jobs well done. Just so excited to have engaged in another four commencement ceremonies." Here's a summary of each county public high schools' graduating class.



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The 2019 graduating class of Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City.

Jordan-Matthews High School

The Siler City-located Jets had 194 graduates in its class of 2019. The graduation ceremony was on June 8 in the school's gymnasium after being moved from the football field. Student speakers were Yuritzi Ocampo Duarte, Alexandra Ramirez Tinoco, Kyle Dekaney and Jenna Rohaly, and Naomi Mora Murchial received the Distinguished Alumni Award. James Brewer, Lindley Andrew, Jenny Huang, Isabelle Moore, Chandler Matthews, Mackenzie Walters, Logan Dumke, Samuel Murchison, Daniel Santana-Garcia, Rebeca Hernandez-Castellanos and Victor Herrera Morales. Jordan-Matthews' seniors earned \$3.5 million in scholarships and are attending schools such as Appalachian State University, UNC-Wilmington, University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State University and UNC-Asheville.

The graduates were: Biridiana Anparo Almanza-Balderas, Isaiah Eugene Alston, Lutfiah Alwahishi, Christopher Arguano Cifuentes, Janet Arciniega, Vanessa Guadalupe Argueta-Flores, Jaymonnee' Unique Artis, Maria Guadalupe Basurto-Allende, Kaitlyn Rose Bellas, Brenda Raquel Benitez, Maria Teresa Benitez Espinoza, Jeremiah Everett Blake, Wendy Yamilette Borrayo, Dustin Robert Bullock, Kevin Rene Cano Ramirez, Joselin Cerna Carias, Samuel Cervantes, Mackenzie Ree Clark, Corrine Elizabeth Collision, Savannah Lynn Cook, Jonathan Cortes Moctezuma, Edgar Cortez Galeana, Dejah Nicole Craven, Ayla Jaipal Davila, Mariana de La Cruz Plata, Javier De La Sancha, Ana Berta de Paz, Kyle Andrew Dekaney, Rivers Stephen Deuling, Cynthia Diaz, Jessica Noemi Diaz, German Eduardo Diaz-Garcia, Johnny Dominguez Zagada, Emma Columbia Drumheller, Guillermo Enrique Duran Berrios, Seirra Marie Edwards, Michael Jonathan Escobar Umanzor, Leslian Marian Esquivel-Lavariaga, Erick Estrada, Jonathan Farias, Shani'ya Nasha Faucette, Karen Alexa Figueroa, Alexis Figueroa-Ramirez, Alexis Nicole Flowers, Katelyn Rochelle Forster, Baylee Lynn Fox, Job Daret Galeana, Israel Garcia, Edwin Jose Garcia Alvarez, Eddy Alfredo Giron Dominguez, Jamiyah Monae Gladden, Joslyn Tena Glover, Iris Vanesa Gonzalez Padilla, Joel Enrique Gonzalez-Ramirez, Aaron McKinney Goodwin, Briana Aaron Guerrero James, Richard Austin Gunter, Karsyn Brooke Hall, Jennifer Joelly Henderson, Emmanuel Herbert, Luis Enrique Hernandez, Matthew Demetre Hernandez, Brisa Itzel Hernandez Romero, David Alonzo Herrera, Blanca Edith Herrera Duarte, Zachery Luke Hinshaw, Karim Khaled Moustafa Abdelaziz Ibrahim, George Mario Jacinto, Forrest Daniel James, Ingrid Jimenez Sanchez, Jason Jimenez Zepeda, Briana Dawn Johnson, Hannah Grace Jones, Kelsey Mackenzie Justice, Mikayla Lynn King, Austin Ridge Kirkman, Michael Ross Kotoris, Uriel Lagunas Mondragon, Chasity Nicole Lambert, Adriana Maria Lara, Jose Luis Lara



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Jordan-Matthews students file past friends and family as they walk towards the gym for their graduation ceremony Saturday morning.



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Graduation caps fly in the air in the Jordan-Matthews gym Saturday morning as the former students celebrate the end of an era. Principal Tripp Crayton reminded them, 'Once a Jet, always a Jet!'

Oliver Graham Mitchum, Angel Lydia Moffitt, Chadwick Eugene Moore II, Emery Claire Moore, Naomi Mora Marcial, Kristie Morales-Lagunes, Aylin Moreno Sotelo, Keontaye Isiah Newby, Jonathan Saul Nino Vazquez, Yuritzi Ocampo Duarte, Ullice Estefany Ortiz Martinez, Aaron Taylor Partin, Vruti Patel, Qwai-Mane Maurice Pennix, Kevin Jesus Perez Baten, Eric Antonio Perla, Demetrius Persell Perry, Briana Marie Person, Emily Grace Pierce, Christopher Josue Pineda-Peraza, Colby Michael Poirier, Angelo Isaac Preciado, Vanessa Amy Pritchard, Janet Pulido Ramirez, Claudia Giselle Quijada Liborio, Alexandra Ramirez Tinoco, Lenore Ramos Juarez, Eder Rangel Garcia, Monica Razo Villaseca, Stefany Reyes, Sabrina Elizabeth Reyes-Turcios, Joseph Akira Richardson, Josephine Kiara Richardson, Christopher John Rios, Felix Rios, Hadassa Rivera Marin, Yasmin Rivera Salazar, Beatriz Rivera Salto, Emy Belen Rodas Garcia, William Samuel Rodgers Jr, Christian Rodriguez, Bryan Rodriguez Herrera, Felipe Uziel Rodriguez Monton, Kevin Abid Rodriguez Pineda, McKinley Joyce Rogers, Jenna Marie Rohaly, William Don Roscoe III, Kevin Duong Saefong, Caitlyn Alannah Safrit, Agustina Sanchez, Oscar Sanchez, Natalie Corrine Santiago, Criseida Johana Saravia Argueta, Sheyla



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Kaitlyn Rose Bellas, a new graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City, waves to her friends and family after receiving her diploma Saturday morning.

meralda Vasquez Diaz, Andy Velarde Galindo, Axel Vera, Kristin Victoria Wiley, Jamonie Dashon Williams, Aubree Tatum Wilson, Evan Blake Zagada, Alam Zagada-Hernandez, Nicholas Allen Zakaria and Samantha Rachel Zarate Rangel.



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

The 2019 graduating class of Northwood High School in Pittsboro.

Northwood High School

Located in Pittsboro, Northwood's Class of 2019 featured 312 graduates who received their diplomas June 8 at Carmichael Arena on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. Student speakers were Alexis Lopez-Ramos, Gabriel Brown, Katie Fuller, Helena Hysong, John Pressey and Anna Pickens, while Johnny Franklin Richardson received the school's Distinguished Alumni Award.

The graduating class received \$3,500,780 (and counting). Graduates are slated to attend universities such as Boston College, Brigham Young University, Kansas University, University of Kentucky and High Point University.

The graduates were: Grace Elizabeth Aguilar, Danielle Nicole Allen, Madeleine Faye Allen, Fernando Alvarado-Marin, Monica Sarai Alvarado-Sanchez, Katherine Grace Amend, Guadalupe Amezcuita Granados, Eric Rockford Andrews, Abigail Elise Andros, Andrew Scott Argila, Lovenia Auma Odongo Asiyi, Hannah Emily Austin, Caleb Michael Autry, Shayla Michelle Baldwin, Rosalia Basilio Mendoza, Arturo Basilio Cardoso, Jaime Bautista Diaz, Daniel Cole Bay, Olivia Judith Beasley, Blake Allen Beck, Sarah Grace Beck, Austin David Bennett, Zachary Michael Bernstein, Caden Eric Bjornndahl, Karina Antoinette Black, Joel Campian Blanford, Harper Ella Bone, Leona Rae Brander, Mathew Leon Briggs, Brent Daniel Brooks, Joshua Martin Broome, Gabriel Devone Brown, Parker Stanton Brown, Brianna Shelby Bruns, Jeera Ann Le Palma Edwards, Thomas Patrick Cantwell, Faith Marie Cain, Bryan Cervantes, Leslie Nicole Chavez, Madison McAlister Clark, Meredith Eve Clouse, Arianna Coe, Allison Christine Coker, Madeline Margaret Conte, Sophia Cumilla Cook, Shanya Alyse Cotten, Ethan Daniel Cove, Amie Brooke Crabtree, Jessica Marie Crain, Sarah Riley Crisp, Erianna Bri-elle Crump, Morgan Renee Crutchfield, Joshua Lee Crutchfield-Collins, Dianna Marie D'Andrea, James Richard Daiker, Allana Kalene Davis, Richard Blair Deal, John Allen Dickens, Jennifer Anne Dowden, Heather Elizabeth Drake, Samuel Reed Earnshaw, Adrian Lloyd Edwards, Janelle Artia Edwards, Austin Thomas Egnazcak, Thomas Charles Eichvalds, Joshua Delaney Eisner, Nathaniel Robert Elenbaas, Nolan Mitchell Ellis, Samantha Mikaela Ennis, MaKyah Denise Evans, Sara Grace Eve, Elijah Christian Evensen, Nicole Carolina Feher, Anna Sage Ferguson, Cameron Robert James Fitzpatrick, Reagan Frances Flynn, Autumn Marie Fogleman, William Scott Ford, Sean Michael Foye, Samuel Norman Fuelleman, Katie Magnolia Fuller, Korinne Patricia Fuller, Hannah Elizabeth Gallagher, Erick Garcia Jr., Isaac Garcia-Perez, Yuwsuf Ali Garland, Erik Matthew Gaster, Rosario Alejandra Gaytan, Nyrah Eliana Gispson, Karoline Brenna Glenn, Wyatt Jackson Godwin, Cameron A'Duan Coins, Guadalupe Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Jessica Blake Goodman, Abigail Nicole Goyea, Rebecca Addie Mae Graham, Noah MacNeill Gray, Julianna Claire Greene, Ahren Reese Griffin, Tanner Jacob Griffin, Jala Nicole Gunn, Jack Alan Gustafson, Marcos Gutierrez-Fuentes, Carolyn Hammond, Cheyenne Rose-Marie Hampel, Kendall Jade Hardiman, Brendan D'Andre Harrington, Gunnar Trent Harris, Jaela Marchel Harris, Charlie Elizabeth Hatch, Nicole Lynne Hawkins, Sadie Cosette Hazen, LaQueshia Nashea Headen, Ines Lilo Corinne Henry, Savannah Suankai Her, Sury Saday Hernandez-Dominguez, Jacob Lynn Hilliard, Michael Clayton Hinson, Lars Christian Hoeg, Joseph Donald Holloway, Ciara Bobbi Holt, Stephanie Diane Horne, Kamden Lee Horton, Juliana Belle Hubbard, Michael Joseph Hubbard, Gillian St. Claire Huggins, Dalton James Huizenga, William Joshua Huneycutt, Helena Helms Hysong, Gianluca Claudio Iacono, Michael Isidro-Hernandez, Marcus Anthony Jackson, Kobe Allen Jacobs, Samantha Grace Jacomet, Kaitlyn Niamh Jarvela, Paige Marie Jasper, Tania Ximena Jimenez-Cervantes, Jalen Austin Jinwright, Abby Caroline Johnson, Harper McDonald Johnson, Kyle Adam Johnson, Tayshawn Raheem Johnson, Aaron Royce Jones, Adrian JuMarcus Jones, Jordan Menné Jones, Connor Joseph Kava, Adam Ahmed Khrais, Trevor Kiprono Kikuyu, Aniyah Sanae Kirby, Harrison Matthew Knapp, Mackenzie Leighton Kremer, Meredith Evan Kremer, Tyler Brookes Kurz, Grace Elizabeth Lake, Victor Jose LazoOrnelas, Shawn London Levitt, Daniel Brody Lewis, Hardy James Lewis IV, Kevin Lin, Nathaniel Blaine Little, Thompson Hight Little, Sophia Alicia Llanos, Abigail Dillon Lockwood, Norely Lopez, Jhon Esteban Lopez-Canizales, Alexis Lopez-Ramos, Nathan Lyman, Malaea Kiyo Maefani, Jeffrey Steele Marcin, Olivia Dale Marsh, Eduardo Antonio Martinez, Mackenzie Grace Mason, Kyle Alexander May, Abigail Rena McCauley, Shatize Shelia McDougald, Anisha Chanel McFadden, Megan Elizabeth McGayhey, Gabrielle Christina McGlockton, Makani Elise McKenzie, Zakya LeNae McKinney, Kevin Jacob McNamara, Rachael Lauren McWilliams, Corinne Morgan Meacham,



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Elizabeth Quinn, Emma Quasny, Taylor Puckett and Allison Poythress, left to right, strike a pose. The four were getting lined up to walk into the Carmichael Arena for Northwood's 2019 graduation.



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Ava Morency and Harlie Mundy get a selfie before walking to the floor at the Carmichael Arena in Chapel Hill for the Northwood graduation ceremony. Next year, Mundy plans to study criminology, and Morency will study to be a dental hygienist.

Holden Christopher Meacham, Christopher Austin Medina, Christopher Douglass Meyer, Jenna Marie Michels, Makayla Shontel Miller, Amanda Leanne Mills, Nina Angelika Moll, Javier Monroy-Roman, Samuel Kade Montoya, Brandon James Moon, Leah Brigayle Moore, Sarah McQueen Moore, Tyler Everett Moore, Alfredo Morales Carbajal, Ava Raye Morency, Harlie Rae Mundy, Elizabeth Grace Nash, Jessica Marie Nash, William Hunter Newell, Zizzy Sequoia Newell, Andrew Gregory Norman, Daniel Heath Oakley, Christopher Eugene Ocariza, William Bright Ortiz, Maxwell Luis Otero, Noah William Alexander Ovan, Allie Kay Parke, Mackenzie Mae Parker, Ryan Brett Parker, Garrison Timothy Parrish, Austin Wade Parsons, Kenrick DeShaun Patterson, Sydney Ellen Paredes, John Matthew Perez-Rodriguez, Anna Louise Daneek Pickens, Lilly Adin Fishney, Madeline Michelle Posse, Cera Latrice Powell, Hannah Kay Powell, Allison Renee Poythress, John Marc Pressey, Taylor Ashley Puckett, Emma Rose Quasny, Elizabeth Ann Quinn, Jaerias James Raines, Hector Alfonso Ramirez, Anderson Grant Ray, Colin Harden Revels, Tyler Jude Rewkowski, Mara Elizabeth Riddle, Adam Christopher Rimolt, Morgan Roberts, Sierra Kathleen Robillard, David Ray Rodriguez, Cesar Fernando Rodriguez-Cedillo, Cordell Kennedy Rone, Quinn Stuart Rooze, Christian Anker Rudey, Breana Skye Russell, Kendra Anne Ryan, Fawez Ali Sahib, Ilery Salgado-Paredes, Jesus Daniel Sanchez Perez, Jonathan Sanchez, Rian Denise Sanders, Robert Daniel Sanders, Kyle Matthew Sandiford, Anastasia Landyn Sapientza, Jesenia Maria Schwankl, Noah Anthony Scott, Sarah Elizabeth Sessoms, Riley Grace Shaner, Samuel Robert Shi, Dwight Lammarr Siler, Mahogany Denise Siler, Alexa Joy Simeonsson, Macie Moore Skeen, Amya Sarah Marie Smith, Kiana Ahmil Smith, Sophia Katherine Smith, Taylor Liann Snively, Samantha James Sparrow, Mayci Annette Springle, Carter Blake Stallings, Cory Steyers, Beckett Sinclair Stiles, Ella Monroe Strayer, Ken Joseph Summers, Dorothy Elizabeth Sumner, Kendall McKay Sutton, Justin Phillips Szczypinski, Diavann Jannell Taylor, Dorothy Geneva Teague, John Min Thu, Alexandra Elizabeth Tointon, Grant Kevin Tomecek, Anna Marie Trotter, Kayline Van Truong, Hayden Matthew Turner-Baker, Courtney Dianne Upchurch, Charlotte Maria Sophia vanAssen, Cheyenne Elizabeth Maria Vandenmark, Samuel Leigh Vanolinda, Aylin Vazquez Molina, Jose Carlos Villalpando Sandoval, Kimberly Nicole Villaseca, Brenden Kenneth Vogel, Angel Pala Vue, Kiley Anthony Wall, Sophia Marie Washburn, Aneajah Nickole Washington, Sasha Lanae Washington, Trinita Danielle Watson, Alan Mark Webster, Hannah Marie Weigle, Alison Kirby West, Andrew Wilson Wheeler, Kyra Grace Wilcox, Breannah Denette Williams, Quentin Terrell Williams, Haven Nicole Williamson, Mia Elizabeth Witcher, Austin Wayne Womble, Suzanne Marie Wylie, Micaiah Renee Yoak, Jason Blake Yule, Tameasha Raquel Young, Hannah Kathleen Yule and Shaun Patrick-Fitzgerald Zucker.

WREN: Developer says loosening alcohol laws would spur growth

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“I just always wanted to come back to Siler City,” Farrar said. “I love the people. I love the town. I grew up hearing stories of Siler City. It had a bustling economy and was a hub of the county. Mix that with a love of historic buildings and construction. I always saw potential and when I had the opportunity to re-develop these buildings, I jumped.”

Farrar’s first major project was the Chatham Lofts on North Chatham Avenue in 2016. At that time, he noted that the project was “just the first step of a master plan.” He wants to create downtown spaces that attract residents, businesses, and visitors. Farrar is hoping to maximize the potential for people to live downtown, capitalize on walkability and get more activity downtown. He believes that in order to attract a “middle management population,” Siler City needs to develop both the housing stock and amenities that would be a draw.

He believes one of the biggest hurdles is the Siler City ordinance under the state’s ABC laws that mandate that alcohol sales must be done either in a hotel or motel or in an establishment that serves food. Farrar noted that other municipalities — Pittsboro, Sanford and Liberty — have passed referendums allowing for fewer restrictions on alcohol sales, which he believes improve economic opportunity for downtowns.

“We need somewhere people can meet after work hours to have a drink and talk about the news of the town,” Farrar said. “We can’t have tap rooms, bottle shops, or bars. We’re the only municipality in four counties that hasn’t passed it. It’s a revenue-killer. It turns people off from investing or moving businesses here. They want food and beverage instead of a downtown that closes at 5 p.m. They want evening and night life. It’s good for

artists and good for our businesses.”

Farrar said he was working with others in hopes of changing the ordinance. In the meantime, he has four other downtown development projects that he hopes will bring economic opportunity and vitality to Siler City’s downtown.

“It’s important to my mom and it’s important to me,” he said. “Living in Siler City, contributing to Siler City, doing everything we can. It’s always been great to us so I just figured its important to return the favor. We can’t let downtown die.”

Current Wren Family Estate Redevelopment Projects

- 229-233 N. Chatham Avenue - Chatham Lofts
- This was the first property Farrar re-habbed. The property had been home to numerous businesses throughout the years, including Siler City Auto Parts and most recently served as an exhibition gallery for the North Carolina Arts Incubator.

The location re-developed for mixed use — both commercial and residential. The original commercial spaces on the first floor have been condensed to build a hallway to two one-bedroom residences in the rear of the first floor. The downstairs mixed use spaces are intended to function as live-work spaces where a single tenant rents both the commercial storefront and the rear apartment however they can also be subdivided into four separate units.

The second floor is partitioned into four additional one-bedroom apartments with a central corridor running from the Chatham Avenue front entrance to the rear stairwell exiting out into the Third Street parking lot. The properties rent for about \$900 per month.

- Approximate project cost: \$500,000
- 121 North Chatham Avenue (John F. Lambe Building)

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Chatham Lofts was the first project by Wren Farrar, converting the building into two storefronts and six apartments.

This building was constructed circa 1904 and previously housed the Gem Theatre and Jones Department Store. The property has been approved for its conditional use permit and internal demolition has begun. When complete, there will be two commercial storefronts and two one-bedroom apartments of about 1,000 square-feet each. Farrar envisions this property to be live-work space for single tenants similar to Chatham Lofts. Farrar’s goal with the space is to draw potential entrepreneurs to downtown by the opportunity to work close to home.

- 114-116 West Raleigh Street (L.L. Wren Building)

This building, which once housed the U.S. Post Office and later the office and printing plant of The Chatham News, was built in 1927. Farrar is re-developing the building, which is now office space, into two commercial storefronts and 6 one-bedroom apartments. Internal demolition has begun at the building and final designs are 80 percent complete.

- 208 West Second Street (Roland Thomas Building)

Formerly the Roland Thomas Factory and later Dinette World, this 56,000 square-foot complex was built in 1920. This project, Farrar notes, is the farthest out in the planning stage of his re-development projects and is on scale the largest he is undertaking. He envisions the space to be mixed-use and will include a tap room or a Bavarian-styled beer garden, an event venue, a restaurant, a fitness gym, and four studio loft apartments on the second floor. Farrar notes the biggest barrier for the development is the current town ordinances that prevent alcohol sales on premises that do not include food service.

- East Fourth Street - Chatham Corner

On East Fourth Street behind the First Baptist Church, Farrar is planning a development of 12 one- and two-story southern style two- and three-bedroom family cottages. He wants to create a family-friendly neighborhood, similar to a pocket neighborhood two blocks from historic downtown. This project is still in the planning stages.

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The John F. Lambe building at 121 N. Chatham Ave. will become space for retail use and apartments when work to restore the downtown Siler City space is completed.



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Wren Farrar is working on the internal demolition of 121 N. Chatham Ave. (John F. Lambe Building) to make way for two new storefronts and apartments.



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OBITUARIES

JEAN HOLDRIDGE REEVES



Jean Holdridge Reeves, 99, of Pittsboro, died June 5, 2019. A service to celebrate her life will be held at Pittsboro United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 12 noon. The family will receive visitors Friday, June 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home and Saturday, June 22 at 11 a.m. in the church, prior to the service.

Jean was born January 27, 1920 in Marion, Ohio, daughter of the late Roy and Lillian Johnston Holdridge. She graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University as a Kappa Kappa Gamma sister with a degree in home economics and from the University of Connecticut with master's degree in child development. In 1944, feeling a sense of duty as the youngest of four sisters, she enlisted in the American Red Cross to serve during WWII and was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines. Her tour of duty in the Red Cross is digitally documented in the UNC-G Women Veterans Historical Project.

It was there that Holdridge met, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Captain Thomas Long Reeves, whom she married in March, 1946. Jean and Tom moved to Pittsboro, NC, where they raised four daughters on Long Meadow Dairy farm.

In Pittsboro, Jean immersed herself in many activities, donating countless time, energy and resources to causes that she believed in strongly. She is remembered by many for her roles in the Pittsboro United Methodist Church (PUMC), such as Youth Fellowship, Methodist Women's programs and missions, music programs, and PUMC church bazaar. In addition, she was actively involved in Pittsboro public schools and the public library.

Jean's dedication to faith and family and her unconditional love was a source of positive inspiration for all who loved her, especially the extensive Holdridge, Reeves and church family and many others. How many women close to a 100 years old could relate to every generation? Her passing marks the end of an era.

She is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Kay Skalchunes of Clemmons, Melissa and Mike Raley of Raleigh, and Ann and Jørn Larsen of Durham; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and "chosen" daughters.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be made to the Myrtle Spough Reeves Scholarship Fund, c/o PUMC, PO Box 716, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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

CLARA DOUGLAS HOLT SEALEY



Clara Douglas Holt Sealey, age 81, of the Bells Community went home to be with Jesus on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Mrs. Sealey was born in Apex on May 13, 1938 to Herbert and Arra Holt. In addition to her parents, Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Sealey (2006). Through the years, she was employed with FCX, Southern States, and Carolina Meadows.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved reading her Bible and cooking Sunday dinners for her family. She was also known as a patient, kind lady who enjoyed collecting angel figurines, putting puzzles together, and word searches were a favorite. She was a pro at playing the card game Rook with family and friends, all of whom she enjoyed dearly.

She is survived by daughters, Wanda S. Kidd of Pittsboro, Scarlet S. Jewell (Alan) of Graham; brother, Glen Holt (Evelyn) of Apex. She was blessed with three grandchildren, Rebecca Punch (Joshua), Travis Kidd, and Amber Jewell, and three great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Makenzie and Montgomery Punch.

The family received friends at Bells Baptist Church Sunday, June 9 from 2 to 3 p.m. Celebration of life began at 3 p.m. with a graveside committal that followed.

Memorials may be made to the Bells Baptist Church Cemetery Fund or the Pittsboro Council on Aging.

HAZEL WILLIAMS PUCKETT



Mrs. Hazel Williams, 94, went home to her Father's House Monday, June 10, 2019.

Born April 18, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Williams of Fuquay-Varina, NC.

Hazel was the wife of the late W. Moorefield Puckett. She and her husband "Mo" lived in Robbins, NC until 1978, before moving to Pittsboro.

Hazel was a #1 Tar Heel Fan, attending many basketball football games. She was very active in the Tabernacle Methodist Church in Robbins. She was a member of Pittsboro United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. She also served on the board of First Bank in Pittsboro.

Hazel is survived by her daughter, Miranda Roberts of Roanoke, VA; her sons, Bill Puckett (Donna) of Boulder, CO and Danny Puckett of Pittsboro; her grandchildren, Betsy Saunders, Caroline Roberts, Preston and Lindsay Puckett and Jordan Cooper; her great-grandchildren, Rosanna, Noah and Parker; her sister, Margaret Fish; her sister-in-law, Eleanor A. Howard along with many nieces and nephews.

The service to celebrate the life of Hazel Puckett will be conducted by Pastor Sara Beth Pannell, Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Pittsboro United Methodist Church.

Graveside committal rites will be held 2 p.m. at Wake Chapel Christian Church Cemetery, 905 Wake Chapel Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Pittsboro UMC, PO Box 716, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

REBECCA 'BECKY' BRADY BROOKS



Her Faith in God was first in her life, followed by the love of her life, Gyles and God's gift of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rebecca "Becky" Brady Brooks, 83, of Siler City went to her Heavenly home on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at UNC Hospice, Pittsboro.

Mrs. Brooks was born in Chatham County on February 20, 1936, the daughter of Jesse David and Hazel (Stanley) Brady. She attended Asheboro Business College and had

worked at Boling Chair, and retired as an administrative assistant from Dixie Poultry. In retirement Becky worked with Chatham County Schools as a substitute teacher.

Becky was a lifelong member of the Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Senior Adult Sunday School Class and the church choir. She had served as church pianist. She was the granddaughter of George W. Stanley, who organized the church. Becky was a gifted vocalist and willingly shared her talents, touching countless hearts. This love of music was continued with her family.

Becky maintained a personal card ministry, bringing cheer to others. She never met a stranger and enjoyed working with flowers. Becky had a special place in her heart for pilots.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gyles Brooks; her parents; and sister, Carole Langley.

She is survived by daughter, Rhonda B. Wilkie and husband, Barry of Siler City; son, Alan G. Brooks and wife, Carole of Kernersville; sister, Brenda B. Ward and husband, Paul of Siler City; brother, Hank Brady and wife, Dianne of Sparta; grandchildren, Dustin Wilkie and wife, Jessica, Drew Wilkie and wife, Leslie, Lance Wilkie and wife, Caprice, Bridgette Brooks and husband, Walter, Skye B. Hurlocker and husband, Matt; Monika Brooks; and six great-grandchildren.

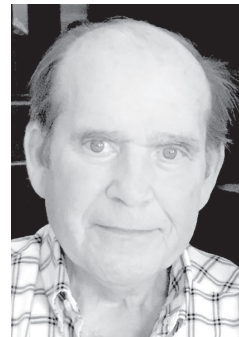
The family will receive friends Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City and other times at the family home. The family will also receive friends Wednesday, following the service, in the church Sanctuary. The funeral will be Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church, 17475 US 64 W, Siler City with Pastor Mark Richardson and Pastor Garry Yeatts officiating. A private burial will be in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City.

Memorials may be made to Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church, 17475 US 64 W, Siler City, NC 27344.

The family wishes to extend a special thank-you to Becky's caregivers and UNC Hospice, Pittsboro.

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

JAMES (JIM) G. STINSON



James (Jim) G. Stinson passed away peacefully after a three-year battle with lung cancer on June 9, 2019 at home. He was born on the 24th of December, 1943 to Thomas and Ella (Brooks) Stinson in Goldston, NC and was raised in Bear Creek, NC with his older brother Marlin and younger sister Judy. As a child he attended Bear Creek Baptist Church with his family and cherished the friendships he made. Later in life he was a regular attender with his wife and

daughter at First Baptist Cary, and in 1994 they started attending Westwood Baptist in Cary and became members in 2003. Church and his belief in the Lord was always a guiding light in his life.

Jim graduated from Chatham Central in 1962, was drafted into the Army and served in the Vietnam war from 1965 to 1967. After returning home he went to college and graduated from Sanford Business Community College in 1970. On the 26th of September, 1970 he married Beverly Howard and moved to Cary NC. In 1974, Jim and Beverly had their daughter, Jennifer. He retired in 2009 from Colorcraft/Qualex, IBM as a DBA, Senior Systems Programmer.

In his free time, Jim loved to garden, and took great pride in how well his tomato plants did. He also enjoyed shore line fishing and always talked about buying a boat and spending time on the water. Jim cherished the times he spent traveling with Beverly and his family, whether it was a trip to the mountains or to the beach never mattered as long as family was close by. He also loved to listen to classic gospel or country music, and watched Hop-Along Cassidy and John Wayne movies. Jim always had a mind for puzzles and enjoyed working the weekly crossword and sudoku puzzles he found in the paper.

He was a loving husband to Beverly (Howard) Stinson for 48 years, and father to Jennifer (Stinson) McKinney and husband Matthew and grandfather to Sophia and Kaytlen McKinney. Jim was a true family man and no matter what, he stood by them with a loving smile and support. His love never failed, it never gave up and he always believed the best. Even though family didn't always live close by, they always knew he was only a phone call away and would be there for them if needed.

It was his desire to be remembered as a peaceful and loving person, who cared for his family. Jim was preceded in death by his mother, father, and brother Marlin Stinson.

He leaves behind his sister, Judy (Stinson) Scott and husband Marlyn; sister-in-laws Carolyn Stinson, Cindy H. Furr and husband Eric, Angie H. Ferguson and husband Mark, and Robin H. Speckhart and husband Kurt; eight nieces and nephews; and eight great-nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered and sorely missed by his family and friends.

The family would like to thank Dr. Mollin, Wake Internal Medicine, Dr. Sherrod, Rex Hematology Oncology and Associates along with all the staff and nurses at Transitions Life Care.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday June 15 at 11 a.m. at Westwood Baptist Church, 200 Westhigh St., Cary, NC 27513. Graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at Bear Creek Baptist Church, 480 Bonlee Carbonton Road, Bear Creek, NC 27207.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home of Siler City will be assisting with all flower arrangements, and can be contacted by phone (919) 742-2151 or go to: www.pughfuneralhome.com

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

CLYDE ROY THOMPSON JR.

Clyde Roy Thompson Jr., 65, of Sanford passed on Friday, May 31, 2019 at Reid Heart Center, Pinehurst.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Macedonia AME Zion Church in Gulf, with interment following in the church cemetery.

OMEGA FOX

Mrs. Omega Fox, 93, of Siler City passed on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at Chatham Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

ISAIAH KAREEM JOHNSON

Infant Isaiah Kareem Johnson of Sanford passed on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at UNC Children's Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

BABY AVERY ACEVEDO SMITH

Baby Boy, Avery Acevedo Smith, whose parents are of Siler City, passed on June 4, 2019 at Chatham Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

NEWS BRIEFS

CORA expands hours during summer

Chatham Outreach Alliance will be expanding its pantry hours during the summer months. The new timetable will introduce Saturday hours into the schedule, allowing clients with weekday conflicts to visit the pantry in June and July on a few weekends.

CORA will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, the same hours that CORA will be open for SNACK! distribution. The organization will gauge the demand for these hours and see if this is something that is needed year-round.

FSA seeking nominations

The USDA's Farm Service Agency will begin accepting nominations for county committee members on June 14. Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate.

FSA encourages America's farmers, ranchers, and forest stewards to nominate candidates to lead, serve, and represent their community on their county committee. FSA also encourages diverse representation including underserved producers, which includes beginning, women and minority farmers and ranchers.

Committees make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. Their input is vital on how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The Chatham County Committee consists of three members and typically meet once a month. Members serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Producers should visit the Chatham County FSA office to find out how to get involved in the election and to see if your local administrative area is up for election this year. Organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, also may nominate candidates.

To be considered, a producer must sign a FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections. All nomination forms for the 2019 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 4.

Crossing blitz educates drivers about dangers of not stopping for trains

RALEIGH – The N.C. Department of Transportation is reminding drivers to be safe at railroad crossings as part of International Level Crossing Awareness Day, or ILCAD 2019.

NCDOT's BeRailSafe program hosted a crossing blitz in Gibsonville to educate drivers about the dangers of not stopping for trains. The crossing blitz is like a license check, as drivers will be provided with rail safety driving tips and railroad safety crossing data.

North Carolina reported 57 of the 2,214 collisions nationwide between trains and vehicles in 2018. This year, there have been 22 railroad crossing crashes in the Tar Heel State.

NCDOT's BeRailSafe program wants drivers to remember the following lifesaving tips when approaching a railroad crossing:

- Always expect a train at every highway-rail intersection;
- Trains always have the right-of-way, even when emergency and law enforcement vehicles are involved;
- Always stop your vehicle when crossing gates are down or lights are flashing. Never try to drive around the gate;
- Never stop your car on railroad tracks. When approaching an intersection at railroad tracks, keep your car safely behind the white lines; and
- Never race a train to a crossing.

Now in its eleventh year, ILCAD aims to prevent collisions between vehicles and trains at railroad crossings, which are referred to outside the U.S. as level crossings.

BeRailSafe works with North Carolina Operation Lifesaver, railroads and other safety stakeholders to educate children, teens and adults on the dangers of trespassing on railroad tracks, property and equipment.

— CN+R Staff Reports

BENJAMIN DALE 'BEN' ANDREWS

Benjamin Dale "Ben" Andrews, 30, of Bennett, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2019.

No services are planned at this time.

Ben was born April 9, 1989 to Glenn and Kathy Yow Andrews. A graduate of Chatham Central High School, he worked in commercial construction. He was of the Baptist faith. His mother preceded him in death.

He is survived by his father. Condolences may be offered online at: www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

Joyce-Brady Chapel is honored to serve the Andrews Family.

CEDRIC JERRELL JOHNSON

Cedric Jerrell Johnson, 37 of Sanford, passed on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 10 at Firt Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford with entombment following at Lee Memory Garden.

JAMES THORNTON

James Thornton, 92, of Cocoa, Florida passed on Monday, May 27, 2019 at Courtenay Springs Village, Merritt Island, Florida.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Emmanuel Glorious Church of God in Sanford with burial following at 3:30 p.m. in Lee Memory Garden.

THE LIST: The last 6 county property tax rate changes

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Did you know that, in one year, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners dropped the county's property tax rate by more than 20 cents?

While that's the most drastic change in the tax rate in the last 20 years — a 20.36 cent drop in fiscal year 2001-2002 — it's far from the only one.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has approved the county's fiscal year 2019-20 budget, which includes a 4.19-cent property tax rate increase. That marks the tenth change in the county's tax rate in the last 20 years and 7th time in the last 12 years.

For the first edition of the News + Record's new every-other-week feature "The List," we're looking at the last six instances of rate change and the reasons for them, as given by the respective county managers in their budget messages. Two of the years, the only decreases, came in revaluation years, where the county reconsidered the value of all real property, something required of local governments every eight years.

2008: Increased by 2 cents to 61.70 cents

"We recommend earmarking the additional pennies for schools... including the additional operating costs of Virginia Cross Elementary," wrote County Manager Charlie Horne. The county's education budget increased by \$800,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 to accommodate the

school's opening, and other funds brought in by the increase were projected to go to the school system. At the time, one cent of the tax rate generated \$682,001.

2009: Increased by 3.6 cents to 65.3 cents

Horne recommended the tax rate jump to 67.2 cents, but the commissioners' final vote kept it at 65.3 cents. The original 5.5-cent increase was recommended to be split four ways: 1 cent for a parks capital reserve fund, 1 cent for water capital needs to fund future debt, 1.2 cents for schools and 2.3 cents for general fund needs, including public safety personnel. While real property values were expected to grow, the County Manager's Office estimated that "job losses, tightening credit and rising gasoline and food prices (would) jeopardize the county's excellent collection percentage for property and motor vehicle taxes." One tax rate cent was estimated to generate \$722,266.

2010: Decreased by 5.08 cents to 60.22 cents (Reval)

The county budget increased by only \$234,553, with revenues down "significantly" from sales tax, fees and permits, occupancy tax and more, leading to a 7 percent reduction in the general fund operating budget. But the revaluation showed countywide real property values increased by an average of 23.6 percent, and the overall property tax base increased by 15 percent. The original budget pro-



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

posal was for a 60.32-cent tax rate, a "revenue-neutral" rate, but the commissioners approved a budget with a rate 0.1 cents less. One penny of the tax rate was anticipated to generate \$826,264.

2011: Increased by 1.97 cents to 62.19 cents

For the fourth change in as many years, the property tax rate went up by just under two cents. The original budget plan submitted by Horne

recommended a 2.5-cent increase, with 1.83 cents dedicated toward opening Margaret B. Pollard Middle School, a new library and two new community college buildings. The commissioners got the increase down by 0.53 cents by reducing the general fund budget. One cent of the tax rate produced \$836,504.

2017: Increased by 1.19 cents to 63.38 cents

After five straight bud-

gets with no change, County Manager Renee Paschal recommended the 1.19-cent increase. Real property values were expected to grow by 3.7 percent, but the total value of properties exempt from property tax, thanks to a law passed by the N.C. General Assembly, was upped by 5.1 percent. The rate increase covered "additional resources needed to increase the contribution to the debt reserve for a new elementary school" (now Chatham Grove Elementary School) as well

as the new Central Carolina Community College Health Sciences building (which is now nearing completion) in Briar Chapel and expanding plans for the yet-to-be-named Seaforth High School from 800 to 1,000 students in size. One cent of the tax rate would generate \$990,630.

2018: Decreased by 0.57 cents to 62.81 cents (Reval)

As has been the case with the last few property revaluations, the exercise led to the county tax rate dropping, ever so slightly this time. The commissioners at the time told the staff, according to Paschal's budget message, that the rate should be based on property values had revaluation not occurred. As a result, the county didn't add several positions or new services. Paschal wrote that the budget "doesn't fund everything we think we need, but it does meet the direction of the Board of Commissioners and funds the positions and other requests that help us keep up with growth." But between the budget's presentation and work sessions, corrections and adjustments were made to accommodate some new positions originally rejected thanks to new tax revenue, federal grants and some fund balance appropriation. One cent equaled \$1,103,153.

Have an idea for another edition of The List? Reach Reporter Zachary Horner by email at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHorneCNR with your suggestion.

CHEMICALS: Engineers presented 4 treatment options to county

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1,4 Dioxane is a solvent used in the manufacturing of other chemicals as a laboratory reagent and forms as a byproduct in some plastic production. PFAS are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, a group of chemicals used to make coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease and water, and are common in firefighting foam. These chemicals are considered "unregulated contaminants," meaning they are contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water and do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act, according to the EPA. Unfortunately, for the most part, the chemicals can't be eliminated through conventional water treatment methods.

An Environmental Protection Agency document summarizing the effects of 1,4 Dioxane described it as a likely human carcinogen. The EPA advises that .35 parts per billion creates a one in a million cancer risk in a lifetime. EPA considers 35 parts per billion, which would be 100 people in a million over a lifetime, as acceptable limits.

"For a town the size of Pittsboro, that would be like one in 10,000 in 70 years," Knappe said. "It is statistically almost impossible to detect in a town like Pittsboro [because of its size]."

But Knappe noted that when he first started testing in Pittsboro, he initially saw levels as high as 80 parts per billion. In order to verify, he conducted a more significant study by sampling daily for several months. That study showed a range of 1,4 Dioxane in the water from nine parts per billion with a peak of 40 parts per billion, which is just above the cusp of what the EPA would deem advisable as safe for consumption.

PFAS can have adverse effects on human immune system and have been linked to thyroid, reproductive, kidney, liver and developmental disorders; some PFAS, but not all, are linked to cancer. The EPA only has a health advisory level for two PFAS — PFOA and PFOS — which it notes that the sum of the two should not be above 70 parts per trillion, a level, Knappe notes, that indicates Pittsboro is "often on that edge."

"Pittsboro [through its water treatment plant] started using powder activated carbon to remove PFOA and PFOS [to the EPA's guidelines] so it's meeting its goal [for those]," Knappe said. "A lot of others, called shorter chain PFAS because they have fewer carbon atoms, have no guidelines."

The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners has been discussing unregulated chemicals affecting its drinking water for several years, most recently contracting with CDM Smith, an engineering and construction company with an office in Raleigh, which provides solutions for water and environment, transportation, energy and facilities for municipalities and private clients, to study the town's water supply and treatment plant expansion.

In discussing potential treatment options with the board at a meeting last month, the company noted that because of the combination and concentration of chemicals in the water, Pittsboro would likely need to consider a combination of techniques to remove the chemicals.

CDM Smith engineers provided four different advanced treatment options during the meeting for removal of the targeted chemicals, noting that none of



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the options were necessarily perfect because technology involved in the removal of those particular chemicals for public utilities was still in the early stages of development. Each of the options also carries different capital costs to initialize. In addition, the company was unable to provide any operating costs because it was unsure how long the supplies required for each option to remove the chemicals will last considering the levels of chemicals in the Haw River and how much disposal costs for would be.

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

"I could argue it's defensible what Pittsboro is considering [putting the chemicals back into the Haw River after the treatment of drinking water]," Knappe said. "You take the water out, clean it, then goes back into the Haw River from the wastewater plant. So they are simply bypassing people in the community. One way or another it's still going into the system."

Knappe noted his concern would be at the point of discharge and how well the concentrate would be mixed with the water.

"Is there any harmful impact on the aquatic life?" he asked. "That would be the greatest concern."

Safe, Knappe said, "is in the eye of the beholder. Some may accept the risk while others may say 'no, I don't think this is acceptable.' In the end, it's an avoidable risk. These things shouldn't be in the water."

Knappe also said that it "shouldn't be Pittsboro's water plant to take care of" the chemicals in the water; rather, it "should be at the place where it's generated," a point made by members of Pittsboro's town board last month.

The town does not have any legal right to demand change from its neighbors upstream, but Knappe is hopeful that a move recently by the N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality may signal a change.

On April 30, DEQ sent letters to 25 communities along the Cape Fear Watershed, which extends more than 200 miles from Reidsville to the Atlantic, requiring them to monitor PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane in their influent, the wastewater that comes into the plant. The towns chosen are those that contain pre-treatment facilities in their systems. Pre-treatment facilities are those built by certain industries to pre-treat wastewater before entering the town's wastewater treatment facilities. Though owned and operated by the companies, the towns with such facilities are considered pre-treatment communities.

According to Sarah Young of DEQ's Division of Water Resources, the department is initially targeting municipalities with pre-treatment facilities first because there is more industry discharging into those systems than industry discharging into systems without pre-treatment facilities. Each of the municipalities are also being asked to try to ascertain which industries may be discharging the chemicals as a result of their production processes. Young notes that DEQ is already drafting a letter that will be sent to those industries.

"I am cautiously optimistic," Knappe said. "I feel the state will finally do what it needs to do. [I think] DEQ's goal is to understand the impacts of wastewater on the entire Cape Fear Watershed and the state can cast a wider net."

The towns include municipalities both upstream and downstream from Pittsboro and on other tributaries within the Cape Fear Watershed. Greensboro, Reidsville and Burlington, towns often noted by Pittsboro's Board of Commissioners as significant contributors to the chemicals in the Haw, will be required to monitor 1,4 Dioxane and PFAS in their facilities. Those towns, according to a story published North Carolina Health News, have previously surveyed wastewater lines to determine sources of contaminants.

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DETLEF KNAPPE, the S. James Ellen Distinguished Professor of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering at N.C. State

Reidsville identified two potential manufacturers — Unifi and DyStar — and Greensboro identified one, although it refused to disclose the company's name.

Siler City has also been asked to monitor its influent because it has two pre-treatment facilities — Brookwood Farms and Mountaire Farms — on its system. Since both those pre-treatment facilities are for food production, it is unlikely that they would produce those compounds, but others in the system may. According to Siler City's Public Works Director Chris McCorquodale, Siler City will be conducting the testing as required by DEQ, noting that the town had previously conducted testing for 1,4 Dioxane in its influent several years ago, but the tests came out "blank" for that contaminant.

"The Town of Siler City understands the importance of reducing chemicals in our waters," McCorquodale said. "These extra tests to make sure our waters are safe and clear is just one of the many things we are happy to do to make sure that we keep the environment as healthy as possible."

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Student Attendance

Northwood Graduates

Graduated – 289
Signed Up – 25 (9%)
Attendance – 20 (80%)
Left Early – 4 (16%)
Guests – 9

Jordan-Matthews Graduates

Graduated - 174
Signed Up – 117 (62%)
Attendance – 100 (85%)
Left Early – 16 (16%)
Guests - 56

Chatham Central Graduates

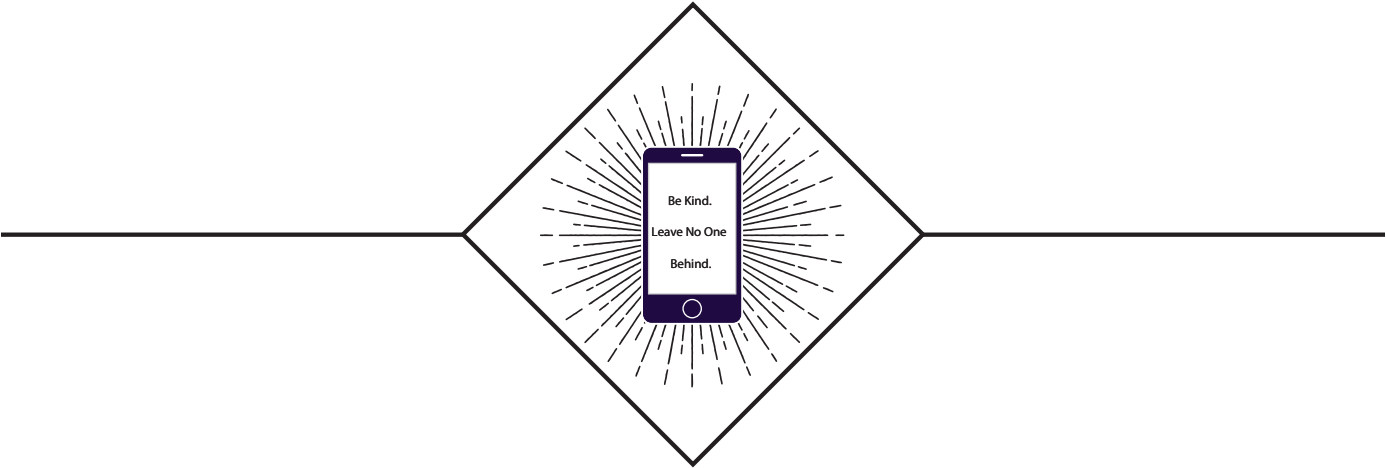
Graduated – 91
Signed Up – 46 (51%)
Attendance – 42 (91%)
Left Early – 10 (24%)
Guests – 21

Totals

Graduated – 554
Signed Up – 188 (34%)
Attendance – 162 (86%)
Left Early – 30 (19%)
Guests – 86
Total Attending – 248



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BOOKS ON BREAK



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Students from Siler City Elementary peruse books at the school's Books on Break program last Friday, sponsored by the Chatham Education Foundation. More than 7,000 books were given to students there and at Virginia Cross Elementary thanks to grant from donors. See Bill Horner III's column about the event on page A4.



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Each of the more than 1,350 students taking part in Books on Break received a book bag and bookmark, courtesy of the Chatham Education Foundation.



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Chatham Education Foundation Executive Director Jaime Detzi (right) and board Chairman Mary Kolek were among several CEF volunteers who assisted with Books on Break.

CHURCH NEWS

TAYLOR'S CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us at Taylor's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 23 as we celebrate the pastoral anniversary of Rev. Eugene Staton. Destiny Church of God will join us. All are welcome. We are located at 2153 Mays Chapel Road, Sanford.

SANDY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sandy Branch will honor the men with a covered dish luncheon following the worship service on June 16. You are invited to Sunday School at 10 a.m., the worship service at 11 A.M. and then lunch. Bring some of your favorite dishes to share and enjoy the food and fellowship at 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek.

ST. MATTHEWS AME ZION CHURCH

St. Matthews AME Zion Church will have their men's fellowship at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June

15. The public is invited. For more information, call 919-888-8557. The church is located at 4015 NC Highway 902 in Pittsboro.

MITCHELL CHAPEL CHURCH

Vacation Bible School will be held at Mitchell Chapel Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 24 - 28. Monday night will be Super Hero Glow Night and Fun Friday will be from 5 to 8 P.M.. Games and activities will be held outside. The theme for the week will be Super Training University. The church is located at 1085 Mitchell Chapel Road, Pittsboro. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HOLY TRINITY UHC

Vacation Bible School will be held at Holy Trinity United Holy Church from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 17 through 19. This year's theme is "In the Wild". Join us as we learn and grow!

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to the family and many friends of the late Billy Sunday Dowdy, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many acts of kindness and sympathy. The food, flowers, cards, donations, visits and kind words were very much appreciated. Bertha Dowdy and Family

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Breakfast, lunch prices increasing for CCS students

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Schools students will be paying slightly more next year for purchasing breakfast and lunch. The Chatham County Board of Education voted Monday night to the lunch price by 15 cents to \$3 and the breakfast cost by 25 cents to \$1.50. The raise is the first change in school meal prices since August 2016. Audrey Stewart, the district's interim director of school nutrition services, told the board that the change was made to stay in compliance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's pricing guidelines, as set by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The law requires that local school food authorities, or SFAs, "provide the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free

CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS New Breakfast & Lunch Prices \$3.00 PAID LUNCH \$1.50 PAID BREAKFAST

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

or reduce price lunches as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches." Districts are required to compare the average price charged for paid lunches to the difference federal reimbursements for free and paid lunch-

es. If the average price is less than the difference, school nutrition programs are required to gradually adjust the prices or provide state or local-level funding to cover that gap. According to a USDA fact sheet, "pricing paid lunches

below the cost of production effectively increases federal subsidies for higher income children," thus causing money intended for free lunches to "fill in the gap." Chatham County's previous lunch price of \$2.85 covered the gap, but it was 15 cents short of the federal reimbursement rate for paid lunches. The change was made, according to Monday's agenda, "based on the gap and the federal regulations." The county's previous breakfast price was \$1.25, making it less than the reimbursement difference of \$1.48. Monday's agenda cited the 23-cent gap as the reason for recommending the price increase. The changes will take effect at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year and will cover all grade levels. Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.



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Pollinators getting busy

News + Record Photographer Kim Hawks caught this bee on a Stokes aster plant in her friend Suza White's garden in Pittsboro over the weekend.

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CHATHAM CH@T | MARK HALL, CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CCCC provost spotlights uniqueness of college's Chatham campus, contributions

As Chatham County provost, Mark Hall serves as Central Carolina Community College's executive administrator in Chatham. A North Carolina native, Hall's life and career path have taken him all over the state: he's lived in Charlotte, Wilmington, Cary, Boone, Raleigh, Sanford, and now Pittsboro. He has a degree in psychology from Appalachian State University and graduate degrees from N.C. State (Master of Arts in English and American Literature; Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Research and Policy Analysis). His career at CCCC began as a part-time adjunct instructor, and his work as a full-time instructor led to a promotion as lead humanities instructor and then to Chatham County Provost — where, among many other duties, he supervises faculty and staff and helps foster partnerships with community organizations, secondary education schools, and county and municipal officials. Hall serves in various positions with a number of civic organizations, including Chatham Hospital, the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, Chatham YMCA, the Siler City Rotary Club and the Chatham Soccer League. He and his wife have three children, all of whom attend Chatham County schools.

Let's start with CCCC's Chatham campuses. Can you talk about how Chatham fits within CCCC's operations and academic plan, the value the college offers to Chatham County and what distinguishes Chatham's campuses from the other two sites?

Early this fall, the college will have three sites in Chatham County: one in Siler City, one in Pittsboro, and a new one in North Chatham. As with other sites (about



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CCCC's Mark Hall

20) across the college's three-county service area, these Chatham sites help the college serve as a catalyst for individual, community, and economic development through life-long learning. The training and education at the Siler City Center includes Certified Nurse Assistant preparation and other health-sciences courses, high-school degree equivalency programing, adult basic education and English-as-a-second language courses, industrial and artistic welding, ceramic arts, and university-transfer courses for local high school students. The Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro offers much of this programming, too, but also hosts the College's Sustainable Agriculture (top 20 nationally-ranked), Sustainable Technologies, Building Construction Technology, Medical Assisting, Culinary Institute, university-transfer programs, and

Chatham County School's early college: Chatham School for Science and Engineering. In the near future, the college will expand its Business Technologies, Engineering Technologies, and trades programming on the on the Chatham Main Campus as the health-sciences programs located there transition to the new Chatham Health Science Center in North Chatham. Additionally, all three Chatham sites serve as locations for short-term training, workforce development, and self-enrichment courses.

What's ahead for the CCCC Chatham campuses?

Construction of the Chatham Health Sciences Center should be finished early fall 2019, and health-science programming at that location will start soon after completion. The transition of health-science programming to the new building will open space on the

Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro for additional training opportunities. In particular, the college is considering expanding construction trades training and is approved to start Electrical Systems Technology this fall. As the county-supported Chatham Promise program grows and recent high-school graduates take advantage of the quality education the CCCC provides tuition-free, the college will continue expanding technical education as well as university-transfer courses at the Chatham Main Campus to accommodate the increases in enrollment.

Chatham Promise is somewhat new. For those unfamiliar with it, can you shed some light on how the program works?

The College's Promise Programs will provide — tuition free — training and college courses for qualifying high school

graduates. Before the Chatham County Commissioners' unanimous approval, the Chatham County Promise was endorsed by the Chatham Economic Development Corporation for its potential contribution to workforce development and by the Chatham County Board of Education for the increased educational opportunities it gives students. Because the financial barrier of tuition costs has been removed through the county's generous support, Chatham County Promise will encourage all students to pursue post-high-school training and education that leads to employment. As a collective effort, Chatham County Promise represents how many groups in this County will work together for the greater good of the County's residents.

CCCC's partnerships in Chatham...can you talk about what's in place, and what's planned?

CCCC almost has too many partnerships to name them all. That stated, the college could not provide the quality training and education it does without the support of the Chatham County's commissioners and staff. The college also has a long-standing partnership with Chatham County Schools that has facilitated the exponential increase in high school students taking college classes, lead to the establishment of the system's early college/innovative high school, and enabled the launch of Chatham Promise. Additionally, the college works closely with Chatham Charter to provide college courses to its juniors and seniors, many of whom earn about a year and a half of college credit before graduating.

Regarding economic development, the college works with the Chatham Economic Development Corporation on large and small projects as the source for industry's workforce development and small business guidance. Additional collaborations involve Chatham Community Library and the Friends of the Library, Chatham Habitat for Humanity, the Boys & Girls Clubs, the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, Chatham Health Alliance, Council on Aging, Chatham YMCA, Chatham Health Department, and Chatham's Partnership for Children to name only some.

What's unique about you and your job and responsibilities at CCCC?

I am unsure what might be unique about me in a diverse and eclectic county like Chatham. Lots of great people live and work in Chatham County, and as a life-long North Carolinian I am grateful to live and work in Chatham County, too. The provost role at CCCC, however, is unique to community colleges. CCCC has two provosts, one for Chatham County and one for Harnett County, who serve as the executive administrators in their respective counties. Working directly for the college president, I work together with the college's vice presidents to develop and improve programming and operations in Chatham County. We also foster new and established relationships with the college's external partners to better serve our communities. As a team, CCCC's executive leadership all work closely with each other to provide the best training and education possible to the College's entire service area.

CHATHAM PARK

Pittsboro revisits two additional elements, passes one

BY CASEY MANN
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PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners revisited two different Chatham Park Additional Elements at its meeting on Monday — the Tree Protection Element and the Open Space 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. These elements include regulations on open space requirements, landscaping, stormwater management, public art, lighting, signage and more.

Tree Protection Element

Late last month, the board approved the Chatham Park Tree Element, conditional on five requested changes or clarifications made by the board. During that meeting, Chuck Smith, a planning consultant working with Chatham Park, would repeat the requested changes back to the board to ensure that they were satisfied with the change. Chatham Park returned with those changes on Monday for the board's consideration.

The board requested at the meeting last month that a definition of tree coverage protection area have added language that says “no [tree coverage protection area] shall be larger than any section or village center identified in a small area plan.” But during Monday's meeting, Commissioner John Bonitz noted that although the change was his suggestion, he still felt it was “not sufficient,” requesting the definition be linked to a draft small area plan that had not yet been approved by the board. Chatham Park and town staff both objected to the suggestion, noting that since the document had not been approved, additional changes would not be appropriate. Without consensus, no changes were made.

During May's meeting, 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. Chatham Park's attorney and the town's attorney worked to create the language to include. In addition, Commissioners Michael Fiocco and Bett Wilson Foley

collaborated to ensure that Foley's concern about timbering were addressed within the constraints of the law. Even so, at Monday's meeting, the board had some difficulty agreeing to the language. After extensive discussion, the language was altered again until a majority of the board agreed.

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. Chatham Park noted that since the goal was to preserve existing trees rather than developing and replacing trees to fulfill an tree protection requirement, using the table was limiting to explain the concept. Instead, an entire paragraph was added which notes that 35 percent of the existing trees must be preserved. Commissioners Foley and Bonitz felt that the number should be 50 percent, but in a 3-2 vote, the board decided that 35 percent was appropriate.

The board decided to change the phrase “encourage to consider local” nurseries to “required to consider” in two different sections of the element to which Chatham Park complied. The board also asked attorneys for both the town and Chatham Park to investigate whether 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. A memo included in the agenda noted legislation that governs special assessment districts does not authorize the use of those funds for that type of activity.

After the extensive discussion, the remaining pieces of the Tree Protection Element passed with a 3-2 vote, with Commissioners Fiocco, J.A. “Jay” Farrell and Pamela Baldwin voting for and Foley and Bonitz voting against.

Open Space Element

Commissioners also held a public hearing Monday to consider an amendment to the Chatham Park Open Space Element that passed unanimously late in 2017. The amendment was submitted by Chatham Park as a requirement of a settlement reached between the N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality, the Town of Pittsboro and Chatham Park reached early last month.

That agreement settled a dispute about permitting for the town's pro-

posed force main and sewer line to Sanford after 11 months of negotiations. Pittsboro's commissioners approved the construction of a force main, a pipeline that will carry wastewater from Pittsboro to Sanford's Big Buffalo Wastewater Treatment Plant, in 2015. The project, which would nearly triple Pittsboro's wastewater capacity from 750,000 gallons a day (.75 MGD) to 2.75 million gallons a day, is estimated to cost about \$19.79 million.

In a letter dated May 3 of last year from DEQ to the town of Pittsboro, Linda Culpepper, who was DEQ's interim director at the time, noted that “it has recently come to the Division of Water Resource's attention that commitments and mitigation strategies included in the Environmental Impact Statement [filed in 2010] are not being implemented and enforced within the Pittsboro service area.” The letter did not include any specific areas or ways that the town was not adhering to the statement, and when asked in April by the News + Record, DEQ representatives stated it would not comment further because of ongoing litigation. The letter triggered petitions for a hearing from both the town and Chatham Park Investors with the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings.

Chatham Park Investors agreed to track stormwater control measures and design evaluation scores on a website accessible to both the town and the state. The control measures and design evaluations scores were already required by the Chatham Park Stormwater Additional Element, which was passed by the town last year.

Chatham Park Investors also agreed to introduce several text amendments increasing riparian buffers as listed in the Chatham Park Open Space Element. As changes to town ordinances require several processes by law including public hearings, the town was only required to consider the amendments in the settlement. In exchange, the state agreed to not require any additional mitigation strategies as the current measures require at least as much control and buffer as required by state law and to rescind the May 2018 letter.

Chatham Park offered two separate memos Monday outlining the revisions to the Open Space Element as mandated in the settlement. Town staff noted in the public hearing's introductory memo that the proposed language was

consistent with the agreement and that no other changes or amendments were proposed in conjunction with the submittal. The town's planning board also recommended to approve the proposed amendments.

The requested amendment strengthened language surrounding the definitions, regulations, and requirements for riparian buffers in the Chatham Park development. Four community members spoke during the public hearing requesting that the amendment consider stronger language and regulations with some mentioning items within the Tree Protection Element. Without any discussion from the board, Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry stated the board would “take these comments into consideration” and moved on to the next agenda item without a vote. The element will likely be taken up by the board at its next regular meeting.

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Kit Fink named ‘Ms. Cambridge Hills’

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PITTSBORO — Friends, family and residents cheered Friday as Kit Fink was crowned “2019 Ms. Cambridge Hills” at the assisted living center.

The 2nd annual pageant drew 13 competitors from amongst residents of Cambridge Hills. Dressed in evening gowns, they were escorted by family and friends to meet the judges, each answering a question posed by a staff member. Three judges, some of them pageant winners themselves and part of the North Carolina Senior America program, made their selections based on their overall impression of each contestant.

Each contestant came before the judges to the accompaniment of a self-selected piece of music. Country and early rock and roll were some of the genres selected.

Each contestant offered a brief statement, giving a history of their lives and careers. A variety of careers were represented, such as teacher, homemaker and being the owner of a motel.

The “question and answer” portion of the program was exciting, as it was an opportunity to hear personal ideas and feelings from the contestants.

Asked what she is grateful for, contestant Carrie Campen said, “I’m grateful to be 99. I’m looking forward to 100.” Campen was named Ms. Enthusiastic.

Maryanne Browning was asked, “If you were a flower, what sort would you be?”

“I’d be a sunflower,” she answered, “and spread sunshine to all my friends.”

Kit Fink was asked,



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Kit Fink, left, learns she is the winner of the 2019 Ms. Cambridge Hills Pageant. Her daughter, Becky Fricke, shares the moment with her.



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Daisy Austin, left, gets some last-minute makeup from DaShawn Matthews. Austin was one of 13 contestants in the second annual event.

“What is your greatest accomplishment?”

“That I raised three kids,” Fink said.

Fink won the pageant while being escorted to the event by one of her

children, Becky Fricke. Fink is a musician and singer, and passed the talent to her daughter, who sang with her band during the after-pageant party.



Syl and Jan Tenbarga dance at the post-pageant party. Both are avid dancers, and used to do a lot of Jitterbug and Foxtrot styles, Syl said. ‘We went on 22 cruises for dancing,’ he said.

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Caitlin Conn, a Certified Nursing Assistant at Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro, gives Louis Hope of Moody, Alabama a special touch of makeup before the start of the 2019 Ms. Cambridge Hills pageant. Conn said she enjoys hearing stories from fellow residents about where they’re from, and special memories about their lives.



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Carrie Campen, 99, a retired teacher with degrees from Mars Hill and other schools, modeled a pink dress from Paris for the evening gown competition. Accompanied by her son James, she said she’s ‘grateful to be 99, and looking forward to 100.’

READ IT ONLINE



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Jordan-Matthews High School English teacher Doug Riggs responds to student emails Monday during a teacher workday on campus in Siler City.

TEACHERS: Preparation and rest

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in Siler City, Principal Tripp Crayton has already done that. It’s a process that started in January with student sign-ups and ended on Friday with assignments handed out to teachers. The schedule will be adjusted over the summer when test grades come in or summer school is completed if a student needs to re-take a class. And that’s just the first part.

“There’s a lot that goes on,” Crayton said. “It’s a lot more relaxing because you don’t have students or teachers around and you have time to actually think.”

Principals will plan teacher development, analyze test scores and other data and balance schedules. But they’ll tell you nearly unanimously: the work doesn’t stop.

Some Chatham teachers say it doesn’t really end for them either.

“It’s never the end of the year,” said Stacie Perry, a 4th- and 5th-grade language arts teacher at Bonlee. “A teacher never stops teaching or never stops planning. I’m always looking for things I can bring back. My brain never turns off.”

Perry gets feedback from her students on the arrangement of desks and computer programs used in class as part of prepping for the coming year, which will be her

22nd. Colleague Dianna Ritter, a 7th-grade math and science instructor at Bonlee, will do a lot of thinking early on in the post-student days.

“Most of the time, you’re cleaning up your rooms,” she said. “Carpets have to be cleaned, floors have to be waxed and cleaned. So you’re boxing up everything and making sure everything is complete there. (Then) you just reflect about the whole school year, see what changes (you’re) going to make for the next year.”

Doug Riggs, an English teacher at Jordan-Matthews, said he likes to go ahead and plan at least the first two weeks of the next school year.

“On a normal year, if we have an idea of what we’re teaching next year, go ahead and make sure you’ve got things ready,” he said. “When you come back from the summer, there’s a lot to do. It can get pretty overwhelming trying to set up for a new semester.”

Both Crayton and Amy Phillips, the curriculum coach at Bonlee School, said it’s important for teachers to take a break and recharge so students can get the best out of their instructors.

“(Rest is) something that we have to work on really hard,” Phillips said. “It sounds crazy, but that has to be one of our goals, to actually just decom-

press. You’re on every second that you’re here. There’s not a down time. If we’re not taking care of ourselves, we’re not going to be any good for our kids.”

Crayton added, “Our staff works extremely hard. Over the summer, it’s good that they get a chance to sit back and reflect and take a few weeks to say, ‘I’m not thinking about school.’ If you’re stressed over the summer and you come back stressed, it’s a never-ending cycle.”

But when the rest is over, it’s time to get back to work. There are only 80 days between June 7 and August 26, when Chatham County Schools students return to class. And those students will likely be on the receiving end of work that started months before they returned to campus.

“Everything we’re celebrating right now actually started at the end of last year,” Phillips said. “We’re already setting student focus goals for next year, so we’ll hit the first day of school running next year. Throughout the summer, we will be working to not only build the schedule that meets those needs, but work on any strategies that need to improve.”

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Spencer selected to guide Jordan-Matthews football program

BY DON BEANE
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SILER CITY — It took almost two months, but Jordan-Matthews finally has a new football coach.

Sam Spencer was hired by the Siler City school to become only the sixth head football coach since the school first fielded a team in 1957.

Spencer will be only the third coach in the last 42 years, replacing Marty Scotten, who served as the Jets head coach for the last 23 seasons. Phil

Senter, who coached Scotten as a player, was the head man for the other 19 seasons in that lengthy span.

Spencer spent last season as an assistant under Scotten after nine seasons in Bear Creek as an assistant for the Bears. He also coached at North Moore High School in Robbins.

The Durham Jordan graduate played football collegiately at Greensboro College and Scotten says he made a strong presentation when interviewing for the position.

“Coach Spencer went in very organized when he

was interviewed and laid out a detailed plan of what he wants to do,” said Scotten. “He loves football, and was a very hard-working assistant for us this past season. I think he will do well and he certainly has my full support.”

Spencer will face the same problems Scotten has faced his

entire tenure, including the major one: no middle school football for almost 45 years.

No place has it been felt more than Jordan-Matthews over the past five seasons as the numbers have increasingly dwindled to the point that there is high con-

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Jordan-Matthews announced the hiring of Sam Spencer as new head football coach for the Jets. Spencer replaces longtime J-M coach Marty Scotten, who stepped down on April 12 after 23 years at the helm.

Submitted photo

Ruritans roll to West Chatham 8U regular-season title



Submitted photo

The Silk Hope Ruritans 8U baseball team won the West Chatham regular season title. Coaches are, from left: Chris Morgan, Randy Morgan, Adrian Dark. Not pictured: Chad Clark. Players are, top from left: Drew Rippe, Regan White, Jackson Clark, Jack Dixon, Bryson Green, Nathan Paschal, Owen Culberson. Bottom from left: Dylan Leysath, Will Murchison, Austin Morgan, Hayden Dark, Ridge Hicks, Caleb Mitchell. Not pictured is Grayson Pelletier.

BY DON BEANE
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SILK HOPE — After spotting Coleridge a 2-0 lead here on Monday night, the Ruritans stormed back with 13 unanswered runs to blast the visitors 13-3 to clinch the West Chatham 8U regular season title.

Silk Hope pushed across six runs in the home half of the first inning sparked by leadoff singles from Jackson Clark and Austin Morgan and followed by a double from Ridge Hicks which drove in Clark. Nate Paschal proceeded to slam a two-run double to plate Morgan and Hicks to send the Ruritans into the lead for good at 3-2 before the onslaught continued for the locals with Dylan Leysath mashing a double, Hayden Dark belting a two-run triple,

and scoring moments later on a passed ball to make the score 6-2.

After Silk Hope set Coleridge down in order in the top of the second, the Ruritans came back in and sent across seven runs, this time to race in front 13-2.

All the scoring came with two outs and was started by a single from Drew Rippe and a double from Jack Dixon. Clark then followed with a two-run double to left center before Morgan slammed an RBI-double to right center, and then Hicks launched a two-run homer to left field to make the score 11-2.

Silk Hope wasn't done in the frame as Will Murchison kept things going with a single before Paschal put the finishing touches on the uprising with another homer for the Ruritans, this time a two-run bomb to push the lead to 13-2.

Dark and Regan White would both single in the bottom of the third but the Ruritans would not score.

Coleridge added a run in the top of the fourth but it would be far from enough as Silk Hope put an exclamation point on the regular season title with the 13-3 triumph.

Hicks paced Silk Hope offensively with a 2-for-2 night that included two runs scored, three RBI, a double and a home run while Paschal was 2-for-2 with two runs, two RBI, a double and a roundtripper.

Also belting multiple hits for the Ruritans which closed with 15 as a team were Clark going 2-for-2 with two RBI, a double and two runs, Morgan 2-for-2 with a double, an RBI and two runs, and Dark 2-for-2 with a run, two RBI and a triple.

Muddogs nip Whitetails 7-6

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — Deep River paraded 11 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first to seize an early 6-0 lead, then held off a late-game surge by the Piedmont Whitetails before escaping with a 7-6 Old North State League victory Thursday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

The narrow triumph gave the Muddogs their first win in three outings, while Piedmont dropped to 0-3 for the season.

Deep River starter John Speight hurled five scoreless innings to earn the victory, allowing a pair of hits while walking four and fanning two.

Muddogs' reliever Cade Culberson threw one-plus innings, surrendering one hit and three earned runs in addition to issuing four free passes and striking out two, before being replaced on the mound by Austin Johnson, who tossed two and one-third innings, yielding two hits and a pair of runs (one earned) besides walking three and whiffing two.

Rafy Ortega then came on to record the final two outs, picking up a save while giving up one unearned run.

“It feels good to finally get my first coaching win on the same field I played on just a few years back,” commented Deep River mentor Michael Milian. “Jumping out to a big advantage our first turn at-bat was huge, as we hit fast balls early in the count while being aggressive at the plate. Later on, we seemed to take the foot off the pedal and were coasting until Jordan Cas-sell’s home run in the seventh reenergized us and proved to be the difference in the outcome.”

Milian added, “John Speight gave us five great innings in his first start, while Rafy Ortega did a good job in relief at the end to nail down the victory.”

Whitetails' starter and loser Da'vonn Johnson went five

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Safe at first!

Post 81's Connor Murphy beats the throw to first against Post 45's first baseman at McCrary Field in Asheboro in recent American Legion action.

East Rowan strolls past Eastern Randolph in Junior Legion action

BY DON BEANE
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GRANITE QUARRY — The Eastern Randolph Junior Legion team surrendered seven runs in the bottom of the second here on Saturday evening in an 8-3 loss to East Rowan in Area III action.

The Post 81 juniors had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the frame when Ethan Sheppard and Ethan Fox stroked singles with two outs and with Sheppard later scoring after stealing third and coming home on a passed ball.

Two errors and a pair of walks ignited the seven-run uprising in the home half of the second, however, East Rowan also proceeded to add singles by Brandon Miller, Ethan Henderson, Zack Fulk and Matt Mako before Derrick Henderson mashed a two-run double to close out the inning.

Post 342 added a run in the bottom of the third to go up 8-1 behind sin-

gles from Miller and Trevor Trexler.

After Eastern Randolph squandered a single by Kyle Smith in the fourth, the locals would plate a run in the fifth to close the gap to 8-2. Nicholas Brady walked before Will Coltrane singled, and Zander Smith smacked an RBI-single. After a Dustin Stephens walk, Post 81 looked poised to score more when Kyle Smith lined a single to right. Zander Smith would be tagged out trying to score all the way from second to end the threat, however, as East Rowan doused the threat by Eastern Randolph.

Eastern Randolph threatened again in the top of the sixth when Sheppard doubled to right, and walks to Jayden Moffitt, Tyler Foust and Brady forced in Brady and gave Post 81 the bases loaded with no outs trailing 8-3.

A pop-out to the mound, a pick-off and a caught steal would put an end

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Chatham Central, Chatham Charter and Woods Charter present 2019 Spring Sports Awards

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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HILLSBOROUGH – The Central Tar Heel 1A Conference recently announced its 2019 Spring Sports All-Conference teams in baseball, softball, women’s soccer, track & field, men’s tennis and men’s golf, with a number of individuals from Chatham Central, Chatham Charter and Woods Charter being named to the various squads noted above.

Chatham Central’s Caleb Staley was selected as the Conference’s “Player of the Year” in baseball, while teammate Carson Brewer was chosen as the “Pitcher of the Year.” In addition, Chatham Central’s Brett Walden was recognized as the Conference’s “Coach of the Year.”

Besides Staley and Brewer,

other Chatham Central players named to the All-Conference baseball team included Michael Moore, Lofton Dodson and Collin Lagenor, with Tyson Measamer chosen to the Honorable Mention squad.

Chatham Charter players selected to the All-Conference baseball team included Trevor Golden, Connor Murphy and Jaron Hendrickson.

Chatham Central’s Bailey Barker was named the Conference’s “Player of the Year” in softball, while teammate Raynee Redington was chosen as the “Pitcher of the Year.” In addition, Chatham Central’s Jimmy Rodriguez was recognized as the Conference’s “Coach of the Year.”

Joining Barker and Redington on the All-Conference softball squad were teammates

Mary Grace Murchison, Maddy Elkins, Lauren Collins and Olivia Hudson.

Chatham Charter players selected to the All-Conference softball team included Sydney Bowman, Morgan Lineberry and Taylor Jones.

In women’s soccer, Chatham Central’s Brenda Soriano, Chatham Charter’s Ella Randall and Woods Charter players Eloise MacLean, Elena Iasing, Elise Moses and Alex Christian were all named to the All-Conference team, while Honorable Mention selections included Chatham Central’s Sandra Jaimes and Nichole Lopez, Chatham Charter’s Ainsley Felch and Woods Charter’s Danielle Vaughn plus Samana Young, with Chatham Charter receiving the Sportsmanship Award.

In boy’s track & field, Woods

Charter’s Nick Teta was chosen “Runner of the Year,” while Chatham Central’s Sherman Howze was named “Coach of the Year.”

Woods Charter placed five individuals on the boy’s All-Conference track & field team (with events won in parentheses), including Nick Teta (400, 800, 4x400), Jacob Charbonneau (4x400), Patrick Deegan (300 hurdles), Kyle Howarth (4x400) and Anderson Ritter (4x400).

Chatham Central placed six individuals on the girls’ All-Conference track & field squad, including Brittany Brooks (100 hurdles), Isidra Brower (4x100, 4x200), Madison Gaines (high jump), Cami Hughes (4x100, 4x200), Taylor Hughes (4x100, 4x200), and A’Nya Marsh (4x100, 4x200).

All-Conference selections to

the men’s tennis team included Chatham Central’s Jayden Gilliland and Preston Cox, Chatham Charter’s Martin Melgar and Woods Charter’s Max Moses.

Honorable Mention selectees to the men’s tennis squad included Chatham Charter’s Carson Lamb, Josh Lineberry and Cody Morgan, plus Woods Charter’s Patrick Deegan.

With regards to men’s golf, Chatham Central’s Matthew Riggs and Woods Charter’s Bennett Barnes were named to the All-Conference team.

Congratulations are extended to all these student athletes plus coaches Walden, Rodriguez and Howze for their achievements while representing their respective schools during the spring sports season.

Northwood presents 2019 Spring Sports Awards

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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HILLSBOROUGH – The Big Eight 3A Conference recently announced the league’s Spring Sports All-Conference teams for 2019 in baseball, softball, women’s soccer, lacrosse, track & field, men’s tennis and men’s golf, with Northwood managing to place a number of individuals on these respective squads.

Tyler Johnson, Dylan Hitt, Michael Posse and Deuce Powell were all selected to the All-Conference baseball team, with Johnson being recognized as the Conference’s “Pitcher of the Year.”

Hannah Weigle, Jamie Christiansen, Lauren Davis and Allison Coker (At-Large) were all chosen to the All-Conference softball team, with Weigle named as the Conference’s “Pitcher of the Year.”

In addition, Chloe Lineman and Mayci Springle were selected to the Honorable Mention softball squad.

Lady Chargers chosen to the women’s All-Conference soccer team included Katie Fuller, Hallie Arnott, Angel Vye and Madeline Conte, with Bella Cacciato and Korinne Fuller named to the Honorable Mention

squad.

In men’s lacrosse, those selected to the All-Conference team included William Lake, Lars Hoeg, Kade Little and Nate Little, while Jake Mann and Andrew Norman were chosen to the Honorable Mention squad.

In women’s lacrosse, Madeline Howell was named the Conference’s “Goalie of the Year” while being selected to the All-Conference team along with Kendall Labarge.

In track & field, Samantha Ennis was chosen as the girl’s “Field Event Athlete of the Year” while being named to the All-Conference squad as were teammates Sophia Smith and Annika Tracy.

Sam Earnshaw and Scott Gilliam were selected to the men’s All-Conference tennis team, while Jake Conklin was named “Player of the Year” in men’s golf and made the All-Conference squad along with Adam Glick and Myles Patterson.

Congratulations are extended to all these student athletes for their accomplishments and the recognition they brought to both themselves and Northwood High School.



Submitted photo

East Chatham regular season 8U champs!

The East Chatham Red Sox 8U team rolled to the East Chatham League regular-season title with an 11-1 record. Back row, from left: Mason Lutterloh, Smith McDonough, Finn Sullivan, Zeke Wicker, Campbell Parks. Front row, from left: Eliel Tomas, Oarker Tutweiler, Parker Karstaedt, Carter Robinson. Not pictured: Ben Buckner, Eli Cunningham.

Carolina breezes past Piedmont 11-5

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — Carolina took advantage of six walks and a pair of Piedmont errors to tally seven runs in the bottom of the first while Jordan Blalock and Caleb Staley combined to strike out 14 Whitetail batters as the Coyotes breezed to an 11-5 Old North State League triumph Wednesday evening at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Every Carolina starter scored at least once as the winners raised their record to 2-1 in the league standings, while Piedmont remained winless after two outings.

Blalock tossed six innings to pick up the win, giving up six hits and five earned runs while issuing four free passes and whiffing six, before Staley came on to hurl three hitless frames in relief, fanning eight.

Darden Eure rapped three hits and drove in a pair of runs to lead the Coyotes’ offensive attack, while Tyler Dodson and Kevin Greenwood collected two hits apiece and combined to drive in four runs.

“I thought Jordan threw a great game for his first outing of the season, while Staley came in and showed a lot of confidence by attacking batters and filling the strike zone,” said Carolina coach Riley Nelson.

“We hit the ball well tonight and took advantage of opportunities by being aggressive on the bases and moving people over, while Tyler Dodson had a good game behind the plate with his glove,” Nelson said.

Whitetails’ starter Jeb Byerly,

who went two innings and sustained the defeat, gave up seven runs (four earned) despite allowing only one hit while issuing nine walks and striking out four.

Relievers Grey Laspaluto and Colton Lineman each threw three innings in relief, surrendering a combined eight hits and four earned runs besides walking four and fanning a dozen.

McKenzie Marco and Ethan Lageson registered two hits apiece to pace Piedmont’s offense.

“Our starter struggled to find the strike zone at the outset, but it was a close game after that,” remarked Whitetails’ coach Christian Snider.

“We had some good at-bats and played hard, but the deficit we put ourselves in at the beginning was just too much to overcome.”

The Coyotes fashioned a seven-run advantage their initial turn at the plate as Tyler Myers, Cort Maynard, Vinny Consolo and Greenwood all walked in succession to force in the game’s first run prior to Maynard dashing home on a wild pitch before Dodson lined a two-run single up the alley in right-center but was thrown out at second trying to stretch his hit into a double.

Following free passes issued to Cameron Wells and Tyson Measamer that put runners on first and second, both came in to score on a throwing error that allowed Eure to circle the bases and account for the seventh run.

Piedmont picked up a solo run in the top of the third when Marco slammed a two-out opposite-field double to right and came around to

score on a pair of wild pitches.

The Whitetails trimmed the margin to 7-2 in the visitors’ fourth when Lageson stroked a leadoff opposite-field double to the left field fence, moved to third on a fly-out and came home on Matthew Bryant’s sacrifice fly to left.

Carolina increased its lead to 9-2 in the bottom of the fifth as Measamer drew a full-count walk with one away and went to second when Adam Dossenbach was hit by a pitch.

After Eure singled to center to bring in Measamer and send Dossenbach to third, Myers plated the latter with an opposite-field base hit to right.

Piedmont rallied in the top of the sixth to close the gap to 9-5 as Lageson led off the frame by walloping a 2-2 offering from Blalock over the right field fence for his first round-tripper of the season.

Trevor Fluke then coaxed a full-count walk and advanced to second on Bryant’s base hit up the middle.

After both runners moved up a base on a wild pitch, J.T. Johnson brought in Fluke with a sacrifice fly to center that allowed Bryant to advance to third before coming in to score one out later on Marco’s infield hit. But the Coyotes would wrap up their victory in the home half of the sixth as Greenwood belted a leadoff double up the alley in left-center and tallied on Dodson’s opposite-field single to right.

Following walks to Wells and Measamer that loaded the bases, Eure plated the game’s final run one out later with an infield hit.

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cern that the school may note even have enough players to field a team in the fall of 2019.

That, coupled with playing in an enlarged 2A classification, has made the going tough for the Jets, who have posted an 11-44 mark the past five years.

Still, Spencer has proven young, bright and energetic and seems determined to battle the odds.

“One thing is for sure. Sam is going to give it his all,” added Scotten.

“He’s not going to back down of the challenge.”

Scotten, meanwhile, closes with 129 wins at the helm of his alma mater, where he played football and baseball before playing collegiate baseball at Guilford College.

The lifelong Siler City resident narrowly missed two state titles as a head coach, including an injury-plagued season when the locals suffered devastating injuries to the likes of Anthony Garner, Cody Hubenthal, Derek Brown and Cory Wilkerson before falling at West Montgomery

after snapping Thomsville’s 51-game losing streak, and the Kasey Glover, Cliff Brooks, Ches Brooks squad that just missed the chance with a narrow loss down at East Bladen after a dropped TD pass and a fumble inside the 20.

“I’m proud of all the teams and kids that I’ve coached. I love Jordan-Matthews. It’s always been a part of my life it seems,” Scotten noted.

“We had a few teams that probably could have and should have won the state title or two but some injuries and a few bad breaks held us back. But we also were playing against some of the best 1A and 2A teams around in Albemarle, Thomsville, West Montgomery, Reidsville, Burlington Cummings, Graham, Eastern Randolph. I know those 1A teams for Albemarle and Thomsville alone won about nine of a decade of state titles at one point. Playing that great competition was what it was all about, and the kids, and seeing their success.”

Scotten is unsure whether he will coach again, but regardless, his blood will always run blue and gold. And he will always be a Jet through and through.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Safe slide

Post 45’s Trevor Marsh slides safely to the plate for an in-the-park home run with one RBI at McCrary Park Wednesday night. Post 53’s catcher got the late throw from center field as Post 45 added one more run to its victory total of 7-2.

Davidson tops Eastern Randolph in Area III Legion play

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

LEXINGTON — Johnathan Conway hurled a complete-game five-hitter here on Tuesday night at Holt-Moffitt Field to lift Davidson Post 8 to a 7-2 victory over Eastern Randolph in Area III Northern Division play.

With the loss, Post 81 falls to 1-1 inside the Northern Division and to 2-8 overall.

Conway used just 74 pitches Tuesday evening to down Eastern Randolph with 68 percent of them going for strikes while allowing five hits, two runs (one earned) and no walks while striking out three.

Eastern Randolph opened the contest with a run in the top of the first to go up 1-0 early. Chris Morgan reached on a leadoff Post 8 error before Connor Murphy singled to left one out later, and Morgan scored on an RBI-ground out by Camden Fuquay to short.

Trailing 1-0, Davidson came in and answered the

ER early run with two of its own in the home half of the frame. The game got off to an inauspicious start for Fuquay, who started the contest on the mound for Eastern Randolph and was greeted immediately by a pair of singles from Carson Simpson and Landon Hilbourn, a walk to Jake Brown, a Post 81 error, and an RBI single from Zack Cates to right to send the hosts up 2-1.

Fuquay bowed his neck, however, and got out of the jam with a pair of strikeouts and then a pop out to the mound.

The contest turned into a pitchers' duel over the next few frames with Eastern Randolph only managing a single by Samuel Murchison in the second and a single by Matt Canoy in the fourth.

Davidson would strike again in the bottom of the fourth with a pair of runs behind a one-out double to left by Simpson, and RBI-single by Hilbourn to center, a wild pitch, and an RBI-single to left by Taylor Stewart, which



Staff photo by David Bradley

Post 81's Nate Canter comes in to defend home base in recent American Legion action.

chased Fuquay from the hill.

Colton Craven came in to fan Cates on four strikes to halt the Post 8 uprising.

Eastern Randolph

would go in order in the fifth before Morgan singled to center to lead off the sixth with the locals trailing 4-1. That momentum was quickly wiped out with a double

play in which Murphy lined a shot right at Stewart at first base who easily stepped on the bag to get Morgan as well who was left in no man's land.

Post 8 would deliver the knock-out punch in the bottom of the sixth in the form of three runs to go up 7-1. Simpson was hit by a pitch to start things off before stealing second and then scoring on an RBI-single to right by Canoy. Brown would single to left before Stewart bunted Hilbourn and Brown into scoring position, before the two scored on walks to Kaden Swaim and Jake Craver, and a Post 81 error.

Staring at a 7-1 deficit, Eastern Randolph finally scratched again against Conway in the seventh when Fuquay reached on a dropped third strike wild pitch, moved to third on a single by Canoy to right, and scored on an RBI-sacrifice fly by Murchison to center.

Canoy paced the Eastern Randolph offense with a 2-for-3 outing while

Morgan was 1-for-3 with a run, Murchison 1-for-2 with an RBI, and Murphy 1-for-3.

Davidson was led at the plate by Hilbourn who was 3-for-4 with three runs and three RBI in the win while Simpson was 2-for-3 with three runs, a double, a stolen base, and was hit by a pitch.

Also, Post 8 saw Jackson McAllister go 1-for-4 and Noah Coleman 1-for-3 with a walk.

Fuquay suffered the loss on the mound for Post 81 after going 3.2 innings and allowing four hits, three runs (two earned), three walks and fanning three. Craven added 1.1 innings in relief and yielded four hits, one run, no walks and whiffed one while Murchison worked the final inning and allowed two hits, three runs (two earned), two walks and whiffed a pair.

Eastern Randolph if off due to graduation until Monday, June 17 when Post 81 entertains Stanly County Post 76 in Ramseur in a 7 p.m. contest.

Jordan-Matthews runners headed to collegiate ranks

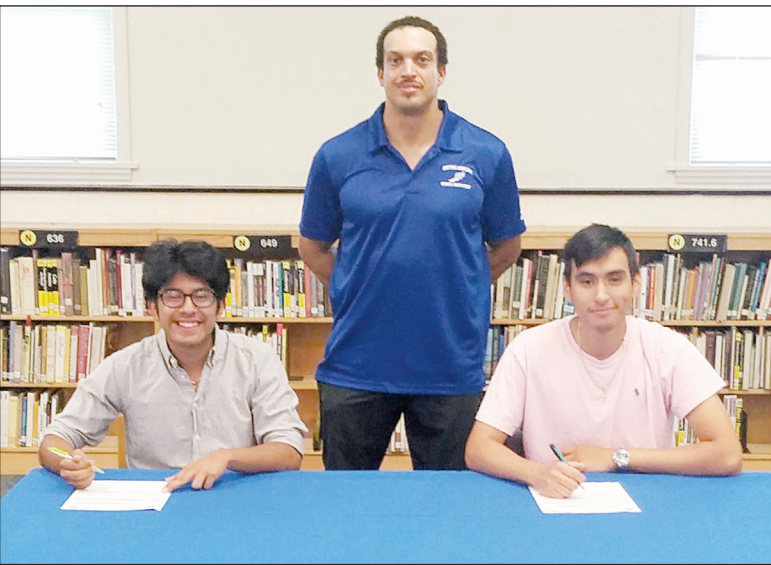
BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Newly graduated Eddy Girron and George Jucinto of Jordan-Matthews have signed to continue their college and athletic careers for the Central Carolina Community College cross country program.

“These two young men come highly recommended and I believe they are a great fit for the program,” said CCCC Head Cross Country Coach Richard Briggs

Girron and Jucinto become the second and third individuals from Jordan-Matthews to participate in the CCCC cross country program. Last year, Britt Lehman, also of Jordan-Matthews, became the first CCCC cross country athlete to participate in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Men's Cross Country Championship.

For information about Central Carolina Community College and its programs, visit its website, www.cccc.edu or call the college at 919-775-5401.



Submitted photo

Eddy Girron and George Jucinto of Jordan-Matthews signed with CCCC to continue their cross country careers at the collegiate level. Eddy Girron (seated, left) and George Jucinto (seated, right) are shown signing with the Central Carolina Community College cross country program last week at J-M. Standing is CCCC head cross country coach Richard Briggs.

Lumberkings lay the wood to Muddogs

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Austin Wells scattered five hits in going the distance on the mound while the Randolph Lumberkings took advantage of timely hits and six Deep River errors to claim an 11-1 Old North State League victory in seven innings Tuesday night at I. Fletcher Cra-

ven Stadium.

The run-rule triumph lifted Randolph to 3-0 in the league standings, while the Muddogs fell to 0-2.

Gaining the win in his first outing of the season, Wells surrendered one earned run, walked two and fanned three while throwing 106 pitches, including 63 (59 percent) for strikes.

“Austin pitched extremely well tonight, giving us a complete-game effort while doing a good job going after batters,” explained Lumberkings’ coach Brandon Nelson.

“As a team we’re playing relaxed and having fun while swinging the bat well and executing in the field. The big home run in the second got us going this evening before we were able to capitalize on Deep River mistakes to pull away in the later innings.”

Nathan Cockman opened on the hill for the Muddogs and took the loss, hurling four innings of one-hit ball but giving up three runs (two earned) in addition to issuing one free pass and

striking out four.

Relievers Warren Gay, Austin Johnson and Isaiah Ortega threw the last three-plus innings and yielded a collective seven hits and eight runs (three earned) besides walking four.

“Nathan did a good job getting ahead of batters and gave us a chance to win, but the ball didn’t bounce our way in the late innings and we made some costly mistakes in the field,” noted Deep River coach Michael Milian.

“We also hurt ourselves at the plate by getting out of our game plan approaches.”

Randolph grabbed a 3-0 advantage in the bottom of the second as Dusty Rogers was hit by a pitch with one away, stole second and went to third when Claytin Beaver reached on an infield error before Andre Macedo launched a first-pitch offering from Cockman over the left field fence for his first homer of the season.

The Muddogs narrowed the margin to 3-1 in the top of the fifth when Clay Richardson led off the

frame by blasting a 2-0 pitch from Wells over the fence in left for his initial home run of the year.

But the Lumberkings answered with a solo run in their half of the inning as Justin Wernoski raced all the way to second on a one-out throwing error, moved to third on a groundout and scored when Kyle Ehlers notched a base hit up the middle.

Randolph stretched its lead to 8-1 in the home portion of the sixth as Macedo coaxed a full-count walk with one away and came in to score when Jacob Thomas belted a double up the alley in left-center.

Thomas then stole third and tallied when Wernoski reached on a throwing error. After Nate Vargo’s infield hit advanced Wernoski to second, courtesy runner Justin St. Amour stole third

and dashed home on a wild pitch that allowed Vargo to move to second.

The latter then went to third on a groundout and came home when Cyrus Gomes smashed a dribble down the right field line.

The Lumberkings proceeded to put the contest away by tallying three runs in the bottom of the seventh as Rogers led off the inning by sprinting all the way to second on an infield miscue.

After Rogers advanced to third on a passed ball and continued home on a throwing error, walks to Beaver and Thomas, sandwiched around Macedo being hit by a pitch, loaded the bases.

St. Amour and Vargo then delivered back-to-back run-scoring singles to drive in the last two runs and account for the final spread.

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innings on the hill, relinquishing half a dozen hits and six runs (five earned) while walking four and fanning four.

Michael Glasgow pitched two innings in relief, permitting a pair of hits and one earned run in addition to issuing three free passes, prior to Tre Moser walking one batter in one inning of work.

“For whatever reason we have a tendency to give up a lot of runs in the first inning, then play well after that,” said Piedmont coach Christian Snider. “Offensively we’re seeing the ball well, and tonight we had better approaches at the plate as the game went on, but we couldn’t quite dig our way out of the big hole we put ourselves in at the outset. I thought Da’vonn looked good on the mound after he settled down following the first inning, and defensively the guys in the middle played well, turning three timely double plays to keep us in the game.”

The Muddogs got off to a fast start as Parker Clayton and Ortega drew back-to-back leadoff walks in the home first before Clay Richardson’s double to left drove in Clayton while moving Ortega to third.

Jordan Cassell then brought in Ortega with a base hit to left, and after Zach Olinski walked on four pitches to load the sacks, Nathan Cockman lined a two-run single to left.

Following a groundout by Jordan Moss that plated Olinski, Cockman came in to score on a two-out infield error to put the winners up 6-0.

The Whitetails picked up their first run in the top of the sixth as leadoff batter Ethan Lageson drew a free pass on four pitches, advanced to second on an infield miscue, stole third and dashed home on a two-out wild pitch.

Piedmont closed the gap to 6-4 in the visitors’ seventh as leadoff batter Jeb Byerly was nicked by a pitch and went to second on a wild pitch prior to moving to third on Tre’vonn Johnson’s opposite-field base hit to right.

After Lagoon was hit by a pitch to fill the bases, J.T. Johnson brought

in Byerly with a sacrifice fly to center that advanced Tre’vonn Johnson to third, and following a two-out walk to Grey Laspaluto, Will Martin delivered a two-run single up the middle.

Deep River scored what proved to be the deciding run with one away in the bottom of the seventh when Cassell belted a 3-1 offering from Glasgow over the left field fence for his first home run of the season.

The Whitetails plated a solo run in the top of the eighth as Byerly was once again hit by a pitch leading off the frame and went to second on Tre’vonn Johnson’s base hit to left prior to coming around to score on a wild pitch and a passed ball.

Piedmont sliced the margin to 7-6 in the visitors’ ninth as Trevor Fluke reached on a two-out fielder’s choice, stole second and raced home when Colton Lineman’s routine infield pop-up was dropped. But after Byerly was plunked for the third straight time to move the tying run to second, Ortega got Tre’vonn Johnson to pop-out to short to preserve the Muddogs’ win.

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to the uprising.

Following a nice play by Stephens in left field, who threw a rope to Brady behind the plate to tag out Brent Warden for a double play in the bottom of the sixth, Eastern Randolph managed just a Kyle Smith walk in the seventh as the contest ended 8-3.

Smith paced Eastern Randolph offensively with a 2-for-3 outing with a walk while Sheppard was 2-for-4 with two runs and three stolens bases, and Fox 1-for-1 with a stolen base.

Mako led East Rowan at the plate with a 3-for-4 evening that included a run and an RBI while Miller was 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI, Ethan Henderson 2-for-3, and Derrick Henderson 1-for-3 with a run, two RBI and a double.

Sheppard took the loss on the mound for Post 81 after working two innings and allowing five hits, seven runs (none earned), and two walks while collecting three strikeouts.

Also on the hill for Eastern Randolph, Moffitt went four innings and yielded seven hits, a run, and a walk while fanning one.

Seth Causey picked up the win on the mound for East Rowan after going 4.1 innings and allowing four hits, two runs (one earned) and a walk while striking out one.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Slide for second!

Post 81's Evan Shaw focuses on the ball and the player approaching second base, as teammate Camden Fuquay watches in recent American Legion action.

NEWS BRIEFS

Woods Charter teacher selected for year-long N.C. Energy Literacy Fellows Program

Earlier this year, Sonja Younger, an 8th grade science teacher at Woods Charter School, was selected to participate in the 2019 NC Energy Literacy Fellows Program, a year-long teacher professional development program that combines hands-on STEM investigations with place-based explorations of energy production facilities, energy research facilities and relevant careers. The goal of this program is to provide teachers with up-to-date curriculum-relevant content including STEM-based activities that showcase current energy science, technologies and careers to promote energy literacy among students while cultivating the energy workforce. This program is conducted by UNC-Chapel Hill's Institute for the Environment with funding from the Duke Energy Foundation.

Younger was selected to participate in this program through a highly competitive application process. Teachers participating in this program acquire at least 30 hours of professional development while learning about topics ranging from electricity generation by conventional and renewable energy sources, including the acquisition, management and use of each energy

Chatham volunteers needed to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

PITTSBORO — Chatham Family Violence Prevention Services and Second Bloom of Chatham have joined forces to empower and educate individuals and families impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. As part of this effort, they seek volunteers to help with prevention and support services.

"We need volunteers for several functions that provide valuable support to victims in time of need," said Renita Foxx, director of Chatham County Court Programs. "We especially need volunteers to be a welcoming voice of compassion and care on the 24/7 crisis intervention hotline or to accompany victims to court proceedings through our court navigator program. Volunteers also can help with community outreach and various empowerment groups."

Second Bloom of Chatham, a community

group, also needs volunteers to sort boxes of donated clothing for its thrift store in downtown Pittsboro at 10 Sanford Road. Tamsey Hill with Second Bloom said, "Sales at the thrift store help support services for victims and their family members, so it is important to have volunteers to tag items and put them on display for sale."

Crisis phone line volunteers will complete 24 hours of training related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Training started June 11. Phone line volunteers must be able to commit to one-year of service. The goal is to begin the crisis line operations in July.

For information on volunteer opportunities and training schedule, please contact either:

- Chatham Family Violence Prevention Services: 919-542-1792, cfvps@chathamnc.org
- Second Bloom of Chatham: Tamsey Hill, 919-6321767, info.secondbloomchatham@gmail.com

economic considerations, to career connections," says Haine.

Fellows will convene at UNC-Chapel Hill June 25-27 for a three-day workshop titled "Exploring the Future of the Grid" where they will learn about how the electrical grid works and the challenges it faces as more renewables come online. They will tour Duke Energy's Distribution Control Center in Raleigh, NC and will receive classroom resources for helping their students understand and visualize the grid.

"I am fascinated by the dynamics surrounding our energy future. I want to learn about the pros and cons of all of our choices and how the voices of all parties are being heard. Are we on the path to the wisest energy choices? How is energy technology evolving? What are the challenges ahead, who are the decisionmakers and are we engaging in the right conversations? What should my children expect in regards to their energy future?" said Younger when asked to reflect on what she hopes to learn by participating in this program.

The NC Energy Literacy Fellows Program is a yearlong teacher professional development experience for grades 8-12 science, engineering and technology teachers sponsored by the UNC Institute for the Environment's Center for Public Engagement with Science with funding from the Duke Energy Foundation.

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Sharnesse Noell, 30, of Chapel Hill, was taken into custody June 3 on a warrant from another jurisdiction. She was released on a written promise with a June 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Juan Beiza-Rebollar, 27, of Siler City, was charged June 4 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a June 28 court date in Randolph County. He was also charged June 7 with violation of pre-trial release, and held under a \$20,000 bond with a July 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Montana Lopossay, 21, of Bear Creek, was charged June 6 with

failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with a July 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Shakita Robinson, 33, of Pittsboro, was charged June 7 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a June 26 court date in Chapel Hill.

Charles Metcalf, 31, of Durham, was charged June 7 with failure to appear and communicating threats. He was held under a \$350 bond with a June 13 court date in Graham.

Rosa Garcia, 35, of Pittsboro, was charged June 8 with simple assault. She was held under no bond with a June 26 court date in Pittsboro.

Denise Enriquez, 27, of Pitts-

boro, was charged June 9 with simple assault. She was held under no bond with a July 3 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Uriel Sandoval, 38, of Siler City, was charged June 4 with assault by pointing a gun. He was released under a written promise with a July 2 court date in Siler City.

Miranda Baldwin of Asheboro was cited June 4 for a safe movement violation in the parking lot of Mountaire in Siler City.

Xochitl Martinez of Siler City was cited June 4 for driving while license revoked on East

Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Kaylee Barr of Asheboro was cited June 4 for failure to reduce speed on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

David Rodden, 52, of Siler City, was cited June 5 with driving while license revoked. He has a July 2 court date in Siler City.

Juan Martinez Maldonado, 22, of Sanford, was cited June 5 for driving under the influence. He has a July 2 court date in Siler City.

Wendy Ramirez of Siler City was cited June 7 for no operator’s license and driving left of center on Alston Bridge Road in Siler City.

Damos Alston, 23, of Siler City, was taken into custody June 8 on an order for arrest from Randolph County. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a July 9 court date in Asheboro. Alston was also charged June 8 with injury to real property and trespassing, and was held under a \$1,000 bond with a June 25 court date in Siler City.

Victor Rodriguez, 24, of Siler City, was charged June 8 with assault on a female and injury to personal property. He was held under no bond with a July 2 court date in Siler City.

Michael Watson, 41, of Siler City, was cited June 8 for simple assault. He has a July 2 court date in Siler City.

Chatham Habitat for Humanity and local businesses bring women together for annual event

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SILER CITY — Through knocking down stereotypes and building up women in the community, Women Build adds a few tools to your belt.

This year, 83 volunteers spent three days building Chatham Habitat for Humanity homes in Siler City. These volunteers included Chatham Habitat homeowners, mother-daughter teams, professional contractors, realtors, and county employees.

Chatham Habitat’s Women Build events have women construct safe, strong homes for families, in order to create more affordable housing options in their community. The event also encourages women to help with construction – a previously male-dominated field – and empowers them to learn and showcase their talents.



Submitted photos by Anna Tuell

From left to right: Chatham Habitat Family Services Director Patricia Morales, Chatham Habitat ReStore associate Sabrina Bonomolo, and Ladies of Legacy group organizer Val Gist.

“[My favorite part was] meeting other women in business in Chatham and long-time volunteers and staff — while learning new skills and

gaining insight on the community, families in need, and the organization that’s mobilizing community support and engagement,” said Ashley Andrews, a first-time Women Build participant.

The following local businesses and organizations sponsored Women Build, collectively raising more than \$3,000 for affordable housing in Chatham County.

Silver Level

- Allstate – The Dallesandro Agency
- Angelina’s Kitchen
- Ladies of Legacy at Jordan Lake
- ShowSpaces Photography LLC

Bronze Level

- Abundance NC
- Chatham Pediatric



House 136 Homeowner Claudia Lara (left) and House 134 Homeowner Denis Menendez Quijas (right) were painting Lara’s house on the build.



Domicile and Governors Club Realty group organizer Kristine Sours mixes paint for the Women Build.

- Dentistry
 - Fitch Lumber
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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; 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 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.

Aquellas personas que no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

Use the Kid Scoop Secret Decoder Ring to discover the name of this book by Evonne Blanchard, 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.



Amelia opens a present – a present that’s not a present at all. No, it’s a friendly-looking alien called Uglesnoo from Pluto. Uglesnoo needs to leave right away for the Moon. Uglesnoo also desperately needs Amelia’s help. His sister is very sick. Should Amelia venture into outer space?

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How to Avoid the Summer Slide!

Kids who don’t read over the summer vacation months can experience what teachers call “the summer slide.”

It’s not a fun water slide. The summer slide is actually a slip in your reading and other school skills. That means you’ll start the new school year *behind* where you left off last year!

Reading *Kid Scoop*, books, magazines, comic books and more over the summer will keep your reading skills sharp and your mind active. And regular visits to your library are a great way to start!



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: DETECT

The verb **detect** means to discover or identify the existence of something.

The dog was able to **detect** the hidden bone thanks to his great sense of smell.

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

Hello! Anyone Out There?

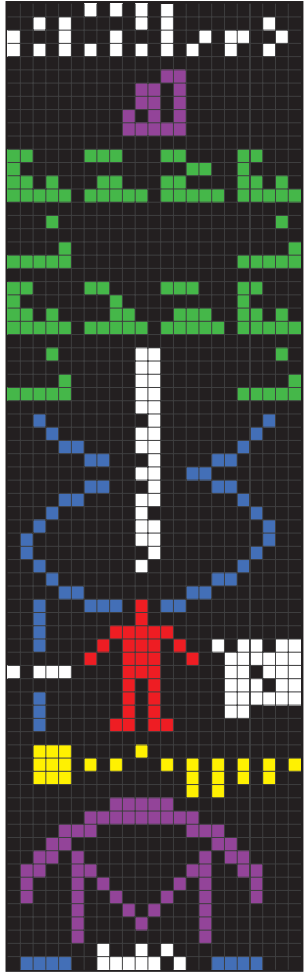
Astronomers are trying to talk to beings who live on other planets, sometimes called **aliens**. So far, it has been a one way conversation. Scientists on earth sent out messages starting in 1974. However, technology has changed a lot since then. The Arecibo Observatory is now working on a new message and they are asking kids around the world for help!

First Message to Aliens

The first Arecibo message was sent into outer space with the belief that if there were beings out there who had a level of intelligence similar to ours, or better, they would be able to detect the radio signal and figure out how to translate it.

The message was aimed at an area in space called the Great Cluster of Hercules. It is 25,000 light years away. (That means that if you could travel at the speed of light, it would take 25,000 years to get there!)

Scientists know they won’t get a response in their lifetimes, but if and when an answer comes, it would be very interesting!



The numbers one to ten

Information about human DNA to help describe us to aliens

A pictogram of a human

Map of our solar system

Pictogram and information about the Arecibo radio telescope

Send a Message to Aliens!

2019 is the 45th anniversary of the Arecibo Message. It will be the year astronomers send another message into space. This time they want teams of students from around the world to come up with messages. If you were writing a message to aliens, what would you say?

To learn more about the Arecibo Message Challenge, go to www.areciboobservatory.org

What is another word for space aliens?

Use the math code to find out:

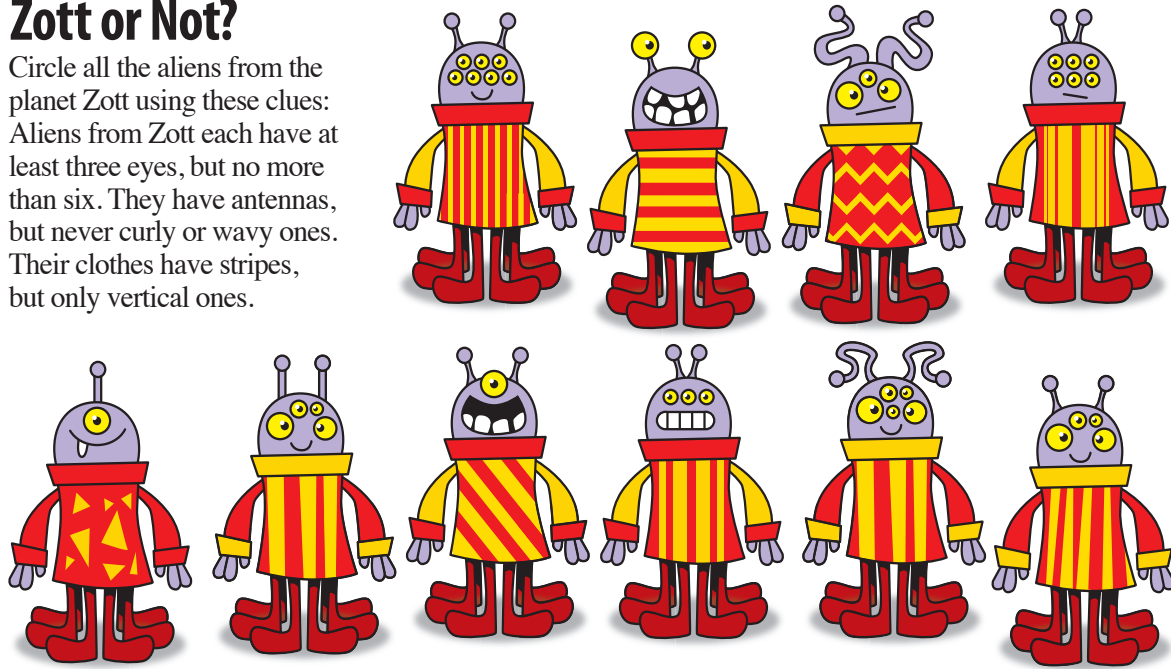
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3 + 4 = E	2 + 2 = R	4 + 5 = X
3 + 2 = I	1 + 0 = S	2 + 1 = Y

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*This word describes things that come from outside of Earth’s atmosphere.

Zott or Not?

Circle all the aliens from the planet Zott using these clues: Aliens from Zott each have at least three eyes, but no more than six. They have antennas, but never curly or wavy ones. Their clothes have stripes, but only vertical ones.





Invent an Alien

Challenge your imagination by using the newspaper to create a “picture” of an alien. Go through the newspaper and select and cut out parts of different animal and human bodies. Put these together to create a new creature. Could this be what an alien looks like? Why or why not?

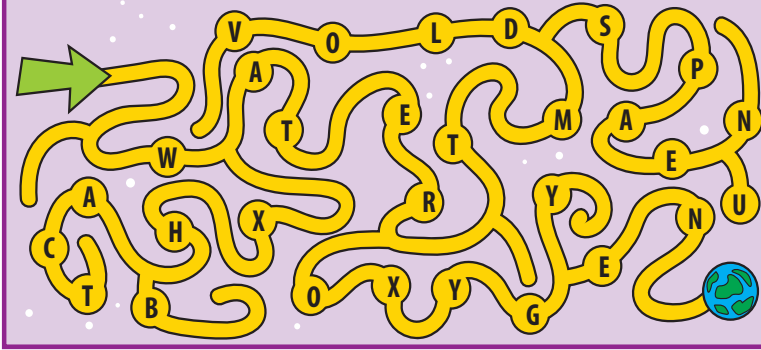
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The universe is a vast place, and many scientists believe that somewhere out there, there is life. To help locate where this life might be, they look for planets in the **Goldilocks Zone**. This is a part of the solar system that has “just right” conditions for life – conditions that are like ours.

What two things do scientists think planets need to support life? Write down the letters on the correct path.

_____ and _____




Double Double Word Search

HERCULES
RESPONSE
ARECIBO
MESSAGE
CLUSTER
PLANET
ALIENS
SIGNAL
ANSWER
DETECT
RADIO
TEAMS
LIGHT
PLACE
HELP

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 LESSON LIBRARY

Symbol Speak

When people don’t speak the same language, picture symbols (pictographs) help them to communicate. Look through the newspaper for pictographs. Write in words what each one means.

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



Why did the alien read the book about anti-gravity so quickly?

ANSWER: The book was just impossible to put down!



Write On!

Go Explore!

If you could go anywhere to explore, where would you go? Why would you choose that place? What would you take with you to help you?

CHATHAM@WORK | STEPHANIE WATKINS-CRUZ,
CHATHAM COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

About Stephanie Watkins-Cruz: *A native of North Carolina, Watkins-Cruz currently works as a Policy Analyst in the Chatham County Manager's Office. A graduate of UNC Asheville, along with a dual masters from UNC-Chapel Hill, Watkins-Cruz has been with Chatham County for a year. "I have both internal and community clients so I don't just get to work with departments but with community members and groups too," she said. Watkins-Cruz's parents live in Charlotte and she has a pug named Luna.*

What advice would you give someone considering doing the same line of work as you?

Three things. First, make sure you always practice good listening. Second, don't think you'll be able to avoid conflict or confrontation. Third, think of who you are serving and who your work impacts, ALWAYS. It doesn't matter how much you think you know, or how much you bring with you from school, listening is going to teach you a lot more and even though it might be uncomfortable sometimes, it's worth it. Lean into conflict if you see a productive route through it, don't be afraid, but listen first and go from there. With both listening and working through conflict, remember who you are serving and how your decisions could impact them.

Who is your personal hero?
My mom

Your standard order at a coffee shop?
Red-Eye, or Hazelnut Latte

Your ultimate "happy place?"
Traveling/swimming somewhere beautiful.

When will robots take over the world?
People keep mentioning how 2050 is gonna be a scary year in general, so I'll also add that to the list to things that will be crazy stressful in 2050.

Does the early bird really get the worm?
Not sure, I keep trying to wake up early and have yet to find any worms.

Least favorite saying, and why you don't like it:
"If it ain't broke don't fix it," because even if it isn't broken it can be improved!

Dogs or cats?
Dogs

What habit would you most like to break?
The inability to consistently wake up early on purpose.

What's the best use of a snow day?
Eating chili, drinking



Submitted photo

Stephanie Watkins-Cruz lives in Chapel Hill with her 3-year-old pug named Luna.

hot chocolate and watching a movie or sleeping.

What's the most amazing thing about you that most people wouldn't have guessed?

Despite my extreme extroverted tendencies, I'm incredibly awkward.

What is the most significant of your life's goals that you haven't yet accomplished?

Buying my parents a home.

Who was the best teacher (in school or at work) you ever had, and why?

In college, my professor Dr. Dolly Jenkins-Mullen. She changed my life forever through her classes and her mentorship. It was in her class I discovered I was really passionate about policies surrounding social welfare, housing, homelessness, and addressing community needs. She helped me find a way to process personal experience with housing instability into both an academic and professional passion for helping others.

If money weren't an object, but you still had to work, what would your job be?

Very similar to what I do now. Would love to run a community development finance organization that helps fund community development projects that range from affordable housing, to community capacity building, or infrastructure improvements.

Your strongest childhood ambition was:
Becoming a ballerina/attorney.

One food you'll never be caught eating:
Olives

The most famous person



Submitted photo

Stephanie Watkins-Cruz is a Policy Analyst in the Chatham County Manager's Office.

you've ever met:
General Colin Powell

The best advice you ever got was:
"You can do anything, but you can't do everything," and "It's a marathon, not a sprint."

If you had lots of money to give away, you'd give most of it to:
My parents and the wonderful folks at Great Lakes Borrowing for my student loans.

Is there a hobby you can't live without?
Dance

Favorite season?
Fall

Favorite dessert?
Tiramisu

What advice would you give your younger self?
Girl, just relax. You are capable, you are worthy. You and everyone else are constantly figuring it out.

What's the most important thing your job has taught you?
Working together is one of the best ways to move forward.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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23	1964 Elvis Presley hit	63	Dangling bit of jewelry	106	Former big record gp.	6	Moistening while cooking	44	Winter fight projectile	86	Jared of "Mr. Nobody"								
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31	1974 Lace hit	73	Rainies of old films	115	Friendly bat of the eye	12	Empty a suitcase	54	Cabbie's cry	98	Be on the hunt								
35	Copy and Paste setting	74	Riverbed sand	116	Mr. —! (Clue-like board game)	13	Comic Anne	57	Of positional relations	99	Skating legend Sonja								
37	Demand (of)	75	Suffix with duct or project	117	Cry of epiphany	14	Home loan offerer	61	Wife of Abraham	100	Graff of "Ladybugs"								
38	'60s prez	77	Big klutz	118	Some upscale hotels	15	Good aspect	62	Turtle topper	101	Pageant VIP								
39	Horn blast	78	Pig's place	119	Some jeans	16	Klum on many covers	63	Purviews	102	Folder's call								
40	Stocking-holding band	81	1969 Glen Campbell hit	120	G.P.'s field request	17	Inedible type of orange	64	Consumption	103	Ghana port								
44	"It's my turn now"	85	Rich Italian ice cream	121	Looks hard	18	Fine-tuned	65	Shower powders	104	Phony sort								
45	Throw softly	87	Rescue request			24	Top-caliber	66	Intro drawing class, maybe	109	Thai's home								
						26	Asimov classic	67	Wallop	110	Swift								
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SILER CITY POOL



News + Record file photo

The Bray Park Aquatic Facility is now open its full summer hours.

New season begins at
Bray Park Aquatic Facility

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City Parks and Recreation is excited to “jump in” to another season at the Bray Park Aquatic Facility in Siler City.

The facility opened last year following a \$1 million renovation project which added a zero-entry area, splash pad and updated facilities. The renovation was funded in part by a PARTF grant and a capital fundraising campaign.

Updates for the 2019 season at the Aquatic Center, located at 700 Alston Bridge Rd., include new lounge chairs, picnic tables, swim lessons, and an Arthritis Aquatic Program operated in conjunction with Chatham County Council on Aging.

On Monday, the Aquatic Center expanded to its full-time summer hours. The entry fee is \$5 for those ages 3 and over. There are also season passes available. A new \$2.50 Tuesday event features half-price entrance fees every Tuesday during the summer.

“Siler City Parks and Recreation seeks to provide the community with a high quality and safe aquatic facility that offers exceptional opportunities to recreate, relax, increase health and wellness, and to help create lasting memories for generations to come,” said Daniel Spivey, the department’s administrative support specialist.

Open Swim Hours

Daily, 12 - 6 p.m.

Season Pass

Summer season passes are valid through September 2. Regular season

passes may be purchased at the Bray Park Aquatic Facility. Rates are \$110 for individuals, \$170 for couples, and \$260 for a family of up to five members. Additional children are \$25 each.

Swim Lessons

The swim lesson program will be conducted by Carolina Pool Management, the company Siler City contracted to manage pool operations. There are rates for group lessons, semi-private lesson (for two students) and private lessons. For more information, visit the Aquatic Center or the Town of Siler City’s website, www.silercity.org.

Arthritis Aquatic Program

The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program is a water exercise program designed to reduce fatigue, pain, stiffness, and improve mobility, muscle strength and coordination. Sessions, which are a joint project between the recreation department and the Chatham County Council on Aging, are held 9 - 10 a.m. on Monday and Friday mornings between July 8 - August 30 This program is free, but pre-registration is required by contacting David Mallard, the facility manager/fitness specialist for the Western Chatham Senior Center, at (919) 742-3975.

Pool Party Rentals

The Bray Park Aquatic Facility is also available for rental for pool parties from 6-8 p.m. or 8-10 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. The Wren Family Shelter is also available for rental.

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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS GET \$10,000 GRANT

Duke Energy ‘Powerful Communities’ grant to fund STEM program

SILER CITY — The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina DIY STEM Powering Our Futures program has been selected to receive a \$10,000 grant provided by the Duke Energy Foundation.

The program’s goal is to encourage an increased interest in STEM subjects as applied to real world problems and to spark interest in STEM career explorations. (STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.) The program will link club members’ learning and growing during out of school time to future work in their classrooms, college or post-secondary training and careers.

B&GC of Central Carolina’s clubs in Lee and Chatham counties will engage more than 100 youth in grades 4 to 12 with DIY STEM kit collaborative inquiry-based activities that explore energy, electricity, and other high interest applied science subjects to grow their interest in STEM in daily life, school, and their future careers.

“STEM occupations con-



Submitted photo

Staff members and students from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina gather to celebrate the receipt of a grant from Duke Energy.

tinue to lack minority representation,” said Daniel Simmons, the clubs’ CEO. “The Duke Energy Foundation grant allows us to provide STEM programs to kids who need it most. As the nation moves toward a greater emphasis on STEM learning it is a priority for our Clubs to expand STEM learning opportunities to our Members.”

For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, visit www.centralcarolinacclubs.org

For more information about Duke Energy Foundation, visit https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy-foundation

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina is a unique organization consisting of two club facilities, the O.T. Sloan site in Lee County and the Wren Family Center located in Chatham County. The clubs’ goal is to provide every child with the essential tools needed for a successful and bright future.

Uninteresting, episodic ‘Pets 2’ lacks magic, imagination of original

The saying goes that you can’t teach an old dog new tricks. So it is with “The Secret Lives of Pets 2,” a bottom line-driven sequel that forgets the fact that secret lives aren’t as interesting when they’re not secret anymore. Instead, we get a lazy episodic narrative involving the same characters as the original doing a watered-down version of the same hijinks.



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

There aren’t nearly enough new additions to this animated animal milieu, and the few thrown in are familiar voices who are just along for the ride. In the years since the last film, single gal Katie (Ellie Kemper) has married a guy and had a kid named Liam. You’d expect the inevitable plot about her two dogs Max (Patton Oswalt, assuming Louis C.K.’s previous voice role for reasons obvious to anyone who can search the Internet) and Duke (Eric Stonestreet) now feeling like second fiddles. Instead, director Chris Renaud and writer Brian Lynch distill any of that tension down to Max feeling some overprotective, big-city anxiety over Liam. That sets up a humorous, yet brief visit to a pet shrink, who outfits Max with a cone to keep him from nervously scratching himself. It also segues into a purposeless family trip to a farm owned by Katie’s uncle. A smattering of animal archetypes are introduced: a smart aleck cow, dimwitted sheep and crazed turkey. But nothing substantive or amusing is made from this seemingly bountiful setting besides Rooster (Harrison Ford), a gruff country canine who’s

the de facto king of the barnyard and is here to scare some courage into Max. Back in the city, Gidget (Jenny Slate) loses Max’s beloved squeeze toy into an elderly lady’s apartment, also home to a horde of stir-crazy cats. So Gidget the Pomeranian recruits the help of turgid tabby Chloe (Lake Bell) — the lone source of genuine chuckles — to pose as a feline and infiltrate the hoarder’s haven. Meanwhile, former flushed rabbit Snowball (Kevin Hart), now moonlighting as a superhero name Captain Snowball for some reason, is approached by a Shih Tzu named Daisy (Tiffany Haddish) to help free a caged white tiger named Hu from an abusive circus owner, Sergei (Nick Kroll). A dynamic develops in which too much time is dedicated to uninteresting plots threads like Gidget’s recovery mission, stealing time away a storyline like Max’s farm visit that needed far more development. Snowball’s rescue effort is little more than an excuse to team the talented Hart and Haddish together, a pairing of comic flibbertigibbets that doesn’t guarantee success (see: “Night School”) and, in this film, runs its course in about two minutes. The three plotlines eventually intersect, but that forced merger merely raises more questions than answers. Why is no person even curious, much less petrified, when a white tiger and Sergei’s quartet of wolves are running loose through the middle of New York City? At film’s end, what’s stopping Sergei and said wolves from tracking down Hu again? What’s the deal with Katie’s uncle, and what the heck did the family do at the farm? Illumination Entertainment would have been better served carving the



The Secret Lives of Pets 2

GRADE: C
DIRECTOR: Chris Renaud
STARRING THE VOICES OF: Patton Oswalt, Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart, Jenny Slate, Tiffany Haddish, Lake Bell, Nick Kroll, Dana Carvey, Ellie Kemper and Harrison Ford
MPAA RATING: PG
RUNNING TIME: 1 hr. 26 min.

movie into three separate vignettes instead of stitching them together. Instead, “The Secret Lives of Pets 2” marks time through its mercifully efficient 86-minute running time without attempting to compensate for or replicate the sense of discovery from

the original film—that opportunity is squandered at the family farm. Moreover, totally missing is any of the fantastical animals’ perspective on the human world from the first film, a viewpoint that illuminated our lives as much as our pets.

YouthBuild Program comes to Siler City

CN+R Staff Reports

SILER CITY — For some youngsters, failure to complete high school signals an end to their educational journey. For those entering YouthBuild, their journey is just igniting. In February, Central Carolina Community College was awarded a \$1.1 million grant from the Department of Labor to educate, empower, and employ individuals ages 16-24 over the next three years. Those eligible for the program must reside in Sanford or Siler City, have separated from high school prior to graduation, and have an interest in earning their GED while pursuing a career in a high-demand field. YouthBuild participants work concurrently to complete their GED and earn an industry-recognized credential in construction, HVAC or nursing. While enrolled in the program, participants benefit from a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, seeing the immediate results of hard work by participating in the construction of low-income housing within their own community. Along with GED and career pathway instruction, participants are

eligible for numerous support services including case management, counseling, leadership training, funding for transportation and child care, stipends, and one year of follow-up support after being connected to either a college degree program or immediate gainful employment. “CCCC is dedicated to student access and removing barriers to enrollment and progression,” said Dr. Brian Merritt, CCCC’s Vice President for Learning & Workforce Development. “YouthBuild will provide at-risk youth with the intentional support they need to access and persist with high school equivalency diploma while also building the skills and college credits to graduate from in-demand career paths in construction, nursing, and HVAC.” After graduating from YouthBuild, students will be eligible for careers with an average annual salary of more than \$40,000. In addition to well-paying jobs, individuals will be equipped with leadership and life skills to effectively face future barriers. Outcomes for the nearly 8,000 YouthBuild graduates across

the U.S. speak to the program’s success. Nearly three quarters of program enrollees obtained their high school equivalency credentials, high school diplomas, and/or industry-recognized credentials. Of those placed, 73 percent retained their placement for at least six months. While approximately 30 percent of participants have been court-involved, the recidivism rate within one year of enrollment averages 11 percent, compared to a national average of 44 percent. These statistics provide a hopeful outlook — not only for program participants, but also for local economic development. Lindsay Tipton, director of the YouthBuild program at CCCC, looks forward to seeing similar results locally. “We know there are students out there who, when presented with the right opportunities coupled with the proper supports, have skills, talents, and gifts that would be of great benefit to our community,” she said. “YouthBuild surely serves the student, but in the long run, the community as a whole thrives when our youth and young adults are contributing in such a meaningful way.” The YouthBuild program opens doors for everyone involved. If you know an individual who may benefit from the opportunities of YouthBuild, please contact Tipton at 919-777-7704 or visit www.cccc.edu/youthbuild. To learn more about Central Carolina Community College and its programs, visit www.cccc.edu.

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DR. BRAIN MERRITT, CCCC’s Vice President for Learning & Workforce Development



James Thomas (left) is assistant director and Lindsay Tipton (right) is director of the YouthBuild program at Central Carolina Community College.

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Municipal elections filing opens July 5

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

This November, residents in Pittsboro, Siler City and Goldston will have the chance to choose their representatives for their town boards. The filing period won't begin until July 5, but each of the town's mayors have made their intentions known. All municipal elections in Chatham County are non-partisan which means that candidates for office are not nominated through an affiliation with a political party and no political affiliations will be shown on the ballot next to a candidate.

Pittsboro

The Town of Pittsboro will see a majority of its board up for re-election. Mayor Cindy Perry announced on Facebook last week that she would not be seeking a third term. In her post, she noted that her time as mayor had been "amazing" and "full of learning."

"I will treasure my memories of the two terms that I served, and I will stay interested, but less involved, in Town administration," she said noting that she hoped her post would inspire someone to file to run for the position.

Perry believes her biggest accomplishments were a "greater awareness and progress toward water quality, especially the emerging unregulated chemicals." She also spoke of the "little things like the benches on East Street sidewalk, helping to create a kinder and gentler Town Administration with the Town Board who are amazing individuals" and "helping to shepherd in new businesses."

Her biggest regret from her term was "that the pace of progress on all these accomplishments and goals is so slow."

"It takes a long time to get things done because democracy is deliberate and complex and sometimes a bit messy," she said.

The seats of three Pittsboro commissioners — J.A. (Jay) Farrell, Bett Wilson Foley, and John Bonitz — will be decided in November. The terms for Mayor Pro-Tem Pamela Baldwin and Commissioner Michael Fiocco are up in 2021.

Siler City

Siler City will also see a majority of its board up for re-election. Mayor John Grimes told the News + Record that he intends to run for at least one more term. Grimes was first elected mayor

in 2013, though he had been on the Siler City Board of Commissioners for more than a decade prior to that.

"I want to be here while Mountaire gets set up," he said. "I know we're on the cusp of economic growth and I want to make sure it reaches everyone. I want to make sure we headed toward economic growth that is also environmentally sound."

Four seats on the Siler City Board of Commissioners will be decided in November. Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek (District 2), Michael Constantino (District 3), Bill Haiges (District 4) and Thomas (Chip) Price, an at-large representative, will have an opportunity to seek re-election this fall. Commissioners Tony Siler, Lewis Fadely and Cindy Burke Bray have terms that end in 2021.

Goldston

Goldston residents will have the opportunity to vote for two different boards in November — Goldston's Town Board and the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District Board.

Mayor Tim Cunnup told the News + Record he intends to seek re-election for his ninth term in the role. Prior to that, he served as a commissioner for four years as well. Commissioners Steve Cunnup (Ward 2) and Charles Fields III (Ward 4) will also be up for re-election. The terms for Commissioners Wayne Woody, Lynn Gaines, and Jonathan Hensley end in 2021.

The Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District Board will have three of its five members up for re-election — Ricky Beal, Henry Kitchings, and Danny Scott. Board members Jane Owens and Adam Pickett have terms that end in 2021.

Candidates for all of these municipal elections can file for office from July 5 through July 19. Any registered voter who resides within the municipal boundaries is eligible to file to run for office. Filing fees range from \$5 - \$15 depending on the municipality and the office sought. The early voting period is Oct. 16 - Nov. 1. Election Day is November 5. For more information about filing for office, registering to vote, or voting in the upcoming election, visit the Chatham County Board of Elections website at www.chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/board-of-elections or call the office at 919-545-8500.

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey-Mann@Chathamnr.com.

Chatham makes strides on lifting residents out of poverty

BY ARI SEN
Our Chatham

John Moore has asked Our Chatham what Chatham County is doing to lift people out of poverty. As it turns out, he may be answering his own question.

Moore is the executive director of UPLIFT Chatham, an organization which aims to help people move themselves out of poverty. UPLIFT stands for Understanding Poverty: Lifting Individuals and Families Together.

For more than five years, the organization pursued an empowerment model, which offered leadership development classes and ongoing support to Chatham residents in poverty.

But Moore said when the model wasn't having the results they hoped for, they went looking for something new.

Now, he's settled on an integrated service delivery model — essentially putting everything a person in poverty may need under one roof.

Moore said he is making progress on building a "marvelous array of non-profit organizations" to provide the services in Chatham, and hopes to open in Siler City soon. But the largest barrier to implementing the ISD program is funding.

The success of similar programs elsewhere may serve as proof that the costs are worth it.

One such program, the Greensboro Family Success Center, run by the local United Way, shows particularly strong results, Moore said. A survey conducted as part of the Family Partnership Agreement found that participants in the Greensboro program were more than three times as likely to report increased access to healthcare, public benefits, basic needs, transportation, housing stability and growth in employment status, employment opportunity and financial independence.

The Success Center offers a variety of services including the ability for people to get their GED and on-site childcare.

Moore cited childcare as a particularly important factor to tackle in the county, claiming it could cost \$12,000 per year per child.



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A variety of Chatham County programs are aimed at addressing poverty.

According to data from the 2008 through 2012 American Community Survey, and July 2017 state population estimates, more than 2000 children are eligible for subsidized childcare in Chatham, but only 13.48 percent, or 274 children, are receiving it.

The county allocates more than \$2.1 million to pay for these programs.

But childcare isn't the only large county expense associated with poverty. According to 2018 data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 886 people reported receiving Housing Choice vouchers for subsidized housing in Chatham. HUD reported spending an average of \$574 per household per month, costing the agency more than \$2.8 million a year.

In addition to serving a moral imperative, Moore hopes by implementing the ISD model, the county will be able to save the county money by reducing spending on other subsidized expenses.

Perhaps one way of doing that is with technology.

Moore said NCCARE360, an integrated electronic directory aiming to connect people in need with community resources, was "80 percent" of the ISD model he sought to implement.

The program launched in Alamance, Guilford and Rockingham counties last month, and has plans to expand to Wake, Johnston, Pitt,

Edgecombe, Beaufort, Martin, Hertford, Bertie and Chowan counties by the end of 2020.

"To build a healthier North Carolina, we must build a system of health that unites health care and human services," Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy Cohen said in a news release about the program. "NC-CARE360 is a scalable, coordinated solution that makes it easier for providers, insurers and community organizations to connect people with the resources they need to be healthy and delivers value for all."

Moore isn't the only person concerned about this issue.

The Chatham County Comprehensive Plan lays out several objectives that could address poverty-related issues, including increasing educational and employment opportunities, improving transportation and expanding healthcare access.

Poverty was also voted the number-two priority in the Chatham Health Alliance Community Assessment. Based on the results of the assessment, the CHA created a new poverty subcommittee, where Moore is pushing for a more holistic approach to tackling the issue.

The committee is currently working on developing a strategic plan and action items.

"There's not a silver bullet or magic wand," Moore said. "It's a long, long haul and requires a lot of support."

New research raises questions – not alarm – about well water

BY ADRIANNE CLEVEN
Our Chatham

If you're a Chatham County resident, you could pay the county's Public Health department more than \$100 to test your home's well water for lead. But thanks to a current research study with the Gillings School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill, some residents could get tested for free.

The Gillings team is researching the relationship between lead in well water and high blood lead levels in children under 7 years old. Jacqueline Gibson, the head researcher for the project, says it is the first U.S. study to examine lead levels in private well water and its effect on children.

And so far, the results are worth a second



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Have you had your well water tested?

glance.

"We've actually found that the percentage of wells that have high lead in the area is not too different from what was observed in Flint [Mich.] during the water crisis," Gibson said. "And [again,] these are private wells. They are not regulated municipal utilities."

Back in 2014, city officials in Flint, Mich. changed the city's water source to the Flint river, resulting in numerous water quality issues that made national headlines. One of the most notable fears during the water crisis was lead leaking from water pipes and possibly causing high levels of lead in children.

The Gillings study procedure is simple: each home's well water and household dust are tested for lead, and a phlebotomist — Gibson calls her "the very best phlebotomist that you could ever find" — tests the child's blood for lead.

She estimates that 15 to 20 Chatham County households have already been tested as part of the project, but the team hopes to test 300 Triangle-area household wells for lead contamination over the next six months.

Though the results are "very preliminary," Gibson says that approximately one out of every

four households tested so far has shown "elevated" water lead levels.

And the research team has detected lead in children's blood levels, though no child's blood-lead level has exceeded a threshold of 5 micrograms per deciliter set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC. If tested lead levels ever reached that level, Gibson says the state health department would begin an investigation into the issue.

"What's happened over the years is that the CDC keeps lowering its threshold," she said. "A couple of decades ago it was 50 [micrograms per deciliter], and then they lowered it to 10, and now it's five. Ideally, we just don't want children exposed to lead of any sort."

Elevated lead levels can lead to a permanent loss of IQ and educational setbacks in children.

In addition to UNC pro-

fessors and students, the team includes an economist from Duke and a criminologist at the University of Pennsylvania because, Gibson says, "childhood exposure to lead can increase the risk of behavioral problems and even juvenile delinquency."

Chatham resident William Cummings considers himself "lucky" to have participated in a study pioneered jointly by UNC's Institute for the Environment and Virginia Tech's College of Engineering.

He received a test of his property's well water about two months ago as part of the research, which he says revealed that his well water was "crystal clear."

Cummings lives in Northwest Chatham, near the Chicken Bridge area near the Haw River and works in Pittsboro. He, like Gibson, recommends

that residents have their well water tested for peace of mind.

Chatham County residents without young children, or those who would simply rather not participate in the study, still have options for getting their well water tested. Anne Lowry, Chatham

County's environmental health director, says her staff has collected 79 samples for existing county wells so far this year. The county charges \$150 for a full panel water sample well test, which analyzes water for inorganic and bacteriological material, as well as nitrate levels.

Chatham residents with at least one child under 7 living in the household are eligible to participate in the study. Call (919) 843-5786 to learn more.

"We've actually found that the percentage of wells that have high lead in the area is not too different from what was observed in Flint [Mich.] during the water crisis. And [again,] these are private wells. They are not regulated municipal utilities."

JACQUELINE GIBSON,
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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.
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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 hearing.

ings 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.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on **Monday, June 17, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held in **the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro**, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:
Legislative Request:
A legislative public hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to 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.
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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:
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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.
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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 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
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of NORTH CAROLINA
County of CHATHAM
The undersigned, Janet T. Keefer, having qualified at 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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PUBLIC NOTICE CHATHAM COUNTY ABC

The Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 has been submitted to the Chatham County ABC Board. A copy of the proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the general manager of the Chatham County ABC Board at 11312 Suite 302, US Hwy 15-501 North, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, and may be reviewed by the public during normal working hours. Interested citizens are invited to make comments orally at a Public Hearing to be held on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 3:30 P.M. at the Chatham County ABC office** located at 11312 Suite 302, US Hwy 15-501 North, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Written comments may be submitted prior to that date and should be addressed to the Chatham County ABC Board at 11312 Suite 302, US Hwy 15-501 North, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Matthew Williams
General Manager
Chatham County ABC
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **J R WHITE AKA JULIUS RAPHAEL WHITE**, 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 September 13, 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.
Martha Bristol, Co-Executor
54 Thrift St.
Pittsboro, NC 27312
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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION CHATHAM COUNTY

19 SP 59
IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY CHESTER S. PALMER AND JUDY PALMER DATED JUNE 3, 2008 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1407 AT PAGE 642 IN
THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 12:00PM on June 26, 2019 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Chatham County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING ALL OF LOT 11, CONTAINING 4.666 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "FINAL PLAT FOR OWNERS LEE EDWARD PALMER AND WIFE, VONNELL W. PALMER", DATED JUNE 4, 2003, PREPARED BY RUFUS L. JOHNSON, PLS, AND REVISED ON NOVEMBER 26, 2007, AND RECORDED IN PLAT SLIDE 2007-495, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCES HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. INCLUDED IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND PREEMINENTLY AFFIXED IS A 2008 GILES MANUFACTURED HOME WITH SERIAL NUMBER GM-8243A/B And Being more commonly known as: **2511 Mount Vernon Springs Rd, Siler City, NC 27344** The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Chester S. Palmer.

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