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County, Daughters agree to discuss statue's future

BY CASEY MANN
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PITTSBORO — The dispute over the confederate monument at the historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro seems to have struck a more conciliatory tone as evidenced by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' regular meeting on Monday.

Before and during the meeting in the courthouse, the statue outside, which was surrounded by barricades, stood alone — there were no protesters around it from either side of the debate. And the tone of the speakers addressing commissioners on the topic, of which there only a handful, was more friendly than combative.

Howard Fifer, one of the spokespersons for the group "Chatham for All" — which originally presented the request to remove the statue from its current location in front of the courthouse — believes that was because of the leadership of the county board and its chairman, Mike Dasher, in trying to bring

people together despite the divisive topic.

It was evident in the board's action, too. The board voted unanimously to enter into a "memo of understanding" with the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which owns the statue though it sits on county property, to "meet, cooperate, and work together in good faith" to develop a framework for the future of the monument. Such types of discussions and agreements regarding the placement of confederate statues in the modern era is novel, at least in North Carolina.

Fifer believes that conversations with those on opposite sides of the issue are invaluable and has, for every board meeting where the subject has been discussed, reached out to those who support keeping the statue as it is to open lines of communication.

"It doesn't mean they are going to change my mind or that I'm going to change their mind," he said. "Hopefully there's more of an understand-

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STUDY REVEALS DANGER IN CHATHAM WELLS

Over half of Chatham wells show high levels of contaminants

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More than half of the 242 wells tested in Chatham County contained levels of Chromium-6 and Vanadium, according to a joint study conducted by UNC-Chapel Hill and Virginia Tech. Between 10 and 20 percent of wells tested also contained high levels of lead and copper.

The study found that 51 percent of the wells tested had levels of Chromium-6 that were above N.C. Health Goal standards. Chromium-6 is a cancer causing chemical that can be naturally occurring or can be produced through industry. The study also found that 84 percent of the wells contained high levels of Vanadium, a metal and an element on the periodic table. Vanadium occurs naturally in the earth's



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Anna Moser, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill in Andrew George's Environmental Justice Capstone class, worked on the Chatham County well water study which found more than half of Chatham's wells contain dangerous levels of Chromium-6 and Vanadium.

crust and is also used for industrial purposes. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

has determined that vanadium is possibly carcinogenic.

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DYING TO REMEMBER: FIRST OF A TWO-PART SERIES

The cost of aging in Chatham County

BY CORBIE HILL
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Editor's note: Chatham County's population is one of the oldest in North Carolina. For many families in the county, this will mean a struggle with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related condition. This story — the first of two parts, to be concluded in next week's edition — tells the story of one Chatham woman's experience as a caregiver for an aging parent, and what today's (and tomorrow's) caregivers can learn from her experience.

It was the middle of the '90s when Jessica Bryan first thought something was amiss with her mother.

Bryan, the managing broker at Real Living Carolina Lifestyles Realty in Pittsboro, was living in the same Los Angeles subdivision as her parents at the time. It was neighborhood game night. Though they were older than most of the neighbors, Bryan's parents had been embraced by the community and frequented such gatherings. Yet this night in particular, Bryan's mom just couldn't grasp the rules of the evening's game.

No matter how many times they were explained, she remained confused and kept making mistakes.

In time, Bryan would come to see this as an early indicator that something was wrong.

"I didn't really think about it much until a few months later," Bryan recalled in a recent interview at Real Living Carolina's Pittsboro office. "[My mom] called. ... She was out and she couldn't find her car. She called and

she was very agitated. Then there was another time when she couldn't figure out how to start her car."

Diagnosis would take another five years, but Bryan thinks of the game night in the San Fernando Valley as the beginning of her mother Pauline Pulizzi's quarter-century of living with Alzheimer's disease. Bryan eventually became Pulizzi's caregiver, as her once-dignified mother's mind and behaviors changed inexorably.

Bryan's experience is hardly unique. As people age, risk of dementia increases. Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, granted, and the two terms are occasionally used interchangeably, but dementia takes other forms as well: Parkinson's disease, vascular dementia and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease being a few examples.

Per the 2017 Chatham County Community Profile, Chatham is already older on average than much of the rest of North Carolina, with more than half its residents 45 or older. Within the next five years, some projections call for a significant increase in the number of people over 50 years of age, which could make Chatham the 4th-oldest county in the state — up from its current ranking of 8th, with much of this growth occurring in Chatham's northeastern corner. (In one example of this impact, Briar Chapel's latest expansion, which includes an assisted living facility, is geared toward attracting residents 55 and older.)

In short, the portion of Chatham County residents at risk for dementia or with

loved ones at risk for dementia will grow. The future will see more Jessica Bryans, doing their best to care for aging parents.

And there will be more Pauline Pulizzis.

"What a crisis we are in. I'm getting people in their 30s telling me, 'I'm scared to death. My mother is showing signs,'" says Bryan. "Yeah. She's 60. She's showing signs already. There are people in their 40s that are showing signs already, and that is scary."

Susan Hardy, community care manager with the Chatham Council on Aging, recommends that people in this situation sit down with their parents and ask how they envision their lives as retirees. This way, if a parent ends up with dementia, their wishes are known and there's a plan in place. Yet there aren't many non-seniors at the Council's workshops, she notes, though they are designed to educate everybody.

"Any kind of workshop, I encourage young people to take as well," Hardy says. "You're going to be old someday too."

As for Bryan, she didn't set out to be a caregiver for Pulizzi, but she accepted the mantle when it came to her. Today, she advocates for Alzheimer's awareness; among other things, this takes the form of books she has written — some of which are written for readers with Alzheimer's. Bryan speaks from the perspective of an experienced caregiver, sure, but also as someone who has seen the disease strike both of her parents and her brother as well.

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Jessica Bryan's mother, Pauline, here in a photo with Bryan, lived for 25 years with Alzheimer's. The struggle prompts her to share her experiences as a caregiver for her mother.

Building inspections in the spotlight as Chatham grows

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — The main office for Chatham County's building inspectors is a gaggle of cubicles around a central area.

That area is smothered with building plans, code books thicker than a bodybuilder's arm and other paper strewn about. It's not unorganized, but busy.

For a county growing like Chatham is, that's not too surprising.

Building inspectors serve as one of the primary gatekeepers of Chatham County, making sure building plans and finished products are up to state and county code and, as inspector Brandon Ancona phrases it, maintain "life safety."

"A superintendent is responsible, a contractor is responsible, we're responsible,

the engineer's responsible — we're all kind of responsible," Ancona said. "With so many components and things that are going on, even with a single-family dwelling, let alone a 30,000-square foot commercial (building), things can just get missed."

Chatham's building inspections crew was under the microscope at a recent county budget workshop, where discussions revolved around

drastic personnel shifts. The department lost four people in a two-month span. David Camp, the county's director of central permitting & inspections, said one went to another county role, one left for the private sector and one moved to a different municipality.

For a rapidly-growing county like Chatham — which slowed in construction growth last year, but is expecting a rebound — keeping a complete team in-

house is important, especially when it comes to state law. N.C. General Statute 143-139.4 states the local inspection departments must conduct inspections within two business days after the request, with requests coming after noon deemed to have been received the next day. But as Camp said, the number of inspections in Chatham is rising, which makes that target

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IN THE KNOW

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• 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 (June 20) 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!

• The **Southwest Chatham Community Watch** meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 20 at the Edward Hill Friends Church located at 92 Ed Leonard Road in Siler City. All are residents are invited. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY

• The first session of the **Temple Theatre Summer Conservatory** is underway. Join the talented students there as the present Disney's FROZEN JR, with performances this weekend: Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for students and \$15 for adults.

• **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.

• 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 is in full swing now. Every Friday Night from 7-9 p.m. through the end of August. Each week the bands take the outdoor stage or moves 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 to 6:30-7 p.m. every Friday. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, sing while enjoying a great time of Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. If you 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, music is out on the patio.

SATURDAY

• 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.

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@embarqmail.com.

• **Big Band swing and jazz sounds** every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store, 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, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• 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 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.

ALSO HAPPENING

• This summer, Chatham County natives will be the focus of a new study by the **Language and Life Program** at NCSU. The research team is looking for Chatham County natives (born and raised in Chatham) who have lived in Chatham for most of their lives to interview. These will be recorded and the team will conduct analyses to look at the question of how language is changing in Chatham as it becomes less rural and more urban. The study will preserve the rich language heritage of Chatham County and our language changes. If you are a native of Chatham who has spent most of your life in the county and might be willing to participate in the project, please contact WaltWolfram@ncsu.edu or call 919-218-5374.

• 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 vendors 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.

• 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.

• **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 ShirleyRay@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!

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

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

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

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

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

• **Volunteers Needed** — Nonprofit agencies in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, and care for animals. **Chatham Connecting** website lists many volunteer opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.

School district's AIG program to target broader population

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Schools is expanding the plan for its Academically and Intellectually Gifted program to reached what district officials term as "under-represented populations."

Administrators presented the 2019-2021 District AIG Plan to the Chatham County Board of Education June 10, with one of the major changes being a focus on broadening the pool of students who might be able to take advantage of the services.

"We want to have a true representation of what the gifted student may be," said Melvin Diggs, CCS' executive director of exceptional children and academically/intellectually gifted programs. "There

are exceptional talents that a lot of students have, so we want to capture that."

These student populations include minorities, English language learners, students in poverty of homelessness or those deemed "twice-exceptional," meaning they would qualify for both EC and AIG services. Amanda Hartness, the district's assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, said the county has seen an "uptick" in "twice-exceptional" students in recent years and added that it's imperative that schools focus on how to serve those on both ends of the academic success spectrum.

The plan specifically states that the new goals of the referral process are to "open the pool of referred students as broadly as possible" and "attend to un-

der-represented populations in our district." It also calls for using "any available data illuminating student potential and/or achievement" as part of the determination process. Another focus of the plan is to take into consideration "acute or chronic circumstances" in a child's life that may affect the evaluation process, like migrant or homeless status, certain illnesses and "separations from parental support such as illness or death or poverty."

AIG/Advanced Learning Needs Determination Teams will operate at both the school and, new in this plan, county level and evaluate students for the program. The new plan states that all data — such as testing scores, student work and teacher evaluations — is compiled and reviewed by first the school-level team and then

passed to the county level. The district team is made up of "the supervising Executive Director, the Lead Teacher, a principal, classroom teacher(s), AIG/Advanced Learning specialists, and other district personnel as available."

A new part of the plan specifically states that "the absence of a singular criteria does not prevent identification of a student."

Hartness told the school board that the plan is due to the State Board of Education by July 1 and was "quite the extensive plan." A lot of changes, she said, came from shifts in state-level standards for the program.

"The work starts really early and involves a lot of people in a lot of different steps," she said.

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CHATHAM TRANSIT ANNOUNCEMENT

WE ARE EXTENDING OUR SERVICE HOURS!

Beginning Monday July 1, 2019, Chatham Transit Network will be extending our service hours.

Monday through Friday from 4:00am until 7:30pm.

Saturday from 4:00am until 3:00pm.

Saturday service will be offered within town limits of Pittsboro and Siler City on a "first come, first serve" basis. Once the schedule is full on Saturday, no further rides will be added.

Call 919-542-5136 option 4 for more information.

Chatham commissioners approve FY20 county budget

CN+R STAFF REPORT

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday formally adopted the county budget for fiscal year 2019-20, which includes a few revisions to the budget proposed by the County Manager's Office.

Commissioners kept the manager's recommended tax rate of 67 cents and the general fund budget total remains at \$125 million.

Commissioner Vice Chair Diana Hales, vice chair of the Board of Commissioners, said, "A low tax rate is always the goal. Any necessary tax increases must benefit actual public safety, education, and the entire Chatham community. The approved budget achieves those objectives. The small tax

increase supports important school needs, seniors, and essential emergency services. It also invests in our graduating seniors and our continued commitment to affordable and emergency housing in Chatham."

Hales and Commissioner Chairman Mike Dasher both said that they are particularly glad the budget includes funds for a much-needed emergency communications system, including new towers, and a new emergency operations center. "Chatham is growing and we must be prepared to handle weather disasters and other emergencies," Hales noted.

The general fund budget revisions make corrections or updates to revenue sources and estimated costs for new staff positions and general liability insurance. For example, the Sheriff's

Office will receive \$347,999 in revenue from the school system to support three school resource officer positions added earlier in 2019. The revised budget also adds \$200,000 to the contingency line item, restoring it to the current year's funding level.

Two additional fire districts requested changes in their tax rates after the budget deadline. These taxes are paid by taxpayers in those districts.

Parkwood Fire District's tax rate will increase from 10 cents to 11 cents per \$100 valuation to support its contract with the City of Durham to serve that district.

Siler City Fire District's tax rate will increase from 9 cents to 12 cents per \$100 valuation. The increase will support the hiring of additional full-time staff.

WELLS: Chromium-6, Vanadium in percent of wells tested

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genic to humans.

In March, Andrew George, Community Engagement Coordinator for UNC-Chapel Hill's Environment, Ecology, and Energy Program, began a citizen science project where residents volunteered to collect well water samples for testing for the study.

"We can do a much more thorough study with the public and the support of the participants who are collecting the data," George said. "We originally wanted 40 samples and we received 242, far more than we could have collected on our own in that time frame."

"[Citizen science] builds a sense of ownership for the participants, especially in Chatham County," he said. "There is a huge reservoir of local knowledge in the community that helps us as well."

After collection, the samples were tested in labs at Virginia Tech's Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering. Those results were sent to the individual well owners, whose identities

and locations will remain confidential. Upon receipt of the raw data, George and Kelsey Pieper, a Research Scientist at Virginia Tech, said they were "eager to share our results" to Chatham County residents to help them better understand what could be in their well water and what can be done to improve the water quality at their home.

The pair held two separate forums last week, the first in Moncure on Monday and another at CCC's Pittsboro Campus on Tuesday, to share the results to packed rooms of interested residents. Many of the residents were interested in learning where the concentrations of elevated contamination were located or if potential sources were identified. However, the researchers noted that their teams have not yet completed a geographic analysis of the results, stating that because of the levels of contaminants, the pair wanted to inform the residents of their findings and provide information on potential filtering solutions as soon as possible.



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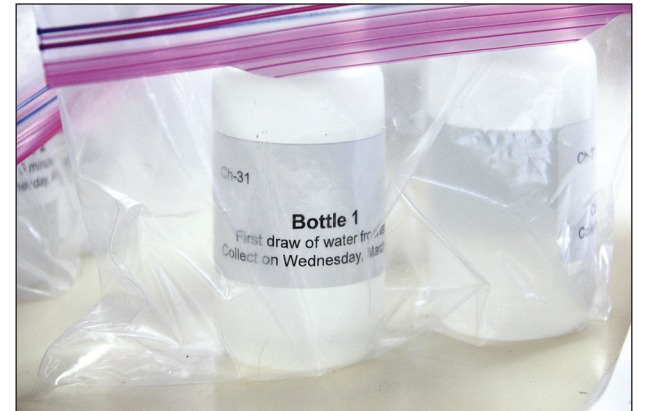
Andrew George, community engagement coordinator for UNC-Chapel Hill's Environment, Ecology, and Energy Program, who conducted the study of Chatham County wells in conjunction with Virginia Tech.

"The fact that we found so much Chromium and Vanadium, no matter where it came from, we felt we needed to [hold the forum]," George said. "We can't wait around until we get the full picture. We need to let people know what they are begin exposed to in their own wells."

"We also found a lot of premise plumbing metals, lead and copper," he continued. "Generally we know that comes from plumbing and we wanted

to report that." "Maybe it's from old dumps, maybe it's industrial, maybe it's naturally occurring, maybe its from all three," George said. "The first thought is 'am I harming my family?' We wanted to raise awareness of the presence of these metals so people can take the first step."

George notes that filters works well on most of these metals and contaminants, whether they are a kitchen sink filter



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Residents who volunteered to participate in the well water study were provided sampling bottles and instructions on collection.

or a whole house filter. During the forum, George and Pieper outlined different filters that have proved, through testing, successful in reducing the metal levels. Reverse osmosis systems, which are whole house systems, will remove everything that the pair tested. For other filter systems, such as pitcher filters or sink filters, they said that residents should seek those that are certified NSF-53, a certification from NSF International which is recognized by

regulatory agencies at the local, state, federal and international level that a product complies with all standard requirements.

The pair also urged that well owners have their water tested regularly. The N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services suggests annually for bacteria, every other years for inorganic materials such as metal, and every five years for pesticides and volatile organic compounds.

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JOIN *the* FUN.

Chatham Hospital is proud to host the 10th Annual Healthy Heart & Lung Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 29, 2019

1:30 Shotgun Start

Siler City Country Club

150 Country Club Drive, Siler City, NC 27334

4 Person Captain's Choice

Entry Fee - \$65 per player

Entry fee includes:

Green fees • Cart rental • Lunch • Refreshments

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to benefit Chatham Hospital's Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab programs and patients.

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VIEWPOINTS

Exercise caution as we enter the season of easy livin'



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

The summer solstice — when the Earth's tilt toward the sun is at peak position, making it the year's single longest day — is Friday, beginning 95 days of summer for us to enjoy until September 23, the first day of fall.

The song says summer is the season when the "livin' is easy."

And though we do enjoy it, summer is probably our most treacherous season, too.

Recent reports from our North Carolina coast seem to affirm this. In just the last couple of weeks, two shark attacks have been reported on our coast and a third person sustained a non-life-threatening bite from an undetermined ocean critter.

WRAL reported a few days ago more than 50 rip current rescues along North Carolina's stretch of the Atlantic Ocean. The dangerous coastal phenomenon has been blamed for at least six of eight drowning deaths on N.C. beaches already this season, and summer hasn't even started.

It's enough to make a rational person question the beach as a vacation destination.

But we're drawn there, nevertheless.

While the odds are still very much in our favor of not drowning in a rip current and not being bitten by a shark, with or without the threat of undercurrents or a Great White the beach can present challenges — big and small — to our well-being.

I can't count, for instance, how many cuts I've sustained on the bottom of my feet while enjoying an

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otherwise peaceful beach walk. Once, a shard of broken glass had me on the sidelines for the better part of a week's vacation. It didn't entirely slow me down, but it made walking in the sandy, salty setting a painful process I'd rather not repeat.

A couple of years ago, while showing off my body-surfing skills at Ocean Isle Beach, a mispositioned sandbar brought my ride to an abrupt halt, resulting in a nasty scrape to my forehead, which was leading the charge. As soon as it happened, I knew I'd sustained more than just a glancing blow; and knowing my wife would freak out, I stayed in the water as long as I could, dousing the flowing wound repeatedly with handfuls of salt water until I realized I was potentially acting as chum for the dreaded shark and I retreated to the safety of shore. As I emerged from the water, I saw the looks of concern (or was it horror?) on nearby beach-goers' faces as I walked back to my towel and chair, the palm-sized scrape on my forehead dripping a sanguine mixture of ocean water and blood. I survived, but the scar left by the sandy scrape is still visible.

Not to brag, but my bouts with beach dangers over the decades also include a harrowing few minutes caught in a rip current. This was 10 or 12 years ago, on a beautiful summer mid-afternoon when, while demonstrating my swim-

ming skills for those on shore, I found myself being rapidly pulled towards ever-deepening waters. I'm not sure I realized until later when I was safe on the beach again that I'd encountered a rip current; I just knew I was struggling and, despite my struggles, I was being carried in the wrong direction. I eventually got out of it and, though breathing heavily and exhausted, overall no worse for the experience. To my surprise, no one on shore ever batted an eye or otherwise seemed to notice that while they tanned, I'd been in a life-or-death struggle; but for that, I was grateful since the experience had the potential not only to be deadly but also embarrassing.

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Knowing all this, we're ahead of the game. Take precautions. Watch where you step and what you step on. Be careful in the water. Don't swim alone. Know, as I do now but didn't then, the proper way to emerge from a rip current.

Due diligence can go a long way and help keep the hazards of the beach at bay. For the next 95 days, have fun and be careful.

Life lessons learned from two special folk

If you've been on the planet for longer than about 15 minutes then you know you can't always believe what you see.

We say that in lots of ways — "you can't judge a book by its cover" or "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" or "if it looks too good to be true it probably isn't."

But the truth of the matter is that some times, maybe even many times, we sort of like to be fooled. That's why magicians or illusionists are so entertaining.

Of course, the more serious the matter under consideration — like our wallet — the less we want someone playing around with our stuff and we come to understand that not everything is a magic act.

For the past few years I have begun to understand that great truth in a different way. Years ago my father told me that this day might come and then I would understand.

He was right. And I do.

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Along about the time I was still his little boy but able to walk and chew gum at the same time I developed, at various times, an interest in baseball and football and other sports not played at a card table. While my public performance in those areas left something to be desired, the time spent in my backyard stadium was as good as they come.

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BOB WACHUS
Movin' Around

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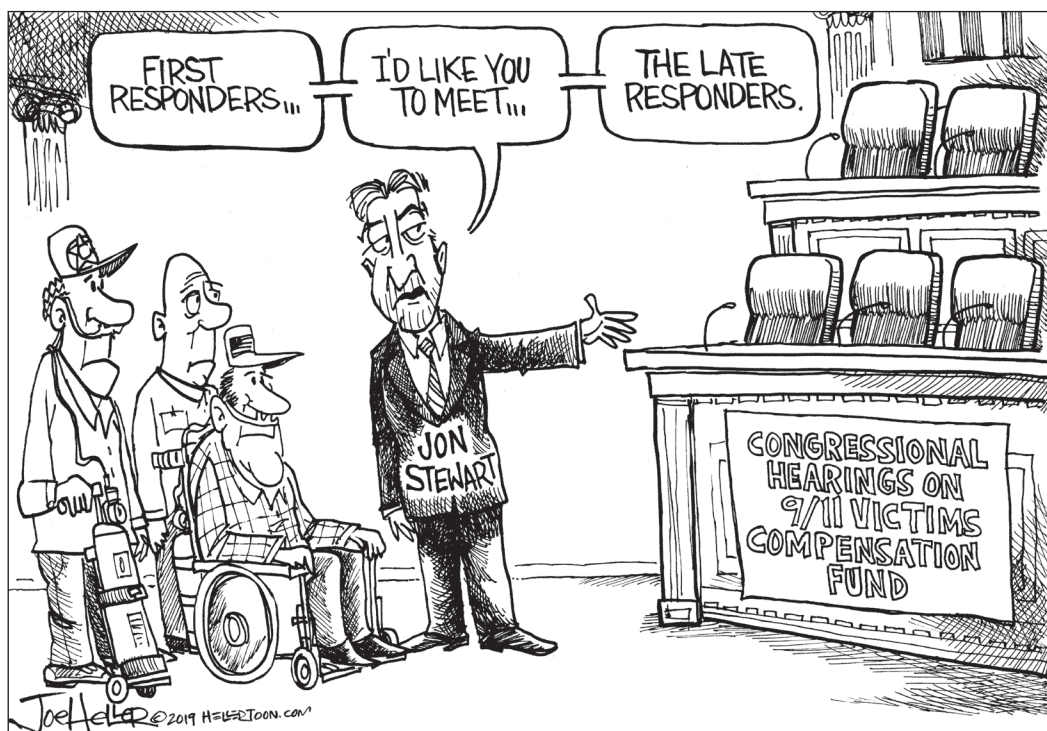
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Four recent books featuring North Carolina Indians

Do you need to know a little more about the early contacts between the Native Americans and the European settlers in North Carolina?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Help is on the way with four books and four upcoming programs on North Carolina Bookwatch.

The first book is "The Secret Token: Myth, Obsession, and the Search for the Lost Colony of Roanoke." Asheville writer Andrew Lawler explains the magnitude of Sir Walter Raleigh's efforts to establish an English colony on the North Carolina coast and the troubling encounters with the natives, beginning in seeming friendship, but ending in tension and violence.

After two earlier explorations, a group of families that

became the legendary Lost Colony landed on Roanoke Island in 1587. Short on supplies, their governor, John White, sailed to England for provisions. When he finally returned in 1590, the colony had disappeared, leaving only a carving of "Croat-oan" on a post.

Lawler recounts the 400-plus year search for clues about the settlers' fate, a story almost as interesting as the Lost Colony saga. He discusses the possibility that the Lumbee Indians could be descended from the Lost Colonists. (Lawler appears on UNC-TV's North Carolina Bookwatch, Sunday, June 23, at 11 A.M. and Tuesday, June 25 at 5 P.M.)

Malinda Maynor Lowery's new book, "The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle," answers questions about these North Carolina people and reminds us that the Lumbees are the largest Native American tribe east of the Mississippi.

Lowery, a member of the Lumbee tribe and a UNC-Chap-

el Hill associate professor, combines her scholarly talents with her lifelong family experience to tell the Lumbee story with authority and warmth. More about this book in a future column. (Bookwatch: June 30 and July 1)

A little more than 100 years after the Lost Colony disappeared, Europeans again intruded on Native American lands in our state.

In 1700, John Lawson walked through the interior of the Carolinas, visiting Indian villages and making notes for a book, "A New Voyage to Carolina," first published in 1709. It remains a classic for its rich descriptions of flora and fauna and the conditions of native people.

More recently, Durham writer Scott Huler, made a long walk in Lawson's footsteps. He shares his travels in a new book, "A Delicious Country: Rediscovering the Carolinas along the Route of John Lawson's 1700 Expedition."

Huler writes about Lawson, "He stayed in their wigwams, ate their food, trusted their guides. And he emerged with their stories, for some of which he is the only source in the world."

Lawson found the native populations to be in a precarious situation, disappearing from the scene as a result of "The Small-Pox and Rum." Huler found present day rural and small town landscapes in a similar crisis, littered with empty manufacturing plants, deserted main streets, and abandoned houses.

Lawson's explorations and the reports about them attracted more European settlers and gave him a prominent place in the young colony. That success came to a sudden end when the Tuscarora Indians he had so greatly admired and praised, captured and executed him in 1711. (July 7, 9)

Lawson's execution coincided with the Tuscarora attack on the European settlers in the

New Bern area. UNC-Wilmington professor David La Vere describes that conflict in "The Tuscarora War: Indians, Settlers, and the Fight for the Carolina Colonies."

North Carolina's efforts to beat back the Tuscarora were unsuccessful. The colony had not enough manpower, firepower, or money. Help finally came from the wealthy sister colony to the south. South Carolina sent two expeditions that effectively destroyed all Tuscarora resistance, and opened up settlement in the interior of North Carolina. (July 14, 16)

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What does freedom mean to you?

RALEIGH — I have devoted most of my life to building, inhabiting, and sometimes leading organizations devoted to advancing the cause of freedom. But what I mean by that term may be quite different than what you mean.



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

Even if the context is limited only to political matters, most people would agree that "freedom" is an essential public value — and then proceed to disagree about what public policies are required to protect or expand it.

The roots of such disagreements run deep. In his seminal work *Albion's Seed*, the historian David Hackett Fischer describes four waves of settlement, emanating from four different regions of the British Isles, that helped shape the history and politics of the North American colonies during the 17th and 18th centuries. Each of the four "folkways," as Fischer put it, contained its own conception of freedom.

For the Puritans who settled New England from East Anglia and the Netherlands, the organizing principle was "ordered liberty." You were free if you were part of a free, self-governing community. "Public liberty," as the concept was also called, was "thought to be consistent with close restraints upon individuals," Fischer explained.

For the Royalists who settled Virginia and neighboring colonies from their original homes in the south of England, the organizing principle was something closer to "hegemonic liberty," in Fischer's phrase. In other words, while they emphasized individual freedom instead of the Puritans' sense of collective liberty, Virginians didn't think everyone was entitled to it. Rank had its privileges, in other words, and obviously those held in bondage were excluded entirely.

Quite different was the "reciprocal liberty" espoused by the Quakers and other religious dissenters who settled Pennsylvania and its environs. Their conception "embraced all humanity and was written in the Golden Rule." While religious liberty was essential to this tradition, its protection of individual autonomy extended to other spheres of life, as well, including property rights and procedural rights for those accused of crimes.

Finally, large waves of settlement from Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Northern English during the 18th century brought the idea of "natural liberty" to the backcountry of early America. Rejecting the idea of tempering their personal freedom with the communal authority of the Puritans, the hierarchical authority of the Royalists, or the radical egalitarianism of the Quakers, the backcountry folk insisted that they simply wanted to be left alone. Indeed, as a group of Mecklenburg County leaders put it in 1768, their individual liberties came before their political obligations. "We shall ever be ready to support the government under which we find the most liberty," they stated.

These were just the original British folkways that help shaped America's political culture. Weave in the distinctive beliefs of America's other origin cultures and you have an ideological tapestry of intricate complexity.

The late University of Oklahoma scholar Rufus Fears described freedom as existing at three levels. Individual freedom means the right to do you choose without the government telling you otherwise. Political freedom means the right to vote and participate in civic affairs. Finally, national freedom means the right of a people collectively not to be ruled by some other people.

Ideally, one would enjoy freedom at all levels. But for most of recorded history, most people have enjoyed just one or two of these freedoms, if any. For example, under the Roman empire quite a few people enjoyed individual freedom and some enjoyed the political freedom to elect local magistrates. But no one outside Rome itself experienced national freedom.

To my way of thinking, individual freedom is the end-goal. I value political freedom and national freedom precisely because I think they are most likely to protect individual freedom from encroachments, foreign or domestic. To be free is not necessarily to be happy. It certainly doesn't make one free of social attachments, or capable of obtaining any particular goal. It simply means you can pursue whatever goal you wish without government telling you otherwise. And I think it's worth fighting for.

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All hands on deck for opioid epidemic

More than 800 gathered in Raleigh this week to address the Opioid epidemic. Five lives are lost each day and more than 13,000 deaths occurred between



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

1999 and 2017 due to Opioids. In addition to the heartbreak to families, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates it cost North Carolina some \$2.5 billion in 2017. DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen said this public health crisis requires "all hands on deck."

Opioids are common painkillers like oxycodone, hydrocodone and codeine, but also heroin and fentanyl. We've been aggressively fighting this crisis with some success. Opioid prescriptions have been reduced by 24 percent. 12,000 have been treated for overdose and emergency room visits have decreased by 20 percent. More than 3,000 providers have been trained, 29 syringe exchange programs have been established and 20,000 Naloxone kits have been dispensed throughout the state. A \$54 million federal grant helped achieve these results and

establish effective partnerships with care providers, law enforcement, mental health, social service, treatment centers and other professionals. But the face of the Opioid epidemic is transforming, and the campaign must also transform.

Secretary Cohen stated the federal grants have helped immeasurably but are only a temporary solution. Those overdosing on or addicted to Opioids need more extensive treatment. Sadly, more than half those needing help don't have health insurance. Governor Roy Cooper, addressing the summit, emphatically reinforced that fact, saying this is another compelling reason why we need to expand Medicaid.

The governor recognized that neither the House nor Senate had included Medicaid expansion in budgets they passed, adding talks are going on behind the scenes that might lead to expansion. Democrats in both chambers support the expansion and a growing number of Republicans are open to some form of expansion, but it is being blocked by Senate Republican leadership.

The major opposition has two prongs. First, and maybe most importantly, Medicaid expansion is associated with former President Barack Obama and Republicans don't

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want anything that smells of Obama. There is the additional concern about costs. The federal government promises to provide 90 percent of the costs; many say the federal government is already broke and they don't want to add to federal deficits. Further, they fear that a cash strapped federal government will drastically reduce the 90-10 match. But 37 states, many with Republican governors and/or legislatures have joined, convinced the benefits outweigh the risks. They also know that once a benefit has begun it never gets repealed or even greatly reduced. Congress won't likely risk losing voters in 37 states, even if it means more deficits.

I asked Governor Cooper if the exclusion of Medicaid expansion in the state budget was a deal breaker and he came close to saying "yes," perhaps because last week's legislative failure to override his "born alive" abortion bill signifies

that a budget veto might prevail.

Governor Cooper makes a pretty compelling case for Medicaid expansion, saying we could provide coverage for an additional 500,000 people, lower costs for private insurers and plan participants, while creating 43,000 new jobs.

The Opioid Action Plan that was updated at this week's summit would benefit greatly from Medicaid expansion and make another giant step to help prevent, reduce harm and aid the access to care for our people.

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AGING: No solution yet, 'but man, am I going to make a lot noise'

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"I'm now a senior citizen. I don't like to think of myself in that way, but I am. And I want to create a better tomorrow for my children," she says. "I am trying very hard to think of how I can set things up so they won't have to face what so many people are facing yet today. I don't really have a solution yet, but man, am I going to make a lot of noise."

Her mother Pauline was born Pauline Gamburg on June 6, 1919, and raised in New York. Her talents flourished at a young age, and she sang on a weekly radio show as a 6-year-old and excelled at school. As an adult, Pauline valued manners and decorum. Bryan remembers her mother as an intelligent, elegant woman whose Depression-era upbringing made her especially resourceful. Pulizzi was an excellent cook. And though their family was financially lower-middle class, Bryan says, her mother always made sure there was money for the arts, for music lessons, for finer things.

"She sent me to a finishing school, for example," Bryan says. "I know how to entertain the Queen of England. If I have to do it, darn it, I'll do it."

This was the woman Bryan had called mom her entire life: elegant, but down-to-earth; dignified, intelligent, funny and musically talented. Indeed, Pulizzi was a lifelong learner who took Spanish and Italian classes in her 70s.

Alzheimer's, however, had other plans. When Bryan's husband Skip accepted a job offer, the family moved from LA to north Chatham. Her parents moved with them and lived in an apartment built into the new home. Bryan noticed little changes at first. Her mom would misplace things (once, she found Pulizzi's eyeglasses in the freezer), though moments of forgetfulness that can be chalked up to Alzheimer's might also just be part of aging — or of simply being human.

"Look, if I couldn't find my car and I was sure I had parked it here and all of the sudden I can't find it, I might think that



Pauline and Jessica Bryan in the 1970s.

Submitted photo

somebody stole it, too," Bryan says.

Yet after Bryan's father Nicholas died in 2002, Pulizzi started exhibiting undeniable signs of dementia. So five years after that game night in the San Fernando Valley, Pulizzi was tested and diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Considering that Pulizzi had just lost her husband to Alzheimer's, Bryan didn't tell Pulizzi the results. She felt they would simply be too devastating.

Pulizzi didn't need constant supervision — not yet — and remained in the home she shared with her daughter and son-in-law. Bryan is a Realtor and frequently worked out of her home office. She recalls that during this era, Pulizzi would come into the room while Bryan was on the phone with a client and just stand there, listening and watching.

"Yes, Mom, can I help you?" Bryan would say.

"No, no, no. Finish your conversation."

"No. You tell me what you need."

"Have you ever seen this picture of your father?"

"Yes, like, 20 times today, thank you very much!"

Hardy teaches a class called Powerful Tools for Caregivers, typically once in the spring and once in the fall. This class is

comprised of six sessions, with the next instance taking place in September and early October at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center. Among other things, she teaches caregivers how to communicate with someone with dementia. "I call it the little dance," says Hardy.

And the steps to this dance? Hardy calls them align, agree, realign and resolve.

For the first step, you align with whatever the other person is saying, even if they're talking about someone who's many years dead. Like partners, you dance side by side. Step two is to agree with them — say, "yes, I remember that" — and the dance moves forward. Step three, if the other person is stuck on a topic, you can re-align them to a different subject — this is where the dancers twirl. And finally, Hardy says, you have taken the person with dementia's mind off of the thing they were adamant about. This, she says, is when the dancers resolve and bow.

Yet Bryan realized that on top of her dementia, her mother was grieving her departed husband — and was powerfully lonely to boot. Bryan floated the idea of a retirement community with assisted living and memory care, but Pulizzi was having none of it. Pulizzi's grandmother had been in an old-style

TYPES OF DEMENTIA:

Note: This is not an exhaustive list, but an overview.

- **Alzheimer's:** By far the most common type of dementia, Alzheimer's causes problems with memory, thinking, language and behavior. Initial symptoms can include mild memory loss, which slowly worsens with time. The number of Americans with Alzheimer's is projected to nearly triple by 2060.
- **Vascular or Multi-Infarct Dementia:** The second most common type of dementia is caused by cerebrovascular disease, in which damage to blood vessels in the brain leads to brain tissue being deprived of oxygen and nutrients. This can happen suddenly as the result of a stroke. Mental impacts depend on the part of the brain affected.
- **Dementia with Lewy Bodies:** Behind Alzheimer's and vascular dementia, some experts consider this the third most common form of dementia. Lewy bodies are a brain abnormality also associated with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, and people with this form of dementia experience changes in thinking and reasoning, hallucinations, delusions, sleep disturbances and physical changes such as stiffness, slowness and gait imbalance.
- **Frontotemporal Dementia:** This refers to a group of disorders that impact personality and speech, but leave the memory centers intact.
- **Parkinson's Disease Dementia:** This decline in thinking and reasoning can develop in people living with Parkinson's a year or more following diagnosis.
- **Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease:** This fast-moving, fatal disease occurs when proteins called prions begin to fold abnormally. Symptoms include rapid onset depression, apathy, memory and thinking problems, difficulty walking, stiffness and involuntary jerky movements.
- **Traumatic brain injury (TBI):** Head injuries from falls, auto accidents and indirect forces such as concussive waves from battlefield explosions can cause TBIs. Research indicates that severe TBI increases the risk of developing dementia, even years after the injury.
- **Mixed dementia:** In this case, abnormalities characteristic of two or more forms of dementia occur simultaneously.

Sources: The Centers for Disease Control, Alzheimer's Association, Dementia Care Central.

nursing home where, as Bryan says, people just sat around in wheelchairs drooling. Pulizzi had no vision of retirement communities other than that, and she flatly refused.

But then came the fall. It was a bad one.

Editor's note: In the second and final part of this story to be published next week, Jessica Bryan

struggles to cope in the aftermath of her mother's fall. About the author: Corbie Hill is a freelance journalist and editor who lives in Pittsboro with his wife and two daughters. His work has appeared in the News & Observer, INDY Week, No Depression, Our State and a host of other publications. Follow him at Twitter: com/afraidofthebear.

STATUE: 'Ensure our civic spaces promote sound American values'

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ing. I do respect other people's point of view even when I don't agree with them. To me, it's heartening that people can communicate, can talk, can compromise to reach a point where everybody gets a little less than they want."

In introducing the memo, Dasher recapped "for the record" the issue. In April, the board received a presentation from citizens regarding the monument outside the courthouse. Those who participated in the presentation noted that while state law prohibits the removal of publicly owned statues, this one was "unique" as it was owned by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and located on county property "pursuant to a license agreement."

"It is my understanding that a majority of the commissioners find that argument persuasive and are of the opinion that the county is within its rights to return the monument to the UDC," Dasher said.

"However, this board, as constituted, first and always will seek those resolutions that people of good will on both side can find acceptable," he continued.

Dasher met with UDC Chapter President Barbara Pugh and the two agreed that together they could work together to decide the future of the monument. The memo of understanding is the result of those conversations. The memo explicitly states that it "does not commit either party to

any particular course of action, but does commit both parties to discussions and negotiations in good faith concerning the monument."

Chatham resident Larry Ballas, a supporter of the confederate monument staying place, noted in his public comments Monday that while he thinks the monument celebrates "a history of people who defended the state" and preferred it not be moved, he stated that if the end result was to move the statue, he requested that it would be moved "someplace public."

County resident Woody Weaver, who spoke passionately about the statue, noted that if the statue were to be changed, he would not want the words "white" or "black" nor would he want the word "slavery" on the monument, but "Chatham citizen." He also noted that he agreed with the path the board is taking toward a resolution with the UDC, but asked that others in the community be involved in the discussion.

Fifer, who spoke on behalf of Chatham for All, whose supporters filled more than half the courthouse pews, expressed gratitude to the board for the "leadership you continue to demonstrate." He also noted that the group does not "necessarily agree" with the board's invitation to the UDC to be a participant in the process of determining the statue's future.

"We do, however, understand that they are the owners of the monument,



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Confederate statue, placed in 1907, stands facing North on public ground in front of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted to enter into an agreement to work with the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the future of the monument.

and as such we accept your non-judgmental stance in attempting to work together with them — but remind you that you and you alone have the legal authority to act," Fifer said.

"Our public spaces speak for all of us — and we have a responsibility to ensure our civic spaces promote sound American values," he said.

During the board's discussion of the memo of understanding, several commissioners voiced support for the memo.

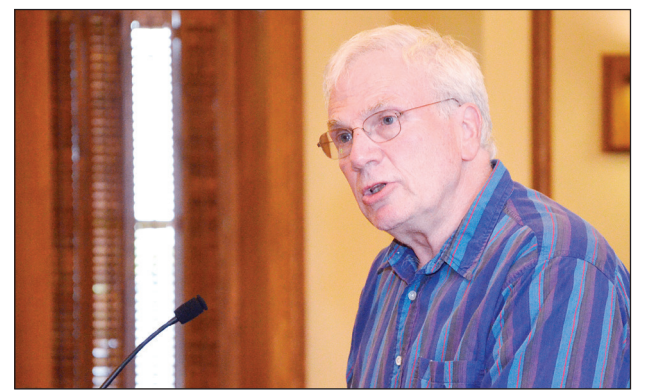
What's important to note is that this is a framework for opening up a conversation," Commissioner Karen Howard said. "It doesn't mean we will compromise the integrity or the views of this board."

"I also think it places us in a conciliatory and forward-thinking position to work with the Daughters of the Confederacy and move forward," she said.

"I think this is an appropriate step," Commissioner Diana Hales said. "There may be certain things that may not be on the table, but let's start with what can be on the table. I think that's an adequate place to begin."

"I think we can reach some endpoint, but let's figure out how we move to that endpoint."

Commissioner Jim Crawford said he would not care about the monument "if it were in a public cemetery or certainly on



Staff photo by David Bradley

Howard Fifer spoke in Monday's public input session on behalf of the organization Chatham for All, which has been advocating for the removal of the Confederate statue located on the Historic Chatham County Courthouse grounds.

there has been "misinformation" and she has often heard an "unwillingness to learn new things, to hear new information," but believes that "at the very least, this board has demonstrated a willingness to hear, to listen."

Crawford, who earned a PhD in U.S. History from UNC-Chapel Hill, also noted concerns over a lack of clarity and understanding of history as

well. Crawford noted that throughout the discussions, some have noted that slaves fought side-by-side with the Confederacy.

"At most there were 6,000 people of color dragged into fighting for the Confederacy, half of whom switched sides," he said. "And that in no way compares to the 180,000 African-American soldiers that fought for the Union."



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Woody Weaver spoke during Monday's Chatham County public speaking time about the statue controversy.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES E. EMERY



James Edward Emery, 92, of Asheboro, passed away on Monday, June 17, 2019 at Carillon Assisted Living of Asheboro.

Mr. Emery was born in Warren County, TN on August 4, 1926 to Willie Samuel and Lena Thurman Emery. He was formerly employed with Klopman Mills and Lucks, Inc. in Seagrave. He was a member of Seagrave United Methodist Church. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Tucker Emery, son, James Alan Emery, and siblings, Mary Sybil Ross, Hattie Opal Emery, and Ellis Burtland Emery. James was a simple man who loved his family. He enjoyed farming, building houses, and working outdoors.

He is survived by his brother, Aven Marshall Emery and wife Doris of Denton; sisters, Audrey Walker of Asheboro and Janice Ashworth and husband Jerold of Asheboro; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 12-1:30 p.m. at Pugh Funeral Home, 437 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro. Funeral services will follow on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Pugh Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Frank Barrett and Rev. Ed Carter officiating. Burial will be held in Randolph Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Randolph, P.O. Box 9, Asheboro, NC 27204-0009.

Please share remembrances and condolences at: www.pughfuneralhome.com.

NORA LEE COOK

Nora Lee Cook, 82, died Saturday, June 15, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Cook was born May 23, 1937, the daughter of the late Jasper Lee and Nora Bell Hall Cook. Nora was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, James L. Tillman, Sam T. Cook, Jasper Ray Cook, Calvin C. Cook, Ulys Cook, Caleb Cook, Elbert Cook and William "Bill" Cook.

She is survived by a brother, Claude Cook and wife, Inez of Bonlee; several nieces and nephews; and special caregiver, Andrea Goins.

The family received friends Monday, June 17, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, 3835 Bonlee-Carbondon Road, Goldston with Rev. Bob Wachs officiating.

Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

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

JOSEPHINE CHEEK WATSON



APRIL 25, 1927 - JUNE 14, 2019

Josephine Cheek Watson, 94, of Raleigh, formerly of Goldston, died on June 14, 2019.

"Jo" was beloved by family and friends, young and old, for her quick smile, easy laugh, lingering hugs, and genuine affection. She deeply loved her Savior, Jesus Christ, and His love was evidenced in all she did. She faithfully served as Sunday school teacher to preschoolers for over 50 years and is fondly remembered as "Mama Jo" to generations of children. She hosted many in her home, served enthusiastically at North Raleigh Chapel, and after retiring to Pittsboro Christian Village, endeared herself to fellow residents an staff with her loving spirit and willingness to serve. She exemplified to all the unconditional love of Christ and will be forever treasured by all who knew her for her ready availability to those in need of help or encouragement. Hers was a life well-lived. She and her prayers on our behalf will be greatly missed.

Jo is survived by her three sons, Bruce Watson (Sheryl), Jonathan Watson (Sharon), and Phillip Watson; two grandsons, Blake Watson (Aimee) and Adam Watson; great-granddaughter, Emma Jo Watson; sister, Frances Stains; brother-in-law, Earl Dowd; sister-in-law, Treva Watson an many nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved and enjoyed. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Monroe Watson; parents, Troy and Alma Cheek; three brothers and three sisters.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 12:30, with a funeral beginning at 2 p.m. at North Raleigh Chapel, 5421 Six Forks Road, Raleigh. Burial will follow at Brier Creek Memorial Gardens.

The family offers special appreciation to Pittsboro Christian Village management and staff, the Wake Med Cary Emergency and Intensive Care teams, and the Transitions LifeCare hospice staff for their attentive care in Jo's final days.

Jo enjoyed all of God's creation and especially flowers so they are welcomed. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to Pittsboro Christian Village, Pittsboro, NC, Mountain Top Youth Camp, Pinacclle, NC, or Transitions LifeCare, Raleigh, NC.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.MitchellaRMP.com.

JULIUS RAPHAEL 'J.R.' WHITE

Mr. Julius Raphael "J.R." White, 82, of Pittsboro, passed away Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at The Laurels of Chatham.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2019 at Solid Rock Baptist Church with Pastor Jerry Sanders officiating. Burial followed at the Bynum Methodist Church

Cemetery.

A native of Bynum, J.R. was born July 17, 1936 to the late Phillip B. White and Martha Jones White. He retired from UNC as a carpenter. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Carolyn and his daughter, Crystal.

He is survived by his daughters, Miranda Ann May and Martha Jean Bristol, all of Pittsboro; half-sister,

Clydie Slagle of Franklin; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials to honor J.R. be made to: Solid Rock Baptist Church Building Fund.

PHYLLIS OVERCASH ISENHOUR

Phyllis Overcash Isenhour, 82, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Crossroads Ministries in Broadway with Pastor Paul Backlund officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 1 until 2 p.m.

Phyllis was born in Rowan County on June 13, 1937 to Phillip and Jessie Wilson Overcash. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce. Phyllis worked as a social worker. She decided to go back to school at age 70 to obtain her Certified Nursing Assistant certification at Central Carolina Community College.

Phyllis is survived by Howard Isenhour; sons, Mike Isenhour, Chris Isenhour, and Mark Isenhour of Sanford; sisters, Patsy Anderson and Jane Hilton, both of Kannapolis; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 Carthage Street, Sanford, NC 27330.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

JAMES MICHAEL HARGRAVES

James Michael Hargraves, 64, of Pittsboro passed on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2019 at Orange Chapel United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill.

BORIS LYNN SILER

Boris Lynn Siler, 58, (born January 3, 1961) died June 5, 2019.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 13, 2019 at First

Missionary Baptist Church in Siler City.

Regional Memorial Creations and Funeral Services in Greensboro handled the arrangements.

NEWS BRIEF

CCCC announces graduates

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College had more than 550 graduates at the conclusion of the spring 2019 semester.

CCCC observed its 56th Commencement Exercises on May 13 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center in Sanford.

Graduates from nearby areas are listed below.

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

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Walter Petty honored

Former Chatham County Commissioner Walter Petty received a plaque for his service with the board Monday night from Commission Chairman Mike Dasher. "I appreciate this," he said. "It's an honor to be recognized and it was an honor to serve the citizens of Chatham County. It's a gift. I am pleased and blessed to have that opportunity." Petty also showed appreciation to his wife who "waited up for me a lot of nights" for her support and commitment.



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In Pittsboro garden

A hummingbird moth alights on a Stokes' aster in Suza White's Pittsboro garden.



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Painted glory

A 1962 Dodge panel van sits in a parking lot behind the Blair Building in Pittsboro. The body of the van was the canvas for a series of whimsical paintings of unicorns, classic cars and figures from mythology.



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Bow to your partner!

The Circle City Squares got their dance on recently in Pittsboro with their weekly dance at the Old Agricultural Building downtown. The group has a pro caller, and dance classes are held during the year.

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Detzi, foundation focused on needs, innovation for Chatham students

Jaime Detzi is the Executive Director of the Chatham Education Foundation. Jaime has a passion for public education and seeks to support local students through her job at CEF and other volunteer roles within Chatham County. She serves on the YMCA Board of Advisors and works along side a friend to feed low-income students at both Polard Middle School and Northwood High School. Jaime and her husband Chris have three children, Alyssa (16), Brooke (14) and James (10) and being a mom is Jaime's favorite job to date!

Summer's here, which means the school year has ended. Part of the Chatham Education Foundation's mission is to focus on improving educational opportunities for students, and one of your programs — Books on Break, which provides five (and, in some cases, six) books to economically disadvantaged students — just happened at two local elementary schools. That's clearly done to help bridge the learning/reading gap during that break from school for our youngest students. As you distributed those nearly 7,000 books the last couple of weeks, can you describe the reaction of the kids as they chose their books? What did you see and feel in that experience, and what do you hear from the children and their teachers?

Each year, for the past four years, we have donated books to students at two of Chatham County's highest needs elementary schools. And each year, we hear the same question from students, "Do we get to keep these books FOREVER?" I wish you could see the expressions on their faces when we tell them YES! The look of awe and surprise is worth its weight in gold and their smiles stay with us forever. One student's thank you card said, "Thank you for the books that you gave us to read at home forever!"

Teachers often speak to us separately about how impactful this program is, as many of their students have few books in

their homes. Statistically this makes sense, since two-thirds of low-income families have few if any books in their homes.

A core belief of the Foundation is that community investment helps build stronger schools. So why is it important for Chatham's residents and businesses — who already support the schools with tax dollars — to invest in our schools outside those tax dollars, and support personal growth opportunities for public school students?

CEF supplements resources in two categories: areas of need and areas of innovation. In the "need" category, we offer literacy support through tutoring, kindergarten readiness camps, our Books on Break program and professional development. In our innovation category, we offer support through Creative Teaching Grants and we are currently working to raise funds for a county STEM facility located behind our early college in Siler City.

So my first question as a CEF investor, and a taxpayer is: Why is there need?

I would say that the number one reason is insufficient state funding. School districts are funded by the state at a minimum level — just enough to get by. It is widely agreed that state funding is inadequate to support the kinds of programs, services, staffing ratios, instructional and infrastructure needs that would place North Carolina in the top-tier of states, relative to a world class education. Now, I need to clarify here, because here in Chatham we are lucky — our commissioners pick up a lot of the funds that have been removed by the state, and for that we are eternally grateful. But nonetheless, we, as a community, can always do more to support our schools.

So for this reason, CEF garners investments from foundations, companies and individuals, to supplement resources in areas the district identifies as the most pressing needs.



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Jaime Detzi, the executive director of the Chatham Education Foundation.

The array of programming done by the Chatham Education Foundation is quite extensive, particularly considering how many communities in North Carolina don't have local foundations to support them. What is it the programs accomplish that makes them so beneficial, and how do you measure and quantify those benefits?

As I mentioned, CEF supplements resources in two categories: innovation and need. Our programs meet one of these two requirements, and here in Chatham, there is a need for both.

Many of our programs focus on literacy, which falls into our needs category. For example, one of the programs CEF's offers that makes a big impact is our SOAR Tutoring Program. We have more than 60 trained volunteer tutors working in three of our schools tutoring, with two literacy intervention programs. While most of our tutors were not teachers, all of them are making a difference in their students literacy achievements. The benefits include enhanced

literacy skills, along with an additional caring adult to encourage their love of learning.

All of our programs seek to increase student growth, provide innovative opportunities that would not otherwise be available in the current budget or to increase teacher effectiveness. Using these attributes as our guide, we can assure CEF supports the Chatham County Schools with integrity, fidelity and most importantly as partners in student success.

Chatham County also benefits from the work of education-related programs like the Chatham Literacy Council and Chatham's Communities in Schools programs. How does the Chatham Education Foundation complement the work of those and other non-profits to maximize impact on our schools?

Chatham County is a small community which allows the nonprofits to work together to reach shared goals. CEF co-leads a collaboration with the Chatham County Schools called "Chatham Reads." Both the Cha-

atham Literacy Council and CIS of Chatham County are partners in this endeavor, where we aspire to have 80 percent of our 3rd graders reading proficiently by 2022.

Chatham Literacy is able to work on adult literacy, and this augments students learning when a parent is increasing their literacy skills alongside their child. CIS works with families on wrap-around services to assure students have the basic needs and support required to be a successful student. Together, we are stronger than any one separate entity and use our relationships to coordinate services and spread the word about the opportunities for students and residents in Chatham County.

Another core value of the Foundation is the belief that well-trained educators with access to continuing professional development lead students to stronger student achievement. What does the Foundation specifically do to help Chatham's teachers and education professionals?

Years ago, N.C. removed all teacher professional development from the state budget, and it is an imperative piece of teacher effectiveness. In a study by Bill Sanders of the University of Tennessee, he states, "Learning gains realized by students during a year in the classroom of an effective teacher were sustained over later years and were compounded by additional years with effective teachers." Therefore, each time we can fund professional development, we know we are helping a group of students grow year after year.

In the past, when funding was available, CEF has offered teachers financial scholarships for board certification coursework, subject specific professional development and lateral entry teaching courses. In the past few years we have also funded all K-8 reading specialists training in HillRAP, a research-based, individualized, structured approach to improving reading for students who are struggling.

In the past year, we funded the training of all 2nd grade teachers in a fluency specific literacy intervention with the Helps Education Fund. As research suggests, an effective teacher impacts student growth directly, and together with our donors we can move that needle.

Let's talk about funding... the Foundation relies on local support and grants to help it achieve its mission. In a county with more than 100 non-profits, can you speak to the fiscal strength of the Foundation, as well as the goals and opportunities you and the board have for the years ahead?

Chatham County is a bedroom community with as many as 60 percent of our residents leaving the county for work each day. Our largest employer is the Chatham County Schools, and Mountaire Farms should surpass them in the next year. This means we have few large businesses to support our nonprofits, unlike surrounding counties.

While this makes our role in fiscal sustainability a bit harder, it is feasible. The Chatham Education Foundation diversifies our revenue streams to assure we are not getting donations from one source alone. Our investors include individual donors, local private foundations, corporations and small businesses. With each of these investments, our goal is to maximize returns by making each dollar invested go further.

In the coming years, CEF would like to grow our role in partnering with Chatham County Schools to bring innovative opportunities to our students and teachers. By funding pilot programs and showing success, we can build public will for these innovative ideas that help our students achieve growth and then encourage Chatham County to financially support the proven programs.

For more information, go to the Foundation's website: www.chathameducationfoundation.org

Bears bring unique take on eating out

CN+R STAFF REPORT

SILER CITY — It was a kitchen experiment that went in a different direction when students studying culinary arts at Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek, North Carolina, extended the laboratory into the community.

The turn taken was for the better.

"The community-cafe concept is a part of the international food movement called One World Everybody Eats," recent Chatham Central graduate Isidra Brower said. "The intention is to provide fresh, healthy and affordable meals for diners of all backgrounds. No one is denied, regardless of their means."

Brower has been representing Chatham Central's chapter of SkillsUSA, a national partnership of students, teachers and industry practitioners working to ensure a skilled American workforce by providing students with opportunities to gain personal skills, workplace skills and technical skills that are grounded in academics.

In April, the community-cafe concept of Chatham Central's students earned a first-place, state-level SkillsUSA award in the category for community action. That qualified them for an opportunity to compete in the SkillsUSA National Skills and Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, in June. The weeklong event — a showcase of career and technical education students — is expected to draw at least 18,000 people including students, teachers and business partners.

Back at the kitchen experiment, Peppercorn in downtown Siler City was the lab, where a full-service dining experience awaited patrons who were greeted by sharply dressed servers under Brower's direction. Gerli



Submitted photo

Chatham Central High School culinary artists (left to right) James McIntyre, Isidra Brower, MaKizah Cotton, Thomas Hacker, Marquis Utley and Gerli Amador hosted a community cafe at Peppercorn in downtown Siler City, on March 26. The concept was such that any patron could eat regardless of his or her ability to pay.

Amador Jaimes, a rising Chatham Central senior and SkillsUSA member, led the work in the kitchen, where beds of fresh greens were drizzled with just-right dressings. It was March, and the weather outside was cold, so chicken-noodle soup, seafood bisque and black-bean chili were great comfort foods, along with butter pound cake and fresh strawberry compote.

Bon appétit. "The students did an excellent job of serving the customers who came into the pop-up restaurant," said Norma Boone, who works for Chatham County Schools and dropped by Peppercorn for a bite. "They provided service with a smile."

Which remains the goal, "to provide a good meal to all who come to dine with us — again, regardless of means," Jaimes said.

"Several people responded to our invitation to try this concept, approximately 50 people of

all backgrounds," Brower said. "Some paid for their meal, while others assisted with the service operations, and others paid it forward — paid for another's meal who might not be able to pay in the future. Everyone enjoyed the food and atmosphere. The student workers also enjoyed the work experience. We plan to bring this effort back to downtown Siler City again in the fall of 2019."

Boone said it was evident that the students knew exactly what they were doing when it came to customer service. It speaks to what's going on day to day in the classroom of Everett Goldston, who both teaches culinary arts at Chatham Central and keeps his eyes peeled for opportunities to showcase what his students are learning in the school's commercial kitchen tucked away near the cafeteria.

Goldston's approach is developing well-rounded students,



Submitted photo

Chatham Central High School student Gerli Amador Jaimes (left) and Chatham Central student Marquis Utley collaborate during meal preparation at Peppercorn in downtown Siler City on March 26.



Submitted photo

Chatham Central High School student Isidra Brower helps a diner at Peppercorn.

rising Chatham Central junior Thomas Hacker said.

"Preparing the food for the community-service projects helps us all work together as a big team. It helps us with our

collaboration skills," Hacker said. "It also helps us with our team-building skills. It helps us with time management, and it helps us be able to go home and cook for our families."

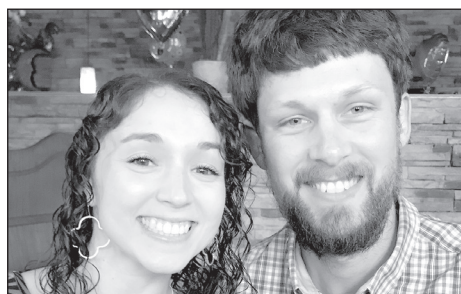
ENGAGEMENT

Stevens-Bright

Mary Katherine Stevens of Sanford and Walter Anthony Bright II of Raleigh will be married at 3 p.m., August 24, 2019 at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church in Sanford.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Russell and Sheila Stevens of Sanford and the granddaughter of the late Russell and Elizabeth Stevens and Madie Rhodes of Sanford and the late Charles R. Rhodes. She is a 2008 graduate of Southern Lee High School, and Winthrop University, class of 2012 with a BS in Chemistry. She is employed with KBI Biopharma Corp. in Durham as a Senior Research Associate.

The groom-elect is the son of Anthony and Teresa Bright of Sanford and the grandson of Willard and Armelia Garren and Joanna Bright of Sanford and the late Walt Bright. He is a 2005 graduate



Stevens and Bright II

of Northwood High School and North Carolina State University, class of 2009, with a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by Dewberry Engineering Consultants in Raleigh.

CHURCH NEWS

OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School will be held at Oakley Baptist Church June 23 - 28 from 6 until 8:30 p.m. for ages 2 through grade 12. The theme will be Power Up - Raise Your Game!

For information and/or registration, see: www.oakleybaptist.org.

GETHSEMANE HOLY CHURCH

Youth Day will be held at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 23 at Gethsemane Holy Church.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, June 24-26. The graduation program will be held Wednesday night, June 26 at 7:30 a.m.

The church is located at 243 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek.

PLEASANT GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School will be held at Pleasant Grove Christian Church, June 24-28. The theme will be "Roar! Life is Wild! God is Good!". The fun runs from at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We will serve dinner from 5 to 6:20 and all are welcome. There will be lots of fun, games, and prizes.

More information is available at Pleasant-GroveVBS42@gmail.com or call 336-879-3779. The church is located at 5946 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Bennett.

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES

Join us as we celebrate the 12th pastoral anniversary of Pastor Phyllis Carter at New Beginnings Ministries, June 21-23.

Friday night at 7:30 the preacher will be Elder Darryl Harris of Pinehurst. Saturday evening at 6, there will be a musical program with various groups participating.

Sunday morning in the 11 a.m. service, Evangelist Avon Green of Hope Mills will preach. Sunday afternoon at 3, Bishop Thurman McNeill will be the preacher.

All are invited. The church is located at 155 Pondarosa Road, Siler City.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev Barry R Gray will be honored as we celebrate his 21st Pastoral anniversary at the First Missionary Baptist Church on June 22nd and 23rd. On Saturday, there will be a bike and car show. Registration for that will be from 10 am to 10:30 There will be food and non-alcoholic drinks for sale, also there will be waters for children. The celebration will continue on Sunday, beginning at 10 am with the Associate Minister bringing the message. The Gospel Choir will be singing songs of Praise. Dinner will be served after the worship service. Services will continue at 2 p.m. Rev. Robertson of Holy Trinity United Holy Church will be the speaker. He will be accompanied by his choir, ushers and congregation.

First Missionary Baptist Church will have their annual Vacation Bible School June 24 through 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., with classes and crafts for children led by volunteers, as well as basket weaving for adults led by Marion Goldston. Snacks will be provided each evening for all kids and adult participants. The public is invited to attend.

ROCKY RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Hindsight Bluegrass with Stan and Julie Brown will present a program of gospel and bluegrass music at Rocky River Baptist Church on

Sunday evening June 23 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Everyone is invited to attend. A love offering will be received for the music group. The church is located at 4436 Siler City Snow Camp Road, Siler City.

PLEASANT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

169 Years of Ministry and Homecoming will be celebrated at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 23. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 11. A Homecoming Feast will follow the worship service.

You are invited to the celebration and the ministry of our church. We are located at 7019 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Siler City.

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

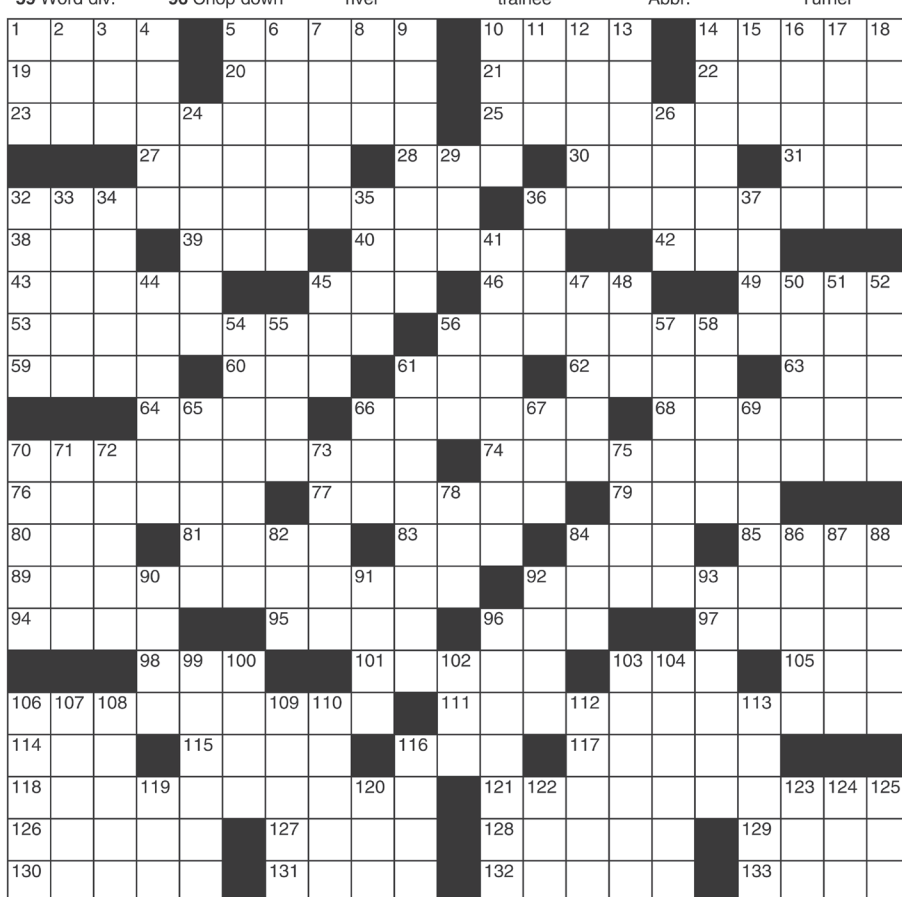
Roar Vacation Bible School: Life is wild, God is good will be hosted at Ebenezer UMC from June 24 to 28. Kids will participate in Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and enjoy yummy treats. Each day concludes with a Safari Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time. Kids at Roar VBS will join a missions effort to provide nutrition packets and health checkups for moms and babies in need in Zambia, Africa.

Roar is for kids from K through 5th grade and will run from 6:30 to 8:15 each day. Register and get directions to Ebenezer on our website: www.church-bythelake.org. We are very easy to get to. For more information, call Pastor Patrick Jones (919) 387-0944 (church office).

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Staff photo by Randall Riggsbee

Honoring WWII veteran

The town of Siler City honored World War II veteran Ben Jones, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Mayor John Grimes on Monday presented Jones with a key to the city and read aloud at the Siler City Board of Commissioners meeting a proclamation honoring the veteran fighter pilot "for his courageous service to the United States of America and its citizens."

STUDENTS NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST

GAINES NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST
 Alyssa Gaines has been named to the Dean's List at Anderson University in Anderson, S.C. for the spring 2019 semester. Gaines is a resident of Siler City.

BINNIE NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Samantha Binnie has been named to the Dean's List for the 2019 spring semester at the University of New England, Biddeford and Portland, Maine. Binnie is a resident of Pittsboro.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

MATHEWSON GRADUATES
 Jared Christopher Mathewson graduated from North Carolina State University College of Humanities and Social Sciences with Bachelor of Science Degrees in both History and Genetics. He was a University Scholar and graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a final GPA of 3.681. He is the son of Christopher James Mathewson and Amy Bell Mathewson.

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Sunset
 June 4, 2019



The Family of Omega Paige Fox is grateful for every visit, cards, thoughts, flowers, food, telephone calls and other acts of kindness during this difficult time.

We are grateful to the ones that were able to join us Sunday, June 9th in giving thanks to God for this well-loved member of our family. May God continue to bless each of you. Thank You.

-The Family

Advisory group seeking election on expanding alcohol sales in Siler City

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — With a goal of enhancing Siler City's economic and cultural development, the Siler City Downtown Advisory Committee is exploring the possibility of widening the sale of malt beverages and table wine to include on-premise sales at breweries, brewpubs, tap rooms and special event venues.

Current ABC regulations in place in Siler City only allow for on-premise sales of malt beverages and table wine in restaurants, hotels and motels and prevents it at other locations.

Allowing expanded opportunity for sale of malt beverages and wine "will bring opportunity for countless new

business and the expansion of existing business," the Siler City Downtown Advisory Committee wrote in a June 12 letter to the town board. "We believe this is a significant, and a necessary first step to bringing Siler City into its next phase of progress."

Current ABC regulations "are hindering access to a large and still-growing economic powerhouse — the Craft Beer Industry," the committee further noted, adding that North Carolina is home to 312 breweries, 290 of which are "local, small businesses owned by folks in small towns and neighborhoods."

Those breweries, which are a \$2 billion/year business, the committee said, "are bringing jobs, community event spaces, and tourism opportunities to their communities."

Committee member Tim Booras, managing owner of the CAM site, spoke to Siler City commissioners Monday, seeking the board's help in putting the matter on the ballot for Siler City voters to decide.

Booras, a Greensboro native, said his hometown is home to a number of local breweries, which generate a lot of revenue and attract many customers.

"Young people migrate to those places," Booras said. "Our vision is to allow that to happen in downtown Siler City."

But, Booras said, ABC laws in place are "extremely circuitous" and the committee is seeking the town's help in proceeding.

"We need counsel on how to move forward," Booras said. "We're essentially asking your permission to explore the

possibility of what the ballot would look like."

No one on the eight-member Siler City Board of Commissioners raised objection to the proposal and Booras promised to continue working on the matter and to "have something more concrete soon" to present to commissioners.

Next steps include a formal recommendation from the advisory board to the town board proposing an election be called; the town board would adopt a resolution calling for an election; and the town's governing body would present a written request for an election to the Chatham County Board of Elections.

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JUNETEENTH

Celebrating the end of slavery in the United States

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Over 150 years ago, the last slaves in the United States were freed, but that freedom came nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation declared that "all persons held as slaves" in the rebellious states of the Confederacy were free. Those states were not under the control of the Union at the time, so it's effect is often debated. Even after Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia in April 1865, not all those who were enslaved knew they had their freedom.

What is Juneteenth?

On June 19, 1865, a regiment of Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed in Galveston, TX to inform the people of Texas that those who were enslaved, approximately 250,000 in the state, were now free. There are many theories as to why it took so long for freedom to come to Texas. One thought is the slow rate that news traveled during the time and so it took two months for word of Lee's surrender to get to Texas; but at the same time, many wonder why word of the Emancipation Proclamation, signed 30 months prior, never made it into the state. Some suggest that the delay was to allow slave owners to have one more cotton harvest before freeing the slaves. Some simply state that white supremacy had such a stronghold in the state, that the word was easily suppressed. Even with Granger's announcement, there are reports that some slaves were not freed until 1868.

In his announcement, General Granger urged the slaves to stay with their respective plantation owners and negotiate wages. As most were not interested in remaining with the people who enslaved them, slaves began to leave the state to find family or other more welcoming areas outside the state, also known as "the scatter." During that time, many former slaves were lynched, beaten, or murdered for trying to assert their freedom and leave their former masters, according to former slave accounts.

Former slaves and their descendants wanted to celebrate the date, named "Juneteenth," as a way to celebrate their freedom and gather with remaining family members that survived. Many former slaves would make a pilgrimage to Galveston each year for the event. However, soon after the end of the Civil War, segregation laws were already being passed in states. In the 1870's, a group of former slaves pooled their resources and purchased property in Houston, naming it Emancipation Park, so that Juneteenth celebrations could occur

there. The park is the oldest park in Houston and in Texas, and until the 1950's was the only public park and swimming pool African-Americans had access to.

The decline and resurgence of Juneteenth

Juneteenth celebrations declined during the Jim Crow era. With each proceeding generation, knowledge of Granger's announcement in Galveston was supplanted by the Emancipation Proclamation as "freeing" slaves. In addition, during the Depression, many were forced to find work in urban areas where employers were less likely to grant time off to celebrate the day. It wasn't until the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's that the holiday made a resurgence. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. planned the Poor People's March in Washington, D.C. to coincide with the date. The event brought the holiday back into the consciousness of the community, with people beginning to create Juneteenth celebrations in their home states. Texas was the first state to recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday, though not all state offices close. Since then, 43 of the 50 U.S. states and Washington, D.C. have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or ceremonial holiday. North Carolina passed the Act Recognizing Juneteenth National Freedom Day in North Carolina in 2007.

Juneteenth in Chatham County

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution in Support of the Juneteenth Community Remembrance and Celebration on June 22, 2019 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center. The event is the second annual Juneteenth celebration organized by Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE) and the Chatham Community Library. Commissioner Jim Crawford, who holds a PhD in U.S. History from UNC-Chapel Hill and will be speaking at the Juneteenth event on "The Origins and Trajectory of Slavery in the US," wrote, introduced, and made the motion to pass the resolution.

"In an era when one of our major political parties is seeking to capitalize on white identity grievances and daily exhibits ill will against the larger American experiment, it is important to support Juneteenth and similar celebrations of the diversity that makes this nation strong," Crawford said.

The resolution, which passed unanimously, resolved that the county "hereafter recognizes June 19th as Freedom Day, 'Juneteenth,' a date for reflection on the historical and ongoing struggle for equality and civil rights."

"I love that in Chatham we are making

strides in celebrating and honoring the valuable contributions of African Americans in this nation and learning our history is integral to that," Commissioner Karen Howard said. "I am a firm believer that the better we know and understand our past the closer we will get to becoming the nation envisioned by our Founding Fathers."

"As an African American this day of observance is especially significant to me because in my experience the story of African Americans is often discussed and taught out of context, as though it is distinct from American History," she continued. "It is in fact, a collective history and to have an opportunity to publicly recognize and share in the music, poetry, stories and lessons our forebearers in an informative, powerful way is a gift to us all."

"I am delighted to support the Resolution to celebrate Juneteenth, a critical date that emancipated African-Americans from chattel slavery throughout America," Commissioner Diana Hales. "We are fortunate that Chatham citizens have inaugurated an annual program to both focus on the history of slavery and the important contributions of African culture to this country."

Details for the Chatham County Juneteenth Celebration

The Chatham County Juneteenth Celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 at the Chatham Agricultural & Conference Center located at 1192 US-64 BUS in Pittsboro.

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

The celebration will feature informative talks by historians from three North Carolina universities.

- Dr. Charles Johnson of NC Central University will speak on "African Civilization Before Slavery"
- Chatham County Commissioner Dr. James Crawford will present on "The Origins and Trajectory of Slavery in the US"

- Dr. Arwin Smallwood of North Carolina A&T will discuss "Native Americans, Africans and Slavery in NC"
- Robin Cleary from NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault will discuss "Human Trafficking in a Historical



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Juneteenth Emancipation Day Celebration, June 19, 1900, Texas.



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Juneteenth Emancipation Day Celebration band, June 19, 1900, Texas.



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Emancipation Day celebration in Richmond, Va., ca. 1905.

Context."

The event will also include performance artists, such as the Tryon Palace Jonkonnu Drummers and award-winning actor and author, Mitch Capel. These artists will be joined by poets, storytellers, musicians, and others whose work demonstrates the depth of the African American heritage and the wide range of important contributions that

African Americans have made to the state and country.

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

A variety of food trucks will be on site. The first 400 guests to arrive will

receive a FREE \$5.00 food truck coupon.

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

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

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SILER CITY MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Town board approves FY 2019-20 budget

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners on Monday adopted the town's Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget, which anticipates a revenue and spending increase of \$3,195,753.

Town officials say that increase is related to the completion of the \$170,000,000 Mountaire Farms poultry processing plant near downtown. The budget, which is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, projects expenditures of \$15,666,441, compared to the current fiscal year's budget of \$12,470,688, a 25.6 percent increase.

In adopting the budget, commissioners approved an ad valorem tax increase of 3 cents per \$100 of valued property. According to Town Manager Bryan Thompson, the property

tax increase will create approximately \$153,000 in additional revenue for the town. Those funds are earmarked to hire three firefighters for the Siler City Fire Department.

Chatham County, as part of its budget, also enacted a 3-cent increase for Siler City's fire district, which would bring in an additional \$100,000.

Taxes and other revenues collected for fire-protection purposes go into special revenue funds administered by County Commissioners, who have the authority to levy a fire tax in each fire district of the County. The Siler City board has opted to use that money to hire two additional firefighters which would allow the Siler City Fire Department to have 24-hour coverage.

Water and sewer rates for municipal users do not increase in the approved budget. However, Waste Industries, the company

Siler City contracts with for trash removal, is increasing its rates, but those increases won't affect the overall town budget.

The budget reflects both required projects and priorities of the town board, including renovations to town hall, increased funding to non-profits, employee retention and development, and increased costs related to increased utility usage by Mountaire Farms.

The City Hall Space Optimization program will make modifications to the interior of town hall. The program will include modifications to current office space, adding office space, improvements to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, making the bathrooms compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, work to the elevator shaft, and a security software upgrade. They will also replace windows to make the building

more energy efficient.

For non-profit funding, the Siler City Board of Commissioners determined that rather than a set amount on a line item for funding, it would instead set a percentage of the overall budget to be earmarked for non-profit funding amount to an increase of about \$30,000 over the previous budget.

The budget also funds several new positions in addition to three fire department personnel, including an administrative assistant for Public Works, a Human Resources Technician, and a Domestic Violence Advocate.

The town's Parks and Recreation Department budget increases by 13 percent, largely due to a project aimed to create a master plan for Bray Park. The town owns approximately 50 acres adjacent to the area of the park, on Alston Chapel Road,

which is already developed with baseball fields and the town's aquatic center. The increase also relates to non-athletic programming such as the Friday Night Flicks and Spring Chicken Festival programs that the department organizes.

The town's budget also reflects additional expenditures for economic development, including an annual payment toward the town's option to purchase the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing Site, one of two megasites in the county, and economic incentives the board approved for projects. The cost for the option is split evenly with the county, each contributing \$25,000 per year for up to five years. The most notable is the first incentive to Mountaire, which is anticipated to be \$450,000, a payment that refunds 80 percent of the property taxes the company pays to

the town for the first five years of operation.

Revenues to the town's Water and Sewer Fund are expected to increase by \$1.9 million because of additional use from private industry growth, mostly from Mountaire. With the additional usage, the town is also hiring additional personnel including two additional Treatment Plant Operators and a Treatment Plant Maintenance Supervisor for the water and wastewater treatment plants. As certain aspects of the town's water and wastewater systems are managed from town hall, a portion of that revenue will also go toward the City Hall Space Optimization program. There are also additional costs for chemicals, sludge removal, maintenance equipment and other costs associated with the increased usage.

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INSPECTIONS: County in need of inspection supervision

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tough to keep.

"We were up to about eight days or so on occasion," Camp said. "That's obviously not good. Anything more than two or three is not good. We've whittled that down with the staff that we have now down to five days. I would like for it to be three days as soon as possible."

A week later, he emailed the News + Record to say the department was down to four days on average.

Not having a full cadre of inspectors to pull from makes things difficult, particularly with what their daily responsibilities are. An average day for Ancona involves a schedule of around 25 different inspec-

tions ranging from five minutes to two hours and from plumbing to electrical.

The county is currently in need of an inspections supervisor and an electrical-specific inspector, but according to Camp, they're not alone.

"We're all struggling with keeping and retaining building inspectors," he said. "I talk to the state Department of Insurance quite regularly, and (they're) having trouble finding people as well. So we're all in the same boat, we're all competing against each other. That's what you're seeing a lot of."

This deficiency has led to the implementation of a new incentive plan. Staffers will get bonuses for achieving certifications — levels 1, 2 or 3,

and for different types of inspections like building and plumbing. The county set aside \$42,386 in the upcoming budget for this incentive program.

Carolyn Miller, the county's human resources director, said at a May 23 budget workshop that the program is designed as an "added incentive for folks for something to look forward to."

Camp said he'll likely need more inspectors in the future, especially when Chatham Park comes online in the coming years. "Obviously, I'm thinking about it a lot," he said. "The difference between thinking and acting is spending a lot of money. I can't really go out and get positions authorized until I can substantiate (the

need). It really truly hasn't happened, the explosion from Chatham Park, yet."

But it's an expenditure the county will likely need to address in the near future. Camp said he's begun contemplating increasing permit fees — he said Chatham has some of the lowest in the region — since it would be "better" to not place the cost on the average taxpayer that doesn't use the inspections department.

In the meantime, Ancona and his colleagues will continue to inspect homes, commercial buildings and more with the goal of keeping people safe.

"We're essentially another set of eyes," he said. "Our main priority is life safety, whether that's personal life safety or safety of the building."



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Chatham County Director of Central Permitting and Inspections David Camp, left, looks over plans for an apartment complex with Brandon Ancona, one of the county's inspectors.

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Johnson, Staley tabbed to All-State baseball squads

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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HILLSBOROUGH — While Chatham Central's Caleb Staley and Northwood's Tyler Johnson were among the many Chatham County high school individuals who received All-Conference recognition this spring for excelling in their respective sport, the pair of southpaw pitchers recently received even higher accolades

for their performances on the diamond this past season.

Staley, who was named the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Player of the Year, and Johnson, who was chosen as the Big Eight 3A Conference Pitcher of the Year, were recently awarded North Carolina's most prestigious honor for student-athletes when both were selected to the All-State baseball team.

Staley, a senior who will be attending Queens University in

the fall, was primarily a pitcher who also played outfield and filled in as a designated hitter. He had 11 appearances on the mound this spring, fashioning a 5-4 record, which included a no-hitter and a 3-0 mark in the conference along with wins over 3A opponents Asheboro and Southern Alamance, with his only loss to another 1A school coming against eventual state champion Uwharrie Charter.

He pitched a total of 43 innings and compiled an earned run average of 2.79 while recording 62 strikeouts along with 21 walks.

At the plate he batted .444, with 28 hits in 63 appearances, including four doubles and two triples with 21 runs batted in and three stolen bases.

Staley had a .534 on-base percentage, while defensively he had a .917 fielding percentage, committing only one error

all season.

Johnson, a junior who will return to the Chargers for one more season, was mainly a pitcher who also played first base and was used as a designated hitter. He had 15 appearances on the hill this spring and finished the year with a record of 8-4, including a 4-1 mark against conference opponents.

He threw a total of 62 and

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Big fifth lifts Muddogs over rival Coyotes

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — Deep River broke open a tight contest by taking advantage of five walks and a hit batter to push across five runs in the top of the eighth while holding off a late Carolina surge to capture an 8-4 Old North State League victory over the Coyotes Thursday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

The outcome left both teams with an identical 3-3 record in the league standings.

Warren Gay, the second of four Muddogs' pitchers, picked up the win after giving up three hits and a pair of earned runs while striking out one in two innings of work.

Deep River starter Noah Carter hurled four and two-third innings of shutout ball, scattering five hits while issuing two free passes and whiffing one.

Muddogs' reliever Austin Johnson tossed one and one-third innings of hitless ball, walking one and fanning one, before Ben Casstevens came on to throw the final frame, allowing three hits and a pair of earned runs in addition to issuing one walk and striking out one.

Parker Clayton and Cade Culberson collected three hits apiece to lead Deep River's 11-hit attack.

"I thought we had a great all-around effort tonight," said Muddogs' coach Michael Milian.

"We had good approaches at the plate, didn't chase balls and found ways to get people on base and move them around."

"Noah Carter gave us a good four and two-third innings on the mound, while our relievers limited damage by working their way out of some tough spots."

Adam Dossenbach opened on the hill for Carolina and went six innings, absorbing the loss after surrendering nine hits and three earned runs in addition to walking three and fanning six.

Gerard Chamra pitched one and one-third innings in relief, yielding two hits and five earned runs while issuing three free passes and whiffing three, prior to



Staff photos by David Bradley

Deep River Muddog Clay Richardson, left, watches teammate Cade Culberson dodge around Carolina Coyote Austin Gilley to rack up another run Thursday. The Muddogs won the game at Craven Stadium in Ramseur, 8-4.

Vinny Consolo hurling one and two-third scoreless frames, walking two and striking out four.

"We couldn't get our timing down at the plate early-on and took too long to get anything going offensively," noted Coyotes' coach Riley Nelson.

"When we did manage to put the ball in play we hit it hard but right to somebody until we eventually found some holes in the late innings."

"Our pitchers kept us in the game by getting ahead in the count and hitting their spots until we ran into problems in the eighth inning when we started falling behind batters and were unable to fill the strike zone."

Deep River took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, filling the sacks when Clayton and Clay Richardson led off the frame with back-to-back singles and Jordan Cassell drew a walk before Walter Parham drove in Clayton with a one-out base hit to left.

The Muddogs added a solo run in the visitors' second as Culberson stroked a leadoff opposite-field double down the left field line, moved to third on a groundout and scored when Clayton lofted a sacrifice fly to right.

Deep River increased its advantage to 3-0 in the top of the fourth as Jordan Moss and Jamey May opened the inning with back-to-back base hits and Culberson walked on four pitches prior to Moss being thrown out at the plate when Noah Handy hit into a double

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Deep River Muddog's Nathan Cockman gives it his best shot Wednesday against the Carolina Coyotes at Craven Stadium in Ramseur. The Muddogs scored big, winning 8-4.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Post 81's Juniors catcher Kyle Smith watches the field for players movements as he waits for the pitch in recent American Legion action.

Smith, Eastern Randolph pound North Oak 18-8

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Zander Smith went 4-for-4 with four runs, a walk, three stolen bases and a pair of RBI to spark the Eastern Randolph Junior Legion baseball team to an 18-8 victory over North Oak Post 8 on Sunday.

Smith singled in the first, singled in the second, singled in the third, and singled in the fourth for Post 81 which banded out 13 hits.

Eastern Randolph also stole six bases in the win and erased a 2-0 lead in the first with three runs before adding seven in the

second, four in the third and four in the sixth en route to the wild 18-8 triumph.

After Alex Nalor doubled and Brenden Everhart mashed a two-run homer for North Oak in the top of the 1st to give Post 8 a 2-0 lead, Post 81 tallied three runs highlighted by a walk to Will Coltrane and a single by Smith.

North Oak tied the game at 3-all in the visiting half of the second, but Eastern Randolph answered with seven runs in the bottom of the inning to blow the game open at 10-3. Zander Smith, Kyle Smith, Dustin Ste-

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West Chatham 8's open districts with pair of wins

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

TROY — The West Chatham 8U All-Stars opened up District 1 play in the 2019 Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament with a pair of wins.

The local bunch captured a dominating 16-1 triumph in its opener over Anson County on Friday night before taking a 14-4 decision over Albemarle on

Saturday evening.

In the opener, Cooper Smith and Austin Morgan both went 3-for-3 to help spark West Chatham to a convincing 14-1 rout of Anson County.

The locals got on the board in the top of the first with five runs and never looked back in the three inning win.

Smith and Morgan started things off in the early uprising with singles before Jennings Russell, and Tanner Nall

ripped RBI-singles, Jackson Clark a two-run double, and Clark later scoring on an RBI-single from Ridge Hicks.

The 5-0 advantage grew to 9-0 in the second when West Chatham sent across four more runs ignited by leadoff singles from Joshua Dean and Hayden Dark before Smith belted an RBI-single, Morgan a two-run double, and Nall an RBI-single to close out the onslaught.

Anson County tallied its lone run of

the night in the home half of the 2nd when Jase Ratliff singled and later scored on a double by Daniel Wniman.

West Chatham closed out the win in the third, however, with seven more runs highlighted by eight consecutive base hits to lead off the frame by Anderson Paige, Jameson Douglas, Hicks,

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Silk Hope 10's take end-of-season tournament

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILK HOPE — Silk Hope Ruritans baseball stayed hot as the 10u boys joined the 8u team in winning the end of season tournament.

The championship game was pushed back to Saturday morning, after 3 nights of rain kept extending play.

But when it started, Landon Moser proved to be clutch in the winning effort for the Ruritans by driving in 4 runs to lead Silk Hope to a 14-4 victory over Harper's Crossroads.

Silk Hope tallied 6 runs in the second inning with Jacob Eubanks, Landon Moser, Davis Rhodes and Jensen Mitchell all collecting RBI's in the big inning.

Davis Rhodes earned the win for Silk Hope on the mound after surrendering just one run on two hits and striking out seven. Gavin Davis notched the save as he closed out the game for the Ruritans.

Silk Hope had 12 hits in the game with Moser and Rhodes collecting three hits each. Also belting multiple hits were Isaac Mathison with two hits and two walks, and Eubanks, two hits and two walks.

Silk Hope outscored their opponents 29-10 in going undefeated in the tournament to take the West Chatham championship title.



Submitted photo

The Silk Hope Ruritans 10U baseball team won the West Chatham League Tournament last week. Pictured on the first row from left: Dylan Stout, Gavin Davis, Colton Brown, David Cooper, Isaac Mathison, Landon Moser. Second row from left: Davis Rhodes, Max Cooper, Joe Marsh, Jacob Eubanks, Aidan Leysath, Jensen Mitchell. Coaches from left: Dustin Rhodes, Marshall Moser, Chris Davis, Brandon Jones.

Jordan-Matthews student-athletes honored by PAC 7 Conference

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

HILLSBOROUGH — The Piedmont Athletic (PAC 7 2A) Conference has announced the league's spring sports All-League teams for 2019 in baseball, softball, women's soccer, track &

field, men's tennis and men's golf, with Jordan-Matthews placing a number of individuals on these respective squads.

Samuel Murchison, Camden Fuquay, Kevin Cano and Christopher Morgan were all selected to the All-League base-

ball team, while Emery Moore and Jocelyn Mitchell were chosen to the All-League softball team.

In women's soccer, Chip Millard was named the Coach of the Year, while Jennifer Parroquin was selected as the Top Offensive Player and

was joined on the All-League team by Hannah Jones, Diana Mendoza, Brisa Romero, Janet Solano and MacKenzie Clark.

Lady Jets chosen to the All-League track & field squad included Samantha Ritch for high jump, while Ritch, Tyrell Brooks, Day-

ja Causey and MacKenzie Walters were selected for the 400-meter relay. Christian Esquivel was named to the men's All-League track & field team for the 800-meter relay.

Felix Sifuentes was chosen to the All-League men's tennis team, while Jarrett Payne was

selected to the men's All-League golf team.

Congratulations are extended to coach Millard and all these student athletes for their accomplishments and the recognition they brought to both themselves and Jordan-Matthews High School.

Eastern Randolph junior legion splits pair of games

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

ASHEBORO — The Eastern Randolph Junior Legion team split a pair of games in Asheboro at McCray Park on Saturday.

Post 81 tangled with Randolph County Red Post 45 at 10 am in the morning and fell hard 12-3 before rebounding in the afternoon contest with an 8-2 triumph over Randolph County White Post 45.

In the opener, Eastern Randolph fell behind 3-0 after one inning of play played catch up the entire way.

Post 81 did make things interesting after a three-run outburst in the top of the fifth to draw within 4-3, but Red Post 45 answered with six runs in the home half of the fifth and two more in the sixth seal the deal.

Eastern Randolph managed just four hits in the game with Ethan Sheppard going 1-for-2 with a walk while Kyle Smith was 1-for-3 with two RBI and a walk, Carson Whitehead 1-for-3, and Andrew Canter 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Bryson Hogan led Randolph County Red in the win by going 2-for-4 with a run and three RBI while Will Early was 2-for-4 with a run and two RBI, and Ethan Gravely, Avery

Jones and Josh Meadows all had doubles, and Mason Cross a triple.

Zander Smith took the loss on the mound for Post 81 after going four innings and allowing eight hits, seven runs (five earned), and two walks while striking out four.

In relief, Jayden Moffitt went two innings and yielded four hits, five runs (none earned) and two walks.

Caleb Walker earned the win on the mound with 4.1 innings and allowed two hits, two runs, three walks and fanned four.

In the second game of the day, Sheppard went six innings and allowed four hits, two runs, and three walks and struck out four to lead the locals to the 8-2 win.

Eastern Randolph tallied three runs in the top of the first, one more in the second, and three in the third before tacking on an insurance run in the fifth to cruise to the victory.

Sheppard was also 2-for-3 at the plate with a run, two RBI and a walk while Lemuel Coltrane was 2-for-3 with a run, an RBI and two walks. Nicholas Brady added a big two-run double for the victors while Brody Gardner was 1-for-2 with two runs, an RBI and three walks.

Ethan Dunlap had a double with an RBI for Randolph County White in the loss.

triple by Stephens.

Andrew Canter was the winning pitcher for Post 81 after working 3.1 innings, and allowing three runs on six hits. Garrett Craven threw .2 innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Everhart took the loss for North Oak Post 8 after hurling one inning and allowing seven runs on one hit and striking out one.

Eastern Randolph also received a 2-for-4 effort with a run, a double and three RBI while Kyle Smith was 2-for-5 with three runs and three RBI.

Nalor was 2-for-4 with three runs and two RBI in the loss for Post 8 while Everhart was 2-for-3 with a run, a walk and two RBI.

Staley, Coyotes hunt down Whitetails 2-0

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Southpaw Caleb Staley scattered seven hits in tossing a complete-game shutout while Carolina manufactured both of its runs following walks as the Coyotes nipped the Piedmont Whitetails 2-0 in a matchup of Old North State League rivals Saturday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

With the triumph Carolina improved to 4-3 in the league standings, while Piedmont fell to 3-5.

Becoming the first Coyotes' hurler to go the distance on the mound this season, Staley walked four and fanned five while throwing a total of 119 pitches, including 72 (61%) for strikes.

"Getting my first shot at starting tonight I wanted to make the most of the opportunity, and even though I hadn't thrown in probably a week and a half, I felt like I had good control of all my pitches," said Staley afterwards.

"Whenever I got into a little trouble I was fortunate to come up with some big strikeouts or have the defense make solid plays behind me."

Carolina coach Riley Nelson commented it was an amazing



Carolina Coyotes' Darden Eure aims high for in Old North State League action at Craven Stadium in Ramseur.



Deep River Muddogs Trevohn Jeffrey misses the tag on Kevin Greenwood at Craven Stadium in recent Old North State League action Thursday in Ramseur. The Muddogs won the contest, 8-4.

Staff photos by David Bradley

effort by Staley, who pitched his way out of several jams while only allowing two runners to advance as far as third base.

"On a night when both starting pitchers threw well, Caleb kept his composure the entire way, and even though he appeared to get a little tired in the late innings, he had such good control of his fast ball and slider I wasn't thinking of taking him out," stated Nelson.

"While we only managed to collect five hits this evening, we still found a way to get guys on base and move them over to score enough runs to win."

Whitetails' starter Da'vonn Johnson went six innings on the hill and was saddled with the loss despite surrendering just four hits and a pair of earned runs in addition to walking three and striking out three.

Piedmont's Colton Lineman hurled one inning in relief, allowing one hit besides whiffing one, before Jeb Byerly came on to pitch one frame of hitless ball while issuing one free pass and fanning two.

"I thought all the pitchers threw well tonight and filled the strike zone," related Whitetails' coach Christian Snider.

"We gave ourselves opportunities to put runs on the board, but Staley did a good job keeping us off balance and we just couldn't

get a timely hit when we needed one."

The Coyotes gave Staley all the offensive support he needed by scoring a solo run in the bottom of the second when Chase Hetzel walked on four pitches with one away prior to stealing both second and third before coming home on Tyler Dodson's two-out single up the middle.

Carolina added an insurance run in the home half of the sixth as Tyler Myers drew a free pass leading off the inning, went to second on a wild pitch, advanced to third on a fly-out and scored when Cort Maynard lofted a sacrifice fly to left.

Piedmont threatened in the top of the seventh as Trevor Fluke notched a leadoff single to left and moved to second when Matthew Bryant, who went three-for-four at the plate, blooped a base hit to center.

But Staley then bore down and got out of the inning by retiring the next three batters on a fielder's choice and back-to-back strikeouts.

The Whitetails attempted to stage a two-out rally in the top of the ninth as Byerly coaxed a full-count walk and advanced to second when Lineman blooped a single to center before Staley got Tre'vonn Johnson to bounce back to the mound to seal the victory.

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phens, Tyler Foust, Cameron Moffitt, and Carson Whitehead all singled in the uprising for Post 81.

Singles by Zander Smith, Ethan Sheppard, and Andrew Canter coupled with a double to left by Foust in the third led to a four-run onslaught by Post 81 to up the lead to 14-5.

North Oak Post 8 scored three runs in the fourth inning highlighted by a single by Alex Nalor and a double by Everhart.

Eastern Randolph added four final runs in the sixth behind a single from Kyle Smith and a two-run

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play that advanced May to third before the latter came in to score on Clayton's infield single.

Carolina rallied to close the difference to 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh as Tyler Myers notched a two-out opposite-field single to right, stole second and came home when

Darden Eure poked an opposite-field base hit to left.

Eure continued to second on the relay throw from the outfield and scored when Cort Maynard lined a single to center.

But the Muddogs would put the contest out of reach in the visitors' eighth by capitalizing on walks, a hit batter and a pair of timely hits.

Following consecutive one-out base hits by May

and Culberson plus a free pass issued to Handy that loaded the bases, Clayton drew a walk on four pitches to bring in May before Culberson came home when Richardson was hit by a pitch.

After a base on balls to Cassell forced in Handy, back-to-back walks to Parham and Moss one out later brought in Clayton and Richardson to put Deep River up 8-2.

The Coyotes attempted a late comeback in the

home ninth as Myers coaxed a full-count leadoff walk and went to second on Tyler Dodson's infield hit before the pair advanced a base on a wild pitch.

One out later Kevin Greenwood singled to center to drive in Myers, sending Dodson to third, and the latter came in to score on Hayden Setzer's infield hit before Casstevens was able to nail down the triumph.

Rolka to play for CCCC volleyball program

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SANFORD – Central Carolina Community College has added two new athletes to its volleyball program including former Northwood soccer stand-out and 2018 graduate, Alexis Rolka.

Rolka and Kayla Stange, who attended Overhills High School in Harnett County, will join the CCCC volleyball program beginning this fall.

“Alexis Rolka has a background of being a strong and athletic competitor. I am expecting her to bring that mentality and work ethic to the Cougar volleyball program, which

will push us to get better. Alexis will be a blocking force for the Cougars in 2019,” said CCCC Volleyball Coach Bill Carter.

“Kayla Stange is an experienced volleyball player and will make a big impact on the Cougar offense from the right side. Kayla will also help solidify the blocking front for the Cougar defense. I am excited about her on-court experience at Overhills High School,” said Coach Carter.

The other new additions to the CCCC volleyball program and their respective high schools are:

* Kristen Fletcher, of Northwood Temple Academy in Fayetteville.

* Jalonni Gadist, of

Pine Forest High School in Fayetteville.

* Kyra Harrison from Fuquay-Varina, a Homeschool student.

* Grace McAllister, of Shining Lights Christian Academy in Raleigh.

* Aliyah Matthews, of Western Harnett High School in Lillington.

* Taylor Rosser, of Western Harnett High School in Lillington.

* Breanna Self, of Lee

County High School in Sanford.

Coach Carter said of the CCCC volleyball newcomers: “I am very excited about having so many new recruits sign to play for the Cougars on the 2019 fall volleyball team.”

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Alexis Rolka (seated left), who attended Northwood High School in Chatham County, will join the CCCC volleyball program this fall. Seated at right is her mother, Paula Rolka. Standing at left is CCCC Volleyball Coach Bill Carter.

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Junior Post 81's Andrew Canter chases a foul ball in recent Post action at McCrary Park in Asheboro. Canter came in from right field chasing the ball as it started up a steep bank in foul territory.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Post 81 juniors walk off with win over Scarlets

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Eastern Randolph took a win in dramatic fashion on Wednesday night with a 7-6 walk-off victory over High Point Scarlets Post 87.

The game was tied at 6-all when Zander Smith singled on a 3-2 count to plate Will Coltrane who had earlier singled, moved to second on a High Point error, and to third on a wild pitch.

Coltrane collected 4-for-5 for Post 81 and singled in the first,

the fourth, the sixth, and the seventh.

Eastern Randolph scored two runs in the bottom of the 1st to go up 2-1 before adding a run in the fourth to take a 3-2 lead after a double from Coltrane and a single from Brady Gardner.

After High Point tallied a run in the fifth and three more in the sixth to go up 6-3, Eastern Randolph answered with three runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 6-all. Coltrane and Dustin Stephens both singled in the uprising for Post 81.

Coltrane earned the win for Eastern Randolph after allowing one run on two hits over two innings and striking out two. Jayden Moffitt threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen for Eastern Randolph and allowed two hits, three runs, and four walks while striking out one.

Evan Royals took the loss for High Point after lasting .2 innings, allowing five hits and four runs while striking out three.

Stephen added a 2-for-4 evening with a run and an RBI for Post 81 in the win.

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two-third innings, compiling a 1.90 earned run average while registering 46 strikeouts with 22 walks.

At the plate Johnson batted .273, with 18 hits in 66 appearances, including three doubles and one triple with 17 runs batted in and a dozen stolen bases.

He had a .462 on-base percentage, while defensively he had a .825 fielding percentage, committing a total of seven errors.

Congratulations are extended to both Staley and Johnson for all the success they achieved this past year, including being elected to the All-State baseball squad, and here's wishing them both much good fortune in their future pitching endeavors.

Mistakes fatal for Deep River versus Triad Tribe

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — After battling Deep River to a 4-4 stalemate through nine frames, a two-out error in the top of the tenth opened the door for the Triad Tribe to tally five unearned runs en route to handing the mistake-prone Muddogs a 9-4 extra-inning setback in Old North State League action Monday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

The triumph lifted Triad to 2-1 for the season, whereas Deep River fell to 1-3.

Warren Gay, the Muddogs' third pitcher of the evening, was the victim of shoddy fielding and suffered the loss after being tagged for three hits and five unearned runs while striking out one over one and two-third innings on the mound.

Deep River starter Nathan Cockman went five innings, giving up three hits and three runs (one earned) in addition to issuing six free passes and fanning four.

Isaiah Ortega followed Cockman on the hill and yielded three hits and one earned run besides walking two (one intentional) and whiffing three over three innings, while Rafy Ortega came on in the tenth to record the final out.

The Tribe's Andrew Tilley, who worked his way out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth, hurled one and two-third innings of hitless ball in relief to gain the win, issuing one intentional pass and striking out two.

Triad starter Sam Peddycord threw five innings, surrendering four hits



Staff photo by David Bradley

Deep River Muddog's Noah Handy does the dance at second when the baseman loses the ball in recent Old North State League action at Craven Stadium in Ramseur.

along with four runs (one earned) in addition to walking three and fanning five before reliever Grant Eidschun tossed three and one-third scoreless innings, giving up three hits while whiffing four.

After Gay retired the first two batters he faced in the visitors' tenth on groundouts, Luke Pegram scratched an infield hit prior to advancing to second on a wild pitch.

Lyle Pfingst then reached on an infield throwing error that allowed Pegram to race home with the go-ahead run before Hayden Setzer belted an opposite-field double to left that sent Pfingst to third.

After Latek McNeil was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Clayton Smith sprinted all the way to second on a throwing error that permitted both Pfingst and Setzer to come home while moving McNeil to third.

McNeil then dashed

home on a wild pitch as Clayton Smith went to third and scored the game's final run when Kirby Smith reached on an infield single.

“Our guys fought hard all night and stayed with it before we got some timely hits late to pull out the win,” remarked Tribe coach Ross Davis.

“We had great pitching all evening, with the bullpen doing an outstanding job in relief, and while we were a little shaky in the field early we managed to lock it in later when it counted.”

Muddogs' coach Michael Milian stated his team missed a golden opportunity to collect a victory when Deep River loaded the bases with one away in the bottom of the ninth but couldn't produce a run.

“Failing to score at that point seemed to change the momentum and then we literally threw the game away the next inning,” said Milian.

throwing error and tallied two outs later when Moss blooped an opposite-field base hit to right.

The Tribe picked up a solo run in the visitors' fourth as Casey Nichols reached on a one-out fielder's choice and went to second when Pegram reached on a throwing error.

Nichols then moved to third on a wild pitch and came in to score on a groundout by Setzer.

Deep River rallied to tie the contest at 3-all in the home half of the fourth as Richardson drew a full-count free pass with one away and advanced to second when Parker Clayton reached on a throwing error.

After the duo pulled off a successful double steal, both came in to score when Easton Jones reached on an infield muff.

The Muddogs seized their only lead of the evening an inning later when Moss led off the bottom of the fifth by launching a 3-1 offering from Peddycord over the left field fence for his first round-tripper of the season.

But Triad would stage a comeback to pull even in the top of the eighth as Pegram drew a one-out walk, went to second on a fielder's choice, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on McNeil's two-out single to center.

Deep River proceeded to load the bases with one out in the home ninth on Clayton's infield hit, Jones' dropped fly ball to left and an intentional walk issued to Jordan Cassell.

But Tilley then fanned Moss and Zach Olinski to end the threat prior to the Tribe deciding the outcome with their five-run tenth-inning explosion.

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Bryson Green, Dean, Dark, Morgan and Smith, and capped by a double from Russell who later scored to make the final 17-1.

Morgan added a double and three runs to his three hits while Smith tallied a pair of runs.

Adding a 2-for-3 effort with a double and two runs was Russell while Nall was 2-for-3 with a run, Dark 2-for-2 with two runs, Hicks and Dean 2-for-2 with a run, Clark 1-for-2 with a double, and Paige, Douglas and Green 1-for-2 with a run.

In the 14-4 victory over Albemarle on Saturday evening the locals trailed 4-1 heading into the fourth

before erupting for seven runs in the fourth, and three runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings to storm back for the win.

Paige and Dark had big days at the plate with 3-for-3 efforts with a run while Nall was also 3-for-3, and Smith 3-for-4 with three runs.

Smith singled in the first and scored on a Nall double to give West Chatham a 1-0 lead early before Albemarle answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame behind a single from Nic Cupples, a double from Andrew Hager, and consecutive base hits from Bentley Parker, Brady Eudy and Nolan Gabrych.

After tacking on single runs in the second and third innings to go ahead 4-1, Albemarle felt the wrath of the West Chatham bunch in the

form of a seven-run uprising that included singles from Dark, Smith, Morgan, Russell, Nall, Baxter, Clark, Paige, and Hicks, and a double from Douglas.

Leading 8-4, West Chatham added three more runs in the fifth to go up 11-4 behind base hits from Dean, Dark, Smith, Morgan and Russell.

Paige, Douglas, Hicks, Green, Dean and Dark all slapped base hits in the top of the sixth as part of another three-run uprising for the locals to cap the 14-4 victory.

Douglas was 2-for-3 with two runs and a double, and Morgan, Russell, Clark, Hicks, and Dean all went 2-for-3 with a run for West Chatham, and Green was 1-for-3 with a run and a double, and Harrison Baxter 1-for-3 with a run.

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Twenty-one graduates of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce's Leadership program celebrate their achievement at a luncheon last week.

Chamber Leadership program graduates 21 participants

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Innovation, asking questions, and being open to failure — these were concepts stressed at last Thursday's Leadership Chatham graduation held at Central Carolina Community College.



Twenty-one business leaders took the course, which was sponsored by the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, to meet and better understand people and businesses in Chatham County. The luncheon's guest speaker, Jessica Mashburn from the YMCA of the Triangle, stressed the simple ideas that some leaders bring to the table that develop great concepts.

"Sacred cows lead to lack of innovation, the inability to take risks, and to learn new things," she said. "Some of our greatest leaders are skilled at asking questions. They stressed listening, and learning."

You've got to learn from failure, she said. For Mashburn,

Guest speaker for the Leadership Chatham luncheon was Jessica Mashburn, from the YMCA of the Triangle. Mashburn's message stressed innovation, going beyond the known, and learning from failure.

it's a key to building relationships and building collaborative partnerships through a variety of skill sets. She noted that it's an amazing way to get things done.

Thursdays graduation was the culmination of a nine month course to bring the participants into contact with other leaders in the various spheres of influence in Chatham County, including the political, social and cultural areas of the community. Building connections among each other and the community is the key concept.

Graduate Sarah Wright is using the course to build relationships in the county. She's also discovering new places that she didn't know about like Screech Agricultural Farm in Pittsboro.

"They make products for local restaurants," she said. Another graduate, Mariah Scott is originally from the Charlotte area, but was amazed by the area.

She has made personal and



Graduate Laurie Lynch gets a plaque and pin at last Thursday's luncheon from Cindy Poindexter, head of the Chatham County Chamber.

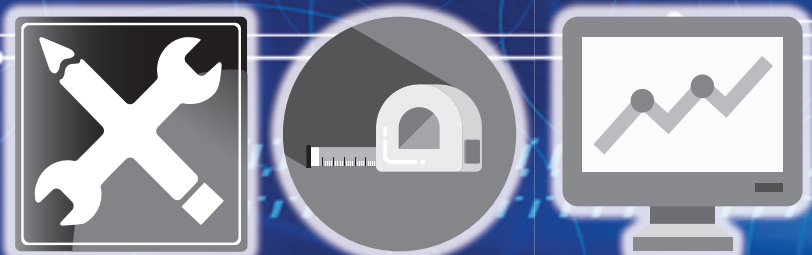
professional connections here, she said, and it's helped her with her job.

"I've found different businesses here in Chatham," Scott said. "I've found hidden gems." She was also overwhelmed by

the development and growth in the area.

"I didn't realize what they do," she said. "Without this opportunity through Leadership Chatham, I wouldn't know what they do for us."

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POLICE REPORTS

Two charged in Siler City shooting

In November 2018, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported shooting inside Country Manor Estates Mobile Home Park in Siler City. Once on the scene, deputies learned that at least two suspects entered the residence and fired two gunshots, one of which struck a male victim inside the residence. The wound was non-life-threatening and the victim was transported for medical attention.

After an investigation, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office charged Justin Lynn Chapman, 27, of 818 Pendergrass Road, Sanford, and Steven Randolph Young, 22, of 420 Hicks Farm Road, Staley, in connection with the shooting.

Chapman faces numerous charges including two counts of felony attempted first degree murder, felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, felony first degree burglary, two counts of felony second degree kidnapping, and felony possession of firearm by a felon. Young is charged with three counts of felony second degree kidnapping and felony first degree burglary.

Young was served by the Johnston County Sheriff's Office on June 4, 2019, and jailed under a \$350,000.00 secured bond. Chapman was arrested by the Chatham

County Sheriff's Office on June 10 and jailed under no bond. Both men are due to appear in Chatham County Court in Pittsboro on July 16, 2019.

Chapel Hill man charged with exploiting elderly residents

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office arrested Jorge Alberto Garcia, 37, of 469 Bear Tree Creek, Chapel Hill, in connection with

alleged exploitation of elderly residents and writing worthless checks.

Garcia is accused of charging an elderly couple nearly \$52,000 to paint their home between June and July 2018. After failing to perform the work, Garcia "refunded" the couple approximately \$49,000 in worthless checks, according to the Sheriff's Office.

This is not the first time Garcia has been charged with fraudulent activity, authorities said. He was previously charged with exploitation of the elderly in Durham County and was accused of operating as an unlicensed contractor in Durham and Chapel Hill.

Garcia is charged with felony elderly exploitation, felony obtaining property by false pretenses, and four counts of felony writing worthless checks. Garcia was assigned a \$10,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 22.

— CN+R Staff Reports

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On June 10, Justin Chapman, 27, of 818 Pendergrass Rd, Sanford, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for Attempted First Degree Murder, Assault with Deadly Weapon with Intent Kill/Inflict Serious Injury, First Degree Burglary, Second Degree Kidnapping, Possession of Firearm by Felon, Robbery with Dangerous Weapon, Conspire Robbery Dangerous Weapon, Second Degree Kidnapping, Felony Larceny, Breaking or Entering into Motor Vehicle, Possess Weapon by Prisoner, Failure to Appear. He was jailed under a no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 3.

On June 10, Justin Blackwelder, 35, of 302 Poplar Forest Lane, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy David Nixon for Assault on Female. He was jailed under a no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 3.

On June 10, Sam Kayyali, 49, of 409 W Raleigh St, Siler City, was arrested by Sergeant Feliciano Jimenez for Embezzlement. He was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 26.

On June 10, Montrel Rhone, 41, of 1505 Rhone St, Fayetteville, was arrested by Deputy Devin Smith for Cyber Stalking. He was jailed under a \$1,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Guilford County District Court in Greensboro on July 2.

On June 10, Victor Rodriguez, 24, of 320 W 11th St Apt 210 B, Siler City, was arrested by Sergeant Feliciano Jimenez for Failure to Appear. He was jailed under a \$50.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Guilford County District Court in Greensboro on July 3.

On June 10, Franklin Brown Jr, 29, of 446 Stockyard Rd, Staley, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for Violation of Probation. He was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 2.

On June 12, Cameron Peoples, 18, of 704 Airport Rd, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Grant Carter for Second Degree Trespass. He

was jailed under a \$500.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 26.

On June 12, David Thompson Jr, 35, of 5907 Hadrian Dr, Durham, was arrested by Deputy Dalton Oldham for Breaking and/or Entering, Larceny after Breaking/Entering. He was released under a \$25,000.00 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in Durham County District Court in Durham on June 24.

On June 13, Alliyah Lovejoy, 20, of 800 Pritchard Avenue Ext, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Ashley Hinson for Larceny by Employee. She was jailed under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 22.

On June 13, Xavier Walker, 47, of 269 Crestview Lane, Siler City, was arrested by Investigator Chris Tipton for Trafficking Heroin, Possession with Intent Manufacture/Sell/Deliver Heroin, Possession of Heroin, Possession with Intent Manufacture/Sell/Deliver SCH II, Maintaining Vehicle, Simple Possession SCH VI, Felony Possession of SCH I, Maintain Dwelling, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was jailed under a \$500,000.00 and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 22.

On June 14, Adam Webster, 33, of 120 Jim Gilliland Rd, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Rebecca Madden for Driving While License Revoked, Drug Paraphernalia. He was jailed under a \$1,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Siler City on July 9.

On June 14, Marthea Peoples, 39, of 463 Rd Clapp Rd, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Ethan Garner for Failure to Appear. She was jailed under a \$1,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Pitt County District Court in Greenville on June 25.

On June 15, Gary Clifton, 30, of 3899 Old US 1, New Hill, was arrested by Corporal Robert Pelkey for Assault on Government Official, Resist/Delay/Obstruct, Injury to Personal Property, Communicative Threats. He was He was jailed under a \$2,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 26.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 17, Will Spencer Johnson, 29, of Siler City was arrested by Patrolman Raymond Biehl for Resist/Obstruct/Delay of a Law Enforcement Officer and obstructing justice. He was jailed under a \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in District Court on July 30.

On June 12, Kristin Brianne Johnson, 29, of Siler City was arrested by Patrolman Raymond Biehl for Resist/Obstruct/Delay of a Law Enforcement Officer and obstructing justice. She was jailed with no bond and is scheduled to appear in District Court on July 30.

On June 13, Marshall Gene Headen, 49, of Siler City was arrested by Patrolman Raymond Biehl for Conspire to sell cocaine, conspire to deliver cocaine, conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Sell & Deliver a Schedule 2 controlled substance, Conspiracy to maintain a dwelling to store controlled substance. She was jailed with a \$50,000 and is scheduled to appear in Superior Court on July 22.

On June 12, Eduardo Vasquez, 20, of Siler City was arrested by Sergeant Joshua Moore for Failure to appear. He was jailed under a \$2,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District Court on July 12.

On June 12, Eduardo Vasquez, 20, of Siler City was arrested by Sergeant Joshua Moore for Driving under the influence and driving on a provisional license. He was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in District Court on July 30.

On June 11, Derek Olanda Headen, 52, of Siler City was arrested by Patrolman Justin Matthews for Assault on a female. He was jailed with no bond and is scheduled to appear in District Court on July 9.

On June 11, Sandy Marie Alston, 45, of Siler City was arrested by Patrolman Justin Matthews for Simple assault. She was jailed with no bond and is scheduled to appear in District Court on July 9.

On June 11, Sherri Lynn Woodlief, 28, of Siler City was arrested by Patrolman Eric Plata for a Probation Violation. She was jailed with \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in District Court on June 26.

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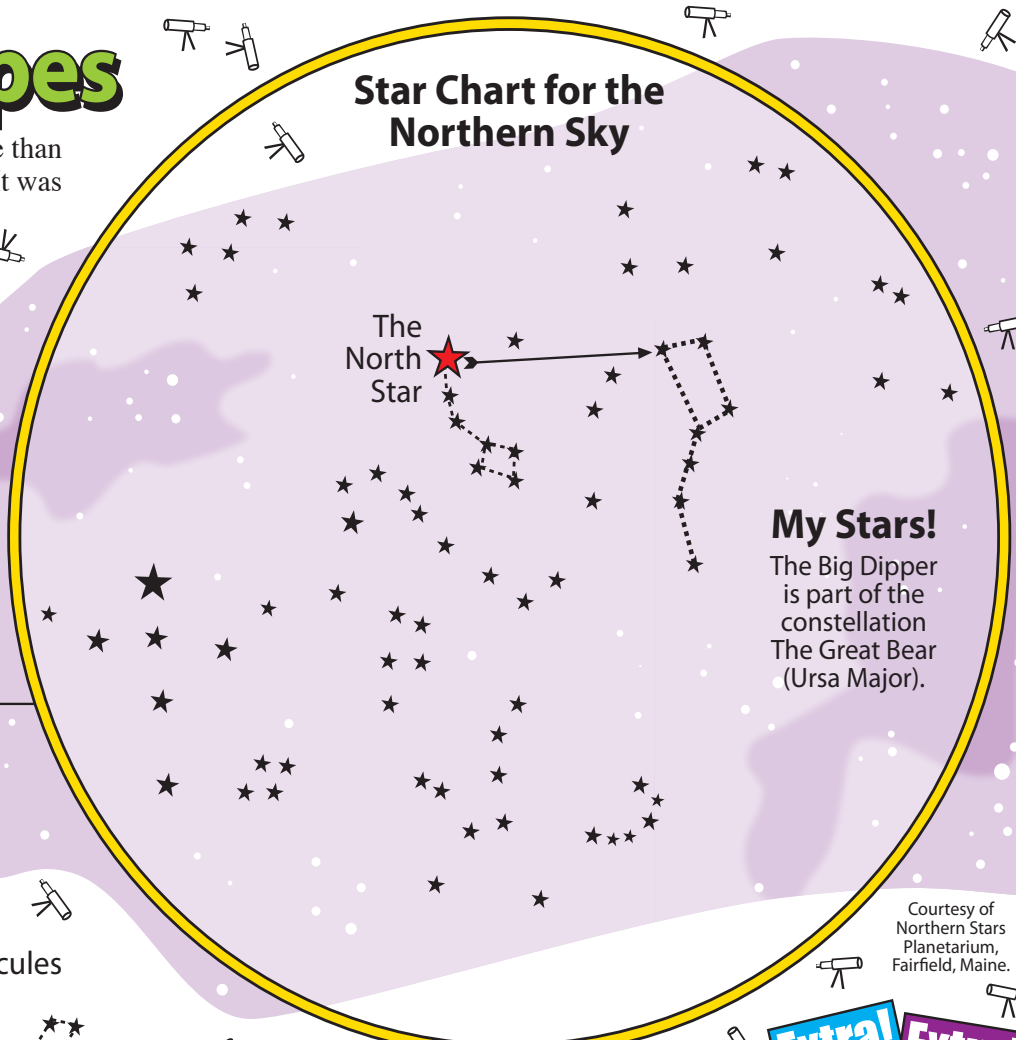
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Stellar Shapes

The ancient Greeks contributed more than the Olympic Games to the world. It was in Athens that people first invented democracy, a government by the people, for the people. Ancient Greeks also contributed greatly to modern astronomy.

For thousands of years, people have looked at the stars in the sky and imagined shapes and patterns. The ancient Greeks saw that some stars formed groups that reminded them of people or animals or things like arrows and crowns. Today, we call groups of stars that make up pictures **constellations**.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know the patterns of stars and that different stars can be seen in different seasons.



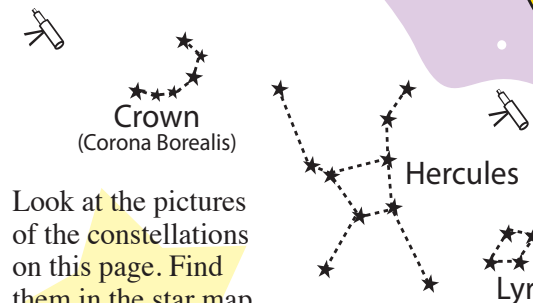
Star Chart for the Northern Sky

The North Star

My Stars!

The Big Dipper is part of the constellation The Great Bear (Ursa Major).

Courtesy of Northern Stars Planetarium, Fairfield, Maine.



Look at the pictures of the constellations on this page. Find them in the star map you see here. Then, on the next cloudless night, look for them in the sky.

Star Power

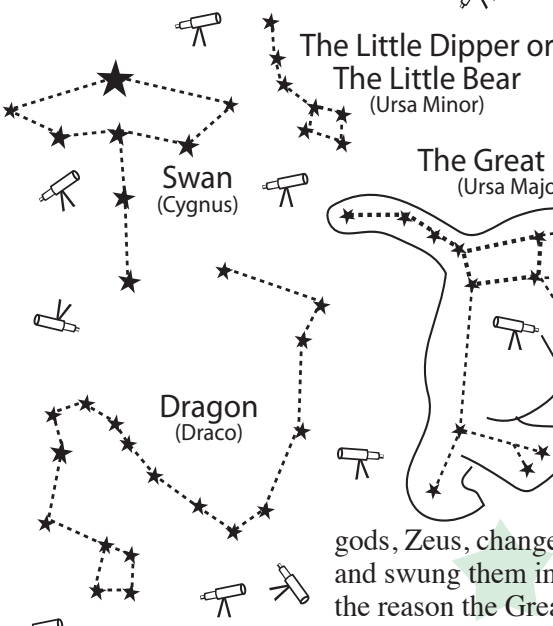
The North Star or Polaris is not the biggest or the brightest star, but it is the most important. It stays in the same spot and can be used to find other stars. Travelers use it to find their directions when they don't have a compass. The two stars at the tip of The Big Dipper's bowl help you to find the North Star.

Extra! Extra!

Seeing Stars, Dots, Speckles, Stripes and Spots

Look through the newspaper and find and cut out pictures of dots, spots, speckles, stripes and STARS! Use these to create a new design.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Bear Tails

An ancient Greek legend tells the story of a beautiful woman named Callisto who loved her son Arcas. One day the goddess queen, Hera, became angry with Callisto and turned her into a bear.

When Arcas went hunting he came upon a bear in the woods. It was his mother, but she couldn't tell him.

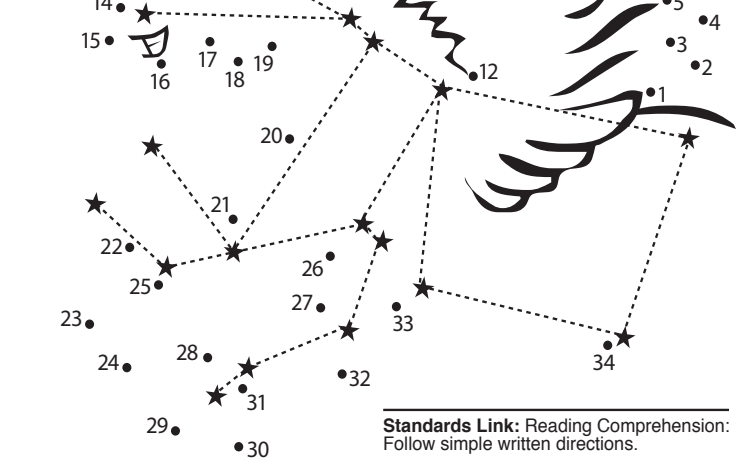
Arcas was about to kill the bear when the king of the gods, Zeus, changed him into a bear too. Zeus lifted the bears by their tails and swung them into the sky. This caused their tails to stretch and that is the reason the Great and Little Bears have long tails.

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Comprehend basic plots of legends from around the world.

How many telescopes can you find on this page?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Like civilizations that came before them, ancient Greeks gave constellations names. This one is a magical animal called Pegasus. Connect the dots to see what he looks like.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- STARS
- ZEUS
- BEARS
- DIPPER
- COMPASS
- GREEKS
- NIGHT
- ANGRY
- SHAPES
- SWAN
- PEGASUS
- ATHENS
- MAP
- SKY
- LYRA

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.

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What's unique about what you do for a living?

The term unique doesn't resonate for me. Rather, I simply feel guided as a "conduit" for healing.

What was your first paying job, and what did it teach you?

Lifeguard — responsibility.

What's the most difficult job you've ever had?

As an Air Force medic, working in the intensive (special) care unit.

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

Follow your heart and intuition.

Who is your personal hero?

My grandmother

Your standard order at a coffee shop?

Cafe Americano

Your ultimate "happy place"?

Bodysurfing in the ocean.

Life on other planets? Yes or no?

Yes

Stay up late or get up early?

Get up early

Least favorite saying, and why you don't like it:

"Killing two birds with one stone." I am very mindful in my wording and what I put out to the universe. This statement feels violent and makes no sense.

Dogs or cats?

Dogs

What habit would you most like to break?

Sugar

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

I LOVE football.

What makes your home special?

Serene and filled with love.

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

My brother. He was/is so patient with me.

Your strongest trait:

Living "my" truth.

The book you're currently reading:

The Reluctant Shaman by Kay Cordell Whitaker

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

What I am doing now — Chinese Medicine.

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

To play the drums.

The most famous person you've ever met:

Hillary Clinton

If you had lots of money to give away, you'd give most of it to:

Greyhound Rescue, Rain Forest Network

Biggest pet peeve?

People not recycling.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Trust the process; everything is a stepping stone.

What's the most important thing your job has taught you?

To honor people wherever they are on their journey.

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Phil Dark of Oakmont Nursery and his dog Maddie offer a variety of plants at the market. Almost any products will qualify for the discounted spaces at the Farmer's Market at the Oasis. If the seller or a representative is there three out of four weekends in a month, the space is free.

Siler City Farmers Market seeks vendors, offers incentive

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Farmers Market is hoping to grow.

Jackie Adams, who hosts the vendors at the Oasis Open Air Market, is offering a deal to farmers and vendors, hoping to "kick start" the market. Adams notes that over the past three years, attendance and the number of vendors at the market has dwindled.

In an effort to boost participation, Adams is offering farmer's market vendors a 10x10 space for free. To take advantage of the deal, vendors must agree to attend the market three of four weekends a month through September 1. After that, those who participated would then be offered a discounted rate for future vendor slots.

Adams said she hopes that if new vendors invest their time in Siler City without the investment of vendor fees, attendance at the local market will increase and word will spread.

Vendors who may participate in the free space offer include farmers, producers, bakers, arts and crafts, re-purposed articles, furniture, and third-party sellers. The deal would not apply to food service vendors, live animals, and fire-arm vendors. For more information, visit www.oasisopenairmarket.com for the vendor application.

"[I hope vendors] commit to reinvigorate the Siler City Farmer's



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Joan Thompson of Siler City sells baked and canned goods at the Siler City Farmers Market at Oasis. Farmers and other merchants can get a discount to rent space at the Market to offer home-grown products for sale at the Oasis.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Marguerite Fields of Climax is the Agriculture teacher at Jordan-Matthews and owns Rocking F Farm. Meat products are one of the variety of offerings at the Farmer's Market in Siler City. Add the home-baked sweets and farm-raised vegetables make the Market a place to get the makings for almost any kind of meal.

Market and take advantage of selling things in

a market that growing," Adams said.

Revaluation FAQ: Who are these people coming to my door?

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

The Chatham County government is in the midst of a property revaluation, which has led to some confused and concerned phone calls to the county's tax office.

Karen Jones, the county's assistant tax administrator, said she's received several calls from citizens wondering who the people are coming up to their doors, knocking and asking questions about how many bedrooms they have and if there have been any renovations in recent years.

Odds are they're with Vincent Valuations, a company hired by the county to perform a door-to-door analysis of the thousands of properties in Chatham County.

The News + Record sat down with Jones, Vincent Valuations Owner Ryan Vincent and Field Supervisor B.J. Keaton to get some clarity on what's happening.

What is the revaluation?

KJ: The county has contracted with Vincent Valuations to view all the properties in the county. They are going door-to-door, knocking on doors. We want (citizens) to know that what we're doing is in their best interest. We want our data to be accurate, and it's better for them if it is accurate. We want everybody to pay the taxes, but we want the values to be fair and equitable. The only way we can do that is to make sure that our date is accurate, and the only way to do that is to make sure that the measurements are accurate. It's really in everybody's best interest to allow us to do this.

BK: As a data collection team, we will visit every single parcel in the county. We look at every single thing and treat them all the same. We want to be fair and we want to be accurate.

Why is the county reappraising properties?

KJ: This is state (law). This is something that

has to be done every eight years. The last time we did a revaluation was in 2017, but they did not do a door-to-door. They did go out and look at everything, but they did not do a listed measure, which is required every eight years.

What is your process for doing the revaluation?

RV: We take the property record cards, which is all the information that the county has on file for every piece of property in the county, and from there, we go in the field and knock on the door. If anybody's home, we ask them some questions about how many bedrooms, bathrooms, any renovations, do they have a basement, anything like that about the inside of the house. And then from there, they walk around the outside of the house and take measurements of the outside of the house and any out-buildings — garages, sheds, chicken houses, anything like that that may be on the property. And then we also take pictures of everything too. We just start in one part of the county and just work our way down through the tax neighborhoods.

How do people know appraisers are with the county?

BK: Whenever we arrive, we have our county ID tag, we have the door hangars that have the contact information for the county and explaining a summary of what we're doing. We also have our safety vest with all the county markings on there, on the front and on the back as well. And every car we have is tagged with the county seal.

RV: If anyone wants to verify who we are, they can call the Tax Office. They can talk to Karen, they can talk to anybody in here. They'll go through a series of questions — Did they have a county ID? Did they have a vest on? Did they have county magnets on their car? We try to do everything we can to represent the county in a good light and make sure people know we're not out

there to do anything nefarious.

If someone is not home when you come by, what's the protocol?

RV: We knock on the door at least twice, just to make sure if somebody is there we try to make contact with them. From there, we'll leave a door hangar and we'll proceed to measure the outside of the house as if they were there. One thing is, if there's fences or gates or anything, we don't go through (them). We'll measure everything that we can.

How do you determine the value of property?

RV: This is the first stage of a reappraisal, to make sure the data is correct. At a later date, we will analyze all the sales that occurred in the county. It ends up being thousands of sales. We'll build a land valuation model to say, in this neighborhood or in this area, based on this particular sales, this is what land is worth. Then we'll take that and break down the buildings and their characteristics and generate building models from there. Then we'll review our values and make sure they're in line with where they should be.

Vincent said his company is currently using 11 appraisers viewing 20-25 homes a day. It requires long hours, he said, sometimes in difficult weather conditions, but it has its upsides.

"Not every day is the same," he said. "It's always changing. The people you get to meet and the people you get to interact with. It's a very niche job, and a lot of people don't really think about it."

For more information, or if you want to confirm an appraiser's identity with the county, call the Chatham County Tax Administration Office and the appraisal department at 919-542-8211. The office's address is 12 East Street, Pittsboro, in the courthouse annex.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.

Latest Toy Story amiably covers familiar territory

At first, "Toy Story 4" seems to stumble onto the perfect antidote to the rank commercialism at its core. The franchise's basic premise is grounded on the secret lives of our industrial-made toys, their basic personalities formed at the factory but yearning to be so much more. In turn, however, "Toy Story" spawned its own retail reality. Woody the cowboy and Buzz Lightyear weren't just animated avatars. They became actual toys you could buy for your own kids, and a single "Toy Story" movie became a lucrative series.

NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

Enter Forky (Tony Hale), which goes from being rubbish in a trashcan to a young girl named Bonnie's kindergarten art project. A spork adorned with googly eyes, popsicle legs, and pipe-cleaner arms, Forky comes to life without any conception of being. He instinctively tries to cast himself back into the garbage from whence he came. But Bonnie loves him, more than her old toys and those she inherited from Andy before he left for college, including Woody, Buzz, and the rest

of the gang. In the fourth installment of an animated series that became the commercial underpinning for an entire movie studio, a child finds her truest joy from a plastic utensil she decorates using scraps. Meanwhile, Woody (Tom Hanks) may have Bonnie's name now emblazoned on the bottom of his boot, but the longtime alpha of the playroom is no longer the sheriff in town. Dolly (Bonnie Hunt) is the de facto leader of the group. Woody is often left in the closet during playtime, with Bonnie often pinning Woody's badge onto Jessie (Joan Cusack), the sidekick cowgirl turned lawgirl. So often the savior of the group, Andy now worries about being cast aside himself. Woody and Forky form a simpatico bond: Forky is trash that doesn't want to be a toy, while Woody is a toy who's afraid of becoming trash. Forky continues to wander off, and Woody charges himself with the task of returning him to Bonnie's loving arms. It's a full-time job, and when Forky casts himself out the window of a moving RV during a family vacation, it sets off another typical "Toy Story" rescue mission. A more daring film would have delved deeper into Forky's existential underpinning, into the essence of what it means to be a toy (see also: human).



Photo courtesy of Pixar Animation Studios

Tom Hanks, Joan Cusack, Tim Allen and Tony Hale star in 'Toy Story 4.'

Is Forky God's creation or God's little mistake? Alas, after a tantalizing first act, "Toy Story 4" consigns Forky to the role of comic relief. Woody gets sidetracked by the allure of relocating his lost Bo Peep, whose conspicuous absence from "Toy Story 3" is explained/rectified during film's prologue. Woody spies Bo Peep's lamp in a dusty antique store, ruled by a mid-century doll named Gabby Gabby (Christina Hendricks). Aided by an army of creepy ventriloquist dummies, Gabby hopes to harvest Woody's voice box to replace her defective one, believing that's all separating her from a child's desire. When Woody final-

ly finds Bo Peep, she's embraced the life of an independent woman, living off the land with other lost toys. She's traded in her flowing dress for pants, transfigured from porcelain plaything to Furiosa—her severed arm that constantly needs reattaching seems more than coincidental. Meanwhile, director Josh Cooley gives Buzz (Tim Allen) something to do, teaming him with a Canadian daredevil toy named Duke Caboom (Keanu Reeves, terrific), two carnival plush toys (Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele, doing Key & Peele stuff), and a smattering of Happy Meal fodder. There's an amusing running gag about

Toy Story 4
GRADE: B
DIRECTOR: Josh Cooley
STARRING THE VOICES OF: Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Annie Potts, Tony Hale, Keegan-Michael Key, Jordan Peele, Christina Hendricks and Keanu Reeves
MPAA RATING: G
RUNNING TIME: 1 hr. 40 min.

Buzz treating his prerecorded voice commands as an inner monologue that always seems to steer him in the right direction. Otherwise, the latter half "Toy Story 4" proceeds amiably but inevitably until another emotional gut-punch ending. Woody goes from believing he exists for whatever kid will have him, to realizing that his greater worth is to those who need him, toys and kids alike. What might be the finale of this seminal series doesn't break new ground, but it ultimately lands on the truth about its central character.

Celebrating marriage and honoring 50 years

CN+R STAFF REPORT

CHAPEL HILL — Nine Governors Club couples celebrated their Golden Anniversary together in a unique and now traditional "Golden Anniversary Film Night" on Wednesday evening, June 12. Now in its fifth year, the evening featured dinner including invited friends and family at which the couples were introduced and invited to share their personal story of how and where they first met. Reflecting the wide geographic diversity of the Governors Club community, these stories began in Boston, Florida, Texas, New York City and heartland places in the middle including Pittsburgh, Michigan, and on the UNC campus in Chapel Hill. Table displays of albums augmented by four bridal gowns on mannequins filled the foyer and enabled all to share and celebrate. As people marveled about "how young we were then" and "how little we have changed" (for some), new stories were shared and even close friends heard new tales. Long tucked-away gowns were pulled from storage boxes and lovingly arranged to be admired and shared. Gathering in the Ball Room at 7 p.m., emcee and program chair Lowell

Hoffman convened evening festivities including introduction of North Carolina Museum of Art film archivist Laura Boyes. She provided an in-depth and humorous introduction to the 1969 Academy Award-nominated film "Hello Dolly," which features Barbra Streisand, Walter Matthau and Michael Crawford. Screening of the film was paused with an intermission which included introduction of the Golden Couples, champagne toasts and a wedding cake prepared by the Club's culinary team. The concept for Golden Anniversary Film Night began five years ago as Hoffman, who has a continuing role in chairing the Club's speaker program series contemplated his own approaching Golden Anniversary year. A check of the Club's member data base revealed others and Film Night took shape. Film Night is one of an ongoing menu of speaker programs, excursions, arts society-sponsored concerts and group events which respond to the diversity of interests of Governors Club members of all ages and backgrounds. Boyes (www.moviediva.com) agreed to provide her film review introduction and the format took shape. Among her own credentials is curating a



Submitted photo

Arlene and Bernie Goodman happily displayed her wedding gown. They are New Yorkers where Dr. Goodman maintained his dental practice prior to their retirement to Governors Club.



Submitted photo

John and Pam Caruso celebrate their 50th Anniversary. They met in Connecticut as John was preparing to depart for University of Pittsburgh to pursue his PhD in Psychology. Pam, a consummate volunteer, recently completed her term as President of CORA

Friday evening film series for the past 15 years at North Carolina Museum of Art. It turns out that while Governors Club has a wide age-range of residents and members, a large segment of couples have been fortunate to share a long marriage. This year, a total of 14 couples celebrate 50 years of marriage. Of these, nine were able to arrange calendars and participate in Film Night.



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Lou and Rosemary Pukal met while students at UNC. Lou will be remembered as a lineman on the Tar Heel football team of the late 1950's wearing No. 60.

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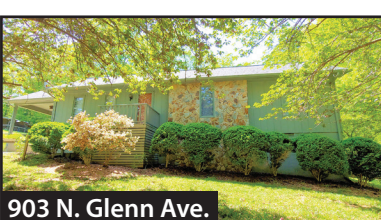


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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
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State of NORTH CAROLINA County of CHATHAM
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IN 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.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing. **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS:** If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is June 5, 2019. Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 333-8107 http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/ 13-037467 Jn13,Jn20,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 247
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **RUBY AUDRA PARR**, 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. Claude Edward Parr, Administrator 8940 Hinshaw Shop Road Liberty, NC 27298 Jn13,Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,4tp

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 19 CVD 173
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
SARAH A. YARBOROUGH, Plaintiff vs. GEOFFREY YARBOROUGH Defendant
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Geoffrey Yarbrough
Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: **AN ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.** You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than July 23, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. THIS, the 6th day of June, 2019 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP C. TODD ROPER, ESQUIRE Attorney for the Plaintiff P. O. Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 (919) 542-5605 State Bar No. 17206 Jn13,Jn20,Jn27,3tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 19 JT 29
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
YARBOROUGH, A MINOR Petitioner vs. GEOFFREY S. YARBOROUGH Respondent
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Geoffrey S. Yarbrough
Take notice that a Petition and Amendment to Petition seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than July 23, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. THIS, the 6th day of June, 2019. MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP C. TODD ROPER, ESQUIRE Attorney for the Plaintiff P. O. Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 (919) 542-5605 State Bar No. 17206 Jn13,J20,Jn27,3tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 18 SP 46
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM
RONALD P. COLLINS, Administrator of the Estate of ODESSA PERSON, Deceased Petitioner, vs. EDDIE WAYNE PERSON and spouse, if any Respondents
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION
TO: EDDIE WAYNE PERSON AND SPOUSE OF EDDIE WAYNE PERSON, IF ANY
Take notice that a Petition has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is a public or private sale of certain real property in Chatham County, North Carolina described in the Petition in order to make assets to pay claims and costs of administration of the Estate of Odessa Person, deceased. You are required to file a response to the Petition not later than the 23rd day of July, 2019, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 10th day of June, 2019. Paul S. Messick, Jr. GUNN & MESSICK, LLP Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 880 Pittsboro, N.C. 27312 (919) 542-5605 Jn13,Jn20,Jn27,3tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
The proposed budget for the Town of Siler City Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has been presented to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Town Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection in the General Manager's office at the Siler City ABC Store, 1404 E. 11th St. from 9:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. most weekdays. Interested parties can call (919) 663-2619 to speak with the General Manager. A public hearing will be held on the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 on **Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Siler City ABC Store**, 1404 E. 11th St., Siler City, North Carolina. Citizens are invited to submit written or oral comments. Nancy E. Gooch General Manager Jn13,Jn20,2tc

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD - PUBLIC HEARING
The proposed budget for the Town of Pittsboro Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has been presented to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Town Board of Commissioners and is available for inspection in the General Manager's office at the Pittsboro ABC Store, 70 Sanford Hwy. from 9:00am until 8:00pm most weekdays. Interested parties can call (919)663-2619 to speak with General Manager, Nancy Gooch. A public hearing will be held on the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Pittsboro ABC Store, 70 Sanford Hwy, Pittsboro, North Carolina. Citizens are invited to submit written or oral comments. Nancy E. Gooch General Manager Jn13,Jn20,2tc

THE TOWN OF SILER CITY MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - The Downtown Advisory Committee has vacancies has one (1) members with no residential requirements. The committee is for those who have a vested interest in the future of Downtown Siler City or who have particular knowledge, skills, or abilities that serve the interest and intent of the purpose of developing a viable framework to enhance further revitalization and development of downtown, utilizing existing and emerging strengths of this vital central commercial hub of the Siler City community. **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has a vacancy for one (1) member with no residential requirements. The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for the establishment of a system of supervised recreation for the town. **PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** - The Siler City Planning Board/ Board of Adjustments has one (1) vacancy for a resident of the City Limits. The Planning Board, in conjunction with the Town Planner, makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on conditional use permit, rezoning, conditional use rezoning,

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and text amendment applications. The Planning Board may also perform comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future developments and prepares such plans for physical and economic growth. The Planning Board promotes the public health, safety, convenience or the general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the development of the Town. The Planning Board also serves as the Board of Adjustment to review variances, consider appeals from the zoning administrator or building inspector, and to issue special use and special exception permits. With the exception of the ABC Board and the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, all positions are advisory in nature and are unpaid. Persons interested should submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson, Town of Siler City, Post Office Box 769, Siler City, NC, 311 N Second Avenue, or jjohnson@silercity.org no later than June 30, 2019. The letter of interest should include: home address, phone number, email address, educational background, current employment, civic involvement, why you wish to serve, and any other information you feel pertinent.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - TOWN OF PITTSBORO

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearings on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock in the Town Council Chambers of the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consider the following item: 1. Proposed Annexation, Chatham Concrete LLC, A-2019-02 Annexation request for a parcel totaling 10.75 acres located on Pittsboro Moncure Road, along the eastern side of Turkey Creek and more particularly

described with Parcel number 93376. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. The complete records are on file at the office of the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection during regular business hours or by appointment. The public is invited to attend. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Alice Lloyd, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at aflloyd@pittsboronc.gov.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **OLIN G. BEALL**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before September 20th, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 20th day of June, 2019. Sheila R. Benninger, Administrator, Estate of Olin G. Beall c/o Roberson Law Firm 1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NICHOLAS CUTLER, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DOUGLAS CUTLER**, late of 3697 US HIGHWAY 15-501 N, PITTSBORO, NC 27312, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, through his undersigned Attorney, Maria Satterfield, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them

to the undersigned at 4500 Cameron Valley Parkway, Suite 370, Charlotte, NC 28211, on or before Monday, September 23, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 20th of June, 2019. Maria Satterfield, Esq. Attorney for Nicholas Cutler, Executor 4500 Cameron Valley Parkway Suite 370 Charlotte, NC 28211

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NICHOLAS CUTLER, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SALLY WHITAKER**, late of 3697 US HIGHWAY 15-501 N, PITTSBORO, NC 27312, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, through his undersigned Attorney, Maria Satterfield, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4500 Cameron Valley Parkway, Suite 370, Charlotte, NC 28211, on or before Monday, September 23, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 20th of June, 2019. Maria Satterfield, Esq. Attorney for Nicholas Cutler, Executor 4500 Cameron Valley Parkway Suite 370 Charlotte, NC 28211

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NICHOLAS CUTLER, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DOUGLAS CUTLER**, late of 3697 US HIGHWAY 15-501 N, PITTSBORO, NC 27312, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, through his undersigned Attorney, Maria Satterfield, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of

the estate of **CLARA H. SEALEY**, 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 20, 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. Wanda S. Kidd, Executrix 1339 Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as **Executor of the Estate of JIMMY L. HANCOCK**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the said decedent or his estate to present them to him at 1315 South Second Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344 on or before the 20th day of September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All of those indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned. This the 20th day of June, 2019.

RANDALL D. HANCOCK Executor of the Estate of **JIMMY L. HANCOCK** 1315 South Second Avenue Siler City, NC 27344

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NOTICE OF DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER

Old North State Water Company had a discharge of untreated wastewater on June 12, 2019 of an estimated 2,000 gallons near Hill Creek Blvd. in the Briar Chapel Commu-

nity. The discharge occurred from the result of a force main break. According to Envirolink, Inc., the untreated wastewater entered an Unnamed Tributary to Pokeberry Creek which is in the Cape Fear River Basin. Envirolink's staff found no evidence that the spill impacted surface water in the Cape Fear River Basin. However, as required, Envirolink notified the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on June 13, 2019, and the Division of Water Resources is reviewing the matter. Envirolink operates Old North State Water Company's wastewater collection system which provides service to the Briar Chapel Community. This notice is required by North Carolina General Statutes Article 21 Chapter 143.215.C. For more information please contact Envirolink at (252)235-4900.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 272 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **GERALDINE SMITH KIRK**, 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 20, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 17th day of June, 2019. Stacey Kirk Woody, Executrix 2705 Siler City-Snow Camp Rd. Siler City, NC 27344

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JAMES MICHAEL WOODALL**, late of Moncure, 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 C/O Stam Law Firm, PLLC at 510 W. Williams St., Apex, North Carolina 27502, on or before the 23rd day of September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 18th day of June, 2019. /s/ Barbara Ann Woodall Executrix of the Estate of James Michael Woodall Lisa M. Schreiner Stam Law Firm, PLLC 510 W. Williams St. Apex, NC 27502

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qual-

ified on the 17th day of June, 2019 as Executor of the Estate of **CHERYL MARIE SIMPSON aka CHERYL M. SIMPSON**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of September, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 20th day of June, 2019. Clifford George Simpson, Executor of the Estate of Cheryl Marie Simpson aka Cheryl M. Simpson PO Box 51579 Durham, NC 27717 Gwendolyn C. Brooks, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707

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Published Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JAMES MICHAEL WOODALL**, late of Moncure, 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 C/O Stam Law Firm, PLLC at 510 W. Williams St., Apex, North Carolina 27502, on or before the 23rd day of September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 18th day of June, 2019. /s/ Barbara Ann Woodall Executrix of the Estate of James Michael Woodall Lisa M. Schreiner Stam Law Firm, PLLC 510 W. Williams St. Apex, NC 27502

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Siler City church starting depression support group

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — A few years ago, Josh Smith nearly lost his wife Amy to suicide.

Now, he and his church are starting a new ministry with the hopes that something similar doesn't happen to anyone else.

Community Baptist Church in Siler City is beginning "A Light in the Darkness," a support group for individuals struggling with depression and anxiety and their family members. The group's first meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 27 in the church's fellowship hall at 2575 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City.

"A Light in the Darkness" is being termed officially as a "class," but Smith,

Community Baptist's youth pastor, said it's more about "giv(ing) people a place, to know there's help, to know there's hope, that they're not alone."

An estimated 17.3 million Americans aged 18 or older had at least one major depressive episode in 2017, according to the National Institute of Mental Health, representing 7.1 percent of all adults. The Anxiety and Depression Association of America says anxiety disorders are the "most common mental illness in the U.S.," with around 40 million adults suffering from some form of it. The ADA added that nearly one-half of individuals diagnosed with depression are also diagnosed with an anxiety disorder.

The 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment reported that 20.1 per-

cent of Chatham adults have ever been told by a doctor they had anxiety or depression, and 33.6 percent of Chatham high school students said they had felt sad or hopeless almost every day for at a two-week stretch at least once in the last year. The assessment also said that 61 percent of Chatham adults surveyed said they didn't know where to direct someone for mental health services.

It's in that gap and into those situations where Community Baptist hopes to help. Smith said the group is not designed to replace medical help or professional counseling, but to simply provide a space and support. He also acknowledged that, while religious institutions can provide specific assistance in mental health situations, faith might not solve it.

"Not all of it is a spiritual deal," he said. "There are different treatments for different people. Some people respond to one area of treatment for a disease than other people do. There are some folks that spiritual needs play into it, but for some, it's an emotional baggage, or it's a real physical problem."

On that note, he stressed that the group isn't set aside for a particular age group or religious faith.

"It's just trying to help hurting people," Smith said. "That is the ultimate goal."

For more information on the group, contact Smith at josh.smith31@gmail.com or by phone at 919-770-4736.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.

NEWS BRIEFS

Oral history and language study project to be conducted in Chatham

This summer, Chatham County natives will be the focus of a new study by the Language and Life Program at NCSU. The research team is looking for Chatham County natives (born and raised in Chatham) who have lived in Chatham for most of their lives to interview. The interviews will be recorded and the team will conduct analyses to look at the question of how language is changing in Chatham as it becomes less rural and more urban. The study will preserve the rich language heritage of Chatham County as our language changes.

A second aim of the project is to record and preserve the interviews as oral histories — asking interviewees about growing up in Chatham and current interests. The NCSU research team will share the interviews with the Chatham County Historical Association (with permission of those interviewed). Oral histories are a great resource for saving local history, so having these stories preserved will be a very good thing for future generations of Chatham residents.

The Chatham County Historical Association will be helping the Language and Life research team publicize the project and recruit individuals willing to be interviewed. The project is looking for adults and teenagers aged 16+, all genders, all races, all walks of life. The project team is especially interested in the opportunity to interview multiple generations of the same family—so they can look at generational differences.

Interviewing has already begun and will continue this summer and into the fall.

If you sign up, interviewers will contact you to arrange a meeting time and

place that is convenient for you. The interview can be conducted at your home, if you wish, or at another place with a quiet, private place where the interview can be recorded. The interview should take no more than about one hour of your time.

If you are a native of Chatham who has spent most of your life in the county and might be willing to participate in this project, those involved in the program would like to hear from you. You'll be helping preserve Chatham's history and language.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Walt Wolfram at wolfram@ncsu.edu or call 919/218-5374.

NCDOT to host public meeting on proposed Hillsboro Street widening

PITTSBORO – Plans to widen a section of U.S. 15-501/Hillsboro Street on the north side of Pittsboro will be the focus of a public meeting set for next week.

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to widen approximately 1.4 miles of the road from two lanes to three with a continuous center turn lane between Launis Street and Powell Place Lane.

The plan also calls for a sidewalk on the west side of Hillsboro Street, a multi-use path on the east side, and intersection improvements at Park and Springfield drives and at Cooper's Ridge Road.

Maps and more information on the proposed improvements can be found on the NCDOT public meeting webpage.

They will also be available for review at the informal public meeting set from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at Forest Hall at the Chatham Mills facility located at 480 Hillsboro St.

NCDOT representatives will be there to discuss the project and receive feedback that will be considered

as it progresses. Comments may also be submitted by phone or email by July 5.

For more information or to submit feedback, contact NCDOT project manager Jeffrey Teague at 910-773-

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