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## FireClay Cellars growing award-winning wine in Chatham County

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Take an engineering brain, a love for farming and the land, creativity and a refined palate.

Blend all that together and you end up with someone like Erik Mitran, the award-winning winemaker for Chatham's newest vineyard, FireClay Cellars on Bowers Store Road between Siler City and Pittsboro.

FireClay Cellars and its nearly five acres of grapevines are situated near the highest crest of Bowers Store Road, overlooking the valley that lies to the west. Nestled behind the vines is a large building with an open, two-story tasting room, surrounding on two sides by generous

porches and decks. On the rear of the building, built into a hill, you'll find a modern wine-making facility, complete with crushers, vats, and barrels required for the process.

The vineyards are also home to blue birds, purple martins, guinea hens and bat boxes — anything to “eat the bugs” and allow Mitran to “do things more naturally.”

Mitran, who studied Chemical Engineering at N.C. State, started making beer, mead and wine in the basement of the home of his parents, Andrei and Sue, in Cary.

“I love the balance between the art and the science [of wine-making],” Mitran said. “I grew up

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Erik Mitran checks on a young Chambourcin that is aging in French Oak Barrels at FireClay Cellars.**

### DYING TO REMEMBER: SECOND OF TWO PARTS

# When it comes to dementia, there's no break for the caregiver



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**It was a special party for Pauline, Jessica Bryan's mother, when she turned 70 years old.**

### JESSICA BRYAN ON CAREGIVING

I am working in the Family Room, sitting with the laptop perched on my knees, writing without any interruptions. The house is silent save for the whirring of an overhead fan cooling my skin on a humid morning. I think about a time, only a couple of months ago. The TV would have been filling the room with noise to entertain my mother. It would have been distracting as I tried to work; but the real distractions would come from my mother's constant interruptions...her manic behavior of perpetual motion. Her repetitive scratching at her arms, her head or her legs, or fidgeting with her hands, rolling and unrolling the hem of her blouse, and kicking her walker, would wear on my nerves.

All of that has changed now. My mother's new residence is a nursing home in Chatham County. She lies in a bed slowly wasting away. I am reflecting on the past four years of full-time caregiving and reminding myself of the hardship, the difficulties, and the sadness. I also remember the many good days and the joy of sharing more time with her. She, who had once been my best friend, my confidant, my champion, became my charge, my responsibility. I have written so many words complaining about all of the big and little things that drove me crazy; but now...oh, how I miss having those moments!

Caring for Mom at home was a choice that was made for us when she ran out of money while living in a retirement community. At the time, she suffered from mild to moderate Alzheimer's and could still live semi-independently. As her Alzheimer's progressed we hired daily nursing care to assist with pill-taking and dressing; but still, she remained fairly self-sufficient. Then came the time when she required full-time assisted living and as my husband and I looked at her dwindling bank balance we knew that we would have to take care of her at home. We made modifications to the house so that she was safe and comfortable, we put up with her newly-formed habits that seemed to reflect her diminishing cognitive abilities (Sundowner's Syndrome, poor hygiene, rummaging, tearing up tissues, hiding household items in her walker, and myriad other behaviors she never had before). Week after week, month after month we observed her steady decline that required more caregiving on our part, less freedom to leave her alone, and most of all less time to work

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*Editor's note: In last week's story, we looked at Chatham County's Jessica Bryan and her experiences as a caregiver for her mother, Pauline, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease for 25 years — and what today's (and tomorrow's) caregivers can learn from Bryan. The story concludes this week with a look at Pauline's further decline and the stark realities of caring for an aging parent, and tips for those facing those circumstances.*

Pauline Pulizzi had a bad fall. On that day in 2009, the 90-year-old

got into the chairlift in her daughter and son-in-law's north Chatham home, as she did when she was headed upstairs, but she forgot how to do it properly. When she got to the top of the stairs, her toe snagged in the base plate. Daughter Jessica Bryan, who was on a work call in her home office, heard one thump, then a series of thumps in quick succession. She raced into the room to find her mother at the foot of the stairs in a pool of blood, bone protruding from her broken wrist.

Bryan screamed, thinking she'd lost her mom. Then Pulizzi moaned, and Bryan realized she was still alive, though badly hurt. Pulizzi ended up in the hospital with a broken wrist

and clavicle. Once Pulizzi was out of the hospital and through with rehab, Bryan had the conversation with her again.

You aren't being forced and this is your choice, Bryan said, but would you consider assisted living?

This time, Pulizzi was more receptive.

“When I found the right place for her, she went,” says Bryan. “She told me every day for a year and a half probably how happy she was.”

Pulizzi, Bryan's mother, lived almost a century, dying a month shy of her 100th birthday last May 6. For 25 of those years, she lived with

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## Increased levels of metals found in groundwater near coal ash plant

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MONCURE — Increased levels of heavy metals — including barium, chromium, vanadium, arsenic, copper and lead — were found in groundwater samples tested in January near the Brickhaven coal ash site located in Moncure through testing required by N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality.

As a result, based on the elevated levels, DEQ's Division of Waste Management has ordered an assessment of the site, as well as a work plan detailing any required corrective action based on the assessment.

The site, which is owned by Charah Inc., a Kentucky-based company that specializes in coal ash disposal, is where coal ash from Duke Energy's L.V. Sutton Plant in Wilmington and the Riverbend Steam Station in Mount Holly are being stored. Coal ash is produced primarily from the burning of coal in coal-fired power plants which contains contaminants like mercury, cadmium and arsenic. Without proper management, these contaminants can pollute waterways, ground water, drinking water, and the air, according to the U.S. Environmen-

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## Siler City's police chief busy settling into new job, community

**BY RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
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SILER CITY — It's been a busy three weeks for Mike Wagner, Siler City's new police chief.

On the job since June 3, the veteran law enforcement officer has been spending a lot of time getting to know his new community better, meeting one-on-one with the officers who comprise the Siler City Police Department, and introducing himself around town on daily visits to local merchants.

“I'm still rolling up my sleeves a little bit,” he said.

A law enforcement officer for 28 years,

Wagner, 53, relocated here from Charlottesville, Virginia, where he was a Commander with the Albemarle County Police Department, after being selected, following what town officials said was a rigorous hiring process, as the town's first full-time chief since the retirement last June of former chief Gary Tyson.

Though he occupies the same office used by Tyson and other former chiefs, Wagner has made it his own. The walls are decorated with photos of his family. On a shelf are pictures of his wife and son. On another rests a black-and-white photograph of his grandfather, who,

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Kid cyclists take Chatham by storm at Bikes & Barnyards camp. **PAGE B8**



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ON THE AGENDA

The Siler City Board of Commissioners will hold its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 15 at the Town Hall Courtroom located at 311 N Second Ave. in Siler City.

### 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.

### FRIDAY

Join the talented students of Temple Theatre Summer Conservatory as they present **Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.**, the educational cartoon series and pop culture phenomenon live on stage. Performances Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Students, \$10 and adults, \$16.

The opening reception for the **North Carolina Pottery Center's** two new temporary exhibitions will be on Friday evening, June 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There will also be a Clay Talks! presentation by Rodney Leftwich of Mill River, from 7 to 8 p.m. The reception and presentation are both free and open to the public. Both exhibitions will run from June 28 through December 14. The Center is located at 233 East Avenue in Seagrove.

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, johnnichorn72@gmail.com. Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits, music is out on the patio.

### SATURDAY

June 29 at 8:30 a.m., be a part of the **Invasive Species Removal Workday** in Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Join the Friends of Lower Haw at a workday in the Bynum Mill area. State Parks Biologist Sean Gough will lead the workday. Learn about invasive plant species and removal techniques. All tools will be provided. Bring work gloves, wear long pants, sturdy shoes and insect repellent. Contact lowerhawevents@gmail.com with "Invasives" in the subject line to sign up. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Bynum Mill Access parking lot off Bynum Church Road, and work until 11:30 a.m. Note: there are no restroom facilities at this

location.

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](http://TriangleTrain.com/schedule). Buy tickets at [www.TriangleTrain.com](http://www.TriangleTrain.com). Visitors to the rail yard can also tour the North Carolina Railway Museum and the Garden Railway (G scale), which runs on more than 1,000 feet of track.

### 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](mailto:ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu) or at 984-215-2650.

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

**Big Band swing and jazz sounds** every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store, 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](http://www.pittsbororoadhouse.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The public is invited to attend a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration at 11 a.m. on July 2 for **Badcock Home Furniture & More**, located at 101 Siler Crossing in Siler City. Refreshments will be available during an Open House after an 11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting. The Open House will continue through 1 p.m.

**Saturdays in Seagrove**, July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Join the fun! Spend time with us in the heart of North Carolina, with different activities each week. Observe demonstrations or participate in Hands-On activities through out the Seagrove Pottery Community! Visit [www.DiscoverSeagrove.com](http://www.DiscoverSeagrove.com) for a listing of participating shops and activity details.

The **Chatham Historical Museum** will be open on Sunday, July 7 from noon until 4:30 p.m! Come soak up some Chatham history before the Summer Fest activities begin! Stop in and meet our friendly and knowledgeable volunteers—or explore on your own. There's much to see and learn so come get started! We think you'll want to come again! Bring your friends and family—adult and kid friendly. If

you haven't had a chance to get a good inside-look at Chatham's renovated Historic Courthouse, this is your chance!

Have you ever visited **Governor Charles Manly's historic Law Office** in Pittsboro? Come learn the history of this 19th century structure and its famous occupant, Chatham's Charles Manly. The Manly Law Office will be open from 12:30 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 7. The CCHA docent will be on hand to share its history with you. The Manly Law Office is located on Masonic St., behind the Masonic Lodge. No admission, view and enjoy this historical office. (You can stop by the Chatham Historical Museum in the Historic Courthouse first if you need directions.)

### ALSO HAPPENING

**Adult Volunteers Needed at Chatham Hospital in Siler City**, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Siler City and part of the UNC Health Care System. The hospital provides surgical, medical, pediatric, and emergency services. The 10-bed emergency department provides care to more than 1,200 adults and children each month. Adult community volunteers are needed to assist staff with miscellaneous tasks in the nursing unit and emergency department. Volunteers may assist with administrative tasks, patient diversion (group activities, arts & crafts, games, reading mail, writing letters, conversation), distributing fresh water and ice to patients, and answering patient call lights/bells. Community volunteers commit to serving a 2-3 hour weekly shift for a minimum of six months. All prospective volunteers must complete an online application, a criminal background check, an orientation and have documentation of required immunizations. To learn more go to: <https://www.chathamhospital.org/ch/about-us/volunteer>.

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](mailto:WaltWolfram@ncsu.edu) or call 919-218-5374.

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

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](mailto:ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu). If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.

**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](http://www.chathamCBA.com).

**Narcotics Anonymous** -

For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps! Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings!

**AI-Anon Meeting** - Pittsboro Serenity Seekers AI-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](http://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@chatham-councilonaging.org](mailto:allison.andrews@chatham-councilonaging.org).

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

**Volunteers Needed** — Nonprofit agencies in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, 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](http://www.chathamconnecting.org).

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# AGING: 'Caregiver equivalent of putting on your own oxygen mask first'

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Alzheimer's, with Bryan tracing the first signs of her mother's dementia to a mid-90s game night in suburban Los Angeles. As described in greater detail in the first story of this two-part series, Bryan's mother and father moved with her from California to north Chatham, where they lived in an apartment at her house. Upon Bryan's father's death, Pulizzi's Alzheimer's symptoms became far more conspicuous, culminating in her fall. Like countless caregivers in countless towns, Bryan knew it was time for an assisted living facility. Staying home was simply too risky.

Yet the future held unwelcome surprises. "When you're managing somebody's finances, which we had to do, we had it figured very carefully," said Bryan during a recent interview at the Pittsboro office of Real Living Carolina Life-styles Realty, where she is managing broker. "We figured that she could live to be 107.6 years old — until that recession hit."

Rent at an assisted living facility, Bryan explains, can run about \$7,000 a month, or from \$8,000 to \$12,000 monthly if a person needs more assistance. Pulizzi had stocks and was living off the dividends, which was the source of Bryan's calculations. When the recession of 2008 and 2009 hit, Bryan had to cash in Pulizzi's stocks and then dig into Pulizzi's savings just to pay the assisted living rent and cost of care. On top of that, the assisted living facility in which Pulizzi was living was sold four times, and each time the rent got pricier. Even a family with resources found itself struggling to keep up. A year in assisted living, Bryan says, can run \$100,000 out-of-pocket.

"And how many people are living a really long time, needing assistance?" Bryan asks. "My mom had Alzheimer's 25 years. She needed assistance for 20 of those years. Do the math."

A household making Chatham County's median income pulls down \$59,684 annually, per U.S. Census Bureau data. While the median household income in Chatham County is higher than the rest of the state on average, as the Chatham County Aging Plan 2018-2023 notes, there remains stark income inequality. The northeastern corner of the county is wealthier as a rule, while pockets in the west and southwest see average household incomes tens of thousands of dollars lower. In portions of Siler City, for instance, the median income is less than \$30,000 annually.

By the time Pulizzi came home again, Bryan was paying her assisted living facility rent out of her own pockets, but was also upset to see her mom increasingly ostracized. People with dementia no longer have the same filters, she notes, and they can be quite rude to each other. As Pulizzi's decorum and hygiene slid, her social circle at the assisted living facility deteriorated as well. She would blow her nose, for example, and then touch all the food at a buffet. And she wasn't bathing as often or as well, either.

"It [was] just time, so we went and got her," says Bryan. "She was officially out of money. We were covering all of her costs at that point anyway."

While Pulizzi required more attention than she had before her stay in assisted living, Bryan didn't mind it initially — it was OK until it wasn't OK, as she puts it. It turned decidedly not OK in Pulizzi's final year, when she became violent and paranoid. Both Bryan and her husband had to all but stop working because Pulizzi required constant attention.

"The number one stress most of the time with someone with dementia [is] you're the 24/7 caregiver," says Susan Hardy, community care manager with



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**A scrapbook page from Jessica Bryan shows the love shared by her parents after 50 years of being together.**



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**The Bryan family shares time with Jessica's mother and father in 1989.**

the Chatham Council on Aging. "You don't get a break."

Oftentimes, the caregiver can't let the person with dementia out of their sight, out of constant (and often justified) worrying about what their loved one is going to do next. Yet Hardy's advice sounds like the caregiver equivalent of putting on your own oxygen mask first: you can't help another person unless you take care of yourself.

"We want you to thrive, not just survive," she says. "We want you to stay healthy the whole time you're care-giving."

Hardy's advice includes simple things such as meditation or an attainable action plan related to something the caregiver actually wants to do for themselves. Don't put unnecessary pressure on yourself to walk 45 minutes if you want only make time for 10, Hardy offers as an example; and don't make an action plan to clean out a closet unless it's what you actually want to do.

Chatham County lacks an adult activity center, Hardy says, which could ease caregiver stress. These are places where a caregiver can leave their loved one so they can run an errand on their own, say. Many prefer this to home health, she says, because there's no additional pressure to clean up the home beforehand. What the Council envisions, Hardy says, is similar to Lee County's Family Promise Program, which serves homeless families, or Wake County's Win Project. The idea is to work with the faith community and identify churches that can host seniors for day activities on a rotating basis, with people in those communities trained in the methods of dementia care expert Teepa Snow.

"We're looking at it like a day activity program, one day a week, once a quarter per church. We'd have activities set up in the church with volunteers trained to be there," says Hardy. During these four-hour blocks, caregivers could simply get a break.

Bryan dealt with the pressure by writing. At the time that Pulizzi came home, Bryan had written some two-dozen books, so blogging and writing books about her caregiver experiences was a natural enough way to turn lemons to lemonade.

"I spit anger and vitriol and all of this onto the pages, and at the end I'd go 'You know what? I really love my mother,'"

Bryan says. "I would cry it out. I'd finish a chapter and I'd sit there and I'd cry, and I'd go, 'Wow, that was kind of cathartic. I feel much better.'"

Caregivers who read her work felt the same way, she says. You gave me permission to feel angry, they said. You explained what I'm going through, they said. I feel heard, they said.

Yet life at home became unsustainable. It was difficult for Realtor Bryan and her home designer husband to recover financially from the recession and also be Pulizzi's full-time caretakers. "I kept saying to my husband, 'I don't want this to be my last memories of my mother, because these are ugly times,'" Bryan says.

By the end of her time at home, Pulizzi resisted the slightest thing violently — getting out of a chair, for instance — and she was strong, says Bryan. Finally, Pulizzi went to live in a nursing home for her last two months.

"Mom died and immediately I felt that I had gone through this process for a reason," Bryan says. "I had so much clarity in that."

When Bryan remembers her mother, sure, she can remember the woman who, at 99, took off all her clothes outside while workers were building a house immediately next door, but she can also remember the elegant, intelligent woman who valued etiquette and the arts; She can remember the woman who could keep others laughing for hours. With clarity and retrospect, today Bryan can see a path forward — one that's educated by her own years as her mother's caretaker.

"I've got to bring people to the realization that we are in a crisis and we have to face it now," Bryan says with conviction. "Hey, it hasn't worked for climate change," she adds with a dark chuckle.

And then Bryan composes herself quickly, and the conviction returns. Even though there she has a strong family history of Alzheimer's, she has largely graduated from fear. Worrying is futile and time is fleeting, so her plan now is to create good memories and to make a difference — even if it's a small one, she says. From dementia research to the importance of planning ahead to understanding what Alzheimer's does to a person, Bryan has a clear picture of the challenges that need to be addressed.

"That's where I see myself going," she says.

## HELP FOR CAREGIVERS

**On communication: 'the dance' technique**  
Susan Hardy, community care manager with the Chatham Council on Aging, shares a technique for communicating with an argumentative person with dementia that she calls "the dance." Its four steps are align, agree, realign and resolve.

**ALIGN:** Like two partners dancing side-by-side, this is where you line up with whatever the other person is saying — even if they're talking about someone who has been dead a long time.

**AGREE:** Agree with them (i.e. "Oh, yes, I remember that"). At this point in the dance, both partners move forward.

**REALIGN:** If you want to get the other person's mind off the subject at hand, this is where you realign them to a different subject. In dancing terms, here is where the partners twirl.

**RESOLVE:** At this point, you have the other person's mind off the subject they were so adamant about. The partners resolve and take a bow.

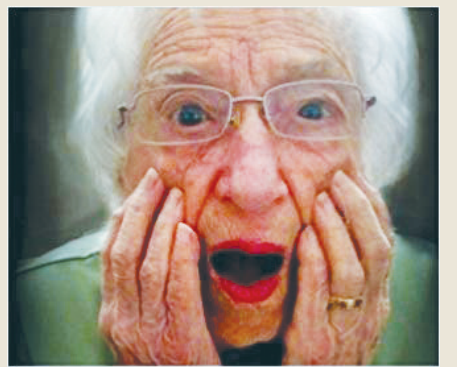
Additionally, never approach someone with dementia from behind and touch them, Hardy says. They have lost their peripheral vision, so remember that you have to get in front of them to make sure they see you.

### Selected books by Jessica Bryan

**I Am Not a Village (2015):** Bryan documents the experiences of caring for her then-95-year-old mother while offering practical caregiving solutions.

**The Memory Keeper (2018):** Bryan candidly explores the raw and sad, but also humorous in parts, experience of caring for her mother as Alzheimer's progresses.

**The Mighty Ant: An Anthology of Short Stories for Seniors (2018):** This collection of short, short stories — all of which are 750 words long or shorter — was written for with those with memory impairment, dementia or compromised attention spans.



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**There's a Stranger in My Room**

by Jessica Bryan



**Jessica Bryan's mother Pauline awakened her one night with these frightening words, only to discover Pauline was alone. This is one of the books Bryan wrote about the struggles of being a caregiver for an Alzheimer's patient.**

For full list, visit [amazon.com/author/bryanjessica](http://amazon.com/author/bryanjessica)

(note: For those searching for author information on the Jessica Bryan from this story, there is another Jessica Bryan with an author page on Amazon. Jessica Bryan of Pittsboro publishes as Jessica J. Bryan, not Jessica Bryan.)

### Chatham County Council on Aging resources

Eastern Chatham Senior Center  
365 NC Hwy 87 N, Pittsboro  
919-542-4512

Western Chatham Senior Center  
112 Village Lake Road, Siler City  
919-742-3975  
[chathamcouncilonaging.org](http://chathamcouncilonaging.org)

## CAREGIVING: 'She was a stranger...'

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outside of the home. Both my husband and I had to set aside our careers to serve my mother's needs. We shared the responsibilities of watching Mom, sitting with her, supervising her. We tried to support each other, working around appointments and schedules as best we could but knowing that our own income suffered as a result of caring for Mom. (This is a common issue with caregivers and as much as they prepare ahead many face financial hardship.) Moreover, we lacked sleep with her nocturnal interruptions. Even when we did sleep we were always aware of the slightest sounds from her room, checking the monitor, remaining alert to her needs, an accident, a cry in the night. When Mom moved into the last stage, advanced Alzheimer's, she became angry and aggressive. In this stage there was no remnant of the sweet woman I had known all my life. She was a stranger who hit me, who yelled and...

yes, even cursed and spat out sarcastic comments. Up until that point I had found great solace in humor, and shared my journey through writing, knowing that it was better to laugh than to cry. Now, however, I could barely bring myself to write and if I did, my writing was filled with sorrow.

I missed the days when we sat on the screened porch amiably sipping tea and munching cookies. I missed watching Mom drawing in my books. When I complained about all of the floral embellishments in a book I had given her, she would say, "Well I thought that I would make it pretty!" I missed the "child-woman" who fingered food that was left out to cool, or who took a bite out of the peach my husband was eating but had left on the counter as he answered the phone. I missed the woman who threw my china plates in the trash or who took an envelope containing our power bill from my desk, squirreling it away in her walker's storage compartment. Furthermore, I missed the person I had been for four years. I had defined myself as a caregiver. It was who I was, what I did. Now I was free, feeling like I had emerged from a dark prison cell blinking in the bright sunlight, free to go back to work, to go out to dinner with my husband, to sleep soundly at night, and to leave the



Staff photo by David Bradley

**The Chatham Council on Aging's Susan Hardy shows a book written by Jessica Bryan detailing the experience, and sharing ideas, for a caregiver to a person with Alzheimer's.**

house whenever I chose. Still, I felt like something had been ripped away from me and I needed time to adjust.

I can't say how all caregivers react, but I do know that for those with whom I speak from the vantage point of being a facilitator of caregiving support groups, there are many who feel the same. We grieve over a long period of time. Each slipping-away moment causes us angst, stress, and sadness. We go through the many phases of letting go, while first, denying, then railing angrily against the disease and the manifestations. We find humor, comfort from others and sometimes even respite time. We discover strength within ourselves. We do things we never ever dreamed of doing. Finally we begin to accept the inevitable and while we still experience daily frustrations, impatience, stressful times and moments of anger followed by feelings of guilt, we live with all of this. We roll up our sleeves and do what must be done.

Today, while writing this, feeling stronger and more like my old self, I thought I was past the melancholy. Then I remembered something...a moment my mother and I had shared, and a wave of sadness washed over me. Tears welled up in my eyes. I, who believed that I was past the grieving for my dying mother, began to sob. I thought about the once so full of life person now lying frail and alone in her bed, her hip bones jutting out unnaturally, her cheeks sunken, a face I no longer recognize, and the once bright eyes now dull and glazed. Then, I reminisced about bygone days (and even recent times) recalling fondly, lovingly, the great memories, the laughter and the pure joy of sharing lives together. I thought, "How fortunate we are to share the circle of



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**Jessica, left, and her mother Pauline sit beside the Christmas tree in 1973.**

life with others." I brushed away my tears and sad thoughts knowing that somewhere in my mother's dreams as she sleeps away her last days on Earth she knows how much she is loved. She knows how deeply she is cared for. Still, my emotions are raw...my heart aches. This is both the curse and the blessing of caring for others.

— from an April 2019 blog post entitled "Caregiving" Jessica Bryan, a Chatham County resident, is an author of more than 30 books in assorted genres, four of which are on caregiving. She is an Alzheimer's and Dementia author (a group of vetted authors writing about Alzheimer's and Dementia), an online facilitator of caregiver support, and a public speaker.

Working as a Triangle Realtor at Real Living Carolina Life-styles Realty in Pittsboro. She is serving on the Chatham County Aging Plan Implementation Committee focusing on care services. She was also editor of the anthology "The Mighty Ant," a book of short stories for those with cognitive impairment and memory disorders. The sales proceeds are to benefit the Chatham County Council on Aging.

Blog: <https://fromjessicatoyou.blogspot.com>  
Books: <https://amazon.com/author/bryanjessica>

# VIEWPOINTS

## A better perspective on 'no such luck'



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

We were five minutes away from loading our bags into my car and making the trek to RDU for our flight when my wife's cell-phone dinged, alerting her to a new text message.

"Oh, no," she said, looking at her phone. "Oh no, no, no!" I braced for what I somehow instinctively knew was coming — a flight delay — and hoped, prayed, that it wouldn't totally shred our travel plans.

No such luck. What was supposed to be an early-evening flight from RDU to Dulles a week ago Friday to connect us to an overnight flight to Munich — all part of an eight-person family trip to Germany and Austria a year in the planning — would now depart three hours late. It meant that only our son Addison and his wife Charis, flying from

their home in Orlando, would make the connection in Dulles; they'd arrive in Munich on time, at noon the following day.

The rest of us? After almost an hour on the phone — Lee Ann with the airline, and me with our travel agent — we settled on our best alternative: a Charlotte-to-Munich flight a day later. It put the rest of us in Germany a full 21 hours behind the other two — causing a lost "family day," a free day we'd eagerly anticipated spending together on Saturday before the four-city, 26-person group tour of which we were a part of began officially on Sunday.

Missing an overseas connection, and that day together, was, of course, a disappointment. I've lived long enough to know that life deals you a lot of curveballs and some occasionally really crappy cards, and that you should expect them, even anticipate them. But as our packed bags sat near the door and we settled in for an unexpected night at home instead of crossing the Atlantic, I struggled to process my disappointment. One of the things I had for some

odd reason feared the most — missing a flight, costing all of us (my wife, our children, their spouses and my wife's mother) a day together in a city we'd never visited before — had happened, and coming at the 11th hour, after months of anticipation, stung me particularly hard.

It turns out that a "tire repair" — that's how United Airlines described it in a follow-up message — caused the delay. As I stewed about it over the next few hours, it occurred to me that the travel agent we'd used to book these flights (we usually make our own flight reservations) was the same one my wife and I used for our 25th anniversary trip four years ago — another European adventure that began with an RDU-to-JFK flight that got canceled because of, naturally, a mechanical problem with the airplane.

I called that fact — using this agent only twice in our lives, and both times having the very first leg of the trip not happen — to Lee Ann's attention. "Well," I announced to her in frustration, "we'll never use her again. She's bad luck."

And then I pondered what I'd said: what exactly was the causal relationship between this particular travel agent and two airplanes exactly four years apart having mechanical issues that caused us to miss an overseas flight? Fate? Coincidence? Was she really bad luck? Or did luck even enter into the equation?

I think it did, but I finally concluded our luck — if that's the word for it — was good. (And, of course, our travel agent had nothing to do with it.)

On our anniversary trip in 2015, we ended up getting rebooked on a different airline and ultimately left RDU some eight hours late — but in doing so a very kind gate agent for British Airways upgraded us to first class. That wasn't turning lemons-to-lemonade, but rather a lemons-to-caviar "are you kidding me?" experience, and the start of what was a most memorable anniversary trip.

And on our vacation last week, we indeed arrived nearly a day later than scheduled. But once our revised plans were in place, we started counting

the positives: our delay was spent at home, not in an airport overnight; we got to take care of some things around the house before leaving; and daughter Karis — exhausted from a tough week of work as a counselor at Camp Royall in Pittsboro — could spend a much-needed night in her own bed.

And our Florida son and his wife of two years, who in the last few months have endured the stress of a job change and a move into their first house, got a much-needed day of relaxation and togetherness before the rest of us arrived.

Our fortune was decidedly good, not bad.

We had plenty more of it on the trip, including safe travels all around and incredible sunny weather despite a forecast that called for rain on six of our eight days abroad. The only rain we saw, a much-needed cooling squall on our last full day, made Vienna, the final stop on our trip, even more beautiful.

And best of all, we were together.

Lucky? Nah. Even better. We were blessed.

## A wild morning drive shakes up the mundane

There are few things more mundane than the daily commute to work.



**RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
Randall Reflects

So familiar is the route, my phone alerts me of my destination every morning before I know it for sure myself. My car, which is every bit as smart as my phone, could probably travel the route without any help from me.

Along the way there are occasional hiccups — detours for road construction, or a wreck; plus you always need to be on the lookout for swerving texters, no matter how well you know the road — but the journey is consistent enough to be predictable. I even pass the same folks every morning, usually around the same geographical points.

I don't dislike the predictability. It's what gets me to and fro without hassle or incident, and allows a few quiet minutes in the morning to sort out the day's doings before things gets fully involved. I usually enjoy a cup of coffee as I navigate the well-traveled route.

A more exciting drive — whatever that might mean — isn't what I'm after. But sometimes the familiar yields the unexpected, even just a little thing, to enliven the routine proceedings.

About two miles into my morning commute one day last week, one of those little moments occurred when, just as I rounded a curve, I spotted a coyote. They aren't uncommon throughout North Carolina, and I'm aware of their presence, hearing them in the distance on any given summer evening. But I rarely see them and this sight — a beautiful wild animal crossing the road on an otherwise routine drive — thrilled me more than I probably should admit, since it makes it seem like I don't get out much.

A few miles farther along, I was treated to another wild animal sighting, though this one less majestic — and much tinier — than the pretty coyote: a mouse.

We know chickens cross roads to get to the other side, but what drove this mouse scurrying in a southward direction across the two lanes of road in front of me, I can only speculate. Regardless, I was beginning to notice a recurring theme to the morning drive. All I needed was a wolf or an armadillo to cross in front of me to really send this less-routine morning drive into the stratosphere.

I saw neither of those things — it just wasn't in the cards that day — but before I reached the office, still a few miles away, I witnessed more wildness, and a bit of animal drama. Just ahead of me, four or five deer crossed the highway and, looking to my right from where they'd come, I notice one timid fawn had failed to make the crossing, lingering behind, alone. I turned my attention to the left and noticed mom and dad watching, waiting for the baby to follow. As much as I wanted to witness a happy ending to the situation, my drove compelled me onward and leaving me unsure how the drama ended, though rooting strongly for the fawn.

Once at work, I parked the car, got out, and headed for the office door. But, not yet finished with this morning's theme, a final wild thing caught my attention: a butterfly so naturally camouflaged it looked like a dried, brown leaf. It wasn't the most beautiful butterfly I've seen, but it was easily the most interesting.

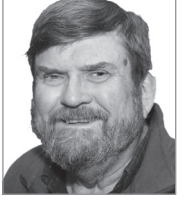
Being treated to such a unique set of scenery on such a routine morning drive had to bode well for the day, I decided, even if I don't necessarily believe such things.

Getting busy and turning my mind to more meaty matters for the next few hours, I temporarily forgot about my morning's menagerie. But as I climbed back in my car at the end of the work day to drive the morning route in reverse, it occurred to me that it had been a very good day; and whether those critters deserved it or not, I gave a generous amount of credit to the coyote, the mouse, the deer and the insect with impeccable taste in camo.



## Getting accustomed to what we're accustomed to

From time to time, I have been called a weenie, a wimp, even a softie.



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

And from time to time, I have agreed with that assessment. Sometimes that charge and my agreement have been made at the end of a long day of, for instance, cutting and splitting and stacking firewood when I have had to punch out while the other folks keep on doing their impression of the Energizer bunny. It didn't really matter that I was 20 years older than everyone else; the crime was that I was the first to quit.

Same thing for getting up hay, the square-baled kind. I have been retired from that profession for some time now and do not miss it.

When such accusations as those come up, I find I have turned into my father and tell those smart-aleck 40-year-old lads some of what he used to say to me, as in, "Just wait; you'll understand one day." He was right. I do. And so will they...one day.

And while my other two parents — Mother Nature and Father Time — have bailed out on me and left me with lousy joints, namely shoulders, knees and hips, I find lately there is another part of life where the "softie" description fits.

Granted, the physical part is a big part. When I was a younger man, I was

somewhat strong. Had pretty decent biceps from splitting wood by hand and tossing hay and carrying 5-gallon buckets of water and lifting chicken legs and ham biscuits to my mouth. Then arthritis and several surgeries set in and a different song started playing. Today I can turn the pages of books showing pictures of young men splitting wood by hand and tossing hay; I can still, however, pick up a chicken leg or biscuit.

The other part of life I have begun to notice more often lately has to do with temperature — not mine but the weather's. I do not do 90 degrees well at all. Period. And the funny thing — not funny "ha ha" but funny as in funny "interesting" — is that just like the wood splitting, at one time it never bothered me.

The last few days, with their 92 degrees and 411 percent humidity, have been a good example. And during those days, and similar ones, I have begun to look for reasons for my shortcoming and I think I have hit on a couple. Maybe you can identify with them, that is if you have similar issues.

One has to do with the fact I'm just getting older and have earned the right to fuss. One day I was having a conversation with my one of my brothers when I realized I was airing a long list of complaints. As I started listening to myself, I commented, "My soul, I'm turning into a grouchy old man." To which he said, "What do you mean, turning?"

I immediately took him off my Christmas card list and struck him with my chicken leg and biscuit.

Another reason probably has to do with the fact there is more of me to cool than there once was. A trim 44-inch spare tire around the middle requires more cool air than a 36. The distance between those two is not just eight inches but also about 40 years.

But the biggest factor of all goes back even more than those 40 years. While I am grateful to Mr. Carrier for his air-cooling machine, we've gotten so used to air conditioning that without it many of us are a bunch of whining, grouchy folks getting older and working on a spare tire or already sporting one.

When I was a youngster (there's that dreaded phrase again, the one I swore under my breath I'd never use when my parents trotted it out during my childhood days), we went for years without an air conditioner in our house or vehicle. Today's generation may find it difficult to believe but at one time, air conditioners were an option — as in "costing more money" — on new cars. If you chose not to add an A/C to your ride, you could fall back on the old standard "4-50" air conditioner — four windows down while cruising 50 miles an hour.

And as for houses, ours or anybody else's, you kept cool by throwing open all windows, preferably with screens on them, and maybe, just maybe, having a big ol' box fan you could set in one window to blow air through the house if you had a long hall. If you didn't have a long hall, the fan, sitting in the window of the room where your parents slept, was mostly an early version of the noise machines that folks use today to help babies

go to sleep. One day my dad got a bonus in his paycheck and went out and bought another box fan which he installed in my room at the other end of the hall. From there, it would pull in warm air that was cool enough at night to make a difference.

Later, he evidently got another bonus and bought a 20,000-pound air conditioner window unit which I helped him install in the dining room window on the front of our house. It was a good thing on that day that I had begun to develop some arm muscles. Later, he found a smaller used one he put in the window in my bedroom where the fan had been and that was the end of sleeping with the windows open, except for the brief periods of spring and fall when it just felt so good to do so.

When we started shutting up the house so, as my father said, we weren't "cooling the whole world," several things happened. One is I started sleeping through the night without sweating. Secondly, by shutting the window I could no longer hear the bullfrogs on Wallace Farrell's pond as I lay in bed listening to them and Jimmy Capps doing "Our Best to You" on WPTF, although I could still listen to the radio.

But mostly, and I think this may be a big part of the overall problem, I started turning into the softie I am today.

While I miss hearing the frogs, however, I think I'll stick with the A/C. Funny (interesting) what we get used to, isn't it? The life lesson here, I think, is to be careful what you start to get used to; it may stick around a long time.

# VIEWPOINTS

## LETTERS

### Coverage of Pittsboro board meeting unclear, inaccurate

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent story ("Pittsboro revisits two additional elements, passes one," June 13) about a Pittsboro Board meeting and tree requirements for Chatham Park was very (and unnecessarily) detailed but failed to explain a key issue, and then laid out an inaccurate version of events.

Much discussion since January has focused on "TCPA" — "Tree Coverage Planning (not "Protection") Area." This is not the area set aside on an individual site plan for preserved (or replanted) trees. Rather "Tree Coverage Planning Area" is a novel concept Chatham Park wants to use, that could designate hundreds or even thousands of acres, and apply the various levels of "tree coverage" required to the whole, including counting forests not yet razed as that larger area is built out.

Chatham Park Investors (CPI) has shown the board only very small scale examples, so it is significant that whenever the board tried to limit how large it could be, they met with resistance.

The article incorrectly stated that the latest definition of what and where this area can be (still whatever CPI chooses) came from Commissioner Bonitz. No. It came from Mr. Eagle, Chatham Park's attorney. Mr. Bonitz suggested three weeks ago that it be limited to the planning framework (sections) that CPI itself created in the Master Plan, and would refine in subsequent Small Area Plans. This would mean a built-in size limit and the different levels of tree coverage required for specific types of development being applied in those areas.

CPI would not have had to wait for

the first approved Small Area Plan to use this concept in the area they are developing now, as there is a draft plan for reference.

Last month, however, the board was not even allowed to discuss this concept before Chuck Smith from CPI interrupted, objected and cut them off. CPI then proposed an addition to the definition that would do none of that, and with the size to be determined in future. The defects of this proposal clearly weren't apparent then as there was no discussion at that time.

The town's attorney has stated that Chatham Park's "Elements" need to be developed "cooperatively." But it's not cooperation when Chatham Park Investors gets to veto changes they don't want to make, but the Town Board isn't given the same authority to demand changes, to veto them, or even discuss them.

Liz Cullington  
Pittsboro

### Learn from mistakes, but don't erase history

TO THE EDITOR:

After attending the first two commissioners' meeting where public input was allowed, I realized that I may have something of importance to say about the monument. I attended the commissioners' meeting on June 17. I stated to the commissioners that I had been born in Pittsboro almost 63 years ago, grew up in this county, remembered desegregation in the 8th grade, met black fellow students some of whom I'm friends with to this day, and met black teachers that earned my respect throughout my life. I realized that we witnessed racial issues in other places on television, but we didn't have those problems in Chatham County.

Later in life I operated a business that had black and Hispanic employees and never in my lifetime have I heard any comments pertaining to the statue at the courthouse. It seems only in recent years with what's being seen on the news media, that people that are relatively new to Chatham County have issues with our statue. I stated before the commissioners that I wish that while people were looking for a place to reside, that if they didn't like something about our county or our statue that they would have just kept looking for a place they would like. Shortly after my comments were completed, Commissioner [Karen] Howard said that being told to go back where you came from was not the direction that Chatham County needed. Commissioner Howard, I ask you to review the tape. I didn't say go back where you came from. I stated if our county and its statue offends you, keep looking for place you would like better. I've heard the newcomers to this county, and also Commissioner [Jim] Crawford, bring up lynchings in this county. This has not taken place in my lifetime. I was raised to have respect for all people and I've raised my children the same. Last Monday on the courthouse lawn after the meeting was over, a black man who has been a friend for many years and is a native of Chatham County, stated that there were also white men lynched in our county. Nevertheless, we need to learn from mistakes in the past, not try to erase history.

One thing I wish Chatham County citizens could have seen is Commissioner Crawford's rant at the end of the meeting, which demonstrates his personal dislike of the statue. I was shocked and consider his outburst truly unprofessional. It really showed a side of Commissioner Crawford that I have not

witnessed before. I thought county commissioners were elected to represent the citizens of Chatham, not wage their own personal vendettas. I know the commissioners' meetings are recorded and I think it can be viewed online. I would recommend Chatham citizens go online and see for themselves what took place last week.

T.C. Hudson  
Pittsboro

### Deep River bridge work? Just get the job done!

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to the bridge crossing over the Deep River on Highway 42 between Lee and Chatham counties, be advised this section of highway was closed March 5, 2018. Now, eight months past completion date, the bridge may be 35 percent complete? No construction has been performed on the site during the past three weeks.

Thousands of vehicles travel this stretch of highway daily. Businesses near the bridge outage (convenience store, automobile garages, repair shops, etc.) are losing customers, and farmers working crops on both sides of the river are having to detour. This is a financial loss these folks will never get back.

Why hasn't someone from the county, state or federal government lost their job? Are we looking at completion in 2020?

Obviously, none of our elected government officials are concerned with this road closure, or its inconvenience and expense to the citizens affected.

Time to wake up and smell the roses. Put someone in charge that will get the job done!

J.R. Hill  
Sanford

# Why are Carolina Native American tribes at war with each other?

Last week U.S. Sen. Richard Burr wrote a newspaper column criticizing the Eastern Band of the Cherokee for opposing the South Carolina-based Catawba Tribe's efforts to acquire land near Kings Mountain to build a casino. Burr also criticized the Cherokees for lobbying against full recognition for the Lumbee Tribe because they view it as a threat to their federal benefits and gaming business.



D.G. MARTIN  
One on One

In a response published in the June 23 Raleigh News & Observer, Richard Sneed, principal chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, stated, "Actually, the Eastern Band has opposed Lumbee recognition legislation for literally a century, long before tribal gaming. The Lumbees have claimed to be a Cherokee tribe

and at least three other historic tribes over the years, and their identity as an historic tribe and as individual descendants of an historic tribe has been questioned for many, many years."

So, what are the facts? Where did the Lumbee people come from? How are they different from other Native Americans and how are they alike?

Malinda Maynor Lowery, UNC-Chapel Hill associate professor of history and director of the Center for the Study of the American South, takes on this challenge in her new book, "The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle."

As a member of the Lumbee Tribe with deep family roots in the Lumbee community, Lowery brings more than scholarship to her explanation of her people's origins and history. She weaves her family's experience with the defining events in Lumbee history. The main characters in Lumbee and family history turn out to be a fascinating blend of characters, heroes and scoundrels, preach-

ers and bootleggers, lawyers and lawbreakers, and farmers, all deeply attached to the swampy lands along the Lumber River in Robeson County.

In the early 1700s, as early American Indian tribes were decimated by disease and the relentless pressure from European settlement, remnants from these groups made their way to the Lumber River (then called Downing Creek). By the 1750s, she writes, "the people of Downing Creek and its swamps knit together families and places. They traced belonging through kinship, spoke English and farmed."

Lowery cites a reports of violent action in 1773 at Downing Creek that included the names of "Chavis, Locklear, Grooms, Ivey, Sweat, Kearsy, and Dial families, all ancestors of today's Lumbees."

During and after the Civil War, Henry Berry Lowry and his gang made war on the white establishment. Though Lowry escaped punishment, a cohort, Henderson Oxendine, was cap-

tured and hanged in 1871. For his last words he sang "Amazing Grace" and "And Can I Yet Delay," an old Methodist hymn. Oxendine is Malinda Lowery's great-great-grandfather. Henry Berry Lowry is remembered and revered in the community as the Lumbee Robin Hood.

In the post-Civil War and Jim Crow times, Lumbees fought for Indian schools, state recognition, and a tribal name, finally settling on the Lumbee name in the 1950s.

One defining event in Lumbee history occurred in 1958 when a large group of Lumbees disrupted a Ku Klux Klan rally near Maxton, and chased its leaders away, gaining positive national attention for the Lumbee.

The Lumbee effort for federal recognition gained partial success in 1956 with the passage of the Lumbee Act. It recognized the tribe as Indian, but did not make its people eligible for the benefits accorded other recognized tribes.

As for the future, Lowery

closes her book with a strong argument for full recognition of the Lumbee. "Under pressure of European settlement," she write, "our ancestors abandoned many of our oldest homelaces, but having existed for nearly 300 years along the Lumber River, we will not forsake this place."

Lowery may not persuade everyone that the Lumbee Tribe should gain full recognition. But what she has shown conclusively is that the Lumbee people are entitled to respect, admiration, and appreciation for their 300-plus years struggle to build and hold their community together.

D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch," at 11 a.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Tuesdays on UNC-TV. The program also airs on the North Carolina Channel at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and other times. Malinda Maynor Lowery discusses her book and sings "Proud to be a Lumbee Indian" on North Carolina Bookwatch on June 30 and July 2.

# Public views split on government size

RALEIGH — Do most voters want government to get bigger or smaller?



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This seemingly simple question obscures a range of complexities. The answer depends, in part, on whether we are building a budget from the "top down" or the "bottom up," so to speak.

Hard-core Republican partisans tend to say government should be smaller, spend less, tax less. Hard-core Democratic partisans espouse the opposite positions. For those in the middle, whose support is necessary for either party to form a majority, their views are contextual.

If asked about government's size in general, they often lean to the fiscally conservative side. For example, Gallup has long posed this question: "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

I dislike this question. The first

option lists only individuals and businesses as potential nongovernmental actors, thus leaving out the many family, charitable, religious, and community associations that help form the voluntary sector in a free society.

Nevertheless, Gallup has asked the question routinely since the early 1990s, so one can track public sentiment over time. During some earlier periods, the conservative position far outpaced the progressive one. As recently as 2012, 61 percent said government should do less while 34 percent said it should do more.

In 2019, though, just 50 percent said it should do less vs. 44 percent who said it should do more. Allocating the undecideds proportionally yields a majority, albeit only a bare majority, favoring the conservative side.

That's if voters are asked about government in general. What if, instead, they are asked whether public expenditures ought to go up for specific programs? This "bottom up" approach to divining public sentiment about government yields a rather different answer.

In a March 2019 survey by the Pew Research Center, respondents were asked whether funding should

increase, decrease, or stay the same for a host of expenditure categories. In no case did more than 28 percent say spending should go down. A majority favored increasing expenditures in such areas as education (72 percent), veterans benefits (72 percent), infrastructure (62 percent), and Medicare (55 percent). Surveys of public sentiment about state-level expenditures usually produce similar outcomes.

For both sets of findings — majority support for fiscal restraint in general and majority support for increased spending in particular — you can see the usual patterns in the cross-tabulations. The Republican base overwhelmingly takes the conservative side in both cases. The Democratic base overwhelmingly takes the progressive side. The respondents who change sides, depending on the nature of the question, are the "soft" Ds and Rs as well as true swing voters.

Their ambivalence isn't so hard to understand. Don't you feel that way about your own household budget? On the one hand, you'd like to buy a house with more room, or take more trips, or give your children some opportunities you didn't have growing up. On the other hand, you have to keep your overall spending in line

with your income or risk ruinous debt.

In the short run, at least, you have to learn to say "no," including to yourself. In the long run, you or other family members may seek other employment to raise the overall cap on your household expenditures, so you can accommodate increases in some areas without having to exact equivalent reductions in others.

Government budgeting is more challenging precisely because the costs and benefits aren't directly aligned. Even if you expect spending hikes to result in higher taxes, you might rationally expect to get more from the enhanced program than you will pay in additional taxes. That inherent bias in favor of spending more is precisely why I and other fiscal conservatives advocate tight, constitutional limitations on how fast government can grow. We think the "top-down" model for budgeting is more relevant than the "bottom-up" question. Progressive disagree. And so it goes.

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# VINEYARD: Plans to increase production from 700 to 2,500 cases a year

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farming, my dad grew up on a farm, and he always had a tractor service. I had my own bees and started making mead. We also had grapes and I always liked wine so I tried making my own."

Mitran began entering and winning awards in the amateur category at the N.C. State Fair — first his meads, which he said "gave him a lot of confidence," then his homemade wines. His father and Steve Thiedke, who are also partners in FireClay Cellars, opened a software company in Cary in 1987. As Mitran's awards began to accumulate and the N.C. Wine boom began in earnest, the three set out to find the perfect property for a vineyard and winery.

"About 10 years ago, Shelton [Vineyards] had opened [in the Yadkin Valley in North Carolina] and was growing," Mitran said. "I realized you can make a really good dry wine in North Carolina, not just sweet ones."

He began getting interested in hybrid European grapes, which he says are disease-resistant and hold their acidity. The hybrids were developed mostly by University of California-Davis for the wine scene there, but Mitran says "they were made for this area."

After researching several possible locations, the 16-acre Bowers Store Road property was acquired by the partners in 2012. Several different varieties of grapes were planted and, over time, the best and hardiest were selected. After about two years after planting, Mitran began harvesting and taking some of the crop to make homemade wine — practicing and entering amateur competitions — but sold most of the rest of the grapes.

"At one point we just said, 'hey, we put too much into this,'" and they began in earnest building toward wine-making commercially and opening the vineyard. They began designing the tasting room and wine-making facility. In 2017, Mitran and his partners began harvesting the grapes to process at Windsor Run Winery in Hamptonville, a "custom crush" production arrangement, to be made into wine. Mitran noted that he wanted to be sure they would have wine to sell as soon as the tasting room was open.

It takes one year to make white wine and two years to make red wine from harvest to market. White grapes are harvested in August with the reds reaped in September. The grapes are harvested first thing in the morning to preserve all the aroma of the grapes, are then weighed, then put into a de-stemmer. They are then moved into a press to squeeze out all the juice before being moved to giant vats. During the week or so after picking, juice must be drained off into another vat every 10 or 12 hours. After that, it remains in the vats, depending on how long Mitran wants the juice to ferment. After about a year, the whites are ready to sell while the reds are placed in French oak barrels to age for at least one more year.

The tasting room and winemaking facility opened in September 2018. Mitran notes that they were able to get in their last harvest just in time before last year's hurricanes hit the county. The team had just finished pressing the last of the red grapes when the power went out during one of the storms.

"Setting everything up and using it yourself is different [than doing it at Windsor Run Winery]," Mitran said. "We do everything by hand. This means we can be meticulous through the process."

For Mitran, everything is about attention to detail — from maintaining the vineyards, choosing the grapes, making the wines, and even the barrels in which he chooses to age the wine.

"You actually have to taste the wine," he continued. "There's no formula so you have to taste it. Grapes are different, whether it's the type of



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Every other Wednesday, FireClay Cellars hosts a Women Wine on Wednesday organized by Zoann Adams.

grapes or the same grapes from year to year. You have to take measurements, taste, and decide. Those decisions are the balance."

Mitran notes that someone can taste FireClay's 2017 and 2018 White Blends side-by-side and taste the difference, even though they use the same grapes.

"They are made the same but taste completely different," he said. "The 2017 is fruitier with hints of grapefruit, while the 2018 has a lemon citrus flavor more like a Chardonnay."

FireClay Cellars currently sells seven wines, though two are not made by Mitran. The White Blend contains juice from Chardonnay, Traminette, and Seyval Blanc grapes grown on the vineyard. The 2017 is a smooth, dry white wine with citrus, tropical fruit and honey-suckle notes. The 2018 is dry blend that's crisp and light with fresh citrus, apple blossom, and soft minerality lead to a clean finish with hints of white pepper and honeydew melon. The 2017 White Blend has won awards at the N.C. State Fair and the N.C. Fine Wine Society.

FireClay also has a Red Blend made with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Tannat and Chambourcin grapes. The 2016 — they will be bottling 2017 this year — is a Bordeaux-style, dry red wine with earthy notes of black raspberry and dark plum aged for 18 months in oak barrels. The 2016 Red Blend won silver at the N.C. State Fair last year. The winery also sells a Chambourcin wine, perhaps its most highly-awarded wine, from the 2016 harvest. This wine is a dry and full-bodied red with soft tannins, similar to a Cabernet. It is well-balanced with notes of cherry, plum, and lavender. This wine won awards at both the N.C. State Fair and the N.C. Fine Wine Society.

"I love the new white because its drier," customer Chatherine Faulkner, a Chatham County resident said. "I like the red, but I love the Chambourcin."

This year, the vineyard is introducing a Cabernet Franc Rosé, the first wine it created and bottled at the facility. It's a very light, off-dry wine with hints of blood orange and strawberry. FireClay also sells two sweet wines not made by Mitran, an effort to ensure there is something for anyone's palate. The Valvin Muscat is a 2017 wine made from an ancient grape related to Moscato. This lightly sweet wine has hints of peach, honey and orange blossom balanced with moderate acidity. The 2017 Honey Apple is a unique wine is made from a blend of N.C. apple cider and honey. It is spiced with cinnamon, cloves, and a touch of sweetness.

FireClay Cellars is producing about 700 cases a year of wine, but Mitran hopes when the planned eight acres are fully planted to be able to produce 2,500 cases a year.

The tasting room is open on Saturdays and Sundays, but on every other Wednesday, the vineyard holds a "Wine Wednesday for Women" event organized by Siler



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Erik Mitran is an award-winning winemaker. He says he loves it because "it blends science and art."

City native Zoann Adams. "I came in March for a tasting and fell in love," Adams said.

Every other week, about 15 to 20 women come to the event, which is exclusively for women to have a place to unwind. In fact, Adams noted that at one event someone didn't realize that it was women-only and brought their husband. He sat dutifully on the front porch the whole time.

In addition to tastings on the weekend, FireClay Cellars is hosting an event June 30 for Siler City's Oasis Fresh Market and Deli, which has created a menu in partnership with Smithview Farm and Angelina's Kitchen, both of Pittsboro.

"We have partnered with the best of Chatham to bring you East meets West of our bountiful county," according to the event's website. "Oasis Fresh Market and Deli has created a menu in partnership with Smithview Farm and Angelina's Kitchen showcasing other Chatham producers, to bring you a wine tasting menu that is truly farm to fork."

The menu will consist of open flame grass-fed skewered beef tips, grilled flame skewered and seared lightly seasoned chicken, spanakopita, layered phyllo dough stuffed with spinach and feta, crudité of locally grown vegetables served with Oasis Hummus, artisan mini loaves baked by Michael's Breads served with the Oasis' Celebratory Dairy goat cheese blended with apricots and mandarin oranges, and handmade filled chocolates by Better Then Sliced Bread. A paired glass of wine will be included with the meal. There will be recommended pairings or guests can sample some the wines to create their own pairing. The cost of the ticket is \$30 and must be purchased in advance. The event will be held in the tasting room from 4:30-8 p.m. at FireClay. The food will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. with Oasis Staff Serving. For more information on the event, visit [www.oasis-freshmarket.com](http://www.oasis-freshmarket.com).

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## FireClay Cellars

### Awards

2016 Chambourcin - Double Gold at N.C. State Fair, 2018

2016 Chambourcin - Bronze at N.C. Fine Wine, 2019 (commercial award)

2016 Red Blend - Silver at N.C. State Fair, 2018

2017 White Blend - Silver at N.C. State Fair, 2018

2017 White Blend - Bronze at N.C. Fine Wine, 2019 (commercial award)

### Hours

**SATURDAYS:** noon to 6 p.m.

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Andrei Mitran, one of the owners of FireClay Cellars, performs a tasting with one of the white blends.

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# OBITUARIES

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## KATHLEEN JONES COOK

Kathleen Jones Cook, 87, of Siler City died Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Mrs. Cook was born in Chatham County on October 19, 1931, the daughter of Kenny and Pearl (Johnson) Jones.

Everyone knew her as "Ma". Ma was a special lady to many. She was married to her one and only true love Ulys for 67 years. Ma loved her husband and missed him since the day he passed away. She loved her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with all her heart. Ma spent years raising her children and grandchildren and then helped raise her great-grandchildren. Ma loved her garden, even up to a few weeks ago wanting her garden plowed. She spent countless hours in her garden and in her flowers. Ma enjoyed baking cakes and donating them to church auctions. Ma could always make the best biscuits, she always had biscuits on the table. Ma taught all her family to love one another and to always be there for each other.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, Ulys Cook and her parents.

She is survived by daughter, Joan Cook Harris and husband Lon; sons, Rocky Cook and wife Phyllis and Elton Cook and wife Sandra; grandchildren, Phillip Cook and wife Kristina, Beverly Cook Fields, Andrea Smith, Rodney Cook and wife Natasha, Chris Cook and wife Ginger, Heather Brown and husband Chris, Christine Presley and husband John, Lonnie Harris and wife Katie; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

The funeral will be Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 11 a.m. at South Fork Friends Meeting, 359 South Fork-Bethel Road, Snow Camp with Pastor Andrew Needham and Rev. Bob Wachs officiating. Burial will follow in Big Meadows Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Pittsboro.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## CHARM F. BRAXTON

Mr. Charm F. Braxton passed away unexpectedly on June 23, 2019 at the age of 85.

Born September 24, 1933 in Alamance County to the late William A. Braxton and Ida M. Braxton, he was a resident of Pittsboro.

Charm was best known as a husband, father, brother and friend. His love for life and those around him was evident. He loved playing golf, especially at the Sanford Municipal Golf Course.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Annie Faye Braxton; his son, Jerry Braxton; his daughter, Janet Braxton; and his sister, Pheobia B. Mann.

The family received friends and guests from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at Donaldson Funeral Home and Cremation; 396 West Street, Pittsboro.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Chatham Memorial Park in Siler City.

## WILLIAM CROWELL

Mr. William Henry Crowell, Jr., of Cameron passed on Thursday, June 21, 2019 at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

## ANDRES GARCIA SALGADO

Andres Garcia Salgado, 71, of Broadway passed on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

## WAYNE EDWARD WELCH

Mr. Wayne Edward Welch, 74, of Bennett, passed away Tues-

day, June 18, 2019 at his home.

The funeral was held at Bennett Baptist Church, where he was a member, on Friday, June 21, at 3 p.m. with Pastor Edwin Moore officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Wayne was born July 21, 1944 to Mandy Welch. He was retired from RamTex. In addition to his mother, Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Ann Kidd Welch.

He is survived by his sons, Tommy Welch and David Welch, both of Bennett; and one grandson.

Condolences may be offered online at: [www.joycebrady-chapel.com](http://www.joycebrady-chapel.com).

# Pittsboro board approves town budget, Chatham Park ordinance amendments

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — In a 3.5-hour meeting filled with a pattern of stretches of pure silence and brief clashes between staff and elected officials, the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners on Monday unanimously passed the town's fiscal year 2019-2020 budget as well as amendments to the Open Space Element of Chatham Park's master plan.

The \$5.18-million budget, which did not include a property tax increase, was approved with a few amendments from its original draft, including \$66,300 for a new generator for Town Hall — money pulled from last year's spending plan — and an additional \$13,100 for the Main Street Facade Improvement grant program.

The generator was necessary, according to Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck, because the town plans to still use the current building on East Street after the new Town Hall building in downtown is finished, "in all likelihood (for) police."

Staff and Commissioner Michael Fiocco clashed briefly over the increase to the facade grant program. Fiocco proposed allocating the money that wasn't used in the FY 18-19 budget to the next budget.

"Main Street's going to return to the town more than \$13,000 at the end of this fiscal year," he said.

"I'm just asking to roll it back into the program. We are having momentum. There are folks that were previously not interested, but they're coming around as of late."

The final numbers for this fiscal year aren't available as of yet, but the fund only paid out \$850 in 2017-18 and allocated \$15,000 this current year, meaning that it has only distributed \$1,900 in 2018-19.

Gruesbeck expressed concern that this would pull the town's draw from its General Fund Balance — something like a savings account for the town where unspent money is deposited at the end of each fiscal year — over \$100,000.

"We've worked pretty hard over the past few years to keep our financial position in pretty good shape so we can do things, like build town halls," he said. "If we do this enough, we wouldn't be able to do that."

Fiocco persisted and the budget was passed with that amendment. As with previous years, unspent funds in that line item will go back into the General Fund reserve at the end of FY 2019-20.

After a discussion that took almost an hour, the board also unanimously approved amendments to the Chatham Park Open Space Element. The element, which had been passed in 2017, was the subject of an amendment from Chatham Park as a requirement of a settlement between the N.C. Dept. of Environmental

Quality, the town and Chatham Park reached early last month.

Mayor Cindy Perry opened the discussion to two minutes of silence, starting a repeated pattern. A commissioner, usually John Bonitz or Bett Wilson Foley, would bring up a concern, and Chatham Park's representatives would respond. At one point, Bonitz said he had many questions but needed more time to put together his thoughts.

Fiocco proposed two minor language changes — which Chatham Park lawyer Ken Eagle said he wanted to bring up anyway.

Repeating something she asked earlier, Foley concluded the conversation by saying she wanted an additional 700-foot riparian buffer — the space between a stream and development — to the already-agreed upon 300-foot buffer along the Haw River to help ensure 35 percent retention of existing trees within 2,000 feet of the river. Both Eagle and Fiocco remarked that Chatham Park had already handled that 35 percent figure in the Tree Protection Element and that adding another buffer wouldn't change that figure.

The vote was 5-0, with Foley and Bonitz's silence during the voting meaning approval.

Finally, there was another staff-elected official clash early in the meeting regarding an annexation request from Chatham Concrete LLC regarding their proposed

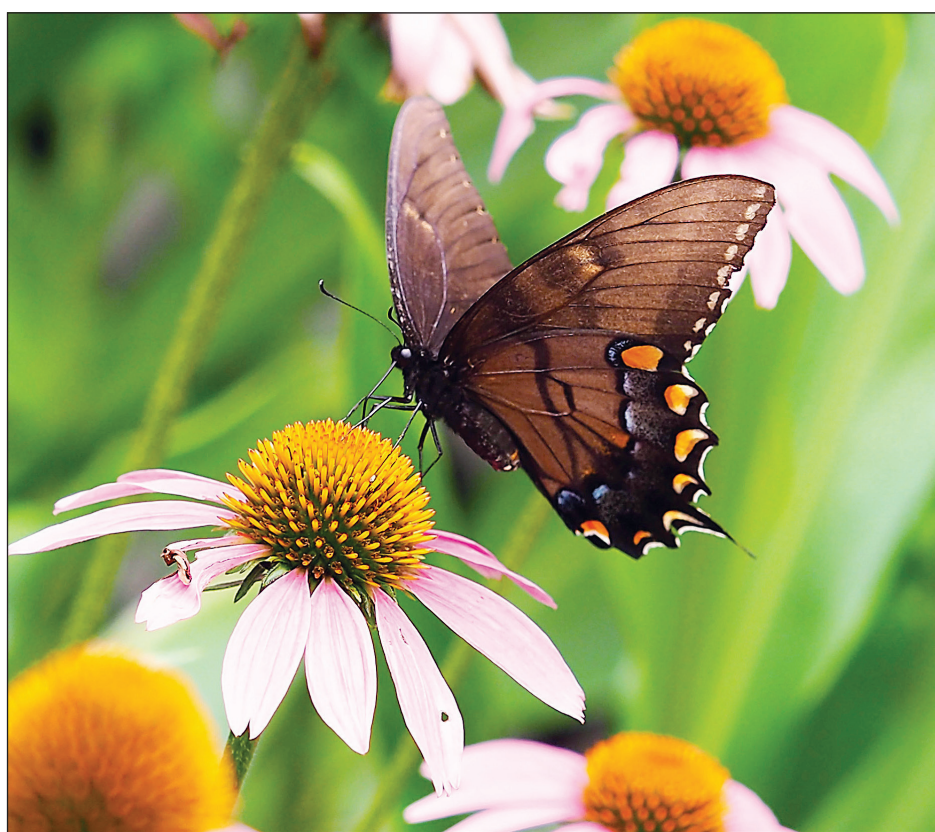
site on Pittsboro Moncure Road. After a couple of citizens spoke out against the site during the public hearing — which was purely on annexing the land into the town, not a site plan — Bonitz asked why Chatham Concrete had decided to locate on the land.

Planning Director Jeff Jones said he didn't know. Bonitz wondered aloud if the planning department should know that. With a hint of exasperation,

Jones said it wasn't the department's job.

"It is not the staff's responsibility to pick and choose and ask the questions of a property owner," he said. "Our job is to go through and technically review those plans. Our job is not to ask those questions."

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# Roberson's department works to 'keep the peace' and much more

Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson has lived in Chatham County his entire life, meeting his wife Annette when he was in the first grade. "I love our home and believe we live in the best place in the world," he says. Roberson was elected sheriff in 2018 after having been appointed to the position in 2016. He previously served as a firefighter and paramedic, juvenile officer, jail administrator and chief deputy. He and Annette have two children. In this week's ch@t feature, Roberson discusses the work of his department, the challenges of crime prevention in Chatham County, and the programs his department uses to build community relationships — plus, how he reacted when a local student saw him at school and said, "Don't shoot!"



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**Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson and wife Annette pose at the Goldston Fire Department during the Sheriff's Department's Chicken Tender Fundraiser for Special Olympics NC.**

**Let's start with the office and duties of the sheriff... It's the only constitutionally-mandated position in each county in North Carolina. What kinds of work falls within your office's responsibility other than "traditional" law enforcement work, and how do you balance that work with the office's other responsibilities?**

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for four primary duties: operation of the jail, opening and closing court, civil process, and keeping the peace. As you mention, traditional law enforcement is only a small piece of what we do as an agency. We do a lot of problem solving and our ultimate goal is crime prevention — because any response is already too late.

"Keeping the Peace" includes crime prevention, like the work we do on patrol, in the schools, investigations, and drug-related enforcement. We answer 911 hang-up calls, perform house and business checks, and

spend as much time as possible engaging with the community to deter crime and build positive relationships.

We balance the workload and expectations by prioritizing and planning as much as we can. When responding to calls, crimes in progress (or active emergencies) are considered top priority. Crimes against people, especially violent crime, are assigned greater priority than property crimes, and so on. We also manage the timely service of civil papers and mental health transports, maintain safe and secure conditions for inmates while providing for their physical and mental health needs, and so much more. I'm extremely proud of my staff for the work they do!

**When it comes to law enforcement, crime prevention and helping to prosecute crimes, what kinds of unique challenges does Chatham County — with its large**

**geographic area and small municipalities — present to you and your office?**

Because Chatham County covers such a large area, there can be wide distances between calls. It takes roughly an hour and fifteen minutes to drive from corner to corner, so we've broken the county into individual coverage zones. Each patrol deputy is responsible for covering an average of 140 square miles within a zone. We also assist other agencies who may be operating within those zones, such as city police, State Parks, State Highway Patrol and N.C. Wildlife personnel.

Some parts of the county are extremely rural while others are very urban and highly populated. The diversity of Chatham County also brings diverse expectations and understandings of what a Sheriff's Office does or should do. Towns may have additional resources that unincorporated



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Sheriff's Office

**Mike Roberson**

areas do not, so it takes a lot of teamwork and collaboration to offer the best emergency response to those who need it regardless of where they are located. My staff does a great job as evidenced by our low crime rate. We are currently the 15th safest county in the state!

**There's been a lot of discussion about the opioid crisis. Can you talk about opioids and illicit drugs in general, and about what your deputies are seeing and working against in Chatham County?**

In Chatham County, we began feeling the true impact of the national opioid epidemic only recently. Drug activity has been on the rise in recent months and we are actively working to combat those issues. The epidemic began with prescription pills and is now transitioning to hard drugs, like heroin, as pills become harder to obtain.

We teamed up with the Chatham County Health Department in 2016 to create the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances, which has allowed us to join forces with other first responders, health-care providers, schools, medical practitioners, non-profits, pharmacies, and other community partners to share resources and shape response to

the crisis. We have taken a holistic approach surrounding drug addiction, involving mitigation, education, enforcement and treatment. Thanks to this partnership, all patrol deputies carry the opioid reversal drug Narcan in their vehicles.

Right now, Chatham County is seeing an increase in cocaine laced with fentanyl, which can be highly addictive and even lethal. We are also seeing methamphetamine usage in some areas, and needle use brings the collateral threat of hepatitis and HIV. We are actively partnering with federal and surrounding agencies to share information and resources in order to effectively combat these issues.

**Your office is heavily engaged in a wide variety of programs in Chatham County and you're all visible in the county, engaging with the citizenry. Why is this important?**

To prevent crime and build positive relationships. Relationships allow for free information exchange, but only if residents feel comfortable approaching deputies. These relationships are not built overnight and cannot be built in a crisis. It's vital that the public sees deputies as humans who are fallible, passionate, empathetic and professional.

It is also beneficial for our staff to see community members as more than a call for assistance. It's an opportunity to engage with residents when they are not in an emergency situation, which creates a completely different dynamic.

I was reminded of the importance of community engagement while visiting a middle school. I was high-fiving students when a young male saw me and threw his hands against the wall yelling, "Don't shoot!" I thought he was joking until I saw the fear in his eyes. Fear

of law enforcement was his reality, but that isn't his fault — it's our fault for not sharing the whole story about who we are and what we stand for. If all that gets publicized or talked about is negativity, violence and disparity, that's how the public will think we operate. It's our responsibility to share the positive work we do in the community.

**Chatham is an extraordinarily diverse county, particularly when you consider the rural nature of the western side and the growth and expansion of the eastern side. Is your office having to make changes or adaptations, or do you anticipate making any, as this growth occurs, and the diversity continues to be so prevalent?**

We need more patrol deputies! However, because the crime rate in Chatham County remains low, it is difficult to justify the need for more manpower and obtain necessary funding. I believe the growing population should be considered, especially if we want to keep our low crime rate. It takes a minimum of two deputies per 1,000 people to maintain the current level of services, and more than that to provide for the growing expectations of the public.

All areas of our office will need to grow as the overall population increases. Last year, we answered more than 27,000 calls for service. We averaged one call every 19 minutes, 24/7!

We are currently bringing residents together and creating meaningful dialogue through the S.T.A.R. (Sheriff's Training Academy for Residents) Program and Community Appreciation Night, but we also anticipate changes in public expectation of how we communicate and share information as we progress.

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CHURCH NEWS

LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School will be held at Loves Creek Baptist Church from 6:15 until 8:30 p.m., Sunday, July 7 through Thursday, July 11. Pre-schoolers through rising 7th graders will be welcome.

This year's theme will be Christmas in July, Unwrapping the Greatest Gift of All. Bible lessons, music, games, and refreshments for each age group.

Join us and be blessed. The church is located at 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City.

JORDAN GROVE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

All ages are invited to Jordan Grove A.M.E. Zion Church for Vacation Bible School from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 26 through Friday, June 28. The theme is "Super Training University with Jesus."

There will be Bible Study, fun activities and delicious food. Join us. It will be a delight to have you fellowship with us.

The church is located at 3106 West Third Street, Siler City.

CHURCH OF GOD

We will celebrate Pastor

Earl Little's anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 30 at the Church of God, located at 909 South Chatham Avenue, Siler City. Come be part of this event. All are welcome.

HOLY TRINITY UNITED HOLY CHURCH

Holy Trinity United Holy Church will celebrate its 113th church anniversary on Sunday, June 30. The morning message will be given by Pastor Joseph Robertson. The 3 p.m. speaker is former pastor, Bishop Elijah Williams of Reidsville. Please be a part of this celebration.

MT. CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

The 5th Sunday Fellowship Service of the Mt. Sinai churches will be held at Mt. Calvary Holy Church on Sunday, June 30, with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 578 Stockyard Road, Siler City. You are invited to join us.

MARTHA'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The community is invited to step back in time and join us at Martha's

Chapel Christian Church for an old fashioned Gospel Singing beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, featuring the group Glory Bound Way from Four Oaks. Light refreshments will be served.

Directions can be found at: <http://marthaschapel.com/home.html>.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

Firechosen Ministries invites you to join us as we celebrate our beloved Pastor Sam Robinson at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 at the Stevens Center. The guest preacher will be Dr. Joe Stevenson of Macedonia New Life Church in Raleigh.

For more information, contact Firechosen Administration at 919-935-1755 or email: [Firechosen@hotmail.com](mailto:Firechosen@hotmail.com). We look forward to you celebrating with us! We are located at 1576 Kelly Drive, Sanford.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

The 5th Sunday Celebration will be held at 11 a.m. June 30 at the House of Prayer Fellowship Church. Elder Lillie Goldston will be the speaker.

All are invited. The church is located at 549 Horton Road, Goldston.

MATHEWSON GRADUATES

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Jared Christopher Mathewson graduated from N.C.S.U. College of Humanities and Social Sciences with a Bachelor of Science in History and he graduated from the College of Sciences with a

Bachelors Degree in Genetics. He was a University Scholar and graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a final GPA of 3.681.

Jared, a graduate of Chatham Central High School is the son of Christopher James Mathewson and Amy Bell Mathewson.

Chatham Promise already flush with applicants

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Mark Hall said he expected a good number of applicants for the first year of Central Carolina Community College's Chatham Promise program.

But the 170 applications he's received so far, all from recent graduates of Chatham County public high schools, surprised him.

"I'm a little bit surprised that there are this many this early, but I'm also happy to see that," said Hall, the college's provost. "That means there are that many students wanting to take this route in their education."

The deadline to apply for the program is July 19, just under a month away, but the college has already seen early excitement

for it. Chatham Promise will provide free tuition and fees for Chatham County public, private and homeschooled high school graduates who completed the Career and College Promise program — with exceptions for 2019 and 2020 grads — and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and CCCC Foundation scholarship application.

Hall said the college held an open house/registration event last week that was slated to go from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"People showed up at 9 o'clock, and I helped the last student at 5:30," he said.

The Chatham County government is contributing \$200,000 for the program's first year as part of its fiscal year 2019-20 budget. County Manager Dan LaMontagne praised the program in his budget message, writing

that "by extending a college education to those who may not have been able to obtain it," Chatham Promise "will provide equitable access to a high quality education for all."

To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, visit [cccc.edu/promise/chatham](http://cccc.edu/promise/chatham). CCCC has similar programs for its campuses in Lee and Harnett counties as well.

Hall said "it's not too late" for prospective applicants, but encouraged them to not wait. "I think we're getting a lot of response this year," he said. "Get it in there now so you can get the courses that you need so you can graduate on time and move on to the next phase in your life."

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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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Chatham COA planning August clergy summit on aging

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

As part of its effort to reach more seniors with resources on aging well, the Chatham Council on Aging is preparing to turn to a new group: religious leaders.

The COA is hosting a clergy summit on August 12 at the Chatham County Agricultural and Conference Center in Pittsboro. The effort is being co-led by Blaise Mercandante, a student at Duke Divinity School and a summer intern with the COA.

Mercandante told the News + Record that pastors and religious leaders often play a big role in the life of seniors, but may not know what's available to them to help the aging population.

"Churches increasingly are finding their congregations to be older and older," he said. "You're going to see most of the people in the church have white hair. (Pastors) are the people that people trust. But when we talk to the pastors, they seem

to be unaware of what resources are available and may not be related to their denomination and specific to the church."

According to the Pew Research Center, adults 50 and over make up 52 percent of the Americans that attend religious services once a week, compared to 17 percent of 18-29 year-olds and 32 percent of 30-49 year-olds. With Chatham County's aging cohort increasing — 41 percent of the county's population is expected to be 60 or older by 2036 — the COA is taking multiple approaches to reach that group with resources and help.

Dennis Streets, the agency's executive director, said he's always been "impressed" by how involved older adults have been with faith communities, and sees religious groups as an important part of serving that demographic. He said churches have taken over Meals on Wheels routes from the agency and that religious groups often help with home

repair projects.

"I have always been a firm believer that a partnership between the faith communities and our public and private nonprofit agencies is vital," he said. "It takes all of us to help meet the needs. There will never be enough public funds."

The summit is designed to kickstart bringing "the faith-based community into alignment with other service providers" helping the aging population, Mercandante said. Breakfast will be provided at the event, which is currently scheduled to start

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## WAGNER: New police chief vows to be 'open and available to all citizens'

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like his grandson, was a police officer, walking a beat for years for the City of Norfolk. He's even got some of his grandfather's old police equipment on display.

One memento, in particular, resonates with the new chief.

"That's Eric Sutphin," he said, pointing to the portrait of his former partner of nearly six years. "He died August 21, 2006. He was ambushed. Shot and killed. I have his picture up there because every day, when these guys and gals get dressed for duty across our country, they run that risk of not coming home. The day Eric died, he had twin girls, age seven."

Next to the photo is Sutphin's police hat.

"Every day, I look at that hat — he wore it religiously — and I know: don't take anything for granted," Wagner said.

"I start my day from a bent knee. I pray for my officers to keep them safe and for all law enforcement officers and their families."

Wagner, who has committed himself to serving the next five years as Siler City's police chief, said he aims in his new job to be "open and available to all citizens. I'm going to remain committed to our citizens, my staff and the profession."

A priority early on for the new chief is meeting individually with his officers. Wagner oversees a staff of 21 sworn officers and in his initial weeks on the job he's spending time with each, to get to know them better and to learn "what's broken, what's great."

"It's very important for me to get to know these officers," he said. "I want to hear them. I'm a professional listener because they're the boots on the ground and they're going

to tell me how things are going; if they're going well, or if they're not."

In the coming months, Wagner aims to fill four vacancies in the department.

"That doesn't sound like a lot. Four positions," Wagner said. "But that's a lot to this department because when I'm short a Sergeant, that means the Lieutenant is pulling double duty. And if I'm short a Lieutenant, my patrolman is pulling double duty."

A fully-staffed department also more readily allows officers to schedule additional training and take needed time off, Wagner said.

He said his first job in law enforcement was with an agency with 42 officers; when he left, the department had grown to include 150 officers.

"So I know some of the challenges, as far as growing a department," he said. "I think there's a

great opportunity here in Siler City."

Wagner said he's happy to be living and working here.

"I love Siler City," he said. "The community is very supportive of the police department. And all the staff I've worked with so far and through the hiring process, they're extremely committed to the job."

In addition to his work in law enforcement, Wagner also served in the U.S. Army and Army National Guard for 13 years. He earned a Master's Degree in Human Services and Executive Leadership from Liberty University; and he's a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's 132nd Session of the Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville.

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Staff photo by Randall Rigsbee

Mike Wagner, Siler City's new police chief, has been on the job since June 3. He's been busy getting to know his new community, introducing himself to merchants throughout town, and meeting individually with his staff of 21 sworn officers.

## COAL: Residents concerned about water quality can seek lab tests

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tal Protection Agency.

Charah began monitoring the groundwater at the Brickhaven site in August 2015 prior to the transportation of any coal ash. Ever since, the company is required by permit to sample its surface and groundwater twice a year and submit those monitoring data reports to DEQ's Division of Waste Management, according to Laura Leonard, public information officer for the division. According to Leonard, there are eight compliance (down-gradient from the site) wells and two background (up-gradient from the site) wells that require testing at the Brickhaven site.

In a June 21 letter from Elizabeth Werner, a hydrogeologist with DEQ's Division of Waste Management, to Charah's Environmental Manager Norman Divers, Werner notes "there are exceedances of groundwater standards established in 15A NCAC 2L .0202 (2L Standards) and surface water standards established in 15A NCAC 2B .0211 and .0216 (2B Standards) at the Brickhaven No. 2 Mine Structural Fill."

The letter instructs Charah to "acquire the services of a North Carolina licensed professional geologist and submit a groundwater and surface water assessment work plan." The work plan needs to include the facility conducting "an assessment investigation and may require corrective action based on the findings of the assessment."

That indicates Charah must bring in a consultant to determine where and how the containments are getting into the groundwater; Charah must have a plan to DEQ within 60 days of the letter.

The letter is what is termed a "regulatory" letter, rather than a "violation" letter.

"It is a regulatory letter because the source of the exceedances is still being determined," Leonard said. "If the source is found to be the structural



File photo

Coal ash from two Duke Energy sites in North Carolina are be transported by train to the Brickhaven site in Moncure. Tests earlier this year show elevated levels of heavy metal in the groundwater at the site.

fill [coal ash], then the company will be in violation of 2L Standards and will be required to perform corrective action."

Therese Vick, a spokesman for the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, said the notification is an indication of problems at Brickhaven.

"They've made a huge mess out there and what's going to be done about it," Vick said in response to the order. "Chatham County residents deserve an explanation. We don't want this happening to any other community."

In 2015, the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and other advocacy groups in Chatham and Lee counties filed a legal challenge against DEQ and continue to oppose the projects through the Office of Administrative Hearings. The first administrative judge ruled in favor of Duke Energy and Charah, a decision that was appealed. Superior Court Judge Carl Fox then ruled against Duke and Charah, a ruling the two entities appealed. The Court of Appeals issued a stay, permitting the company to continue sending coal ash to Moncure while the parties again fight it out in administrative court.

Vick said the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League is working to "ensure that the department is fully transparent in this process

and keeps the community apprised." They are also "exploring other options" as well. Vick notes that their greatest concern "besides the environmental and the impact on groundwater is the impact on the community."

All parties note that these metals could be naturally occurring, but the "requirement for additional assessment work outlined in the June 21, 2019, letter from DEQ to Charah will help to identify potential sources," Leonard said.

"It's hard to know if it's naturally occurring or not," Vick said. "The [Brickhaven] site was industrial before. But they've had changes from the background testing that needs to be addressed."

In the meantime, residents who are concerned about the quality of their drinking water can always have the water tested by a certified laboratory, Leonard noted. A recent study conducted by Andrew George, Community Engagement Coordinator for UNC-Chapel Hill's Environment, Ecology, and Energy Program, found that 51 percent of Chatham County wells tested had levels of Chromium-6 that were above N.C. Health Goal standards, and that 84 percent of the wells contained high levels of vanadium. While that study has not yet determined a source for those con-

tainments, George notes that filters work well on most of these metals and containments. Reverse osmosis systems, which

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TERESE VICK, a spokesman for the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

are whole house systems, will remove many of these heavy metals. For other filter systems, such as pitcher filters or sink filters, George said 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.

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Opposition to the coal ash site at Brickhaven filed lawsuits to prevent the operation. Here, a group of activists protest coal ash at the annual HKonJ event in Raleigh.

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## Northwood's Fines makes the long journey back to the mound - in Russia



Submitted photos

**Woods Fines strikes a pose in front of the legendary St. Basil's Cathedral in Red Square in Moscow. Fines, a former Northwood star and Tampa Bay Devil Ray organization pitcher, was part of the team from Kaunas County, Lithuania, competing in the Confederation of European Baseball's 2019 Federations Cup Qualifier in Moscow.**

**BY DON BEANE**  
News + Record Staff

MOSCOW — The game of baseball has led Woods Fines around the world — literally.

Fines, a Pittsboro native and former Northwood star, just returned home to Charlotte last week after competing for team Kaunas County, Lithuania, in the Confederation of European Baseball's 2019 Federations Cup Qualifier in Moscow, Russia.

Needless to say Fines, now 33, described the trip as an incredible experience.

"The entire trip was an incredible experience, from playing the game of baseball that I love so much and that's been such a big part of my life, to meeting and spending time with new teammates from other parts of the world. It was just an awesome opportunity and I'm so glad I finally took advantage of it," Fines said from Charlotte on Monday.

Fines said Moscow itself was worth the trip.

"Moscow is such a beautiful city, so clean, so deep in history. From the art and architecture to visiting Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, to the food and atmosphere, we couldn't have asked for a better host city for the tournament."

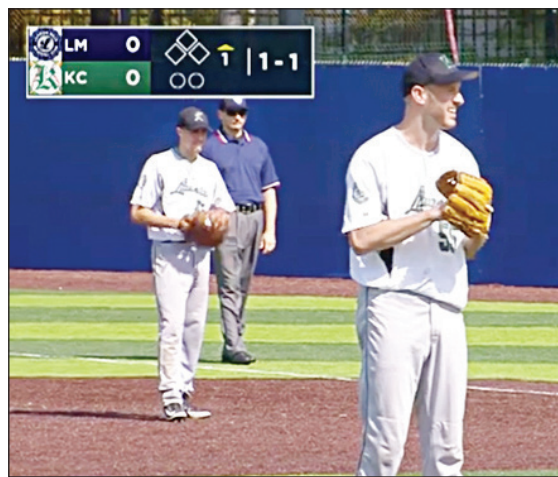
Fines, who was a star Little League player for East Chatham before being a standout on the mound at Northwood, and then a year at Louisburg College, spent five seasons with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' organization. But injuries sidetracked a promising career and ended his childhood dream of making it to the big leagues.

"I was drafted in 2005 and played with the Devil Rays organization until 2010 when I voluntarily retired," recalled Fines. "It was a tough decision, but three consecutive elbow surgeries really took a lot out of me physically."

But Fines could not walk away just yet from his dream and decided to give it one more shot.

"I worked hard at it and chose to come back in 2012, signing to play in the Independent League in Abilene, Texas," he said. "I would show spurts of my old self on the mound, but I couldn't do consistently what I wanted to, and decided that if my arm wasn't going to give me a shot at the big leagues, then I didn't want all the long bus rides again."

Fines returned home to Pittsboro, then moved to Charlotte to go to school and work, and quickly joined a local men's baseball league.



**Woods Fines gets a sign from the catcher at the 2019 Federations Cup Qualifier last week in Moscow. Fines hurled Kaunas County, Lithuania, to its lone win of the tourney with a 6-3 triumph over the London Mets.**

"The great thing about the men's league was that there is no stress and it gave me an opportunity to just have fun again like I did growing up in Little League," he said. "So for me it was a good fit at the time."

Ironically, the opportunity to play for Team Kaunas County out of Lithuania came from a connection Fines made back in his professional days.

Fines used to train with William Gordon at Duke. Gordon later played with Lithuania after college, married a woman from there, and is now a player/coach for the organization.

"He's a great guy and he's been trying to get me to come play for years now," said Fines. "But due to school and work, I never good get enough vacation time to make it work out. But now that I had accrued enough vacation time to make it was possible, I decided what the heck, I love to travel, I love baseball, so why not?"

And it was a good deal for Fines: he just had to pay for the plane ticket to Moscow.

"They paid for my VISA, my hotel, food, and I got to play the game of baseball that I love," he said. "It wasn't where I expected the game

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## Eastern Randolph tops Greensboro

**BY DON BEANE**  
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Samuel Murchison and Mason Canoy combined for a three-hit shut-out here on Sunday night at Grady Lawson Field to spark Eastern Randolph to a 5-2 win in Area III Northern Division play while also snapping an eight-game skid for Post 81.

Murchison went three innings and was almost perfect, allowing just a walk while striking out five Post 81 batters in the start.

Canoy came in and allowed three hits, two unearned runs, and two walks while fanning three to get the win.

Unlike what had been the norm of late, Eastern Randolph started fast and played with the lead the entire contest.

Post 81 plated a run in the first inning behind a leadoff single by Chris Morgan to left who later scored on a sacrifice fly to Connor Murphy.

Eastern Randolph went up 4-0 with three runs in the bottom of the second behind singles from Nyk Foland and Cade Snotherly, Morgan being

hit by a pitch, Tyler Campbell plating Foland with a sacrifice fly, and Murphy and Canoy following with RBI-singles.

After yielding an unearned run in the fourth, Post 81 answered with a run in the bottom of the fifth behind singles from Canoy and Andrew Poteat.

Leading 5-1, Canoy would allow a run to Greensboro in the top of the seventh before closing out the contest.

Snotherly was 2-for-2 with a run and a walk to lead Eastern Randolph offensively while Canoy was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI, Murphy 1-for-2 with a sacrifice fly and two RBI, Morgan 1-for-3 with two runs and reaching after being hit by a pitch, Foland 1-for-3 with a run, and Murchison 1-for-2.

Adam Weber was 1-for-2 with an RBI to pace Greensboro while Clay Dilday was 1-for-3 with a run, and Cody Donnell 1-for-4.

Dilday took the loss on the mound for Post 81 after going five innings and yielding nine hits, five runs (four earned), and no walks while whiffing six.

## East Chatham 10U All-Stars split opening games in District 6

**BY DON BEANE**  
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WILSON — For three innings here Friday night the East Chatham 10U All-Stars battled host Wilson pitcher-pitch at the Little League District 6 Tournament opener at Gillette Baseball Complex.

But then a pair of two-run frames in the fourth and fifth innings by Wilson opened things up for the contest got away from East Chatham completely in the top of the sixth when the hosts plated nine more runs en route to a misleading 13-0 victory.

East Chatham was its own worst enemy late in the contest as the locals surrendered 10 walks, hit a batter and committed two costly errors to lead to most of the 13 runs by Wilson.

Conversely East Chatham managed just one hit while striking out eight times and suffering two double plays.

James Wright had the lone hit for the locals in the contest, lining a 1-2 pitch in the third to center. Wright moved to second moments later after Bauer Bowling walked to put runners at first and second with two outs.

Bryce Huneycutt ground sharply to third to end the

threat as East Chatham failed to get the break it needed to break the scoreless tie.

Wilson, which had just six hits in the game, plated two runs in the fourth behind an error, two walks and a double.

After East Chatham put two runners aboard in the bottom of the frame behind walks to Duncan Parker and Jack Simpson, the hosts tacked on two more runs in the top of the fifth to go up 4-0 behind a triple, two singles and a walk.

Six walks, a hit batter, two errors and two Wilson hits ignited the nine-run uprising in the top of the sixth to push the lead to 13-0 and all but end the contest.

Bowling was the hard luck loser after working four innings and allowing one hit, two unearned runs, and three walks while striking out seven.

On Sunday, East Chatham turned the tide so to speak in crushing Person County in game two of the tournament by a 16-1 count back at Gillette Baseball Complex in Wilson.

The locals erupted for seven runs in the top of the second and never looked back in cruising to the easy win in four innings.

Bowling had a big day offensively for the local 10U

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## West Chatham 8's advance to NC Dixie League State Championships

**BY DON BEANE**  
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TROY — The West Chatham 8U All-Stars closed out a second place finish last week at the Dixie Youth League District 1 Tournament in Troy.

West Chatham moved to 3-1 in the tournament with an exciting 11-10 victory over North Stanly in walk off fashion.

The locals trailed 10-6 entering the bottom of the 6th before scoring five runs to take the win and avoid elim-

ination. Jennings Russell doubled to get West Chatham going before Tanner Nall doubled, Harrison Baxter, Jackson Clark, Anderson Paige, Ridge Hicks and Byrson Green singled to cap off the torrid comeback.

North Stanly had jumped in front 4-0 in the top of the first before West Chatham countered with four runs sparked by base hits from Cooper Smith, Austin Morgan and Russell, a double from Bax-

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**The West Chatham 8U All-Stars finished second at the District 1 Dixie Youth League Tournament in Troy with a 3-2 mark to advance to the state tournament beginning on June 29 in Lockwood Folly. Players (left to right): First row (front): Cooper Smith, Bryson Green, Harrison Baxter, Austin Morgan, Ridge Hicks. Second row (middle): Hayden Dark, Joshua Dean, Jackson Clark, Tanner Nall, Jennings, Russell, Jameson Douglass, Anderson Paige. Coaches (left to right): Third row (back): Randy Morgan, Jordan Baxter, Adrian Dark, Steven Cox.**

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# Randolph Post 45 juniors make Eastern Randolph see red

**BY DON BEANE**  
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RAMSEUR — Randolph County Red Post 45 scored in every inning but one here Friday night to rout Eastern Randolph in Junior Legion action at Grady Lawson Field. The victors plated two runs in each of the first and second innings, three more in each of

the third and fourth innings, one in the sixth, and five in the seventh to cruise to the win. Post 81 tallied two runs in the second, and a single run the fifth and seventh innings in suffering the big loss. Ethan Sheppard had a single in the two-run uprising in the second for Eastern Randolph while a single by Dustin Stephens ignited the run in the fifth.

Cameron Moffitt paced Post 81 offensively with a 1-for-2 effort that included an RBI and a walk while Sheppard was 1-for-2 with a run, Kyle Smith and Stephens each 1-for-4 with a run, and Brody Gardner 1-for-4 with a walk. Randolph Red received a big night from Mason Cross who was 3-for-3 with five runs, an RBI, a double and two walks

while Caleb Walker was 3-for-5 with a run, a double and three RBI, Adam Cole 2-for-4 with two runs, an RBI and a walk, Josh Meadows 2-for-4 with two runs, a double and three RBI, Bryson Hogan 2-for-4 with a run, two RBI and a walk, and Tanner Marsh 2-for-4 with an RBI. Jayden Moffitt suffered the loss on the mound for Eastern Randolph after working four innings

and allowing 12 hits, 10 runs (seven earned), and two walks. Kyle Smith went the final three innings and allowed four hits, six runs, five walks and struck out three. Picking up the win on the mound for Randolph Red was Coleman Burris who worked 4.1 innings and yielded four hits, three runs (one earned), four walks and fanned two.

# Staley, Coyotes hard luck loser to Lumberkings

**BY DUCK DUCKSON**  
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RAMSEUR — The Randolph Lumberkings pushed across a pair of unearned runs with two away in the bottom of the sixth to snap a 1-1 stalemate before holding off Old North State League rival Carolina in the top of the seventh to slip past the Coyotes 3-1 Thursday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium. League-leading Randolph climbed to 7-2 for the season, while Carolina dipped to 5-5. Lumberkings' starter Tyler Bryant pitched six innings to get the win, allowing six hits and one unearned run while walking two and fanning 10. Randolph reliever Keati Buchanan tossed one inning in relief and picked up a save after yielding one hit besides

issuing one free pass and whiffing one. "We did some things right and some wrong tonight, but a win is a win and I'll take it," said Lumberkings' coach Brandon Nelson. "Tyler gave everything he had on the hill and threw six strong innings, striking out 10, before Keati did a good job in relief, locking in when Carolina threatened its final turn at bat." Southpaw Caleb Staley opened on the mound for the Coyotes and hurled five innings, surrendering three hits plus an earned run in addition to walking a pair and striking out four. Vinny Consolo came on to throw one inning in relief and was tagged with the loss after giving up one hit along with two unearned runs while issuing two walks and hitting one batter. "Caleb did a good job staying around the strike zone and gave us a chance

to win, but at the plate we watched too many fast balls early in the count," remarked interim Carolina coach Alec Allred. "While our pitching and defense were pretty good this evening, it came down to we couldn't string hits together when we had opportunities to score." Randolph broke up a scoreless pitching duel in the bottom of the fourth, taking a 1-0 lead as Nick Roets coaxed a full-count walk with one away and went to second when Cyrus Grimes was hit by a pitch. One out later Dusty Rogers belted a double to left to drive in Roets. The Coyotes responded by pulling even in the top of the fifth as Darden Eure beat a throw to first on a one-out botched strikeout and came in to score when Cort Maynard slammed a double to center. But the Lumberkings managed to

rally in the home sixth to seize the advantage as Brett Stenlund drew a leadoff walk and advanced to second when Rogers reached on an infield error. Two outs later Justin St. Amour scratched an infield hit to load the bases before Consolo plunked Kyle Ehlers with a pitch to force in Stenlund, and Randolph picked up an insurance run when Nate Vargo walked on four pitches to bring in Rogers. Carolina attempted a comeback with two away in the visitors' seventh as Maynard received a full-count free pass and went to second when Chase Hetzel singled up the gap in left-center. However, with the tying run on first, Consolo lined a shot right back to the mound that was snagged by Buchanan for the final out to preserve the victory.

## FINES

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to take me at this point of my life, but it was an adventure and turned into a great, eye opening experience." One of those experiences was realizing just how much the game means to so many from different countries despite lacking all the advantages that American players have. "Our players were literally from the ages of 16 to 38, and a lot of our guys basically came out with Walmart gloves and bats, soccer cleats in some cases, just whatever they could get," Fines said. "Lithuania is very poor and less populous than North Carolina, and it makes you realize how fortunate we have it here in America. But they are top-5 year in and year out in basketball, so the talent is there in sports; it just will take time to build a solid baseball program." In the tournament, Fines and Kaunas County finished up 1-4 in the six-team event, which was won by tournament host Russtar Moscow with a 5-0 record. The Sofia Blues of Bulgaria came in second with a 4-1 mark while Apollo Bratislava of Slovakia was third with a 3-2 mark. The London Mets and KS Silesia Rybnik of Poland also closed with 1-4 records. "The Moscow team was loaded, no one could

compete with them," added Fines. "They have three Cuban players there on permanent VISA's who are ex-pro players. And the facilities there were incredible, including where they are building a big dome beside the stadium with an indoor field, cages, mounds. Baseball in Russian should really take off in the next 15 years." As far as his team went, Fines met a lot of new friends. "My teammates were awesome, we had so much fun even though about 25 percent of them spoke good English," laughed Fines. "And we hung out with players from other teams as well, including the London Mets who also have a guy from up in the mountains of North Carolina. He went to UNC and does IT work in London now. It's a small world for sure." The games were played at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily. Depending on that determined what Fines and his teammates did that day. "We took in a lot of the sites, ate at some cool places, just enjoyed Moscow in our off time," he said. On the field Fines showed he still had some gas left in the tank as the hard-throwing right-hander captured the lone win on the mound for Kaunas County in a 6-3 triumph in second day action over the London Mets. Fines went all nine



RusStar Stadium in Moscow was the site of the 2019 Federations Cup Qualifier. Woods Fines posted a 1-0 mark at the event for team Lithuania.

innings and allowed just four hits, seven walks and three earned runs while striking out 10. "I felt good out there against London but the mound gave me some trouble," Fines said. "It was turf and I was worried about tearing my front knee on the landing. I think if I had turf shoes on it may have been better. But I've never played on turf like that and it was a bit awkward." Fines also had a pair of hits in the win, going 2-for-4 with a single to center-field in the fourth and an infield hit in the sixth. "I enjoyed swinging the bat, but I've still never hit a home run," Fines laughed in jest. "It was 290 feet down the left field line and a short park, so I was hoping to get hold of one." There's always next year, and Fines hopes to be back competing with Kaunas County. "I'm definitely planning on doing it again, it was a great experience and I'm hoping its held back in Moscow or in Prague in the Czech Republic, a city that I love." Fines plans on raising money and taking donations for the Kaunas County organization. "I want to help the program grow and there are a lot of people here in our country that came help provide players that are less fortunate with better resources and equipment," he said. The Chatham News + Record will share the opportunity of helping Team Kaunas County when Fines has nailed down the final details for donations. To see tournament action, including Fines pitching in the event, and more stats and scores please follow the links at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rY1-rjirc> and [http://www.baseball-europe.com/post/federations\\_cup\\_and\\_federations\\_cup\\_qualifiers\\_sta](http://www.baseball-europe.com/post/federations_cup_and_federations_cup_qualifiers_sta).



The Kaunas County baseball team from Lithuania enjoyed a lot of Russian cuisine as well as foods from other countries. Pittsboro native Woods Fines (head of the table) called his experience in Moscow incredible.



Submitted photos

Woods Fines (right) is all smiles with a teammate while enjoying some off time in the Red Square District of Moscow in Russia. Fines and his Kaunas County, Lithuania, teammates had some time to take in plenty of historical sites during the 2019 Federations Cup.



Woods Fines of Pittsboro and his teammates from Kaunas County, Lithuania, enjoyed some Russian arts while touring the city of Moscow during the 2019 Federations Cup Qualifier Tournament.

# Storms steal thunder of Eastern Randolph upset bid

**BY DUCK DUCKSON**  
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RAMSEUR — Eastern Randolph had two runners on base against Davidson County with two away in the bottom of the sixth when a severe thunderstorm caused stoppage of play at that point, allowing visiting Post 8 to escape Grady Lawson Field with a hard-earned 1-0 American Legion Area III Northern Division victory Tuesday night.

The triumph elevated Davidson County to 2-1 in the league standings and 10-3 overall with a sweep of the season series, while Post 81 suffered its fifth

straight defeat in falling to 1-2 in the conference and 2-10 for the year.

Post 8 southpaw Tyler Smith went the distance on the mound to pick up the win, yielding a pair of hits while walking two and whiffing one over five and two-third innings. Smith threw a total of 55 pitches, including 35 (64 percent) for strikes.

Hard-luck Eastern Randolph starter and loser Samuel Murchison hurled three and two-third innings, allowing just two hits and the game's lone run while issuing four free passes and fanning seven.

Post 81's Mason Canoy came on in relief to toss two

and one-third hitless innings, walking one while striking out five.

Davidson County tallied its run in the top of the first as leadoff batter Landon Hilbourn coaxed a full-count walk, stole second, advanced to third on Taylor Stewart's one-out infield hit and scored when Jake Brown reached on a fielder's choice.

Post 8's only other hit was Noah Coleman's opposite-field single to right leading off the visitors' second. Davidson County put four runners in scoring position over the last four innings but couldn't find a way to bring them in.

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Following a one-out walk to Eastern Randolph's Clay Edmonson in the bottom of the second, Smith retired 11 batters in a row until Nate Canter reached on a one-out throwing error in the home sixth.

One out later Camden Fuquay smashed a base hit to left, sending Canter to second representing the tying run.

But as the rain and light-

ning began to intensify, both teams were relegated to their respective dugouts, and after a 14-minute delay home plate umpire Drew Dunn declared the contest was over as the field became unplayable.

Post 81's only other hit was a leadoff single by Canoy in the bottom of the second before he was thrown out attempting to steal second.

## Eastern Randolph juniors top Randolph White

**BY DON BEANE**  
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RAMSEUR — Garrett Craven and Brody Gardner combined to scatter seven hits here in Ramseur on Monday night to lead Eastern Randolph to a 6-3 triumph over Randolph County White Post 45 in Junior Legion play. Craven worked the opening five innings for Post 81 and allowed only three hits, two runs (one earned) and six walks while striking out none.

Gardner hurled the final two frames of the contest to get the victory on the mound, yielding four hits, a run while walking none and striking out one.

Eastern Randolph fell behind 1-0 in the top of the 1st before countering with two runs behind a walk to Ethan Sheppard, and singles from Gardner, Zander Smith and Jayden Moffitt.

A single by Stephens and an RBI-triple from Smith in the bottom of the fifth sent Post 81 in front 3-1 before Post 45 answered with two runs in the top of the sixth to even the game at 3-apiece.

In the home half of the sixth, Eastern Randolph pushed across the decisive three runs to take the 6-3 victory. Trevor Foust walked with one out to get things started for the hosts before Carson Whitehead singled, Sheppard advanced both runners into scoring position with a ground out, and Gardner drove them in moments later with a single to left. Gardner later scored after a walk to Smith and an RBI-single to center by Dustin Stephens.

Stephens closed the night 2-for-3 with three RBI to pace the Post 81 offense while Smith was 2-for-3 with a run, an RBI and a triple, Whitehead 2-for-3, and Gardner 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI.

Ethan Dunlap was 2-for-3 to lead Randolph White while Allen Moran was 2-for-4.

## Stokes Post 290 starts fast in 6-2 triumph over Post 81

**BY DUCK DUCKSON**  
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RAMSEUR — Two-run singles by Nick Shoffner and Daniel Layne in the first two frames staked Stokes County to an early 4-0 lead while Post 290 received six strong innings on the mound from starter Jake Craddock en route to defeating Eastern Randolph 6-2 in American Legion Area III Northern Division baseball action Wednesday evening on Grady Lawson Field.

The triumph lifted Stokes County to 3-1 in the league standings and 3-7 for the year, while Post 81 sank to 1-3 in the conference and 2-11 overall.

Craddock allowed seven hits and two runs (one earned) while walking one and fanning six before Trent Tilley came on to pitch a hitless seventh, issuing one free pass and striking out one.

Colby Guy went three-for-three at the plate and scored twice to pace Post 290's 10-hit attack, while Shoffner and Ryan Martin chipped in two safeties apiece.

"The big key for us tonight was to get off to a good start with timely hits in the first two innings," said Stokes County coach Thomas Newsome.

"Craddock is our ace and he did a good job staying in the strike zone all night while scattering Eastern Randolph's hits, and our defense played one of its more consistent games backing him up in the field."

Southpaw Camden Fuquay opened on the hill for Post 81 and sustained the loss, giving up two hits and a pair of earned runs while walking two in one inning of work before leaving the mound after developing discom-

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fort in his back.

Michael Glasgow relieved Fuquay and threw three and two-third innings, surrendering seven hits and four earned runs in addition to walking four and whiffing a pair prior to Clay Edmonson tossing the last two and one-third frames, yielding one hit while fanning three.

Christopher Morgan led Eastern Randolph batters with two hits in three plate appearances and scored once.

"It hurt us when Fuquay departed after one inning and we had to go to the bullpen so early," remarked Post 81 coach Jerry Kidd.

"We managed to get the leadoff batter on base every inning but one yet we couldn't catch a break and find a way to make things happen with guys in scoring position."

"It's rare for us to get extra-base hits, and although we had three leadoff doubles tonight we could only capitalize once."

Post 290 seized a 2-0 advantage its first turn at bat as Guy led off the inning by stroking a double to the left field fence before Caleb Smith drew a free pass. Both runners then moved up a base following a one-out walk to Layne prior to Shoffner lacing a two-run single to left.

Stokes County surged ahead

4-0 in the top of the second as Martin singled up the middle with one away and went to second when Guy coaxed a full-count base on balls.

After Smith lined a base hit to left to fill the sacks, Layne brought in Martin and Guy with a two-out single to right.

Eastern Randolph answered with a run in its half of the second when Samuel Murchison slammed a leadoff double up the alley in right-center, advanced to third on a one-out passed ball and came in to score on Tyler Campbell's two-out base hit to left.

Post 81 closed the gap to 4-2 in the bottom of the third as Morgan scratched a leadoff infield hit and continued to second on a throwing error.

Morgan then moved to third on Connor Murphy's opposite-field single to right with one away before racing home on a two-out wild pitch.

But Post 290 would add a pair of insurance runs in the visitors' fifth to close out the scoring when Shoffner drew a leadoff walk and advanced to second on Craddock's base hit to left.

After Tyler Smith sacrificed both runners up a base, Shoffner sprinted home on a wild pitch as Craddock went to third and tallied one out later on Martin's single to left.

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## Hi-Toms send Eastern Randolph to eighth consecutive defeat

**BY DUCK DUCKSON**  
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RAMSEUR — High Point Post 87 paraded 10

batters to the plate in the top of the second, scoring four times to grab a three-run advantage, and rode the arms of Avery Cain and Luke Pritchett to an 8-3 American Legion Area III Northern Division victory over Eastern Randolph Saturday night on Grady Lawson Field.

Placing at least one runner on base every inning, High Point defeated Post 81 for the second time in 24 hours while improving to 4-1 in the league standings and 11-6 overall, whereas Eastern Randolph lost its eighth straight outing in dropping to 1-5 in the conference and 2-13 for the season.

Cain hurled four and one-third innings to register the win, giving up five hits and two runs (one earned) while walking a pair and fanning five.

Pritchett threw two and two-third innings in relief, allowing one hit plus an earned run in addition to issuing one free pass and striking out three.

Leadoff batter Trey Jackson went three-for-four at the plate, scoring once and driving in two runs, while Pritchett added two safeties and drove in a run to lead Post 87's 10-hit assault against a pair of Post 81 pitchers.

"Driving in five runs with two outs is a big step in the right direction for us," stated High Point coach Rob Shore.

"Our batters stayed patient at the plate and were selective with the bat to hit their pitch, while we were successful in running delayed steals to put guys in scoring position."

Post 81 starter Trevor Maness was saddled with the loss after going two and two-third innings on the mound, surrendering six runs (two earned) on four hits while walking four.

Nate Canter tossed the final four and one-third frames for Eastern Randolph, yielding six hits and a pair of earned runs while whiffing one.

"I thought we competed much better this evening than last night (a 12-0 High Point win), but it seems every game we have one bad inning we can't get out of and then find ourselves having to battle from behind," noted interim Post 81 coach Brian Heilig.

"Take away our fielding mistakes and we're still in the ball game at the end. Our other problem is when we manage to put people on base we have difficulty bringing them in, as four of the seven runners we left stranded were in scoring position."

Eastern Randolph jumped out to a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first as Tyler Campbell coaxed a full-count walk with one away, moved to second on a wild pitch, advanced to third when Connor Murphy ground-



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Post 81's Connor Murphy makes the out at third against Post 87's CJ Johnson in recent American Legion action at Finch Field in Thomasville. The Hi-Toms clobbered Eastern Randolph 12-0.**

ed a single to left and came in to score on an infield error.

Post 87 came right back to tally four runs in the visitors' second to take the lead for good as leadoff batter Dylan Shulteiss reached on a throwing error, stole second and went to third on a groundout.

After C.J. Johnson plated Shulteiss with a sacrifice fly to left, Cain drew a full-count free pass and moved to third when Avery Adams reached on a throwing error.

Adams then stole second before Carson James lined a two-run single up the middle, and following Jackson's infield hit and a full-count walk to Gavin Sentell that loaded the bases, courtesy runner Simon Lewellen trotted home when Logan Robson was nicked by a pitch.

High Point increased its advantage to 6-1 with two away in the top of the third as Cain rapped a single to left prior to courtesy runner Logan MacFarland advancing to second on a wild pitch.

After Adams received a free pass and James was hit by a pitch to fill the sacks, Jackson drilled a two-run base hit to left.

Post 81 trimmed the gap to 6-2 in the home third as Christopher Morgan led off the frame with a single up the alley in left-center and moved to second on Mason Canoy's two-out base hit up the middle.

Following a full-count walk to Cameron Kennedy that loaded the bases, Clay Edmonson brought in Morgan with a single to left.

Post 87 answered with a solo run in the visitors' fourth as Robson notched a leadoff base hit up the middle, stole second and went to third on a fly-out before scoring when Pritchett lofted a sacrifice fly to right.

High Point added an insurance run in the top of the sixth to go up 8-2 as Jackson was plunked with a pitch leading off the inning and was sacrificed to second prior to coming home one out later when Shulteiss belted a double into the left field corner.

Eastern Randolph accounted for the game's final run in the bottom of the seventh as Morgan blasted a leadoff double to left and eventually came around to score on a pair of wild pitches.

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ter, and a single from Clark. North Stanly scored a pair in the visiting half of the second before Hicks, Joshua Dean and Smith singled to close the gap to 6-5.

The teams traded runs in the third with singles from Morgan and Russell leading to the West Chatham score.

In the top of the 6th, North Stanly tallied three runs to send the visitors up 10-6, setting up the climatic ending.

Russell went 3-for-3 to pace West Chatham offensively in the win while Hicks, Paige, Clark, Baxter, Morgan and Smith all went 2-for-3.

West Chatham then faced South Stanly needing two wins to claim the District 1 title.

South Stanly, which had dealt West Chatham a 16-12 loss in third round action earlier in the tournament, proved to be too tough again in taking the District 1 title with a 7-2 triumph over the local bunch.

Singles by Russell Hinson and Levi Dennis and a double from Miles Guide sent South Stanly up 2-0 early before the victors added three more runs in the top of the second behind singles from Conner Bowles, Kortez Ingram and Charlie Mabry and doubles from Miles Griffin and Kingston Dockery.

Trailing 5-0, West Chatham got on the board with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame behind singles from Nall, Baxter and Clark and a double from Jameson Douglas.

South Stanly would answer with two more runs in the visiting half of the third behind singles from Dennis and Guide and a two-run double from Maverick Brown before cruising to the 7-2 victory.

Clark was 2-for-2 to pace West Chatham offensively while Smith added a 2-for-3 outing for the locals.

Dennis and Guide were each 3-for-3 for South Stanly in the win.

West Chatham will begin Dixie Youth League state tournament play on Saturday, June 29 down in Lake-wood Folly.

# Two-week hiatus leaves Post 81 rusty

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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RAMSEUR — Streaking Stanly County banged out 15 hits off five Eastern Randolph pitchers and sent 13 batters to the plate in the top of the sixth, collecting nine runs to put the finishing touch on a 14-1 six-inning, run-rule triumph over Post 81 Monday night on Grady Lawson Field.

Earning a sweep of the non-league season series, Post 76 captured its ninth consecutive victory while improving to 13-2 overall, whereas Eastern Randolph fell to 2-9 for the year.

Ryan Baucom opened on the mound for Stanly County and hurled four innings to gain the win, allowing four hits and one earned run while fanning three.

Reliever Zach Grice tossed one inning of hitless ball, walking one and striking out one, before A.D. McRae came on to pitch the final frame, giving up a pair of hits while whiffing two.

Gage Dennis collected three hits while Trent Wilson, Will Dagenhart, Hunter Sells and Cameron Phillips all notched two apiece to lead Post 76's offensive outburst.

"Even though we were missing three regulars tonight, we showed overall depth in our lineup as we're as deep as we've ever been," said Stanly County coach Jordan Sells, who noted every starter scored at least

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Post 81 starter and loser Jacob Underwood went two-plus innings, yielding a pair of hits and one earned run in addition to issuing five free passes and striking out one.

Four Eastern Randolph relievers (Connor Murphy, Kevin Cano, Evan Shaw and Michael Glasgow) then combined to surrender 13 hits and 13 runs (11 earned) besides walking two and fanning two.

Post 81 was led at the plate by Murphy and Mason Canoy, who recorded two hits apiece.

"After a 13 day layoff I think some of the rust showed tonight," remarked Eastern Randolph coach Jerry Kidd.

It's frustrating because right now I feel like we're coaching on the run. While we could use more consistent pitching, if I had one wish it would be to see our hitting improve, as we have a need to bunch hits together to produce runs."

Post 76 took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third as Dagenhart drew a one-out walk, stole second and scored on Colton Austin's opposite-field single to right.

Stanly County went up 3-0 in the visitors' fourth as Zach Simmons reached on a two-out throwing error and advanced to third when Dennis lined a base hit to right-center.

After Dennis stole second, Wilson rapped a two-run single to center.

Post 81 tallied its lone run in the bottom of the fourth as Murphy led off the frame with a base

hit to center, moved to second on a groundout and scored on Cameron Kennedy's two-out single to left.

The winners increased their advantage to 5-1 in the top of the fifth as Brady Parked singled to center with one away and came in to score when Sells doubled into the left field corner.

Sells then went to third on a groundout before dashing home on a wild pitch.

Dennis led off Post 76's sixth-inning explosion with an opposite-field base hit to right and moved to second when Wilson was nicked with a pitch.

Dagenhart's infield single then loaded the bases prior to back-to-back free passes issued to Cody Kidd and Austin that forced in a pair of runs.

Following Parker's sacrifice fly to left that brought in Dagenhart, Sells' bad-hop single up the middle drove in Kidd before Phillips poked an opposite-field base hit to right, and a misplay in the outfield allowed Austin to score while putting runners on second and third.

Simmons proceeded to double to right to bring in Sells prior to Dennis delivering a two-run single up the middle and advancing to second on the throw in from the outfield before coming in to score the game's final run on Morgan Bunch's two-out base hit to left.

# SPLIT

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All-Stars with a 2-for-2 outing that included three runs scored, a double, two RBI, being hit by a pitch and a walk while Wright added a 2-for-2 day with three runs scored and a walk.

Parker went 1-for-3 with two runs scored and a three-run triple to right center in the fifth that plate Bowling, who had led the inning off with a double, and Huneycutt

and Finn Sullivan who had both walked, to make the score 15-1. Parker scored on an error in right field to add the final run in the 16-1 triumph while Wright and Peyton Thompson scored the opening two of the six-run frame after walking and coming home on the Bowling double.

Joshua Johnson was also 1-for-3 with two RBI for the victors while Thompson was 1-for-2 with a run.

After wasting a Bowling single in the

top of the first, East Chatham starter Finn Sullivan hit a Person County batter after recording a ground out and strike-out. Campbell Parks erased that opposing runner quickly by gunning him down at second after a steal attempt with Huneycutt applying the tag.

East Chatham then

exploded for the seven runs in the second behind a walk to Farrell Blackburn, three Person errors, a single from Wright, a two run single from Johnson, walks to Sullivan, Simpson, and again Blackburn, and Bowling being hit by a pitch. After Person County recorded its lone run in the bottom of the second

to close the gap to 7-1, East Chatham plated three more runs in the top of the third to extend the advantage to 10-1. A single by Wright, walks to Bowling and Logan Quiroz, and two Person County errors led to the uprising.

East Chatham finished off the win with its six runs in the fourth to close out the impressive 16-1 triumph.

East Chatham was set to battle Wilson again at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night in a must-win situation.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Joint operation nabs drug suspect in Siler City

A Graham man faces multiple felony drug charges after a multi-agency operation intercepted two kilograms of cocaine and three grams of methamphetamine headed for Chatham County.

**Hernandez-Cruz**

Plasido Hernandez-Cruz, 21, of Graham, was arrested last week when the Chatham and Robeson County sheriff's offices worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to intercept the drugs, which were en route to Siler City.

"We received information that cocaine was being transported to Siler City and acted on that information," Chatham County Chief Deputy Charles Gardner said in a press release. "Our deputies placed a single male under arrest after a search of his vehicle revealed over four pounds of illegal drugs inside."

Hernandez-Cruz was charged with felony possession of cocaine, felony maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance, felony possession of methamphetamine, felony trafficking cocaine by transportation, felony trafficking cocaine by possession, felony possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine and failure to appear regarding an outstanding order for arrest. He was assigned a \$250,350 bond and given a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

## Chatham woman charged with stealing lottery tickets

A Pittsboro woman faces two felony charges after allegedly stealing a book of scratch-off lottery tickets.

Shereda Carter, 38, of Pittsboro, was charged last week with felony larceny by employee and felony attempt to obtain property by false pretense in connection with a June 7 report from a Chatham gas station.

The station, which was not named in the release from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, reported the stolen book of tickets, and the N.C. Lottery Commission confirmed to the department that someone had attempt to cash two of the stolen tickets at another gas station. The sheriff's office's press release stated that investigators confirmed the suspect's identity with surveillance footage.

Carter was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear July 22 in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

— CN+R Staff Reports

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jorge Garcia, 37, of Chapel Hill, was charged June 18 with failure to work after being paid, exploiting disabled/elder trust, obtaining property by false pretense and passing a worthless check. He was released under a \$50,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Susan High, 44, of Sanford, was charged June 18 with felony possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released under a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Ritchie Phillips, 50, of Bear Creek, was charged June 19 with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Ivan Canela, 19, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with selling/delivering marijuana, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was released under a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Ja'Cori Alston, 19, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with selling/delivering marijuana, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was released under a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Jose Figueroa, 19, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with selling/delivering marijuana, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was released under a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

William Strickland, 54, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with selling/delivering cocaine, felony possession of cocaine and felony conspiracy. He was held under a \$200,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Willie Scotton IV, 40, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with conspiracy to sell/deliver cocaine, felony possession of cocaine, felony conspiracy, selling/delivering cocaine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, conspiracy to sell/deliver cocaine and possession of cocaine. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Robert Canada, 40, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with conspiracy to sell/deliver cocaine, felony conspiracy, selling/delivering cocaine and felony possession of cocaine. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Vernon Newby, 62, of Siler City,

was charged June 19 with selling/delivering cocaine, felony possession of cocaine, felony conspiracy and conspiracy to sell/deliver cocaine. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Keshia Brown, 48, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with selling/delivering cocaine, possession of cocaine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Chelsea Holland, 25, of Pittsboro, was charged June 19 with selling methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, conspiracy to sell methamphetamine, conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine and felony conspiracy. She was held under a \$5,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Arthur Palmer, 35, of Greensboro, was charged June 19 for trafficking cocaine, conspiracy to traffic cocaine, selling/delivering cocaine, conspiracy to sell/deliver cocaine and felony possession of cocaine. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Cody Loomis, 19, of Pittsboro, was charged June 19 with felony conspiracy, possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for a controlled substance and possession of marijuana. He was released under a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Sheron Letterlough, 26, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver heroin, possession of heroin, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and communicating threats. He was held under a \$30,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Lashanda Lane, 49, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with possession of a Schedule I controlled substance, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released under a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Burkett Phillips, 27, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with fleeing to elude with a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, damage to personal property, reckless driving to endangerment, exceeding the posted speed, failure to heed lights or sirens, unsafe passing over the yellow line and resisting a public officer. He was held under a \$30,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Weldon Teasley, 42, of Staley, was charged June 19 with assault on a female and simple possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance. He was held under no bond with a June 25 court date in Siler City.

Zane Holland, 24, of Pittsboro, was charged June 19 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Joseph Wicker, 21, of Siler City, was charged June 19 with manufacturing/selling/delivering/possessing a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, two counts of selling/delivering Adderall, selling/delivering a Schedule II controlled substance, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of a Schedule II controlled substance. He was released under a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Martha Leon, 39, of Siler City, was charged June 20 with assault and battery. She was held under no bond with a July 23 court date in Siler City.

Kisha Deaton, 40, of Goldston, was charged June 20 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$37,000 bond with a July 12 court date in Concord.

Jimmy Woody II, 35, of Goldston, was charged June 20 with resisting a public officer. He was released under a written promise with a July 24 court date in Pittsboro.

Kelly Headen Jr., 34, of Siler City, was charged June 23 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under no bond with a July 2 court date in Asheboro.

Seth Cox, 22, of Wilmington, was charged June 24 with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was released under a \$3,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Darius Brewer, 26, of Staley, was charged June 24 with trafficking in cocaine, selling/delivering cocaine, felony possession of cocaine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and conspiracy to traffic cocaine. He was held under a \$252,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Timothy Eubanks, 39, of Siler City, was charged June 24 with financial card fraud and failure to appear. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a July 11 court date in Durham.

Brittany Hoover, 34, of Pittsboro, was charged June 24 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. She was held under no bond with a July 23 court date in Greenville.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Naomi Bridges, 38, of Siler City, was taken into custody June 20 on an order for arrest for failure

to appear in Guilford County. She was held under a \$100 bond with a June 26 court date in High Point.

Xavier Allison, 19, of Siler City, was charged June 21 with felony larceny of a firearm, felony possession of a stolen firearm and failure to appear on a noise ordinance violation. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Will Johnson, 29, of Siler City, was taken into custody June 23 on a warrant service for another jurisdiction. He was released on a written promise with a June 25 court date in Siler City.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Christofer Taura of Chapel Hill was cited June 17 for failure to reduce speed on Mount Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.

Natalio Sanchez of Raleigh was cited June 17 for no operator's license on Mount Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.

Amie Reavis of Siler City was cited June 17 for failure to maintain lane control on Siler City Snow Camp Road in Siler City.

Randy Amell of Chapel Hill was cited June 18 for failure to reduce speed on Seaforth Road in Pittsboro.

Nicholas Hollander of Siler City was cited June 18 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Noel Serra of Sanford was cited June 19 for driving while license revoked/failure to maintain lane and no insurance on N.C. Highway 87 in Pittsboro.

Dawn Robillard of Pittsboro was cited June 19 for driving left of center on Manns Chapel Road in Pittsboro.

Ashley Ray of Godwin was cited June 19 for no operator's license/failure to maintain lane control on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

Brandon Brooks of Siler City was cited June 20 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Ronald Lopez-Sanchez of Siler City was cited June 21 for failure to maintain lane control on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City.

Paul Rhoades of Pittsboro was cited June 21 for failure to reduce speed on Farrington Point Road in Pittsboro.

Ethan Jess of Spring Lake was cited June 22 for failure to maintain lane control on Farrington Point Road in Pittsboro.

Conrad Penny of Pittsboro was cited June 23 for yield violation on Moore Mountain Road in Pittsboro.

# Chatham deputies arrest 21 on drug charges, 15 still sought

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The

Chatham County Courthouse will be getting an influx of alleged drug distributors and possessors next month.

Earlier this week, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office announced 21 arrests in connection with a joint operation with the Drug Enforcement Administration. The year-long investigation, according to a news release, focused on "the trafficking and distribution of narcotics across Chatham County." All but two of the arrests took place on June 19 — with the other two taken into custody Monday — and all suspects are slated to appear in court on July 22 in Pittsboro.

Suspects taken into custody ranged from ages 16 to 54 and were arrested for possession or sale of marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and Adderall, among others. A full list is included in the police reports on page B5 of this week's News + Record.

Chatham Sheriff Mike Roberson said the bust could not have happened without tips from citizens. "These investigations require time, patience, and perseverance as well as the ability to look at the big picture," Roberson said. "The community helped us identify the individuals, and we used that information to target a larger network of criminal activity. We could

not achieve this level of success without residents who are willing to work with law enforcement and share information."

Capt. Steve Maynor praised the work of the sheriff's office personnel in conducting the operation, citing their "work(ing) tirelessly over the last year to collect evidence and document criminal activity in order to secure warrants for these individuals."

A total of 35 warrants were issued as part of the operation, and 15 individuals are facing charges and not yet in custody. Deputies are seeking offenders who allegedly have sold and trafficked cocaine, methamphetamine and other controlled substances. Those include Karen Buckner, Jonathan Burke, Sheila Curtis, George Fritts, Ricky Graves, Bobby Jackson, Daniel Moreno, Jesus Rangel-Canela, Javier Salgado, Andre Scotten and Jose Willalta of Siler City; Wesley Bynum, Matthew Cow, Seth Cox, Jared Durizch

of Pittsboro; and Jason Woody of Sanford.

The sheriff's office said wanted individuals "are encouraged" to turn themselves into the Chatham County Detention Center, 627 Renaissance Drive, Pittsboro, and residents can call 919-542-2911 to report whereabouts of suspects or request an officer

respond to their location. Chief Deputy Charles Gardner said in the press release that a community uniting

with law enforcement "convey(s) a clear and united message that illegal activity will not be tolerated" in the county.

"Too many lives have been lost to the menace of drugs, and our hearts go out to the victims and their families," he said. "Those who take part in distributing drugs to our communities must face the consequences."

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at [zhorn@chathamnr.com](mailto:zhorn@chathamnr.com) and on Twitter at @Zach-HornerCNR.

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### "We choose to go to the moon."

The goal of sending a person to the moon was launched in a now famous speech by President Kennedy in 1961. In 1969, the first men walked on the moon.

Replace the missing words to read President Kennedy's famous speech.



"We choose to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ in this decade and do other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and \_\_\_\_\_ the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to \_\_\_\_\_, one we are unwilling to \_\_\_\_\_ and one which we intend to \_\_\_\_\_, and the others, too."

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **TRANQUILITY**  
The noun **tranquility** means being calm and peaceful.

The barking of the dog disturbed the sense of **tranquility** in the house.

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

## The Eagle Has Landed!

On July 16, 1969, three astronauts and two spacecraft were launched into space to do things man had never done before. They would hear and see things no man or woman had ever seen or heard. They were the first humans to land a man on the moon!



### Walking on the Moon

On July 20, 1969 the Eagle left the safety of the Columbia and headed to the moon. For a nerve-racking period of time the astronauts looked for a level place to land before they ran out of fuel. With only seconds to go, they found a level spot in an area named the Sea of Tranquility.

Slowly the astronauts landed and Neil Armstrong uttered the famous words, "The Eagle has landed."

Back on Earth, people all over the world had been sitting on the edge of their seats as they watched and waited to know if the spacecraft was safe. They held their breath as it became apparent that fuel was running low. When these famous words came across their televisions and radios, cheers went up worldwide!



The footprints could stay on the moon for millions of years since there is no wind or rain to disturb them!

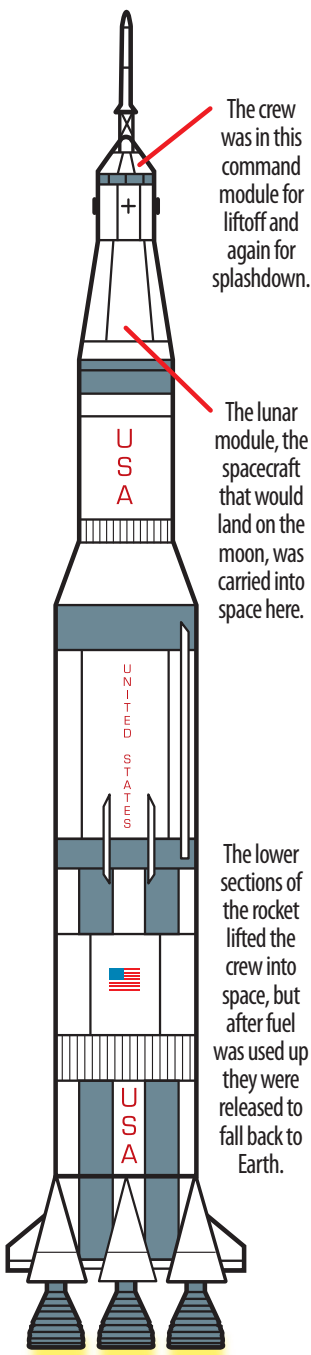
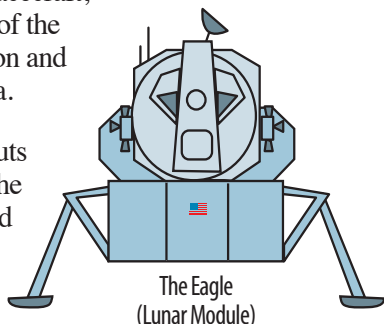
### Ready for Liftoff

The men and the two small spacecraft sat attached to the top of a powerful rocket called a **Saturn V**. (Saturn Five - V is the Roman numeral for the number 5.)

### Why two spacecrafts?

The **Columbia** took the three astronauts to the moon. The other smaller spacecraft, the **Eagle**, took two of the astronauts to the moon and back to the Columbia.

One of these astronauts had to stay back on the Columbia to fly it and be ready for the Eagle to return with the other two.



The crew was in this command module for liftoff and again for splashdown.

The lunar module, the spacecraft that would land on the moon, was carried into space here.

The lower sections of the rocket lifted the crew into space, but after fuel was used up they were released to fall back to Earth.

### Mystery Question

To find the missing words from the sentences below, read today's page. Fill in the missing words, then use the letters to find the answer to the Mystery Question.

What did Neil Armstrong say as he stepped onto the moon?

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A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ was the astronaut who piloted the Columbia.

The name of the \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ that powered the trip to the moon was \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_.

Another name for the lunar \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ J \_\_\_\_\_ K \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ would stay in the dust on the moon for \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ to come.

### Extra! Extra! Spacey Math

Find three 3-digit numbers and add them up. Find three more 3-digit numbers and add them up. Do that one more time. Which set of three added up to the largest number?

Standards Link: Math: Addition.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Use the code to discover the names of the Apollo 11 astronauts.

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### SECRET CODE

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14 = M	1 = Z

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

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Off to Moon Camp

Imagine that it's many years into the future. You are going to a camp on the moon. You can only take ten items. Find ten items in today's newspaper to pack for your trip.

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



## What did the alien say to the book?

ANSWER: "Take me to your reader."

### Write On!

#### Is the moon made of cheese?

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**About Shannon Culpepper:** Born in Salt Lake City, raised in Wisconsin, Culpepper now lives in the small sliver of Sanford that is in Chatham County. Culpepper received a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Studies, a Master Degree in Public Administration, and Master Certificate in Environmental Studies from UNC-Wilmington. For three and a half years, Culpepper has been the Waste Reduction Coordinator for Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling.

"The majority of my job involves managing our recycling programs and providing outreach and education to the public in various forms — presentations, tabling at events, hosting our own events, making signs and materials," she said. "My days are full of such variety — from meetings, to answering residents' questions, to presenting to a group of first graders. This variety helps to keep the job interesting and I get to meet a lot of people."

She is the middle child with an older sister and younger brother. This past November she got engaged. She and her fiancée have two cats.

**What part of your job would most surprise people?**

I talk to people about composting at home, so I have a worm bin in my



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**Shannon Culpepper and Scott Fister on a trip to California in 2018. The two were engaged last November.**

office to demonstrate vermi-composting. As a collective I call them Herbert. There are several hundred in there — too many to name and no way to give them name tags.

**Your standard order at a coffee shop?**  
A mocha.

**Your ultimate "happy place?"**  
Anywhere my family is just hanging out, talking, and laughing.

**Favorite character from a Disney movie:**  
Mulan — I love her strength and tenacity.

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

**On a snow day, you'd stay home and binge-watch:**

The Office.

**What's your favorite athletic team, and why?**

Green Bay Packers. I grew up in Wisconsin so you have to stay true to your team. Even if you end up living in North Carolina longer than you lived in Wisconsin.

**The TV program that's a "must-see" for you:**  
The Good Place or Brooklyn Nine-Nine.

**How many hours per week do you spend online?**  
Too many.

**What's your favorite one-day travel destination?**  
The North Carolina Zoo.

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



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**Here Shannon Culpepper, waste reduction coordinator for Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling, is teaching a recycling lesson at 4-H camp.**

White Cheddar Cheez-its.

**If you started a business of your own, what would it be?**

An organization consulting business to help people organize their closet, kitchen, office, etc.

**The credo or motto you like to try to live by:**  
If you are going to be a bear be a grizzly.

**If you had lots of money to give away, you'd give most of it to:**  
Those working to make

sure every person has access to clean drinking water.

**What is your favorite book?**  
The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

**What superhero power would you most like to have?**  
The ability to just think of a place and be there; no travel time required.

**Favorite dessert?**  
Ice cream cake.

**If you could create one**

**rule that all society had to live by, what would it be?**  
Genuinely be kind to one another.

**How do you define success?**  
Meeting goals and expectations you set for yourself, not that others set for you.

**Describe your life philosophy in six words or less:**  
Every path has its puddles.

**If you could instantly learn one language, which would it be?**  
Spanish.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**'Brew 'n' Choo' ride to benefit NHVR**

**BONSAL** — Rail enthusiasts can get an early start on celebrating the nation's 243rd birthday with a ride through the pines on the New Hope Valley Railway on Saturday.

The Triangle region's only excursion railway will be holding a Brew 'n' Choo to benefit the construction of restrooms at its main railyard. Train departures are scheduled at 2:30, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

on June 28. Tickets may be purchased online at [TriangleTrain.com](http://TriangleTrain.com) or at the Bonsal ticket office.

Bonsal is located on Old US 1 west of Apex and is less than an hour's drive from many points in the Triangle region.

Refreshments, which are not included in the ticket price, will be sold by the Spiedie Turtle of Durham and White Street Brewery of Wake Forest.

The North Carolina Railway Museum, operator of the railway, is an all-volunteer non-profit corporation. Its mission is to preserve railroad history.

**Bear Creek native supports U.S. Navy Submarine Force**

**NORFOLK, Virginia** — A Chatham Central graduate and native of Bear Creek, North Carolina, is playing a crucial role in supporting the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Zayne E. Krontz is an information systems technician serving with Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (COMSUBLANT) in Norfolk.

As an information systems technician, Krontz is responsible for scheduling and maintaining daily mission-essential video conference systems for the command.

"I support my boat's mission by providing vital video conferences for all Navy organizations so they can coordinate and plan exercises," Krontz said. "My favorite part about my job, is the feeling of success when I'm able to fix an issue and bring a system back up after it breaks."

COMSUBLANT consists of nearly 40 submarines and more than 15,000 highly trained and motivated officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel. They provide support for submarines, submarine groups and squadrons based in Groton, Connecticut; Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Kings Bay, Georgia; and Naples, Italy.

COMSUBLANT's submarines are ready to accomplish a wide range of extensive missions with the support of motivated sailors such as Krontz.

"My proudest accomplishment at this duty



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**Petty Officer 2nd Class Zayne E. Krontz**

station, was when I was able to provide 100 percent of the virtual teleconference after about a week of training," Krontz said.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Krontz knows he is part of a legacy that will last beyond his lifetime contributing to the Navy the nation needs.

"I always wanted to join the Navy because most of my family has served and helped defend our great nation," Krontz said.

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**Pittsboro Toastmasters announces new meeting location, leadership team**

**PITTSBORO** — Pittsboro Toastmasters has announced a new meeting location in Pittsboro at

Greek Kouzina Restaurant, 4321 Pittsboro Road. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday and is encouraging first-time visitors and prospective members from all walks of life to attend its weekly one-hour meetings.

Pittsboro Toastmasters is a member club of Toastmasters International, which has grown to 16,600 clubs with more than 357,000 members in 143 countries worldwide. Its mission is to empower individuals from all walks of life to become more effective communicators and leaders. With the ability to speak in a clear and effective manner, the club helps individuals overcome barriers to effective performance in virtually every endeavor and line of work.

Pittsboro Toastmasters' leadership team for the coming year includes President Paul Kehle, Vice President/Education Ken Taylor, Vice President/Membership Chris Bouton, Vice President/Public Relations Kim Braschwitz, Secretary Carl Fisher, Treasurer Jean MacDonald and Sergeant at Arms Angela de Munick.

"I am delighted to help this club continue to grow during its upcoming third year," Kehle said. "With the continuing increase in new residents moving to Chatham County, we believe Pittsboro Toastmasters can make a positive impact on the community through its mission to empower individuals to

become more effective communicators and leaders."

For more information, contact Kehle at 919.455.8891 or by email at [pgkehle@gmail.com](mailto:pgkehle@gmail.com).

**Video shows dangers of fireworks as the July Fourth holiday approaches**

**RALEIGH** — Don't let your Fourth of July celebration end with sirens, flashing lights, and a trip to the emergency room. Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey has released a new video showing the dangers of fireworks to remind North Carolinians to leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. It can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Uz1EL0mPcQ>.

"Bottle rockets and sparklers seemed like innocent fun when we were kids, but we now realize these devices can be dangerous — especially to young children," said Commissioner Causey. "I want all North Carolinians to enjoy a safe holiday and I hope this video will show the inherent dangers of fireworks and why you should always leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are

injured each year while using fireworks.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's latest figures, there were 11 deaths and an estimated 11,900 people who sustained injuries due to fireworks in 2015, the most recent data available. It shows injuries from sparklers, bottle rockets and small firecrackers accounted for 3,900 injuries requiring emergency room visits.

A simple, handheld sparkler can burn at a temperature of 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit or more. To put that into perspective, water boils at 212 degrees, a cake bakes at 350 degrees and wood burns at 575 degrees.

In addition, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year and these fires cause an average of \$43 million in property damage.

The best way to protect your family is to not use any fireworks at home. Instead, Commissioner Causey urges all North Carolinians to attend public fireworks displays performed by trained professionals licensed by the state.

After the display, do not pick up or touch leftover fireworks because they may still be active.

If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage.

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# CCCC adds theatre appreciation course

From CCCC

SANFORD — College students and community members now have an opportunity to learn about live theater from a noted performer, director and producer in a seated course just added to the Central Carolina Community College offerings for fall.

Theatre Appreciation, DRA 111, will be taught on the Chatham and Lee main campuses by Antonia Fairchild, a professional actress and member of Actors' Equity who has independently produced, directed and performed in critically acclaimed new plays and readings in New York City and has produced media in the San Francisco Bay Area and Research Triangle Region.

Fairchild says the course will combine lecture, film, video and live local performances. It will provide a broad look at theater history — as viewed through selected plays — as well as an understanding of theater terminology and how to read and understand a play in its context.

"And I hope to connect students to theater artists locally," she says, "to give them a window into the craft."



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Though offered for college credit, seats are available for others wanting to enroll in the course as a non-credit, continu-

ing education class. The course has been offered online in the past, but this is the first time it has been taught at the college

in person.

This is a particularly good time to enroll in Theatre Appreciation, according to Scott Byington, CCCC's Dean of Arts, Sciences and Advising. Not only will the course be taught by an experienced instructor whom he describes as "passionate about bringing the theater experience to life for our students," but the community college course will transfer easier than ever before to a four-year college or university.

Theatre Appreciation was recently moved by state community college officials to "preferred transfer status." Byington said that means the course will transfer to all public universities and nearly all private colleges in North Carolina.

Byington learned about Fairchild a few years ago, while both were working on a project for Duke University's Talent Identification Program — though he says they never actually met in person. When he learned the artist was a successful teacher and working occasionally in the Triangle region, he reached out to see if she might be interested in bringing her expertise to students at the college. It was an appealing of-

fer for Fairchild, someone who has spent much of her professional career making theater more accessible for people who might not fully understand the medium.

"Education is really the best way to build audiences in a community for live theater and storytelling," she said. "It's not enough to produce those events as an artist. You also have to create an appetite and incentive in the community to get local audiences to invest in and patronize theater."

Fairchild believes large audiences are ready to embrace theater. Not only are innovative musicals like "Hamilton" drawing more people to live productions, but increasingly artistic work streaming on television has created an appetite for the kind of quality storytelling commonly produced on stage.

"There's been a true renaissance in the quality of television and much of this content is written today by America's playwrights," she said. "The episodic writing that we find so exciting in shows like 'Game of Thrones' is often written by contemporary dramatists.

"If you understand, enjoy and value the story-

telling you watch on your streaming services, you will enjoy the immersive experience of watching live actors on a stage."

Fairchild holds a bachelor's degree in media from Northwestern University and Master of Fine Arts from the American Conservatory Theater, a graduate program in San Francisco consistently ranked among the nation's best, with a roster of renowned graduates that includes Denzel Washington, Annette Bening and Benjamin Bratt.

Byington believes Fairchild's academic background and professional expertise combine to give local students an opportunity most people never get the chance to experience. "This is a rare opportunity to understand and appreciate theater with someone who has seen it from so many perspectives," Byington said. "I am sure Antonia will bring the theater experience alive for our students and offer unique insight about the theatrical world."

If you are interested in learning more about this course or registering for it, please contact CCCC Admissions at 919-718-7300.

# Friends, fun and adventure at Bikes & Barnyards Summer Camp

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Even a severe storm couldn't derail the more than 30 youngsters who endured a 17-mile bike ride from Pittsboro to Jordan Lake last Thursday as a part of the fourth Bikes & Barnyards Summer Camp.

The camp, for children aged 10 to 14, is a joint venture between Abundance NC and Kevin Hicks of Triangle Bikeworks. It provides an opportunity for young people "to learn and practice lessons in leadership, health, and wellness" through "bicycle-related education."

The camp is open to intermediate-level cyclists. Throughout the week, the students blend learning about biking with learning about working on a farm. They work on basic bicycling skills then progress to more advanced challenges such as navigating obstacles and safe cycling for both bike trails and bike lanes. Before taking on the challenge of the 17-mile trek to Jordan Lake, the cyclists first travel from The Plant on Lorax Lane to Town Lake Park in Pittsboro. On two other days, the group practiced their new mountain biking skills. In between bike rides, the group learned about farming, milking goats, preparing farm-to-fork meals, and pollinators.

"I just really like mountain biking and I wanted a chance to get better at it," said Durham camper Brooke Evans.

"I love to bike and I love farming," V'tyia Hicks of Chapel Hill said. "This camp was recommended to me by one of my coaches and its epic!"

The week culminated with the ride from The Plant in Pittsboro to a campsite at Jordan Lake on Thursday. The cyclists gathered under a tent to receive their final instructions and reviewed hand signals before the big ride.

"We are about to go on a state highway," Hicks told the group. "We will be calling out debris, rocks, glass and roadkill. We will ride and stop every two miles to check and make sure everyone is OK and is drinking enough water. We will have some hills to climb."

The group — with faces painted, a la the warriors in the film "Braveheart" — assembled on their bikes, with helmets, and matching tie-dye shirts courtesy of Abundance NC founder Tami Schwerin's son, Arlo Estill, who



Staff photo by David Bradley

**The long line of bike campers stretched down U.S. 64 Thursday as they pedaled toward Jordan Lake for the overnight stay.**



Photo courtesy of Sheriff Mike Roberson

**Tami Schwerin, right, is one of the two organizers of the Bikes & Barnyards camp. Her son, Arlo Estill, left, of HempSmith, a hemp clothing line, made shirts for the kids to wear on the ride.**

owns HempSmith, a sustainable hemp clothing company based in Pittsboro. A bagpiper began to play, urging the group to brave their way forward. They were met by six Chatham County Sheriff's deputies and Sheriff Mike Roberson to help prepare them for the journey and escort them on the trip. After a quick stop at the gas station, the group was off.

About halfway along their journey, word arrived that a severe thunderstorm warning had been issued in Chatham County, with a fast-moving cell moving their way.

"It was a little hectic," Schwerin said. "About halfway to the lake, we could see the clouds coming. At one point I said to the Sheriff, 'Can you take over?' He got all the kids together and moved them all to Ultra Power Sport [on highway 64]."

"They were so great," she continued. "They moved to make space for the kids."

The campers, camp organizers and members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office rode out the storm at the store. Schwerin noted that while the storm raged, the deputies spent a lot of quality time with the

campers, answering questions and teaching them about what it means to be in law enforcement.

"The [deputies] really had a lot of bonding time with the kids," Schwerin said. "I am so grateful for this department. They've helped us every year and this year we needed all hands on deck. What a beautiful community event we had together."

After the storm passed, blue skies returned and the group decided to get back on their bikes and finish their trek to Jordan Lake with escorts in tow. As the young riders turned into the camping area, steam still rising from the roadway, a rainbow appeared above them. The campers set up their tents, braved one more storm, and celebrated a clear evening with campfires, s'mores, and games.

"It was fun because of the adventure it was," Ali Otto of Chapel Hill said.

Rachel Pellom of Durham admitted to being a little scared that the wind might push them over.

"I was worried that we wouldn't camp, nervous that it would get canceled," she said. "But we laughed. What happens



Photo courtesy of Sheriff Mike Roberson

**The kids rode down U.S. 64 to get to Jordan Lake after spending the week training for the journey.**

happens. It's a fun story to tell and there was a rainbow."

"I thought it was scary, but friends said it was a big adventure," Adjoa Colgan of Carrboro said. "But it was fun watching the power go in and out. Now I want to do it again and I'm glad we did it."

"It was a really intense, magical experience," Schwerin said. "We had just an amazing time. You gotta think on your feet and that was a great lesson for them."

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



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**The kids were given some quality one-on-one time as they waited out the storm. Here, one camper shares gummy worms with a deputy.**

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS State of NORTH CAROLINA County of CHATHAM The undersigned, Janet T. Keefer, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of BOBBY STALEY TEAGUE, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to present such claims to the undersigned in care of the undersigned's attorney at their address on or before September 5, 2019 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the above named Administrator. This the 6th day of June, 2019. Janet T. Keefer, Administrator Estate of Bobby Staley Teague c/o Justin N. Plummer, Esq. Law Offices of Cheryl David 528 College Rd. Greensboro, NC 27410 Telephone: 336-547-9999 Fax: 336-547-9477 Jn6,Jn13,Jn20,Jn27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 264 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of J R WHITE AKA JULIUS RAPHAEL WHITE, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before September 13, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. Martha Bristol, Co-Executor 54 Thrift St. Pittsboro, NC 27312 Marl Bristol, Co-Executors 54 Thrift St. Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jn13,Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,4tp

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 Yarborough 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. Yarborough 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) 542-3253 Jn13,Jn20,Jn27,3tc

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 the 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 Jn20,Jn27, Jy4,Jy11,4tc

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 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tc

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 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 285 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executrix of

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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

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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 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tp

**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 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified 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 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tp

**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 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tp

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 19 SP 27** Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Jonathan S. Pavlic and Sherrill A. Pavlic (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Jonathan Pavlic and Sherrill Pavlic) to Paul S. Messick, Trustee(s), dated the 25th day of July, 2008, and recorded in Book 01415, Page 0670, and Modification in Book 01639, Page 0544, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on July 11, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: ALL of Lot #2 containing 6.174 acres, more or less, according to plat entitled "Map for K.W. Cooper and wife, Wynnell S. Cooper" prepared by Stout Surveying Services, dated June 7, 2004 and recorded in Plat Slide 2005-209, Chatham County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 75

**Hawk Ridge, Pittsboro**, North Carolina. Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a) (1).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE** c/o Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068 https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com Case No: 1264645 (FC.FAY) Jn27,Jy4,2tc

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK File No. 19 SP 65** STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF THE DEED OF TRUST OF CHARLES T. JAMES and WANDA T. METZGER MORTGAGOR/GRANTOR DATED DECEMBER 30, 2011, and Recorded in Book 1599, Page 236,

Chatham County Registry

LOUISE P. JOHNSON, NOTE-HOLDER JOHN B. ADCOCK, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE at Book 2041, Page 378, Chatham County Registry As recorded in Book 1599, Page 236, Chatham County Registry: **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IF THE DEBT HEREIN REFERENCED WAS DISCHARGED BY OPERATION OF BANKRUPTCY, THIS IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. THIS NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IS BEING SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 45 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES AND IS FOR NOTICE PURPOSES ONLY.**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Charles T. James and Wanda T. Metzger (the original mortgagors) to Bradshaw & Robinson LLP, Trustee, dated on or about December 30, 2011 and recorded December 30, 2011 in Book 1599, Page 236, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 A.M. on the 10th day of July, 2019 at the Chatham County Courthouse, in Pittsboro, North Carolina, the following

described property: All of Lot Numbered 167F, as shown on the plat entitled, "CHAPEL RIDGE - PHASE ONE, FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT PREPARED FOR JORDAN LAKE PRESERVE CORPORATION, SECTION F LOTS 162-200," dated July 15, 2004, by Absolute Land Surveying and Mapping, P.C., recorded at Plat Slide 2004-326, Chatham County Registry (the "Plat"); together with all appurtenant rights and privileges in the common areas and roads, including the right of ingress and egress along the private roads, as shown on the Plat and all other recorded plats for Chapel Ridge, and described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Chapel Ridge recorded in Book 1116, page 716, Chatham County Registry, as amended.

The record owner(s) of the property as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds office not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this notice is Charles T. James and Wanda T. Metzger.

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 representations or warranties 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, unpaid assessments, special assessments, including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure and unpaid ad valorem taxes, all easements, right of ways and other matters of public record. The sale is made subject to right of redemption of the United States Internal Revenue Service.

The highest bidder at the sale will be required to make a cash deposit not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) which must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of sale and the balance upon confirmation of the sale. The Noteholder may make a credit bid without the requirement of a cash deposit. If the highest bidder fails to make the required cash deposit at the sale, the substitute trustee holding the sale shall at the same time and place again offer the property for sale. If the highest bidder at any sale or resale or any upset bidder fails to pay the balance upon said confirmation, said bidder shall be liable for the balance in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §45-21.30(d) and (e). The sale will be reported to the court and will remain open for advance or upset bids for a period of ten (10) days. If no advance or upset bids are filed with the Clerk of Superior Court, the sale will be confirmed.

In the Trustee's discretion, the sale may be delayed for up to one (1) hour as provided in Section 45-21.23 of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the purchaser of the above described property is someone other than the Beneficiary under the deed of trust, the purchaser shall pay the Clerk's Commission in the amount of \$.45 per \$100.00 of the purchase price (up to a maximum amount of \$500.00), required by Section 7A-308(a) (1) of the North Carolina General Statutes and the purchaser shall also pay, to the extent applicable, the land transfer excise tax.

**SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS:** An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the Landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. This the 22nd day of May, 2019. John B. Adcock, Substitute Trustee Adcock Law Firm, P.A. 202 E. Academy Street Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526 Phone: (919) 552-6600 Facsimile: (919) 552-4227 Jn27,Jy4,2tc

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY 19-SP-13**

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Elizabeth Davis dated May 16, 2008 and recorded on June 13, 2008, in Book 1408 at Page 825, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina; and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Courtney Finch (Substitute Trustee) will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, on **Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM** and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina

and being more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust, together with all improvements located thereon: Address of Property: 400 Claude Hash Road, Goldston, NC 27252 Tax Parcel ID: 0067582 Present Record Owner: Heirs of the Estate of Elizabeth Davis Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23. Said property is sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. 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. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, any Land Transfer Tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

The real property described above is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, and special assessments. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. If the Trustee or Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey title include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the sale and reinstatement of the loan without knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in its/their sole discretion, if it/they believe(s) the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Additional Notice where the Real Property is Residential with less than 15 Rental Units: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the County in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the Notice that is at least ten (10) days, but no more than ninety (90) days, after the sale date contained in the Notice of Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the Notice of Termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of such termination. This is a communication from a debt collector. The purpose of this Communication is to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection. If you are under the protection of the bankruptcy court or have been discharged as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is given to you pursuant to statutory requirement and for informational purposes and is not intended as an attempt to collect a debt or as an act to collect, assess, or recover all or any portion of the debt from you personally. FN# 3086.04019 Jn27,Jy4,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MARIETTA E. GILMAN**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 27th day of September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 27th day of June, 2019. THOMAS A. GILMAN, EXECUTOR ESTATE OF MARIETTA E. GILMAN Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,Jy18,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 288** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **LEILA MCKIMMON WEBSTER**, 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 27, 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 27th day of June, 2019.  
Kendall H. Page, Executrix  
Kendall H. Page, Attorney  
210 N Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**18 E 645**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **JOHN MARION CROSS**, 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 27, 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 27th day of June, 2019.

Patsy Cross, Administrator  
PO Box 42  
92 Cross Taylor Rd  
Moncure, NC 27559  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**19 E 283**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **RUTH S. BOYCE**, 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 27, 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 27th day of June, 2019.  
James L. Jacob, Executor  
7736 Southdown Rd.  
Alexandria, VA 22308  
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**QUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRASS MOWING SERVICES**  
Notice is hereby provided that the Town of Siler City will be accepting proposals for grass mowing services for overgrown lots which are in non-compliance with the Town of Siler City's code (i.e. over eight (8) inches in height). This request for proposals is based on an ongoing program where work orders will be generated by the Town code enforcement officer for those lots in town who fail to comply with the Town Code upon notification of such violation. Instructions and specifications may be obtained at the Planning and Community Development Department between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Questions regarding this request for proposals can be addressed to (919) 742-2323. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., July 8, 2019. The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission

of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such as arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta

solicitud.  
Jn27,1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**19 E 284**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **MARGARET S. ATKINS**, 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 27, 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 27th day of June, 2019.  
Wade Winston Atkins III  
aka Winston Atkins, Executor  
116 Topsail Court  
Cary, NC 27511-7207  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ALICE L. SEAMONSON** (a.k.a. Alice Louise Seamonson), late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the attorney for the estate as set forth below, on or before the 30th 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 27th day of June, 2019.  
Jane E. Tudor, Personal Representative  
Estate of Alice L. Seamonson (a.k.a. Alice Louise Seamonson)

c/o Victoria P. Brenner, Attorney for the Estate  
Clarke, Phifer, Vaughn, Brenner & McNeill, PLLC  
135 Applecross Road  
Pinehurst, North Carolina 28374  
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# What might Chatham County get from class-action suit over opioids?

**BY ARI SEN**  
Our Chatham

A class-action lawsuit being prepared for Chatham County is likely to ask for millions of dollars in damages, according to Casey Hilliard, a county health policy analyst.

Hilliard, who helped with determining a figure using publicly available research, declined to give a more specific amount.

Still unknown are the targets of the lawsuit, but unlike some other similar lawsuits, Chatham's will name both manufacturers and distributors of the substance. Gary Whitaker, a Winston-Salem based attorney, part of a team representing Chatham, declined to name any of the parties they intended to sue.

But he did say the list of manufacturers was "fixed," whereas the list of distributors was based upon who was operating in the area at the time.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to give the green light to pursue the suit during the board's May 20 meeting.

"Rather than stand on the sidelines, we are seizing the opportunity to lead a class-action fight against the opioid crisis as we combat the personal devastation we see right here in our community," BOC chairman Mike Dasher said in a news release.

County spokesperson Debra Henzey said the suit is an attempt to recoup some of the costs of dealing with problem.

"(The opioid problem) affects the court system, it affects social services, it affects mental health services, which provides substance abuse treatment," she said. "For us to do real prevention work, [it] is expensive."

If similar lawsuits are any indication, Purdue Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturer of the highly addictive drug OxyContin, could in Chatham's crosshairs. The drug, which is chemically similar to heroin, was marketed heavily as safe and effective in the 1990s, causing many to point to it as a leading cause of the

opioid epidemic. At least 42 states and more than 1,600 municipalities are suing opioid manufacturers. According to data from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Chatham dispensed more than 2.4 million opioid pills last year for a population of just over 71,000 people.

This is not the first time the commissioners have taken action on opioids. In November 2017, they voted to declare the substances a public nuisance, a legal strategy now being evoked in a first-of-its-kind lawsuit in Oklahoma against two opioid manufacturers.

Despite claims of "personal devastation," Chatham seems to have, in some ways, suffered less from the crisis compared to neighbors. According to a rough analysis of data obtained from the N.C. DHHS, Chatham reported fewer emergency room visits for opioid overdoses last year than all neighboring counties.

The same holds true for counties of similar size; Chatham had at least 17 reported overdoses last year as compared to Carteret with 57, Wilkes with 69 and Surry with 115.

The death rates present a more mixed picture: While Chatham reported fewer unintended deaths related to opioids last year compared to counties of a similar size (seven compared to 10 in Surry and 11 in Carteret and Wilkes), Chatham's neighbors to the south, Lee and Moore counties, reported fewer deaths (three each).

But Hilliard said the data can sometimes be unreliable because of a long lag time in reporting and suggested there may have been more than seven deaths in the county last year.

The overdose treatment data is also difficult to evaluate because DHHS suppresses all numbers between one and four for each quarter, meaning a community could have anywhere between four and 16 instances of someone being treated in an emergency room for an overdose — but it would be impossible to tell exactly how many.

When asked whether the suppression was required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a spokesperson a DHHS declined to say specifically, saying only that the data was suppressed "because it needed to be."

Despite the problem not being as large numerically as in some other communities, Hilliard said it is of great importance to all the people affected by it.

The release cites statistics showing six out of every 1,000 babies born alive in the county suffer from drug withdrawal syndrome. The release also cites DHHS stats showing more than 76 percent of Chatham's children in foster care are there because of parental substance abuse.

Despite the mixed numbers, county leaders seem to be taking the problem seriously.

In 2016, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office adopted a plan for their officers to carry Naloxone, a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses, and received training from the Chatham Health Department on how to use the medication.

In 2017, the state health director also issued an order allowing for the

medicine to be dispensed without a prescription at six pharmacies in Chatham.

The county also has led educational efforts for students and community members through

such initiatives as the Chatham Drug-Free Coalition and a series of forum events, titled "It Started With A Script: Prescription Drug Misuse, Addiction, and the Opioid Crisis", in libraries

across the county. *Ari Sen is a reporter for Our Chatham, which is a project of the UNC School of Media & Journalism's Reese News Lab. Our Chatham is a strategic partner of the News + Record.*

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