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What does the N.C. Education Lottery do for Chatham County?

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Scratch-offs, Pick-Six, Carolina Keno — the opportunities to win big in the N.C. Education Lottery continue to grow, as do the profits brought in by the various games.

But what does the lottery bring to Chatham County? Do the numbers back up the claims that it's, as the lottery's website claims, "making students in the state of North Carolina the real winners"?

Where did the lottery come from?

The N.C. Education Lottery was approved by the N.C. General Assembly in 2005. Its short title was the "North Carolina State Lottery Act," but its long title purported to give more clarity as to its

purpose — "An Act to Establish a State Lottery to Support School Construction, to Fund College and University Scholarships, and to Generate Funds to Further the Goal of Providing Enhanced Educational Opportunities So That All Students in the Public Schools Can Achieve Their Full Potential, As Recommended by the House Select Committee on the Lottery."

The final version of the bill, House Bill 1023, was approved August 31, 2005 and signed by Gov. Mike Easley. In the final vote in the state Senate, it received no support from Republicans and required a tie-breaking vote in favor from then-Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue.

The revenues were to be allocated, "to the extent practicable," the bill stated, in the following manner: at

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Staff photo by Zachary Horner

This lottery scratch-off ticket display, showcased at Neal's in Pittsboro, is one of the many in Chatham County, which has 51 retail N.C. Education Lottery locations. Chatham County stores were responsible for more than \$14 million in sales in fiscal year 2017-18.

LEGISLATORS TAKE AIM AS INDUSTRY GROWS

Hemp: Farmers in the crosshairs



Photo by David Bradley

Gary Thomas Farms has invested about \$250,000 in hemp cultivation. This greenhouse stretches nearly the length of a football field and is filled with growing hemp plants.

BY CASEY MANN

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Editor's note: Four years after North Carolina legalized the production and sale of industrial hemp, actions by legislators in the N.C. House Agriculture Committee may strike a blow to one of the state's fastest-growing industries. The uncertainty has local hemp farmers, and others in the industry, concerned. Here's one local farm's story.

Just south of the Chatham County line, at Gary Thomas Farms, you just might see a new plant cropping up.

Since 1973, Gary Thomas Sr. has been building his family farm's business to 2,500 acres. In the beginning, the farm's cash crop was tobacco, but over the years the farm — which is still managed by Gary and his children — has added asparagus, greenhouse tomatoes, strawberries, onions, squash, sweet potatoes and more.

Earlier year, they started growing something new — hemp.

According to Luke Thomas, Gary's son, the family decided to convert a greenhouse to hemp after a disappointing year for tomatoes. The family had always sold its produce at a stand on the farm and at other locations in the area, but also sought contracts with retailers to boost revenue. The last contract with a major grocery store dropped the store's offering price to \$1.25 per pound at a time when the cost for the Thomases to produce their greenhouse tomatoes, with labor and fuel, was about \$2 per pound.

"They knew you had to get rid of it," Luke Thomas said.

After the disappointing season, they filled one of their greenhouses with industrial hemp clones.

Finding little help on how to grow and cultivate the plant, the Thomases connected with Aaron Puryear



Photo by David Bradley

Farmer Luke Thomas holds a hemp flower cultivated at Gary Thomas Farms. Industrial hemp has become a more profitable alternative to tobacco and traditional crops for North Carolina farmers.

and Patrick McClanahan Jr., co-owners of Oak City Hemp in Pittsboro. The pair were raised on North Carolina farms but moved to Colorado years ago to learn how to grow hemp with an eye toward helping struggling farmers in their home state.

"Everyone here has the same experience," Pur-year said. "Everyone has been growing for just a few years. We went to Colorado to learn how to do it from people who have been doing it for years."

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HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT

Sirens sound quarterly within 10-mile emergency zone

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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NEW HILL — For a few seconds on Wednesday morning this week, residents within the 10-mile area surrounding Duke Energy's Harris Nuclear Plant may have heard the plant's

emergency sirens.

Inside the 10-mile radius, known as the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ), 83 outdoor warning sirens are positioned to alert residents in the event of an emergency. The sirens, a component of Duke Energy's multiple layers of safety precautions

at and around the nuclear power facility in New Hill, are tested at full volume periodically — and always on a Wednesday — said Michele Burton, a communications consultant at the Harris facility.

Each year, everyone living within the EPZ-

ceives a printed emergency preparedness guide from the utility company with information about plant safety, including information about the company's quarterly siren tests, according to Burton.

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2019 Elections

Candidates file for Pittsboro, Siler City races

BY CASEY MANN
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While the 2020 election dominates the national headlines, voters will head to the polls in 2019 and have a say in how their towns and cities are governed — Pittsboro, Siler City and Goldston among them.

Filing for those races began Friday, with all three municipalities' mayoral roles up for election as well as multiple members of each town board. The races are nonpartisan and will be decided on Election Day, Nov. 5.

Pittsboro

Things got off to a quick start in Pittsboro, with Jim Nass filing on Friday to replace current Mayor Cindy Perry, who announced last month she would not be seeking re-election.

Nass moved to Pittsboro in 2007 after a career as an executive with the U.S. Postal Service and working with a small consulting firm in Northern Virginia with partnerships that included Lockheed Martin, IBM, Northrup and Computer Science Corporation. Nass has served as chairman of the Pittsboro ABC Board for seven years, chairman of the Citizens Committee on Chatham Park additional elements and chairman of the Pittsboro Affordable Housing Task Force. He's currently chairman of the Interim Affordable Housing Board and a member of the Main Street Pittsboro board of directors.

"What I'd like to do is lead the board of commissioners to focus and prioritize on the important issues facing Pittsboro, primarily growth, so that we can blend the old and new to benefit all citizens of Pittsboro," Nass said at filing.

Kyle Shipp filed on Monday morning for one of the three open Pittsboro Board of Commissioners seats.

"I love Pittsboro and I'm excited about the future in Pittsboro," Shipp said. "I want to use my skills and experience to serve in Pittsboro the best that I can [and I am] looking forward to getting to know more people through this process."

On Tuesday, Pam Cash-Roper also filed for one of the three open seats in Pittsboro. Cash-Roper is a retired nurse and Chatham County native.

"I want clean water for Pittsboro residents and more affordable housing options," Cash-Roper said. "There's not enough affordable housing in Pittsboro."

J.A. "Jay" Farrell, Bett Wilson Foley and John Bonitz's terms expire this year, and none have yet filed. The terms for Mayor Pro-Tem Pamela Baldwin and Commissioner Michael Fiocco are up in 2021.

Siler City

Siler City Mayor John Grimes filed for re-election on Friday. He has served as mayor since his appointment when former mayor Charles Johnson passed away in 2013 after membership on the Siler City Board of Commissioners for more than a decade. Before that, Grimes served on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

"The main reason I am running is to continue to get some industry and jobs here," Grimes said at filing. "The main thing is jobs, and get some dollars moving around

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'Stranger Things' — is 80's sci-fi series worthy of your time? **PAGE B10**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• **The Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will meet Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. in the conference room downstairs in the New Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting. To confirm the meeting or for additional information, call the office at 919-542-8240, or Brenda at 919-545-8440 or Suzannah at 919-542-8228.

• **The Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 15 in the Courtroom of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse, 9 East Street, Pittsboro.

• **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.

• **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 22 at Town Hall located at 635 East St. in Pittsboro.

• **The Chatham County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 22, in the Board Room of Chatham County Schools Central Services Building, 369 West Street, Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

• Enjoy the **Bynum Front Porch Friday Night Music** from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bynum General Store at 950 Bynum Road, every Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. through the end of August. Each week the bands take the outdoor stage or move inside if the rain clouds roll our way. The event is open to the public, featuring a variety of bands spanning multiple musical genres, including gospel, folk, blues, rockabilly, and bluegrass. No tickets are needed to come but a hat is passed for contributions. Food vendors on site.

• **Free Friday Music Jam**

at the Oasis Open Air Market in Siler City from 4:30 to 6:30-7 p.m. every Friday. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, sing while enjoying a great time of Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. If you want to join, show up or email John Eichorn, johneichorn72@gmail.com. Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits, music is out on the patio.

SATURDAY

• **Stream Watch with New Hope Audubon Society (NHAS)** will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 13. John Kent will lead a volunteer team conducting monthly water quality monitoring at several sites on New Hope Creek. If interested in participating, please contact John at jnkent25@gmail.com. Note, because start time and place may change based on regular crew availability, new folks interested should send John an email by Wednesday, July 10.

SUNDAY

• **Eagle Count with NHAS**, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 14. Join us as we conduct our quarterly eagle count at Jordan Lake. We need people to help out, beginners or experts are welcome. The counts last for 1.5 hours. If interested, contact Steve McMurray at: steve.mcmurray@ncdenr.gov.

• **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!

• **Upcoming ride at NEW HOPE VALLEY RAILWAY**, July 14 for Slow Down Sunday. Our schedule can be found at Triangle-Train.com/schedule. Buy tickets at www.Triangle-Train.com. Visitors to the rail yard can also tour the N.C. 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. This is held every Monday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. For further information, contact Annie Ritter, UNC Hospice, ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu or at 984-215-2650.

• **Circle City Squares** is a square dance group in Pittsboro that usually dances on Monday afternoons, currently, 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, located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify the time/place, email gunnhsd@embarqmail.com.

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

TUESDAY

• The public is invited to join the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and others on Tuesday, July 16 as we celebrate the opening of **A&I's Chicken Shack with a Ribbon Cutting and Open House.** The Ribbon Cutting will take place at 11:30 a.m. at 2734 Old US Hwy 421 N, Siler City with the Open House to follow and end at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available during the Open House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Saturdays in Seagrove**, July 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 throughout the Seagrove Pottery Community! Visit www.DiscoverSeagrove.com for a list of participating shops and activity details.

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. 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. 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>.

• **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.

• **Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Chatham County.** 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 noon. Routes take about an hour. Substitutes will likely deliver 1 to 2 times per month. Contact Allison Andrews with Chatham Council on Aging, phone: 919-542-4512, ext. 226. Allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

• 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, contact 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 Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** will meet July 18 at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill at 7 p.m. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments are welcome. Contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-559 for more information or directions.

• **The Circle of Support** for those who have lost a loved one to death meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one to death. Hospice staff and volunteers will facilitate the circle of support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to register! Just come! If you'd like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.

• **Foster and/or adoptive**

information - Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent. Call 642-6956 to learn more.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** - North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meeting schedule for this area.

• **Motorcycle Association** - The Motorcycle Association for Chatham, Western Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.

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

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

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

• **Scout News**
• Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroom93.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.

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CORRECTIONS

In the story titled "SCOTUS rules state courts must decide partisan gerrymandering claims" in the News Briefs section of last week's News + Record (July 4-10, page B4), a word was inadvertently omitted from the description of North Carolina's Congressional maps drawn by the GOP-led majority. The sentence should have read, "In 2018, 50.3 percent of voters cast their ballots for a Democratic

Congressional candidate, but Republicans won 10 of the 13 Congressional seats."

In the story titled "Religiously environmental: Chapel Hill church joins clean energy movement" (page A10), the church was incorrectly called "Church in the Pines." The correct name is "Chapel in the Pines."

The News + Record regrets the errors.

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Out of his shell

This box turtle lives in a moist forest and appreciated this week's rain at Hawks' Nest.



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least 50 percent to the public in the form of prizes; at least 35 percent to educational purposes; no more than 8 percent for expenses, including no more than 1 percent for advertising; and no more than 7 percent for compensation to retailers. The allocation language was changed in 2007 to state the percentages were "guidelines" to which the lottery commission "shall adhere... to the extent practicable."

How much do people spend on lottery tickets?

In fiscal year 2018, more than \$2.6 billion were spent on lottery tickets in North Carolina. More than \$14.4 million of that came from Chatham County's 51 lottery retailers. Not every dollar was spent by Chatham County residents, but that figure averages out to \$423.12 per employed person in Chatham over the year. That's around 0.7 percent of the median household income in the county.

Now that we have that background, what does Chatham get out of it?

In pure dollars and

cents, Chatham County education initiatives received \$3,845,261 from the N.C. Education Lottery, just less than 27 percent of what customers spent on tickets in the county.

According to data from NCEL, the majority of the funds from fiscal year 2017-2018 went to what was termed "non-instructional support" in Chatham County Schools, a total of \$2,172,334. The next highest category of funds was 132 slots in the N.C. Pre-K program at \$631,498. Other categories include school transportation, school construction and college scholarships and grants.

Tony Messer, the chief financial officer at Chatham County Schools, told the News + Record that "on an annual basis," revenue from the lottery "hasn't really impacted our financial operations." He said that funds in the past have helped pay off debt for Margaret B. Pollard Middle School in Pittsboro and Virginia Cross Elementary School. "We sign over all the lottery funds to go to the county to pay debt on schools that were built," he said. "It's a small part of the pie in paying, but it does help. We don't see a day-to-day impact."

If those capital funds weren't made available, the county's board of commissioners would need to find another revenue source to cover those debt payments, according to Hope Tally, Chatham County's Assistant Finance Officer. The average amount collected each year for debt payment would account for just more than a half-cent of the property tax rate.

The school district handles the funds for school construction — \$598,318 last fiscal year — and some of the other revenue, but most of it is administered through the state Department of Public Instruction. Messer said some of the lottery funds over the years have supplanted money previously supplied by the state.

How are ticket sale revenues allocated now?

The original law stated that, as far as was practical, at least 50 percent to prizes, at least 35 percent to education purposes and so on. The 2007 change made those stipulations "guidelines."

In the first full year of the lottery's existence, that guideline was stuck to — 51 percent of ticket sales (\$451.7 million) went to prize money and 35.6 percent went to education funding (\$315.3 million). But as the years have progressed, the percentages have shifted greatly. In fiscal year 2018, 63.2 percent of ticket sales went to prizes and 25.9 percent went to education.

Asked about this shift, Van Denton, the lottery's director of communica-

tions, said the lottery must be thought of as a business.

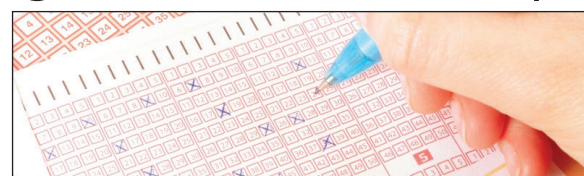
"Prizes are the products of the lottery," Denton said. "If the lottery strikes the right balance between its investment in prizes and other operating expenses that support sales, it can maximize the amount of money it raises for education. If products are strong, sales and profits are strong too. If a company has a poor product, sales decline and profits decline too."

He cited the most recent audit of the lottery, which said the NCEL's "ongoing performance has been exceptional" and that its "exceptional success in consistently growing profits indicates a prudent cost-benefit approach to increasing expenditures." Denton added that the shift in percentage allocation is one of the reasons revenues have increased over the years.

"The lottery believes if it invested less money in prizes — the product it sells — then sales would fall and less money would be raised for education," he said. "The goals should be grow sales and to raise more money each year, not less."

From FY 2007 to FY 2018, the money for prizes distributed per year have increased more than 264 percent — from \$451.7 million to \$1.647 billion — while funds for education each year have only jumped 114.1 percent — from \$315.3 million to \$675.4 million.

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CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE N.C. EDUCATION LOTTERY

FACTS, FIGURES & STATISTICS, COMPILED BY THE NEWS + RECORD



\$14,445,859

Money spent on lottery tickets in Chatham County stores in FY 2017-2018

\$3,845,261

Money from lottery sales distributed back to Chatham County for education in FY 2017-2018



51

Retail locations selling lottery tickets in Chatham County in FY 2017-2018

\$598,318

Lottery funds spent on school construction debt in Chatham County in FY 2017-2018



\$423.12

Money spent on lottery tickets per employed person in Chatham County in FY 2017-2018

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"Every year, we issue the emergency preparedness book which lists

when we have the siren tests, what they're for and what to do if special assistance is needed," she said.

The company's website notes its emphasis on safety and security, which the site notes are "the highest priority at all Duke Energy-operated nuclear power plants. Our nuclear plants were designed with redundant and diverse safety systems to ensure the safe, secure operation of the stations every day."

The periodic siren tests — the next will be conducted on October 9 — are performed in cooperation with emergency officials in Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Wake counties, who are responsible for sounding the sirens, said Steve Newton, Chatham County's emergency operations director.

The siren tests, though routine, are important. "The sirens have to perform just like they would in an actual emergency," Newton said.

Because they are tests, local broadcasting stations do not interrupt programming to broadcast Emergency Alert System messages.

Burton advised residents who hear the plant's sirens and unsure whether it's a test or an emergency to tune to a local radio stations 94.7 WQDR-FM or 105.1 WDCG-FM. In an emergency, those stations stop regular programming to provide information to the public.

Residents within a five-mile radius of the Harris Nuclear Plant are given tone alert radios which can be activated by the National Weather Service to notify residents of emergencies, including severe weather or a problem at the Harris Nuclear Plant. Duke Energy officials advise residents to always keep the radios plugged in where the alarm can be heard, especially while sleeping. Tone alert radios are tested every Wednesday around noon.

Burton said that if there was a real emergency at the plant which require the sirens to be sounded, area radio and television stations — as well as social media outlets — would broadcast information and instructions to the public.

Although the company notifies the public in advance of its siren tests, Burton said it's "not uncommon for someone to hear it and wonder what's going on."

Newton, likewise, said his office will occasionally



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Harris nuclear plant, near Raleigh, has been providing power to the area since 1987. The utility company tests its 83 outdoor sirens within a 10-mile radius of the plant quarterly.

receive inquiries from the public when the tests occur, "especially from newer residents," he said, "who've never heard the sirens before."

While residents within the region are familiar with the warning system and the quarterly testing, living in close proximity to a nuclear power plant is ever-present on the minds of some residents, like author and activist Judy Hogan, whose Moncure residence is well within the 10-mile EPZ.

"You don't exactly get used to it," said Hogan, who has lived at her residence on Moncure-Pittsboro Road for 20 years. "I just live with it."

Hogan, at odds with Duke Energy for a number of years over the company's storage of coal ash, said she's voiced concerns about the nearby nuclear plant. "I've been fighting the coal ash and other kinds of pollution," she said. "But it's really hard to win these battles."

Hogan said she likes where she lives, likes her neighbors and her garden; she has no plans to move.

But she stays prepared, just in case.

"I still have a bag

packed," she said. Ready to grab and go if needed, the bag contains clothes and other things she may need in an emergency.

As for the periodic siren tests, Hogan said the tests are audible, but more so under certain conditions.

"I hear them sometimes when I'm walking," she said. "Inside, you can't hear them. And everyone spends a lot of time inside. In the winter, we're inside because it's cold out; and in the summer, we're inside because it's hot."

Burton said Duke Energy makes accommodations for those in the 10-mile EPZ who have special needs. Residents who may need assistance during an emergency are asked to complete and mail a Request for Special Assistance card, which is included in the booklet distributed to all residents. This information, updated yearly, assists county officials in meeting special needs.

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VIEWPOINTS

Seeing poor journalism — and trying to do better ourselves

Exactly what constitutes “good journalism” these days?



BILL HORNER III
From The
Publisher's Desk

I thought about this over the holiday weekend while reading — and not in this newspaper — the story about the Chatham County firefighter who got axed (I'm surprised “axed” wasn't used as a pun in the headline on WRAL's website) after a Facebook comment he penned suggesting that migrants in U.S. custody along the border with Mexico should be exterminated. The firefighter was responding to a post about the U.S. government's housing of would-be immigrants along the border. Someone dutifully reported his words to WRAL, the Raleigh TV station, which broadcast the post far and wide on the airwaves and online. Somewhere along the line the firefighter was separated from his position, which WRAL also reported.

Make no mistake: the comment, and the sentiment behind

it, were patently ridiculous. To suggest illegals in U.S. custody be summarily executed, and on live TV, isn't something that even merits a millisecond of consideration. I'd expect anyone who publicly said something like that to lose a job. (And the separation would likely have happened even if WRAL hadn't stepped into the story.)

But in the Trump era, when the character of online dialogue and public discourse has reached a sad all-time low, it's disappointing that a state-wide TV station decided to play a relatively minor, local story so prominently. It was done so in a way guaranteed to generate traffic and viral reposts, allowing WRAL to boast to advertisers about its heavy web traffic and social media presence.

In other words, it was classic clickbait. Metrics, and with it money, was the motivation.

So is it news when a person placed in a visible position of public trust, like a fireman, gets canned? It sure can be. And it can rise to a different level of news when said person makes the kind of statement he did. But to me, how WRAL played the story — and how much attention and feedback it got on

various social media platforms, which seemed to be the goal — is a sad reflection on the way more and more of the media capitalizes on an unfortunate event (in this case, a thoughtless and careless comment on social media I'd bet the person who made it now regrets). It's all in order to maximize “views” and eyeballs.

For me, it begs this question: Why not devote those resources and that energy instead to more substantive — but less sensational — news? But in my 30-plus years in journalism, I've learned the answer over and over: it doesn't sell as well.

Speaking of calling out the media, the News + Record got some of that last week. Someone wrote a comment on a forum suggesting that this newspaper's recent coverage of a Pittsboro commissioners' meeting was “slanted” and said that the paper's ownership — developers Kirk Bradley, Chris Ehrenfeld and myself — would, for reasons the writer didn't fully specify, never allow for fair coverage of Chatham Park.

“So, do we really think this newspaper will be objective about Chatham Park and the way they are steamrolling

this development right over the questions and concerns of the people of PBO (and Chatham County) — and the folks that PBO has elected to represent them?” the person wrote. “Do we? Really? As always — follow the money people, follow the money. It's the same old Record, again and again.”

I emailed the person who wrote the message (someone who claims to be in the know told me the email address attached to the post was the anonymous “handle” of a local elected official) to request a meeting so we could discuss “objective” coverage and what that means, and so I could better understand his or her concerns.

So far, no response. I understand confirmation bias and skepticism. The writer in question has a particular view and makes an assumption about coverage and looks for evidence to back that up. They found none, but they raised a red flag with an ad hominem attack — which is why I hope to talk to him or her to get specifics. I'll let you know if that conversation happens.

(By the way, for what it's worth, neither Kirk nor Chris are investors in Chatham Park.

Kirk is developing Mosaic, the initial commercial piece of Chatham Park, but none of us are involved in a direct way in the overall development of the project that Pittsboro officials have been debating. And I will add that no one — not Kirk, nor Chris, not CP officials — has given our news staff direction about how to cover that story, other than my usual admonition about accuracy and balance.)

And finally, speaking of journalism... I love it when it's good, but when it's sloppy, it can be bad. Real bad.

Case in point: while I was very proud of last week's edition, a few readers kindly pointed out a couple of errors and embarrassing typos. The worst was that in the production process a not-fully-edited version of our “ch@t” feature with Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup was published instead of a fully-edited one. We're re-publishing it in its entirety this week (last week's part one, and the promised part two this week). And, I hope, doing a better job editing our own work.

As always, we hope you enjoy your newspaper — and our commitment to the principles and practice of good journalism.

It's a Mad world no more

I haven't read Mad Magazine since the '70s, a time when well-worn copies of the subversive humor periodical freely floated about our household, passed among me and my two older siblings.

I sensed our parents didn't care for it much, but all three of us were huge fans, digging Mad's movie parodies (“Botch Casually and the Somedunce Kid,” “The Towering Sterno” or “One Cuckoo Flew Over the Rest,” a title my brother insisted was better than the actual movie's), the back-and-forth one-upmanship of “Spy vs. Spy” and, my favorite, cartoonist Al Jaffee's “Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions,” which may have been my introduction to sarcasm. I remember this example: an attractive woman asks a man if he thinks she's good-looking, to which he replies “What did you say, fella?”

Of all the artists and writers on Mad's staff — and there were many greats including Mort Drucker, Jack Davis, Sergio Aragones and Don Martin, identified in each issue as “the usual gang of idiots” — Jaffee's work stood out to me.

I think about one of Jaffee's cartoons, in particular, nearly every July 4th. In the cartoon, within six wordless panels, Jaffee tells the story of a young boy who, with only one coin to spend, enters a fireworks store, where he encounters a dismissive clerk who sells him the only item his limited funds can afford: a single firecracker. Authority figures like the balding fireworks store clerk were always in for a tough time within the youth-oriented, anti-establishment pages of Mad, and this clerk was no exception. Exiting the store disappointed, the boy has one of those lightbulb idea moments people in cartoons have before, in the final two panels, he lights the firecracker with a match and tosses it into the store, resulting in the entire stock of fireworks igniting. In this cartoon embodiment of the phrase “more bang for your buck,” the kid enjoys the resulting fireworks show from his comfortable seat on the sidewalk. The fate of the clerk is left to our imagination.

No wonder our parents didn't care for Mad magazine. And no wonder we did. They had sober and serious fare such as Time and Newsweek; we had Mad. As Mad's gap-toothed and grinning happy-go-lucky mascot, Alfred E. Neuman, always said, “What, me worry?”

I say I hadn't read Mad since the 70s, and that's true. But I was aware, though I'd more or less outgrown its appeal and long-ago mastered the art of sarcasm with no further need of Al Jaffee's trusted tutelage, that the magazine soldiered on for new generations.

In the grocery store, I'd see its cover — usually sporting Alfred E. Neuman, in one guise or another — on the magazine rack. Over the years, I'd even picked it up a few times and skimmed its contents, which still looked very much like the magazine I fondly remember. It even continued to feature the work of, literally, “the usual gang of idiots,” with Drucker and Jaffee and a few others from back in the day — doubtless very old men by now — continuing to contribute.

Somehow, that was comforting. Ironically, it was over the Fourth of July holiday that I caught word of Mad's demise. After 67 years of sarcasm, satire and subversiveness, Mad is closing shop with a whimper, not a bang; between the covers of future issues, it will publish mostly material recycled from earlier issues, with little new content to be produced.

As depressing as it is to contemplate a world without Alfred E. Neuman's boundless optimism, it's no surprise publisher DC Comics is making changes. As everyone knows, a lot of print media — even good, old-fashioned books — have suffered in the digital age. That Mad would somehow avoid the trend could only be wishful thinking.

Are there deeper messages to be derived from the demise of Mad? No doubt. In an opinion piece in The Washington Post, columnist David Von Drehle argues that Mad's publishing troubles are a sign of our society's troubled times with the adult establishment now “extinct.”

“To be subversive,” writes Von Drehle, “requires a dominant culture to subvert.” Lkening the magazine, in its irreverent heyday, to a kid in the back of a classroom tossing spitballs, the columnist maintains that today, unlike then, “everyone's a spitballer.”

Maybe. Or it could just be that even spitballers grow old.



Some things that once made sense no longer do

Do you ever pause from time to time to reflect on your past, specifically things you once did regularly without giving them a second thought?

When — and if — you do that, does it seem comical or even ridiculous, given the benefit of 20/20 hindsight, that you did those things routinely as a normal part of your life.

Take smoking, for instance, at least for me. I started smoking in high school. It was cool, made me look cool, I thought. I had a job at Dan McCrimmon's Drug Store on Main Street in downtown Pittsboro. Dan sold cigarettes, by the pack — 20 cents — and by the carton (\$1.85 for a carton of Winstons). One of the tasks at the end of the day was to burn the store's trash in a firepit out back. Rather than simply stand around and wait for the fire to die out, I would smoke and practice blowing smoke rings, blowing smoke out of my nose, out of my nose and mouth at the same time and the famous “French inhale” — blowing smoke out of your mouth and then inhale it into your nose.

If that had been an Olympic sport, I would have been captain of the American team.

Obviously, after high school, I took my newly-acquired habit to Chapel Hill and to UNC, where I would spend seven years trying to complete a four-year course of study. One of the things I finally learned, as I have mentioned before, was that going to class, paying attention to the teacher and not to the blonde in the third row, reading the material and studying had a direct correlation to how well I did in the class, as in the difference between an “F” and a “B.”

It did not take long for me to learn a great truth, namely that I could be comforted in the learning process in the classroom by smoking therein. Now that wasn't the case for every building, but for the older ones that in those days had no A/C, the big 12-foot tall windows — six in a line — would be raised, and if you got a seat next to the window, you could smoke.

And get this: not only could you smoke in class but most of those old buildings had tile floors like Mama had in her kitchen.

So, when you finished your smoke, just drop the stub on the floor at your seat and grind it out. But if you were too lazy to step on your smoke, just let it burn itself out. There were some really interesting patterns on those floors.

Eventually, I grew tired of trying to graduate and turned to trying to impress the blonde in the third row by blowing five smoke rings in her general direction. Later, I learned that her boyfriend was a defensive tackle on the football team named “Bubba” who ate pine trees for a snack, so I stopped wasting my talents on her.

There's no way possible anything like smoking in class would ever happen on a campus today. They're all anti-tobacco, an especially interesting situation when you consider that Mr. Duke, who made his fortune in tobacco, lavished quite a bit of pocket change on the institution in Durham that today bears his name.

In time, I quit smoking and gained 74 pounds but at least I wasn't marking up any floors. It just seems so out of character, so stupid today, but back in those days, it was part of what made me Joe Cool.

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VIEWPOINTS

Redistricting should favor voters

RALEIGH — North Carolina Democrats held the General Assembly after the 2000 elections, as they had for nearly all of the state's history. During the ensuing 2001 session, top lawmakers, Democratic consultants, and progressive activists devised a set of gerrymanders that would have guaranteed Democratic control of both legislative chambers for years to come, even if most North Carolinians voted for GOP candidates.

JOHN HOOD
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The 2001 gerrymanders were an appalling abuse of power — but redistricting abuses already had a long pedigree in North Carolina. Indeed, a favorable map had helped Democrats win the N.C. House in 2000 despite being outpolled by Republicans statewide. And key redistricting cases such as *Thornburg v. Gingles* and *Shaw v. Reno* originated in our state.

You can see the effects of earlier gerrymandering just by looking at a map of North Carolina. Centuries ago, when legislative seats were apportioned by county rather than by population, the then-dominant politicians of Northeastern North Carolina maximized the number of counties along the coast while only grudgingly dividing the massive counties of the Piedmont and West into smaller jurisdictions.

After the 2001 gerrymanders came to light, Republicans went to court. They argued that the new legislative maps violated specific provisions of the North Carolina constitution, including the requirement to respect county boundaries. The plaintiffs won the case, entitled *Stephenson v. Bartlett*. Republicans cheered. Democrats fumed. And our legislative districts got a bit more rational and competitive.

But it was still possible, respecting the *Stephenson* decision, for the party in power to draw favorable electoral maps. As the 2010 elections approached, Democrats should have adopted redistricting reform as a precaution against Republican victory and subsequent line-drawing. They didn't, to their political detriment.

Now, as we near the 2020 election cycle, the partisan roles are reversed. Republicans have majorities in the General Assembly. Democrats have gone to court repeatedly to challenge GOP-drawn maps, often successfully. But in the just-decided case *Rucho v. Common Cause*, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 not to strike down North Carolina's congressional districts as an unconstitutional exercise in partisan gerrymandering.

Many Democrats and progressives were hanging their hopes on judicial intervention. They shouldn't have. The earlier *Gingles*, *Shaw*, and *Stephenson* cases alleged explicit violations of explicit statutory or constitutional provisions. But in *Rucho*, the plaintiffs

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asked the U.S. Supreme Court to devise and apply general standards based on general constitutional language. It was a bridge too far.

Two key questions remain unanswered, however. What will North Carolina courts do in a new case challenging legislative districts on state constitutional grounds? And which party will prevail in the pivotal 2020 elections?

Republicans should see what happened to the previous Democratic majority as a cautionary tale. If the Democrats of 2009-10 had advanced reform themselves, in particular by submitting for voter approval a constitutional amendment governing the redistricting process, that would have placed constraints on what Republican line-drawers could have done in 2011. Of course, Democrats didn't think they'd lose the 2010 elections. Politicians are often overconfident.

Moreover, lawmakers and voters of all affiliations should recognize that North Carolina need not and should not be the site of a disproportionate amount of the nation's redistricting cases. Litigation is costly, tiring, and divisive.

Now that the federal judiciary has removed itself from the partisan-gerrymander field, it's time for other remedies. The nonprofit North Carolinians for Redistricting Reform, for which I serve as a board member, has offered the FAIR Act as a solution. It would amend the state constitution to place firm limits on gerrymandering while also enacting, by statute, a process for drawing maps based on transparency and fairness.

There's no perfect way to draw electoral districts. But surely we can do better than the current system and the incessant political and legal strife it produces. The rules should be clear. They should restore voters as the ultimate sovereign. And as much as possible, they should be placed directly in the constitution. Let's not do another decade of this. Let's do something else.

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LETTER

Check out the Pittsboro Farmers Market

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take the opportunity to invite Pittsboro and Chatham residents to a truly wonderful and unique experience. The Pittsboro Farmers Market, held each Thursday afternoon from 3-6 p.m., features not only a wide selection of fresh local foods and crafts but also an atmosphere unmatched

by any other farmers market in the area. Truly, a family oriented festival with musicians, livestock exhibitions, games and special events for folks of all ages to enjoy.

If you have not visited yet, come to the parking lot in front of the YMCA just off East Street a couple of blocks from the Old Courthouse come Market time. You will be glad you did.

Edd Pryor
Pittsboro

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GUEST COLUMN | JON SPOON

The government is too big — and too small

There seems to be a single logical spectrum that runs beneath all of our political discourse. That is, whether you believe government is too big or too small. Freedom from obtrusive governmental interference is the logic behind the party alignment of outdoorsy libertarians and evangelical Christians. In a two-party system, you have to pick a party which either fights for a bigger or a smaller government. The problem is that our federal government is both too small and over-reaching.

A federal government is tasked with designing and implementing the systems that will most benefit the lives of its entire citizenry. Our government must set out to control a certain percentage of the overall wealth within its financial system and invest that money in the parts of societal progress that can never be serviced by capitalist enterprises. Helping the sick, preserving natural resources, and working towards social equality will never be profitable industries, but they are absolutely necessary for our society to persist. We cannot avoid tomorrow's epidemic with research only being performed by industries that will have to recoup the cost of research and

implementation for a vaccine. We will not make the transition to sustainable living in time to lessen the impacts of climate change with innovation borne solely out of profitability. We will not avoid a future of violent social stratification, punctuated always by gunfire, without systemic changes in our approach to administering justice and a dedication to purging our nation of deceitful financial institutions that perpetuate poverty through exploitative practices.

For these reasons we need a bigger government. We need a much bigger government that funds itself by reappropriating a percentage of the wealth that has stagnated at the top of our system. You only need to skim away from those who could never spend all their money in a lifetime and they would be left with more than enough to ensure their grandchildren would never have to work a day in their lives. Isn't that enough empowerment in a nation where people still starve to death? Really, about the only thing you could hope to spend billions of dollars on in a single lifetime in this country is politics.

Our government has the resource pool to address all of our dire needs and make

virtually everyone's life better. But it can't, because too many people think our government is too big. They see it when they have to pay out money for a government that doesn't represent them while they're barely scraping by. People see it when they want to start a business and can't do it because some code prevents it. They see it when a group of mostly straight white men get to decide whether or not a gay couple will get equal respect under our laws. People see that government is too big when they see news footage of those being killed with bullets our tax dollars bought. I would say to you that these are not symptoms of a government that is too big, but the result of one that is over-reaching.

We have fought to gain consensus great enough to design political systems that would address our common needs. It is a difficult task and is necessarily imprecise. Even gifted politicians are not fortunetellers. We are facing a wholly new set of policy demands in light of technological innovation, but we are also facing a landscape of immense opportunity. While we will need bigger government to fully address the humanitarian needs ignored by capitalism, we have the opportunity to make our government

more efficient and less obtrusive.

We can have a better funded government that lowers taxes for virtually everyone. We can have a federal government that helps local governments implement technology to make their systems less cumbersome. We can use technology to drive voter engagement across all segments of society. This, in conjunction with fairly drawn district maps, will bring forth greater diversity in our political systems. We can make significant cuts and redefine priorities for the biggest line item in our national budget. It is possible to reel our government in while growing it to meet our needs. It cannot be simplified to big vs. small, Republican vs. Democrat because we will only continue in our debilitating gridlock. Rather than demanding a smaller government, call out for a better one.

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The American flag and Nike's shoe

Colin Kaepernick and Nike are right about one thing.

The original American flag, the one we think Betsy Ross fashioned for George Washington during the Revolutionary War, does not belong on the backside of a Nike shoe.

But they are right for the wrong reasons.

Just in case you missed recent news reports, Nike's plan to put a small copy of the first American flag on a new model of its sports shoes was disrupted when Kaepernick objected. Kaepernick, you remember, is the former San Francisco football quarterback who took a knee during the pre-game playing of the national anthem to protest our country's continuing discrimination of African Americans.

There were loud protests from many football fans who thought his actions were unnecessarily disrespectful and disloyal to his team and his country. Kaepernick lost his place on the San Francisco team and no other team gave him a chance to win a place on its roster.

On the other hand, he won support and admiration from others — especially young people — for taking a principled stand and suffering severe personal consequences.

Surprisingly, at least to me, Nike decided that Kaepernick's appeal to its potential customers, including youth and diverse groups, could be an asset. They hired him as a representative and advisor.

When he raised objections to the use of the first American flag, of course they needed to listen.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, Kaepernick objected to that flag because it was used during the time when slavery existed in the country.



Also, it is reported that some hate groups use images of the first flag on their promotional materials.

So maybe Kaepernick and Nike have a point.

But their reasoning leaves some of us unconvinced. That first 13-star flag is for many of us as American as the Fourth of July and apple pie. It is part of what still binds us together on Independence Day and every day.

It is as American as the 15-star flag that flew above Fort McHenry when Francis Scott Key saw the bombs bursting in air and penned the words that became our national anthem.

It is as American as the 35-star flag that most often flew above the Union forces during the Civil War when hundreds of thousands of those forces died in a struggle to "make men free."

It is as American as the 48-star flag that flew above American forces opposing oppression in two world wars and flew above the Supreme Court building when *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided.

Our country is not perfect. Not in the time of slavery. Not in the time of Jim Crow. Not today when the fight for equality is incomplete. But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr., the arc of the country and its history "bends toward justice."

The flag that represents that country, 13 stars or 50, is worth fighting to protect from exploitation by racist and hate groups and from any efforts to smear it because of the actions of such groups.

Having taken up for the flag, why do I agree that the 13-star version has no place on Nike's shoe?

Those who respect the flag should stand up when its value is diminished by commercial exploitation or unintentional disrespectful misuse.

Title 4 of the U.S. Code sets out directions for proper use of the flag. It provides for the manner of display of the flag, the occasions for raising and lowering it, and makes the following specific rules:

- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever...
- It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like...
- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel...

Therefore, the American flag, 13 stars or 50 stars, does not belong on a shoe, Nike's or anybody else's.

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.

VIEWPOINTS

A mid-year North Carolina snapshot

One of North Carolina's great traditions is the annual community gathering to observe Independence Day. In the town of Oriental, all the churches unite for an outdoor community worship service, held as part of the annual Croaker Festival.



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

We sat under the branches of a giant oak, a gentle breeze providing comfort from the heat, and sang the traditional songs: "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful," and "God of Our Fathers." The town's pastors reminded the large gathering how richly blessed we are to live in this land and

what privilege we enjoy as fruit of the sacrifices made for us. Our challenge is to continue to seek liberty and justice for all.

Holidays are good occasions for family pictures, so let's take a snapshot of North Carolina at mid-year. Please forgive the plethora of statistics, but they help bring our picture into greater focus.

The Census Bureau and our State Demographer tell us that North Carolina is getting older, owing to declining fertility rates, declining teen pregnancy rates, our state's desirability for retirees and the aging of baby boomers. In 1990, the median age of our state was 33.1 years; by 2000 we were at 35.3 and now the median is 38.9. Almost 16.5 percent of us are over 65. Interestingly, Brunswick County, our fastest growing, also has the oldest median age (54.7 years) and it is no surprise

that Onslow, home to Camp LeJeune, has the youngest at 26.8 years.

Minorities accounted for two-thirds of our population growth between 2010 and 2018. The fastest growing racial group is Asians, but even with a 51 percent increase since 2010, they still only account for 3.1 percent of our population. We are home to almost 1 million Hispanics, now 9.6 percent of our total. African-Americans have increased slightly (21.4 percent) and there are 21 counties, including Durham, Guilford and Mecklenburg, that have majority-minority populations, up from 16 in 2010. Non-Hispanic whites are still the largest racial group at 62.8 percent, but that number is steadily declining. It was 65.4 percent just nine years ago. Our unemployment rate is

4.0 percent, above the national average of 3.6 percent; the unemployment rate of people of color is almost double that of whites. In 44 of our 100 counties, mostly rural, inflation adjusted wages have fallen over the past decade. Our median household income is now \$52,750, some \$7,500 lower than the national average. Our four richest per-capita income counties are Orange, Wake, Mecklenburg and Dare, with the four poorest being Hyde, Robeson, Tyrrell and Scotland.

A few other tidbits: 21 percent of our children live in poverty and 12.6 percent of our citizens don't have health insurance. The median value of an owner-occupied home is \$161,000 (median payment \$1,261 per month) and the average rent for non-homeowners is \$844.

At 10.5 million people, we've increased almost 1 million

since 2010, yet our growth rate is slowing a bit. The Old North State now ranks 9th among the states in population and with our great resources, ideal climate and good location we should expect continued growth.

But as we were reminded, this is a time to give great thanksgiving, especially for our wonderful family, neighbors and friends with whom we celebrate this July 4th holiday.

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Should we just let the economy work it out?

My wife taught elementary school (grades pre-K-5) for 32 years. She was an excellent teacher. Even though she worked with numerous principals, she never received an annual review less than the highest evaluation (exemplary) in her career. My wife estimates she taught more than 10,000 students in her career.



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

Maintaining discipline in the classroom is a major objective of any teacher. There are three approaches teachers can use for discipline. One is to just let the students "work it out." If two students are having problems, the idea is to let them solve it.

A second approach is control. Here teachers establish rules and expect students to follow them. Students disobeying the rules are given some kind of punishment such as extra assignments, classroom chores or notes to their parents.

The third discipline tactic was my wife's favorite. The idea was to give students an incentive to follow the rules. My wife used a classroom currency she called "honey money." A student abiding by a rule would receive notes of honey money which could be used for a privilege or a prize. A student violating a rule would be required to pay a fine in honey money, which reduced their chances of earning a privilege or

prize. Interestingly, these same classroom discipline options can be applied to national issues using government in the role of the teacher. The government can ignore the issue and let the disputing parties "work it out." The government can legislate rules to deal with the issue and punish those not complying. Lastly, the government can develop incentives to motivate behaviors that will solve the issue.

I know this all sounds rather vague, so let me give a specific example. I've recently been spending a lot of time looking at the issue of pollution for a new book I'm completing. Some may think this is "outside my lane" as an economist. But since pollution is usually related to energy, and energy is needed to propel our economy, there is an important economic dimension to pollution.

As a country, we have made great strides in addressing pollution during the past 40 years. However, the continued emission of carbon dioxide (CO2) into the air from driving and power generation is an ongoing worry. Many have linked CO2 emissions to global warming and climate change, and they worry about the implications for the environment, weather and living conditions.

The scientific and climatological impacts of CO2 and questions of cause and effect are best discussed by experts in other fields. Still, to illustrate my points about government options, let's just say there is an expressed desire in the country to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide we put into

the atmosphere. Then the question becomes, how do we accomplish that goal?

We could just let the economy work it out. That is, there would be no government policies or programs to reduce CO2. Rather, companies and consumers would take it upon themselves to voluntarily curtail emissions. These actions would be based on their concern over the environment and their hopes to have a better planet left to their children and grandchildren.

The worry with this hands-off policy approach is twofold. First, what if not enough people and companies voluntarily alter their actions to significantly reduce pollution? And second, people and companies may not be knowledgeable of what they should — and shouldn't — do to reduce pollution. For example, using electricity to fuel vehicles is not completely environmentally-friendly if the electricity is generated from coal or oil.

Government rules and regulations have been the most commonly-used approach to controlling pollution. A good example is government-mandated fuel efficiency rules forcing vehicle manufacturers to improve miles driven per gallon of gas. While the evidence indicates the regulations have improved the environmental-friendliness of gasoline powered vehicles, detractors say buyers have paid for the gains through higher vehicle prices.

The third approach dismisses the heavy hand of specific government regulations in favor of incentive laden nudges. The best example for

pollution is the idea of a carbon fee. For activities that produce significant amounts of CO2 emissions to the atmosphere, a fee is charged on the amount of the emissions and paid by the individual or company engaged in the activity.

For example, if electricity generated from coal emits CO2, then electric utilities using coal would pay a fee per quantity (usually measured in tons) of CO2 emitted. Also, if driving conventionally powered gasoline vehicles emits CO2 into the air, then drivers of vehicles would pay a carbon fee per every gallon of gas bought. The government doesn't tell the polluters

to stop; it just makes them pay for what they're doing. The experience of carbon fees in other countries indicate users get the message and reduce — but not eliminate — the polluting activities.

Studies show carbon fees could cost consumers and companies trillions of dollars in new expenses over time. The government could, of course, keep the money, but one alternative would be to return it to consumers and companies in a way unrelated to their polluting activities. For example, a group of retired U.S. Secretaries of State have recommended dividing the aggregate amount of the carbon fee

by the total number of adults in the country and sending each a "carbon dividend."

Someone once said that everything important in life can be learned on the playground. Maybe it can also be said that the options for government policies can also be learned in the elementary school classroom. You decide!

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HEMP: Harvesting, drying and curing the plant is the hardest part

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Today, the two work with a number of hemp growers in the state. They say their assets are not only the knowledge and skills they gained in Colorado, but an understanding of North Carolina's soil types and weather conditions.

"And we understand North Carolina farm culture," Puryear said, in his native North Carolina drawl. "We work as people, not as consultants. We didn't charge when [Gary Thomas Farms] came to us. We just want to sell what he grows instead of just exploiting the farmers."

Over the past year, the Thomases have invested more than \$250,000 in hemp farming, according to Luke Thomas, including \$35,000 in grow lights, \$85,000 in greenhouses and more than \$10,000 in fans in one greenhouse alone.

That investment doesn't include labor costs. Since April, the family and their five or six farmhands work seven days a week cultivating hemp. They have expanded production to seven greenhouses, one of which is about the length of a football field. This year, they are also planting 30 acres of the hemp in their fields. The size of the operation makes Gary Thomas Farms one of the larger hemp farms in the state.

The Thomases are "going all in." In one greenhouse alone, they have 120 industrial hemp plants which will yield 100 pounds of smokable hemp. And the Thomases are experienced farmers. Since their initial investment of 1,000 industrial hemp clones, they have been able to grow plants and produce their own clones which allows them to expand into additional greenhouses as well as sell the clones to other North Carolina hemp farmers. Up until a couple of years ago, most of the clones in North Carolina were imported from China.

But growing the plant isn't hardest part,



Photo by Casey Mann

Luke Thomas of Gary Thomas Farms holds a clone in the cloning greenhouse. After purchasing the initial 1,000 clones, Gary Thomas Farms has been able to clone its own and now sells clones to other hemp farmers.

according to Puryear. It's the harvesting, the drying, and the curing — a process that can make or break a hemp farmer. The Thomas farm uses a drying technique the Oak City Hemp partners devised themselves.

The time investment is likely a fruitful one for Puryear and McClanahan as well. They note that they sell about 250 pounds of industrial hemp flower a month, a product they had previously needed to import from out of state to ensure quality.

"They have the infrastructure, they have the growers, to produce top shelf flower their first harvest," Puryear said.

They haven't stopped growing other things, Luke said, "it's just not as profitable." This year, the family planted 200 fewer acres of tobacco than last year. Thomas said the price and the amount of tobacco a farmer can sell has been cut back, making it less and less economically viable to grow.

A battle in Raleigh

Before the N.C. House took its July 4 break, the N.C. House Agriculture Committee held several sessions to discuss a ban on industrial hemp flower. The General Assembly's Friday schedules are typically light, with many members using the day as a travel day to return to their respective districts. This may account for the nine members who were not in attendance for the June 28 meeting.

A ban on industrial hemp flower has been pushed in recent years by the State Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcements groups. They collectively argue that it's extremely difficult to distinguish either by sight, smell or roadside test between industrial hemp flower, which was removed from the schedule of psychoactive drugs by Congress in 2018, and marijuana. Marijuana contains between 25-45 percent THC, a psychoactive ingredient, while



Photo by David Bradley

The dried and cured industrial hemp flower sells for between \$400 to \$1,000 per pound depending on the plant and time of year, according to industry experts.

industrial hemp must contain less than 0.3 percent.

Members of law enforcement who spoke during the committee meeting in Raleigh noted that the smell of marijuana is often used to prove probable cause to search an individual's car or residence. Because it's so difficult to tell the difference between the two, they argue that it's hampering their ability to conduct searches.

The Senate version of the bill, which passed on June 17, included a ban that would begin in 2020 in order to provide an opportunity for hemp advocates, the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture and law enforcement time to discuss and research ways to test flower on the spot, such as a roadside test. Agriculture Department representatives were on hand for the committee and stated that Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler was in support of the Senate version of the bill. They also said that the department was beginning its work on vetting a roadside test.

Industrial hemp advocates and state officials provided the committee with information about the plant, the farmers and the growth of the industry. According to N.C. Dept. of Agriculture, the

state ranks among the top five or six producers of industrial hemp in the country. The plant can be used for a variety of products including fiber, construction materials, CBD (Cannabidiol) extract and the flower. A majority of the production is for CBD and flower, since infrastructure for processing hemp for fiber and construction materials are not yet developed in the United States.

The Dept. of Agriculture noted that 85 percent of North Carolina hemp farmers are growing the plant for the flower. According to Brian Bullman, owner and founder of Carolina Hemp Company, farmers growing the plant for CBD extracts can make up to \$40 to \$60 per pound. On the other hand, farmers growing for flower can make between \$400 and \$800 a pound, depending on the time of year. Advocates argued that outlawing the cultivation of industrial hemp flower in North Carolina would strike a significant economic blow to farmers who have invested millions across the state, as well as producers and retailers.

Senator Brent Jackson (R-Duplin) spoke in defense of the Senate version of the bill to the

committee, noting that up until a couple of months ago, he had not heard from law enforcement on the subject.

"I'm bewildered," Jackson said during the committee. "When the Dept. of Agriculture brought this legislation — The Farm Act — I thought we were trying to regulate an unregulated industry. It goes against my grain. I despise regulation... But it's putting regulations and guidelines in place for a new industry to give it support... But to come here at this critical juncture — Where have y'all been for the last four years? Where have you been?"

Jackson said he believed industrial hemp was "a viable product," noting that it's a crop that the federal government, through the 2018 Farm Bill — which was approved by Congress and was signed by President Donald Trump, made hemp legal — and the industry "took off."

Even with Jackson's appeal, the committee voted 11-6 to ban industrial hemp flower and to classify it as it does marijuana. The bill still has to pass several committees before it comes back to the for N.C. House for a vote. The bill will also have to go through a conference committee as the bill is different from the Senate version.

With the economic stability hemp is offering the Thomas family, they are hopeful the state doesn't turn its back on the growing industry and the opportunity it is providing family farms like theirs.

"I hope it stays around," Luke Thomas said. "My sister has kids, I have three youngins'. I hope it brings us up. Tobacco, beans and corn pulled us down. [I hope this crop] helps us pay some bills. We've had a rough few years. We need a good year. Otherwise we'll have to find something else."

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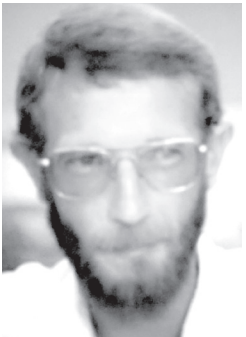
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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL GLENN TROGDON



Michael Glenn Trogdon, 66, of Bear Creek has gone to be with the Lord. He passed away peacefully in his home of natural causes.

Mike was a proud veteran of the US Air Force and faithfully served his country during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Panama and held fond memories of his brothers who served alongside him. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Peggy Trogdon; a sister, Diana Mathis; and niece, Starla Torres.

Survivors include his brother, Rick Trogdon and wife Donna; nephews, Ty, Dean, Chris and Frank; and nieces, Angela and Mitsy.

Mike enjoyed the country life and took pride in the wild life surrounding his home. He lived simply and worked diligently to maintain the surrounding roads. He was well loved and will forever be missed.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

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

SYLBIA JEAN HUDSON DARK



On July the fourth 2019, Sylbia Jean Dark passed away, surrounded by family after four years of declining health.

Jean was born in 1941, one of 14 children to George A. Sr., and Beulah "Monnie" Hudson. Surviving life with 13 brothers and sisters on the family farm could not have been easy, but it formed one of the defining qualities of her life, her love and service to family. She graduated from Silk Hope High School, a feat that today may seem ordinary, but in those

days was a true accomplishment. She married the love of her life, Percy "Sonny" Dark of Mt. Vernon Springs in 1960 at a simple ceremony on a very hot day in July at one of her sisters' house. Complete with ice packs for the groom's head, they were surrounded by family. In 1962, they had their only son, Johnny. Nameless jobs for long forgotten companies rounds out her professional resume. But that was not what she measured life in. It was family. She was always one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave whenever help was needed. From an egg custard pie to helping build a house or just a smile, she was there, helping her family. If you left her house hungry or thirsty, it was your own fault.

She loved her flower gardens and was "Crazy 'bout Elvis" but in 1998 the true sparkle of Jean's eye was born. Caitlyn Grace Dark, her only grandchild, to her son Johnny and his wife Carol. Simple words on this sheet cannot begin to express the love she had for Cate. Watching her grow up, always there to help and support, bought her the greatest joy of her life. Family. So as you read this, don't be sad. Remember her as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, friend. A giving heart and a kind soul. Think of a memory you have of her, and smile. Our world may be a little darker, but heaven is a little brighter.

She was laid to rest at Chatham Memorial Park, Sunday, July 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. A simple graveside service for an extraordinary lady, surrounded by friends and family.

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

LOUISE FAYE STARR



Louise Faye Starr, 65, of Asheboro passed away Friday, July 5, 2019 at Brookstone Haven, Randleman.

Ms. Starr was born in Chatham County on November 20, 1953, the daughter of the late Fred and Louella (Owens) Starr. Faye was a former member of Oakley Baptist Church and had been employed as a dishwasher in a local restaurant. She enjoyed animals, knitting, listening to the radio and watching soap operas on television.

She is survived by daughter, Christina Hayes (Joe Hyatt) of Archdale; sisters, Betty G. Brewer of Bear Creek, Kay Jordan and Debbie Porter, both of Siler City; brothers, Lloyd Starr (Vicki) and Bill Garner (Patsy), all of Siler City; grandsons, Joe and Jacob Hyatt; a niece and several nephews.

A graveside service was held Sunday, July 7, 2019 at 4 p.m. at Oakley Baptist Church Cemetery, 2300 Siler City-Glendon Road, Siler City with Dr. Jeff Johnson officiating.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Brookstone for the loving care of Faye.

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

FLOYD JUNIOR MESSER, III



Floyd Junior Messer, III, 71, of Siler City died Sunday, July 7, 2019 at Randolph Hospice House.

Mr. Messer was born in Johnston County on August 28, 1947, the son of Floyd Daniel Messer, Jr. and Marjorie (Jones) Messer. He had been employed as an animal control officer at animal shelters in both Chatham and Lee Counties. He was an Army Veteran and worked for Boling Chair for 30 years. Floyd was a member of the Stockyard Cowboy Church. Floyd and Connie's greatest pleasures were

their family and friends, bluegrass music, riding horses, and family camping. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Floyd is survived by his wife of 50 years, Connie (Wright) Messer; son, Stacy Allen Messer and wife Melissa of Julian; daughter, Tara Downing of Siler City; sister, Judy M. Caldwell of Moore, SC; brothers, Melvin D. Messer, Gordon G. Messer and wife Wanda, all of Siler City; grandchildren, Cassidy, Michael and Makala.

The family received friends Tuesday, July 9, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

The funeral was held Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Stockyard Cowboy Church, Siler City with Pastor Willie Pickard officiating. Entombment was in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Randolph County, PO Box 9, Asheboro, NC 27204.

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

CATHY HARRIS ANDREWS



Cathy Harris Andrews, age 67, of Chapel Hill died Friday, July 5, 2019 at The Hock Family Pavilion, Durham.

Mrs. Andrews was born in Chatham County on June 15, 1952, the daughter of James Curtis Harris Sr. and Bessie Elizabeth Hedrick Poe. She was an Administrative Assistant for UNC Housing and the Town of Chapel Hill. Cathy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, being in her flower garden, cooking, and creating artwork. She attended First Baptist Church as a child.

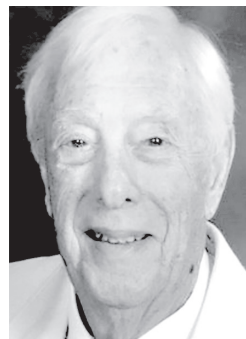
She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Roger T. Andrews; brothers: Curtis Harris Jr. and wife Mary, and Brooks Poe; sisters: Connie Evans and husband Harold, Carolyn H. Thomas and husband Kenny; sister-in-law: Wanda A. Boling and husband Jackie; aunt: Jackie Ellis; nephews: Ray Evans and wife Christy, Miles Boling and wife Miranda; niece: Talli Poe; great nieces: Carley Evans and Merritt Boling; great nephew, Brody Evans; and several cousins.

The family received friends Tuesday, July 9, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 12 at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, and other times at the home of Jackie and Wanda Boling.

The funeral followed at 12 noon in the Chapel, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City with Rev. Desiree White officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Siler City.

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

WILLIAM SCOTT LUCAS, SR.



William Scott Lucas, Sr., age 95, of 300 Trott Sreet, Oak Island, NC, a loving husband, father and grandfather, departed this life to be with his Lord on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

He was born in Cleveland County, Mooresboro, NC on November 7, 1923. He was a graduate of NC State College with a BS Degree and a Master's Degree from Appalachian State University. He retired from teaching vocational agriculture in 1985 at Northwood High School in Pittsboro, NC. He was a WWII Navy Veteran

serving in both the Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea on the USS Jordan DE204 and in the Pacific on the USS McKean DD784. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Oak Island, having served as Chairman of the Deacons, Trustee, Moderator, Sunday School Director and Teacher. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge for over 68 years, having joined in 1951, a Past Master in 1960, 1970 and 1977. He was also, a member of the York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Walter ("J.W.") Lucas and May Aurelia Blanton; two brothers, James B. Lucas and Robert P Lucas, and his lovely wife, Hazel Whitaker Lucas of 63 years together.

He is survived by three children: daughter, Sandra Lucas Hyde of Myrtle Beach, SC; son, William Scott Lucas, Jr. and wife Pamela Jane Hart of Fuquay Varina, NC; son, Michael Walter Lucas of Oak Island, NC; four grandchildren, Michael Kai Lucas, Stephen Michael Kiessling, Erica Brooke Kiessling and Emily Beth Kiessling; two great-grandchildren, Rowen Alexander Lucas and Ada Elizabeth Lucas; two nieces, Lynn Butler Brantley and Mary Lucas; two nephews, Bobby Lucas and Frank Lucas.

The family received friends Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Peacock-Newnam & White Funeral Home, 1411 N. Howe St., Southport, NC.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Oak Island on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 2 p.m. with the Reverend Charlie Carter officiating, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Masonic graveside services will be provided by Pythagoras Lodge #249 at the Northwood Cemetery in Southport, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Oak Island, NC and Pythagoras Lodge #249.

You may offer online condolences at: www.peacock-newnamwhite.com.

Peacock-Newnam & White Funeral Home and Crematory, 1411 N. Howe St., Southport, NC 28461.

CARROL 'WILLIS' WRENN



Carrol "Willis" Wrenn, age 96, died Sunday, July 7, 2019 at the Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro, NC. He was born December 29, 1922 to Charles Wrenn and wife Amanda Miller Wrenn. He attended NC State University and Wake Forest College before joining the US Army Air force where he served as a pilot of fighter planes in WW II. After the war he returned to Siler City and was President of Wrenn Brothers Lumber for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sara Bruton Wrenn, and son David Willis Wrenn. He was survived by sister Jean Wrenn Andrews of Siler City, son, Neil Ashley Wrenn and wife Vivian Wrenn of Siler City, and daughter Rebekah Wrenn of Cary, NC., Robert Carrol Wrenn and wife Jane J. Wrenn of Siler City, and their son Adam and wife Kate of Raleigh, NC, plus daughter Elizabeth Wrenn of Siler City. Other grandchildren are Daniel Wrenn of Siler City, Ashley Moger and husband Matt Moger as well as Sara Skeen and her husband Charles Skeen, He had four great-grand kids and numerous nieces, nephews and their children.

Willis was a former Deacon of the First Baptist Church and leader of its Boy Scout Troop 925. He had been a Volunteer Firefighter in Siler City, member of The Siler City Country Club, Moose Lodge, Chatham County Wildlife Club, Wake Forest Deacon Club, Optimist Club, Rotary Club and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He served on the Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation Board, and was a long time Siler City commissioner. He was Mayor Pro Tem for many years and was the Mayor of Siler City from 1969 to 1977.

He was on the Board of Directors for Chatham Hospital and served on various committees at the First United Methodist Church in Siler City. He was known for his many charitable contributions, and had donated the land for the First United Methodist Church.

There will be a memorial service Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Siler City with a visitation in the fellowship hall after the service.

Memorials made be made in Willis' memory to First United Methodist Church, Memorial Garden Fund.

Lewis Green Law and Allie Mae Johnston Law. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Thomas T. Thompson, siblings, James Cable, Franklin, Thomas Dewey, Gene, Ray Lee Law, and Laura Virginia Whitaker. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include children, Wanda Thompson

Testerman of Siler City, Mitchell Anthony Thompson of Pearisburg, VA, Tressia Diane Thompson Lambert of Rich Creek, VA, and Thomas R. Thompson of Prince George; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BELL

George Washington Bell passed away on July 2, 2019 at Hospice House, High Point.

The funeral was held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lambert Chapel Baptist Church in Siler City with Dr. William Harrington officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

George was born in Canoe, AL to the late George and Louise Bell. After graduating from high school he attended Barber College and purchased a Barber Shop. He also became a licensed electrician and performed extensive electrical work on the Renaissance Center which is now the Headquarters of General Motors Corporation in Downtown Detroit. Because of his active involvement in the city of Detroit, George was awarded the Spirit of Detroit Award and a Testimonial Resolution by the Detroit City Council for his leadership and entrepreneurship.

Survivors include his wife Chris; sons, Eddie, Derrick and Eric; daughters Jessica Tonya, Tammi and Rhonda; three grandsons; and sibling, Roxie, Mary, Martha Eunice and Doris.

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

JESSIE HILDA HOLT GARDNER

Jessie Hilda Holt Gardner, 91, of New Hill, died Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

The funeral service was held Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 11 a.m. at New Elam Christian Church with Rev. Ed Earp, Rev. Gary Moore, and Rev. Ray Gooch presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hilda was born in Chatham County on December 1, 1927 to the late James Chesley Holt and Jessie Seymour Holt. She was also preceded in death by her husband Earl Gardner, and brothers, James Chesley Holt, Jr. and Bobby Knox Holt.

Survivors include daughters, Sybil Lutterloh, Bonnie Kidd, Ethel Campbell, all of Pittsboro, and Marcie Lorbacher of New Hill; twelve grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; brothers, Worth Seymour Holt of Indiana, Marion Howard Holt of Maryland; and one sister, Sylvia Holt Butler of Pittsboro.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made in her memory to New Elam Christian Church, 3290 Pea Ridge Road, New Hill, NC 27562 or Liberty Hospice, 1005 Carthage Street, Sanford, NC 27330.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

PAUL 'AD' LEE ADERHOLD

Mr. Paul "Ad" Lee Aderhold, 85, of Sanford, passed away on July 5, 2019 at Emerald Rehab & Health in Lillington.

Services were held at Juniper Springs Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 4 p.m. with Pastor John Hackley officiating. The family received friends from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church prior to the funeral service.

He was born October 9, 1933, to the late Noah and Johnnie Lou Lord Aderhold. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force, The Broadway Volunteer Fire Department, and as a building inspector for the City of Sanford, Lee County, and the City of Southern Pines. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Aderhold Hackley.

Survivors include his wife, Sara Aderhold; a son, Evan Aderhold of Thomasville; a daughter, Lisa Ihanfeldt Thomas of Sanford; and four grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com.

JAMIE KUSTER BOISVERT

Jamie Kuster Boisvert, 40, of Goldston, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2019 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Flat Springs Baptist Church with Dr. Gary McCullough officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the fellowship hall.

She was born in Union County, NJ to Patricia Waite Kuster and the late Howard John Kuster, Jr.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Brian Boisvert; sons, Brian Boisvert, Jr. and Zachary Boisvert, both of Goldston; daughter, Eliza-Jane Boisvert of Goldston; brothers, Dan Kuster of Sanford, Matt Kuster of Apex; sisters, Jennifer Armitage of Carthage, Kelly vanDeWalker of Goldston; and one grandchild. Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com.

EMMA JUSTINE LAW THOMPSON

Emma Justine Thompson, 89, of Glen Lyn, VA passed away Monday, June 29, 2019.

Funeral services were held at Givens - Riffe Funeral Chapel

in Narrows, VA on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. with Aubrey Whitlow officiating, with burial following at Sunrise Memorial Cemetery.

Justine was born May 7, 1930, the daughter of the late

NEWS BRIEFS

Tips for safe barbecues as the summer heats up

RALEIGH — According to the National Fire Protection Agency, July is the peak month for grill fires, even after the Fourth of July, so the N.C. State Fire Marshal has released some tips for grilling safely.

“A sizzling grill is a welcome sight and smell during Independence Day celebrations with families and friends, but it is important to make safety a priority,” Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey said in a press release. “I want all North Carolinians to follow our safety tips in order to prevent fires and injuries that can result from firing up the grill.”

Seven out of 10 adults in the U.S. have a grill or smoker and according to the NFPA, between 2013-2017, an average of 19,000 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. During that same time frame, fire departments across the United States responded to an annual average of 10,200 home fires involving grills or hibachis.

To prevent such fires and keep residents safe while cooking outdoors, Causey recommends the following tips:

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed far away from the home and deck railings.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always open the gas grill lid before lighting it.
- If using starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children.
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designed to provide easy access to the outdoors. The project will receive permanent financing from the USDA Rural Community Facilities Direct Loan Grant Program and, according to the press release, “significant financial support” from current and former Willow Oak communi-

ty members.

In addition to the new site, the school has created a scholarship fund “to subsidize tuition for low-income and working families to attend the... private preschool program,” the press release stated.

— CN+R staff reports

Willow Oak Montessori School announces groundbreaking for \$7 million campus

CHAPEL HILL — Willow Oak Montessori Public Charter School and Children’s House is on the verge of a large new construction process.

Located in northern Chatham County, Willow Oak is beginning construction on a 30,000 square-foot campus to house up to 330 students from preschool to eighth grade. The campus is expected to be open during the 2020 school year.

“I am honored and excited to work with all invested parties through the final stages of this project and to leverage our increased visibility in the community to create an even more diverse school environment,” said Dr. Ayize Sabater, Willow Oak’s head of school, in a press release. Taylor Hobbs of Hobbs Architects in Pittsboro, and an alumni parent of the Children’s House, has been working with Willow Oak to design a beautiful, functional and on-budget campus featuring three separate buildings filled with light and easy access to the outdoors. “It has been an adventure working on this unique project, and we are so pleased to partner with Resolute Builders and add this educational option to the ‘school district’ on Andrew’s Store Road.”

The school is working with Hobbs Architects of Pittsboro on three separate buildings



An illustration depicts the future 30,000 square-foot Willow Oak campus, expected to be open during the 2020 school year.

Submitted illustration

OBITUARIES

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MIRIAM SOLNICA HYRA

Miriam Solnica Hyra of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, passed away due to complications related to pancreatic cancer on July 1, 2019.

Miriam was born in Havana, Cuba on May 2, 1944 and immigrated to the United States in 1946. She graduated from Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, New York in 1962, and from SUNY Cortland in New York with a B.S. in Education in 1966. Miriam also received a Master’s in Social Work from Fordham University in 1982. While at Cortland, Miriam met Richard Hyra, her husband of 53 years. Miriam and Richard married in White Plains, New York on June 25, 1966. Miriam dedicated her life to supporting vulnerable children and teenagers, and worked over two decades at the Lincoln Hall Boys’ Haven in Somers, New York. In her retirement, she continued her commitment to youth as a Board member of the Chatham County Partnership for Children.

In addition to Richard, Miriam is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Matthieu (Scott); son, Derek (Allison); three grandchildren, Amanda Matthieu and Avery and Barrett Hyra; and her sisters, Debbie Fleischman and Kathryn Stevens.

In Miriam’s memory, the family requests that donations be made in Miriam’s memory to the University of North Carolina’s Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Office of University Development, P.O. Box 309, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Services will be private.

Condolences may be shared at: CremationSocietyNC.com.

JAMES “JIMMY” VANCE WILLIAMS, JR.

James “Jimmy” Vance Williams, Jr., 71, of New Hill, passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at his home.

A graveside service will be held Friday, July 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moncure United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Friends are welcome to visit the family home at any time.

He was born on July 12, 1947 to the late James Vance Williams, Sr. and Katie Shepherd Garner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James Vance Williams, III, sisters, Hannah McLean, Barbara Hathcock, and step-brother, Jerry Garner. Jimmy worked for many years as a welder with Casey Industrial, Inc. and D&S Construction.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Spivey Williams; daughters, Dana George of Lake View, NY and Jessica Holder of TX; sisters, Pat Freeman of Wadesboro, Sandra Fincher of TX; brother, James Graham of LA; step-sister,

Carolyn Hilliard of Seven-Lakes; five grandchildren; step-son, Anthony Phillips of Sanford; step-daughter, Amy Phillips Atkinson of Fort Drum, NY; and three step-grandchildren.

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

RALPH WILLIAM ENTWHISTLE

Ralph William Entwhistle Jr., 57, of Siler City died Friday, June 28, 2019.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Entwhistle was born January 11, 1962 in Cincinnati, OH, the son of Ralph William and Patricia Sizemore Entwhistle. He was the maintenance supervisor for Braxton Manor.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Sabrena Eldridge Entwhistle; daughters, Mandie Entwhistle of Ramseur, Sara Entwhistle of Utah; sons, Dylan Entwhistle of Siler City, Brandin Entwhistle and Daniel Entwhistle, both of Lenior; and five grandchildren.

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'GOD WILL POINT THE WAY'

Chatham's Pyrtle shares insights from Israel experience

BY ALANNA PYRTLE
UNC Media Hub

Editor's note: Siler City's Alanna Pyrtle, a recent graduate of UNC's School of Media and Journalism, was part of a 14-student team which traveled to Israel as part of a "Documenting the Dig" course, related to UNC's archaeological dig site in Huqoq. The class documented the work of archaeologist Jodi Magness, who is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the College of Arts & Sciences. Since 2012, Magness has been conducting a dig in Israel in the Lower Galilee region, discovering unparalleled mosaics adorning what was an ancient Jewish synagogue. The depictions of Biblical stories shed new light on life in this area during the early 5th century. Pyrtle produced the following story for the UNC Media Hub and shared it with the News + Record.



Alanna Pyrtle

I know God has a plan for me and I'm so grateful Carolina was part of it. But I was also overwhelmed by the uncertainty of the future. Many nights, I spent tossing and turning, wondering what my next step would be. Closing one chapter without knowing what the next one would hold, unsure of exactly what I wanted it to hold, was hard for me.

In June, as part of my final UNC course, I went to Huqoq to report on an archaeological excavation, its findings, and famed archaeologist Jodi Magness. There I was, in the Holy Land, walking where Jesus had walked, ministered and performed miracles. When I wasn't reporting, I was excited to visit scenes from the Bible. I waded into the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized. I swam in the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus walked on water. I prayed at the spot where Jesus was crucified, which is now in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

As I talked to archaeologists about the artifacts they were finding and the history of the people who once lived in Israel, watching them try to piece together the past, something struck me: I already know who was. Even more than that, I know who is, and is to come.

Just when I needed it, I



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UNC graduate Alanna Pyrtle tapes a television news standup on an excavation site in Huqoq, Israel.

I may not know what my future holds, but I know who holds it. The only thing I need to know about God's will is that it is good, pleasing and perfect, no matter where it takes me.

was reminded of the only truth that matters.

I may not know what my future holds, but I know who holds it. The only thing I need to know about God's will is that it is good, pleasing and perfect, no matter where it takes me. I was reminded that the Jesus who walked on water is the same Jesus who bled and died on a cross for me — the same Jesus who lives in my heart and tells me He will fight for me, I need only be still.

Physically walking in Jesus' footsteps enabled me to see God's grace from a new perspective.

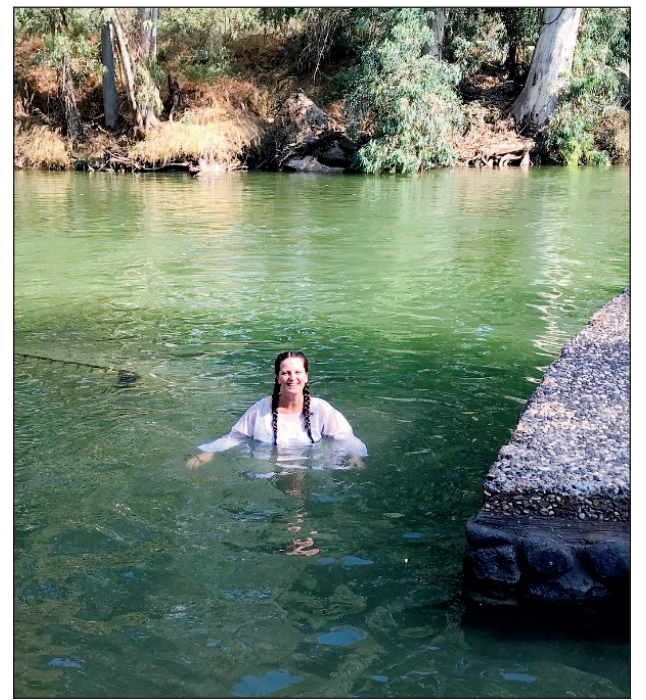
It reminded me that I can make my plans, but ultimately, He determines my future. What a blessing — one I sometimes lose sight of. I'm working on it, though, and I can't wait to see what else God has in store for me. I know my future couldn't be in better hands.

For more about the trip, go to <https://www.unc.edu/discover/documenting-a-dig-huqoq/> and <https://www.unc.edu/posts/2019/07/01/uncovered-1600-year-old-jewish-art-brings-more-of-an-unknown-culture-to-light>.



Submitted photo

Pyrtle stands on the Via Dolorosa, the street in the Old City of Jerusalem along which Jesus carried the cross to his crucifixion in the Bible accounts of his life.



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In this photo, Alanna Pyrtle wades in the Jordan River during a trip to Israel.



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CHATHAM CH@T | TIM CUNNUP

Goldston's Cunnup reflects on two decades in mayor's seat

Editor's note: An error in the production process in last week's edition resulted in an unedited version of this Q&A with Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup being published. This week, the fully edited version of part one of the feature, along with this week's scheduled part two, are presented below.

Tim Cunnup has been mayor of Goldston for so many years that he's lost count.

"This next term will be going on 20, I think," he says.

So what's life in the big chair like as mayor of one of North Carolina's smallest towns? For Cunnup — whose full-time job is owning, along with his wife Camille, H&B Furniture Legacy Co. in Siler City — it's multi-faceted. And busier than you might think. This week we speak to Cunnup about goings-on in Goldston and his reflections from two decades as the town's top elected official.

How would you describe the job, the role, of mayor of — first of all a small town, but specifically Goldston?

As a small-town mayor, what I have learned over the years is we run the town just like a large town. We have five commissioners, a clerk, and a mayor, so the protocol to run the town is just like if it were Raleigh, except on a tiny scale. What you run into, though, in being the mayor of a tiny town is that we don't have the resources of a larger town. Therefore, the mayor ends up wearing a lot of hats. So in a sense, I feel, over the years, as much — or maybe more — like a town manager than a mayor. That's a hat that I sort of wear a lot, because of all the different responsibilities that fall under that, and without having a town manager or a town planner or whatever... But the responsi-

bilities? It's been very enjoyable because of our size. We finally have the infrastructure — we have water and sewer, which was a huge accomplishment for our town. So that's give us much more responsibility and, fortunately, I have a good board of commissioners who have helped greatly with it.

Would you describe it as a labor of love?

It's definitely a labor of love. No one can ever say I did it for the money. I still think my pay as mayor is a cup of coffee a day, pretty much.

What do you like best about being mayor?

Goldston is a unique community. You know, it's one of those little Mayberrys. For the most part, everybody still knows everybody. And it's a close-knit community — it's still one of the communities where neighbors help neighbors. It's very gratifying to live in that kind of community and then to also be the mayor of it.

Anything you don't like?

A lot of times for me, time management is critical, and there are meetings I need to be at, and I feel stressed out of obligation to be there. I just don't have the time to do everything that I need to do. So, probably, that.

Or either when somebody calls and says that a wheel is off their trashcan or that there's a dead deer in front of their house...

So looking back on your tenure, what are you most proud of?

Well, it has to be the infrastructure of getting sewer in, because when you're talking about a town of 300 people, so many people said, "Forget it; Goldston will never have sewer." First, we had the realization that it was not feasible for us to have a plant, and the

fact that we had to go a different direction...that's when we started talking about regionalization, and going to the City of Sanford. So if it had not been for Lee County and Sanford, we still would not have sewer. So that insight of, "Hey, wow, let's run a line to Sanford and negotiate with them." Bam! The last feasibility study for a plant was like \$50 million. We ended up doing this little project for a little over \$7 million, so without question that was the largest feat for us in my tenure. No doubt.

If you could wave your magic mayor wand and get one thing done just like that what would it be?

Several things, but if I had to categorize and put down just one, now that we do have the infrastructure to handle it, would be more job opportunity. That would be it. Second, I'd be really interested in streetscape, getting the money to dress the town up again.

You're in an interesting position because you work in Siler City, the county seat is Pittsboro, you're the mayor of Goldston, and you're part of the larger Chatham County. Do you ever have any frustrations with the way Goldston is seen, portrayed, or treated within the scope of the county?

Certainly, the focus has always been on Siler City and Pittsboro. Goldston is the little guy down in the south. But at the same time, I've got to say that I have great respect for the county and how they have been able to step up and help us over the years. And even with the sewer project. They are a huge part of us being able to do that. So the county has always been favorable when I have gone to talk with them about our needs. And of course there's that bridge we've always had to have with the county for our Emergency Management Services, ambulance,

Sheriff's Department... We are so small that we don't have our own law enforcement, so we rely on the Sheriff's department; we actually provide them an office in our town hall, so they have a place to come to.

Let's get back to growth and economic development... Chatham County is unique because so many people live here and work outside the county. Thinking about Siler City specifically, how would you describe the economy of Goldston? What's the business climate like?

Our growth in economy has been slow. It was non-existent before sewer. Now, I guess the big coup that we've had since then is Alotech moving in... Since Tommy Kirk acquired Conveyor Technology in Sanford and brought it to Goldston, the potential there is 160 jobs. We would have never had that possibility without sewer, so that right there is huge. I'm looking at that as a wonderful base we've got now, so hopefully we can just build off of that. The other thing I'm seeing with the growth is several young families are buying homes in Goldston and putting their roots in Goldston, which is something that has not happened in years. So we're starting once again to retain the young people. You know, Pittsboro used to be thought of as a bedroom community to Chapel Hill and Cary. I think Goldston is going to be more and more looked at as a bedroom community to maybe Pittsboro or Siler City. It's a little gem that people are going to realize and say "wow," it's not that far away — it's a wonderful place to live.

What else makes Goldston specifically a livable, attractive place to put down roots?

The fact that it's a close-knit community,



Staff photo by David Bradley

Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup

our small town feel, and then, strategically, we're really in a great location, even though people who haven't been to Goldston think it's in the middle of nowhere. But you can be in Sanford or Fayetteville or, going north, Siler City, Greensboro, or going east Pittsboro, Raleigh. You can be in Raleigh within 45 minutes, which is a very reasonable commute these days. So for the people who want to have that small-town atmosphere and yet be able to commute...we have it. And as we grow in the county and are able to provide more and more jobs, that strategic location and community feel will help us.

What's next for Goldston?

We're currently approved for our next phase for sewer and adding on

more people to the system. We have a community development block grant that will enable us to provide sewer for about 30 more houses on the east side of town across Hwy. 421. I'm real excited about that, because there was a great need environmentally to be able to provide that. That's a biggie. Secondly, the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District is going to start construction any day now on the new water tower, and that tower is going to be able to provide much more efficiency in our water usage and pressure, and it's going to be a big help to the community. It'll be located just on the other side of the fire department on Goldston-Carbonton Road, just on the edge of town there. It's one of the high spots of town.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Reach for the sky

The fragrant Stargazer Lilies are named so because the flowers look upwards towards the sky.



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Showing stripes

Tiger Lily flowers resemble the skin of a tiger and tend to nod down toward the ground.



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The living is easy

A statue of a frog embodies the opening line of Ella Fitzgerald's 'Summertime' during a warm afternoon in Ferringington Village.



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Dancing into the 80s

Jimmy Bowers and Fay Bowers do a dance at Reno Sharpe's Country Store in Bear Creek Saturday. The two were celebrating Jimmy's 81st birthday with the Reno Sharpe Band.



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Summertime delight

Fay Bowers slices watermelon for the guests at her husband Jimmy's 81st birthday party Saturday. The party took place at the Reno Sharpe's Country Store in Bear Creek.

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Attendees get 'Royall' treatment at Moncure camp for autistic children, adults

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

MONCURE — It's around 1 p.m. on Friday, time for the Camper Celebration at Camp Royall.

As Disney songs play in the background, campers reunite with parents. Some parents run to their kids, and vice versa. At this camp, like many others, it's the first time kids are separate from their parents for a number of days.

But what's unique about Camp Royall includes the staff to camper ratio (1 to 1 or 1 to 2) and the fact that all campers, and some staff, are on the

autism spectrum.

At the ending celebration, each camper is recognized for something they did during the week, something unique. One is recognized for his artistic abilities and one of his digital pieces of art is shown. Another camper demonstrates his basketball skills by draining a three-pointer on the first try, earning the "Half Court Hero Award." A third dances to a song from the movie "Black Panther."

All are applauded and cheered as they perform their talents in front of a crowd, something different for those on the autism spectrum. Accord-

They have great skills and abilities to offer us. You just have to understand how to access that. I think that culture of acceptance is really what helps our campers thrive.

SARA GAGE, camp director, Camp Royall

ing to Camp Director Sara Gage, Camp Royall is all about celebrating people for who they are, not for what they're not.

"We want you to be the king of the world while you're here," Gage said. "They have great skills and abilities to offer us. You just have to understand how to access that. I think that culture of acceptance is really

what helps our campers thrive."

Camp Royall was founded in 1997, but the Autism Society of North Carolina, which runs the program, has been helping those on the autism spectrum participate in camping since 1972.

Even as recently as 2000, autism was less understood and less prevalent than it is today. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 150 children were identified as being on the spectrum at the turn of the 21st century. Today, that ratio is 1 in 59.

What autism looks like depends on the person. Gage cites the quote, "If you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism." The disability looks different for each individual, but it's usually some deficiency or difference in communication. That can vary from high-functioning autism, in which individuals will be able to do most things but have trouble communicating or handling every day situations, to not being able to speak or take care of themselves.

Camp Royall serves individuals across the spectrum throughout the year and, according to Gage, takes great care to accommodate whatever the individual camper needs. The dining hall and sleeping cabins have solo rooms for people who have sensory processing issues or need space, and the staff to camper ratios are designed to provide a personalized camp experience.

That structure extends to the list of gym activities spelled out on a whiteboard when campers walk in to pictures of what songs will be sung during campfire time each night. Seats in the dining hall are usually assigned to create consistency and comfort for campers.

"Those on the spectrum often feel like the world is a little out of control for them," Gage said, "and we try to give them some control and some understanding of what's expected."



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Hidden away on a 133-acre site off of Pittsboro Moncure Road, Camp Royall serves people of all ages at all points on the autism spectrum.



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Attendees at Camp Royall, located in Moncure, can expect a personalized camp experience that accommodates the various levels of the autism spectrum while participating in common camp activities like hiking, arts and crafts, fishing and more.

The camp is the Autism Society of North Carolina's "flagship program," according to David Laxton, the organization's director of communications. Along with providing a safe and fun space for the campers, Laxton said it's also served both parents and caretakers of those on the spectrum as well as the staff that hang out with them each week.

"Camp Royall has provided those thousands of families a week of respite that they can use to practice self-care, reconnect with other family members, and recharge mentally and physically," Laxton said. "Camp Royall has also educated communities across our state through our camp counselors and volunteers. Those people received intensive training about autism and learned how to apply the lessons of camp to their lives and communities."

Camp Royall may be tucked out of sight off of Pittsboro Moncure Road, but its impact has spread

around the country and around the world. Gage said former campers will often come back as staff, and this summer Camp Royall has attracted staff from places like Delaware, New York, the Netherlands, India and Japan.

But most importantly, it's the campers, the people that come often to have their first camp experience. Although experiences are specialized and personalized, campers will participate in normal summer camp activities like fishing, hiking, arts and crafts and boating.

"Everybody deserves to go to camp," Gage said. "Everybody should have the opportunity to have that rite of passage. For individuals with autism, they just need a little bit more thoughtful planning and structure."

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Lot clearing continues at Chatham Park; building sites ready by 2020

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — It's been the center of controversy in Pittsboro for many months, with the most recent leading to long nights at Pittsboro's Town Hall with concerned citizens, elected officials and developers in seemingly endless debates and discussions about trees, tree coverage and tree canopy, among other things.

But Chatham Park is moving forward with lot clearances, and Vanessa Jenkins, executive vice president at Preston Development, told the News + Record that there could be lots ready to sell there by the end of the year.

"We don't want to open with just a handful of lots," she said. "We need to open up more product diversity. So probably pushing into first quarter of '20 to actually have a diverse lot product to sell to the builders."

Chatham Park is a 7,000-plus acre swath of Chatham County land that's projected to house a \$15 billion development that will include residential neighborhoods and commercial space as well as schools, parks and other amenities.

It has been the subject of a lot of long discussions at Pittsboro Board of Commissioners meetings in recent months.

The approval in June of the Tree Protection Element came after a lengthy wait for Chatham Park as signs popped up around Pittsboro proclaiming that the sign owners "Speak for the Trees" in the development.

"No doubt it's been time-consuming and it has been a lot of effort on everybody's part to help the town commissioners and staff understand the elements," Jenkins said. "Everybody's worked hard, and the people who have wanted to put in the work and understand it have done so."

Preston Development is now waiting on an affordable housing element, which will help govern policies on the subject in both the development and the town. The town's ordinance for what constitutes affordable housing has not been passed, but Chatham Park has promised to set aside 1 percent of all housing units to meet "affordable housing criteria," set aside a minimum of 100 of those units for single-family detached dwellings and contribute \$100 per residential dwelling unit built into an Affordable Housing Fund.

Jenkins said the affordable housing task force Pittsboro appointed was "a good diverse group of people."

"I believe the town is trying to move forward with coming up with a town ordinance for affordable housing," she

said. "I think Chatham Park would like to see that in place as we go forward with our element is well. Obviously we want to make sure we're meeting whatever ordinance before our element is in place."

In the meantime, Jenkins said clearing and grading is "well under way" on the first section of Vine Parkway, which stretches from Thompson Street onto Wendover Parkway. The area will include the development's first 500 lots, the entry to a 10-acre park which is being donated to the Town of Pittsboro and the first building for the private school Thales Academy.

Additionally, a spotlight on U.S. Hwy. 15-501 at the off-ramp from U.S. Hwy. 64 in Pittsboro is now functional, paid for by Chatham Park as part of several road improvements. A new road called Charger Boulevard, set to run from 15-501 into Northwood High School's campus, will be complete by the beginning of the next school year, Jenkins said.

"A lot of those will wrap up in time for the school year to start, and then we'll crank back up next year and complete the rest of them," she said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Public meeting on proposed U.S. 220 Business widening

RANDLEMAN — Plans to widen U.S. 220 Business/South Main Street at the border of Randleman and Asheboro will be on display at a public meeting this week.

The N.C. Dept. of Transportation intends to widen the .7-mile stretch between U.S. 311 Extension and Caudle Road from two to three lanes to reduce congestion and improve safety. The project also calls for wider outside travel lanes and sidewalks to allow for bicycles and pedestrian accommodations.

Other proposed modifications include realigning Caudle Road to match Southern Drive; closure of

the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing at Wesleyan Road; a new traffic signal at Wesleyan Road, Stout Road and U.S. 311 Extension; improving the intersection of U.S. 311 Extension at South Main Street; and widening existing travel lanes along Wesleyan Road.

The open house-style meeting will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, at the Randleman Civic Center, 122 Commerce Square Park. People may stop by anytime during those hours.

Maps and other project information can be found on the NCDOT public meeting webpage.

Comments may also be submitted by phone or email by July 26 by contacting NCDOT Project Engineer Gregory S. Davis at 910-773-8022 or gsdavis@ncdot.gov.

City, the Great Wall, and the National Embroidery Institute.

Learn more about the trip, download registration forms, and register online at www.carolinachamber.org/China. Registration closes July 15.

Chatham Parks & Recreation increases fees

PITTSBORO — The new Chatham County budget starting July 1 includes fee increases for several recreation program and park facility rentals. The increases will bring fees more in line with surrounding communities and help recoup actual department costs, said Tracy Burnett, director of

Chatham County Parks & Recreation.

As of July 1, the new fees will be:

- Youth basketball: Registrant fee is \$40 for county residents and \$45 for non-residents
- Youth softball: Registrant fee is \$35 for county residents and \$45 for non-residents
- Park shelter rental: \$30 for a three-hour rental of a shelter
- Park field rental: \$20 for a three-hour reservation of a field with no lights provided; if lighting is needed, the fee is \$35 for a three-hour reservation

If you have questions, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 919-545-8555.

— CN+R staff reports

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber sponsoring trip to China

CHAPEL HILL — The Chamber for a Greater

Chapel Hill-Carrboro is sponsoring a nine-day trip to China scheduled for October 4-12.

At \$2,999 per person, the expedition includes roundtrip airfare, four- and five-star hotel ac-

commodations; three full meals per day; bus tours; fluent and knowledgeable, English-speaking tour guides; and entrance fees for tourist attractions and sightseeing. The group will travel to Beijing, Suzhou,

Hangzhou, and Shanghai. Travelers will experience a roasted Beijing duck dinner, a morning boat cruise, and a traditional Chinese music show; and will visit sites including Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden

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town.”

Grimes will face opposition in the form of Oasis Open-Air Market owner Jackie Adams, who filed for the mayoral race on Monday. Adams is retired from IBM and currently a member of the town's Downtown Advisory Board.

“Living in Eastern Siler City and having a business in downtown, I know there is so much I can do to work with Siler City and build on its great history to actively bring more needed businesses, work on clean municipal water and strive for more affordable housing,” Adams said. “All this in the efforts to attract and retain the beauty of Siler City and make it welcoming.”

Siler City Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek, who has represented District 2 for more than 15 years, also filed for re-election on Friday.

“I want to continue to work with the town board on infrastructure — improving water and sewage capacity so that when



Staff photo by David Bradley

Siler City Mayor John Grimes (left) filed on Friday for re-election as the town's mayor. Chance Mashburn (right), elections specialist at the Chatham County Board of Elections, verified his identification upon filing.

growth arrives, we can service it,” Cheek said. “Our challenge to affordable housing and I want to continue to work with the affordable housing committee. My main goal is to work for the benefit of all citizens of Siler City.”

Thomas (Chip) Price, an at-large representative on the board since 2011, filed for re-election on Monday.

“I still want to work

on some infrastructure projects and continue to working on affordable housing,” Price said.

Curtis Brown also filed on Monday for the Siler City Board of Commissioners' District 3 seat, which is currently held by Michael Constantino. Brown retired from working with the town of Siler City as a superintendent in 2009 and is the vice chairman of the town's planning board.

“We have many challenges ahead of us — permits, equipment upgrades, etc.,” Brown said. “We must have proper water supply and wastewater capacity to grow our tax base and attract businesses and industries. I understand the town's systems and budget process.”

On Tuesday, Constantino filed for re-election. He's been on the board for eight years and works as a trial assistant with the N.C. Dept. of Commerce focusing on workman's compensation issues.

“I am running because we have so many irons in the fire — and some have been resolved, but not all of them — so I want to keep continuity on the board and wrap up some of the projects and open issues,” Constantino said. “It would be difficult for someone to come in cold and get up to speed.”

Along with seats held by Cheek, Constantino and Price, Bill Haiges' District 4 slot is up for grabs. Commissioners Tony Siler, Lewis Fadely and Cindy Burke Bray

have terms that end in 2021.

Goldston

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

Goldston Commissioner Steve Cunnup (Ward 2) filed for re-election on Monday. Cunnup, who retired from the telecommunications field, has been on the Goldston Town Council since 2007.

“I feel an obligation to serve the community,” Cunnup said. “I would like this last term to finish our sewer implementation.”

Mayor Tim Cunnup has not yet filed but told the News + Record he intends to seek re-election for his ninth term in the role. Prior to that, he served as a commissioner for four years as well.

Charles Fields III's Ward 4 seat will also be up for re-election. The terms for Commissioners Wayne Woody, Lynn Gaines and Jonathan

Hensley end in 2021.

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

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

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West Chatham 10s eliminated from 2019 NC Little Dixie Youth State Tournament

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

DUNN — The quest for a state title came to a quick end here in Dunn over the weekend for the West Chatham 10U All-Star team.

In the opener on Saturday afternoon West Chatham American battled Elizabethtown in the fierce midday heat in a 1 pm contest.

When the sweltering action had concluded it was Elizabethtown advancing to round two in the winner's bracket

with a 9-3 triumph over the local bunch.

The disappointing aspect of the contest for West Chatham was surrendering a 3-1 advantage going into the fifth inning as Elizabethtown plated five runs in the top of the frame before adding three insurance runs in the visiting half of the sixth.

Elizabethtown took an early 1-0 lead in the first behind singles from Jayce Hartline and C.J. Martin.

West Chatham countered with a run in the bottom of the second to tie things up as singles by Davis Rhodes, Jensen

Mitchell, a walk to Gavin Davis, and a two-run single by Carson Jackson. The locals left two men stranded with consecutive outs to allow Elizabethtown to escape a big inning.

In the fourth, West Chatham would take a 3-1 lead when Raje Torres and Landon Moser singled, moved to second and third on a passed ball, and both raced home on a two-run single by Rhodes to centerfield.

Leading 3-1, West Chatham loaded the bases with one out behind walks to Jackson Bare and Jackson, and a single

to by Davis. Two strikeouts proved costly as the locals didn't push another across in the inning, or in the game.

Agonizingly enough, an error coupled with two hit batters, a walk, three singles and a double led to the five Elizabethtown runs, all unearned, in the fifth.

Elizabethtown would tack on the insurance runs in the sixth to cap the 9-3 win.

Rhodes was 2-for-2 with a run, an

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West Chatham 12s split Little Dixie Youth Ponytails X-play openers at state tournament

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

WILMINGTON — The West Chatham 12U All-Stars posted a 1-1 record in the opening two days of the 2019 North Carolina Little Dixie Youth State Softball Ponytails X-play Division down in Wilmington over the weekend.

In opening round action, South Brunswick scored three runs in the top of the 1st inning on Saturday afternoon en route to an 11-4 triumph over West Chatham.

West Chatham tallied a run in the bottom of the third to narrow the gap to 4-1 but South Brunswick answered with a run in the fourth, four more in the fifth and two in the sixth to secure the first day win.

Trailing 3-0 in the third, West Chatham plated its initial run of the contest when Katelyn Brown, Ella Field, and Calissa Clendenin all slapped base hits.

South Brunswick upped its lead to 9-1 entering the bottom



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The West Chatham 12U Ponytails X-play All-Stars are 1-1 at the 2019 Little Dixie Youth state tournament in Wilmington through two days of play. Pictured left to right are (back row) Kaitlyn Garner, Chloe Scott, Kelsey Morris, Karaleigh Dodson, Sydney Russell, Calissa Clendenin, Ella Fields, Evelin Sanchez, Payton Pickett, Gabriella Phillips. Front Row: Coach Aaron Garner, Mattie Underwood, Manager Jonathan Russell, Katelyn Brown, Coach Jeffery Fields.

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Eastern Randolph shocks Mooresville, captures series

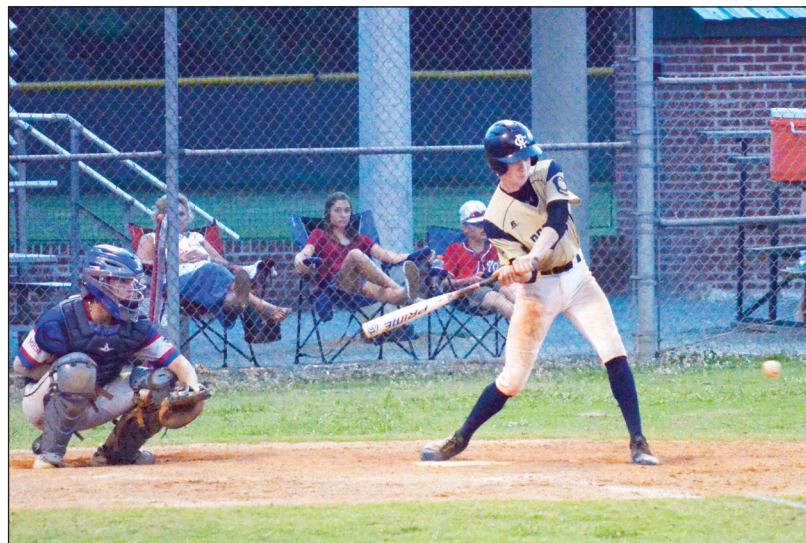
BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

MOORESVILLE — There's an old sports adage: "That's why you play the game." Eastern Randolph exemplified those words on Sunday evening in Mooresville.

Entering as the No. 7 seeds out of the Area III Northern Division and the prohibited underdogs against No. 2 seeded Mooresville out of the Area III Southern Division, Eastern Randolph shocked Mooresville 12-1 on in five innings to take a 2-1 opening round series win in Iredell County.

Post 81, which trailed 1-0 after falling 6-5 on Friday night in the series opener, won back to back games against Post 66 after entering with just three wins versus 17 losses in the regular season.

But on Sunday night, Eastern Randolph put it all together and



Staff photo by David Bradley

Post 81's Clay Edmondson takes a swing at Grady Lawson field Saturday night in the second of their three game series with Post 66 from Mooresville. Post 81 won the game 6-3, to move to game three.

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Noronha to represent East at annual NC East-West All-Star event

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO — Recent Woods Charter graduate Luka Noronha will be representing Chatham County and the men's East All-Star soccer team next Tuesday in Greensboro at the 2019 East-West All-Star game.

Noronha helped guide Woods Charter to a 12-8 record last fall including a trip to the third round of the NCHSAA 1A State Playoffs.

The men's game will take place at MacPherson Stadium at 8:30 p.m. immediately following the girl's contest, which gets under way at 6:30 p.m.

Men's and women's soccer were added to All-Star Week in 1992. Legendary coaches Bob Catapano, Zack Osborne and Herk DeGraw were featured that year. Matches have been played at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In 2015, renovations there necessitated a move to MacPherson Stadium,

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Bats boom as West Chatham 10s blast Topsail in Little Dixie Youth Angels Traditional state play

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

WILMINGTON — If you like offense, then Saturday afternoon's contest between the West Chatham 10U All-Stars and Topsail in the 2019 North Carolina Dixie Youth League State Softball Angels Traditional Tournament in Wilmington was for you.

West Chatham won the contest 33-9, but it didn't look so clean early on. The eventual winners fell behind 8-0 after one half inning before storming back. The locals plated 11 runs in the bottom

half of the first inning behind two walks to Jenna Lambert and Madalyn Holton, walks to Hannah Headen, Natalie Garner, Alyssa Harris, Kileigh Martin, Morgan Peele, Alyssa Ryan, a double from Lyla Nelson, and base hits from Emma Hill and Jasmine Soto.

Topsail managed just one run in the top of the second which closed the deficit to 11-9.

Then the proverbial dam broke loose for the visitors as West Chatham came back in and erupted offensively like

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The West Chatham 10U Angels Traditional All-Stars are 1-1 in Wilmington down at the 2019 Little Dixie Youth state tournament. Pictured left to right are: (back row) Manager Dwayne Lambert, Coach Todd Hill, Coach Chad Nelson. Middle Row: Kileigh Martin, Emma Hill, Madalyn Holton, Alyssa Harris, Aryana Teague, Jasmine Sorto; (front row) Natalie Garner, Jenna Lambert, Lyla Nelson, Morgan Peele, Alyssa Ryan, Hannah Headen.

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of the fifth when the locals pushed across two more runs behind base hits from Kaitlyn Garner, Karaleigh Dodson and Chloe Scott.

Brown would reach on a hit and score on a Sydney Russell safety in the bottom of the sixth to make the final 11-4.

Clendenin took the loss on the mound for West Chatham while Kina Davis notched the victory while also collecting a pair of hits and scoring twice for the victors.

The loss sent the West Chatham 12U All-Stars into the loser's bracket on Sunday and an elimination game with Cherryville.

When the dust had settled Sunday, West Chatham moved on to third round play the next day by virtue of a 16-2 stomping of Cherryville in four innings.

West Chatham pushed across three runs in the top of the first before adding three more in the second and six in the third to take a commanding 12-0 lead before tacking on four more in the fourth to cap the resounding victory.

A walk to Underwood got things started for the local squad in the first before Clendenin and Sanchez collected clutch RBI-hits while later scoring. Walks to Dodson and Morris coupled with a base hit from Phillips led to three more runs in the second for West Chatham.

The locals put the game away for good in the third highlighted by a three run triple by Dodson and RBI-singles from Garner, Scott and Morris, a walk to Underwood, and Russell, who picked up the win on the mound, being hit by a pitch. For good measure West Chatham tallied its four runs in the fourth behind walks to Pickett and Russell, and base hits from Sanchez and Clendenin.

Action was rained out on Monday and was expected to resume Tuesday.

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RBI, and a walk to lead West Chatham offensively while Davis was 1-for-1 with two walks, Torres 1-for-2 with a run and a walk, Jacob Eubanks 1-for-3, Moser 1-for-2, Mitchell 1-for-3, and Jackson 1-for-2 with a walk and an RBI.

West Chatham was sent to the loser's bracket after the tough opening round loss and took on Hope Mills American on Sunday afternoon.

And it turned out to be another agonizing loss for the local All-Star bunch which held the lead on three difference occasions, including 7-6 entering the top of the sixth before surrendering two runs and falling 8-7.

West Chatham took a 1-0 lead in the first behind a single and stolen base from Eubanks who later scored on an RBI-ground out by Torres.

After Hope Mills struck for three runs in the top of the third to go up 3-1, West Chatham responded with five runs in the home half of the inning to retake the lead at 6-3. Jackson and Logan Ellis each singled to start off the uprising before Isaac Mathison and Bare walked, and Eubanks, Rhodes and Torres singled.

Hope Mills tied the game at 6-6 in the top of the fourth but once again West Chatham countered to take the lead at 7-6 with a run in the bottom of the fourth. The run came with two outs when Ellis singled, and Eubanks, Torres and Moser walked to send in a run.

Unfortunately Hope Mills plated to the two game-winning runs in the top of the sixth to get the win.

West Chatham was led at the plate by Eubanks who went 2-for-3 with two runs, two RBI, a stolen base and a walk while Ellis was 2-for-3 with two runs and Torres 1-for-2 with a run, two RBI and a walk.

Old North State All-Star game ends in draw in front of packed house

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — The first Old North State Baseball League All-Star game, played in front of a huge crowd Saturday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium in Ramseur, featured top players from both the Eastern and Western Division participating in a marathon affair lasting over three hours before the contest was eventually called after 10 innings with the teams having to settle for a 3-3 standoff.

Each squad used a total of nine pitchers, with the Eastern team out-hitting its Western counterpart 7-6, but West hurlers registered a total of 16 strikeouts while issuing 10 walks as compared to East pitchers, who fanned 11 batters while yielding 10 free passes.

The East broke up a scoreless tie in the bottom of the third, plating a pair of runs off Guilford Blueticks' pitcher Logan Fisher. Tyler Myers (Carolina Coyotes) led off the inning with a single to right and went to third when Justin St. Amour (Randolph Lumberkings) stroked a double into the right field corner.

Myers then dashed home on a wild pitch that advanced St. Amour to third, and the latter came in to score one out later when Dusty Rogers (Randolph Lumberkings) lofted a sacrifice fly to right.

The East added a solo run in the home fourth to go up 3-0 when Chase Hetzel (Carolina Coyotes), later selected as the game's MVP, walloped a 1-2 offering from Triad Tribe pitcher Hayden Setzer over the fence in right.

The West took advantage of wildness on the part of the Muddogs' Noah Carter in the top of the seventh to knot the score at 3-apiece. A leadoff walk issued to Jacob Wicker (Triad Tribe) was followed one out later by a walk to Connor McCormick (Market City Carpenters) and a bloop single to



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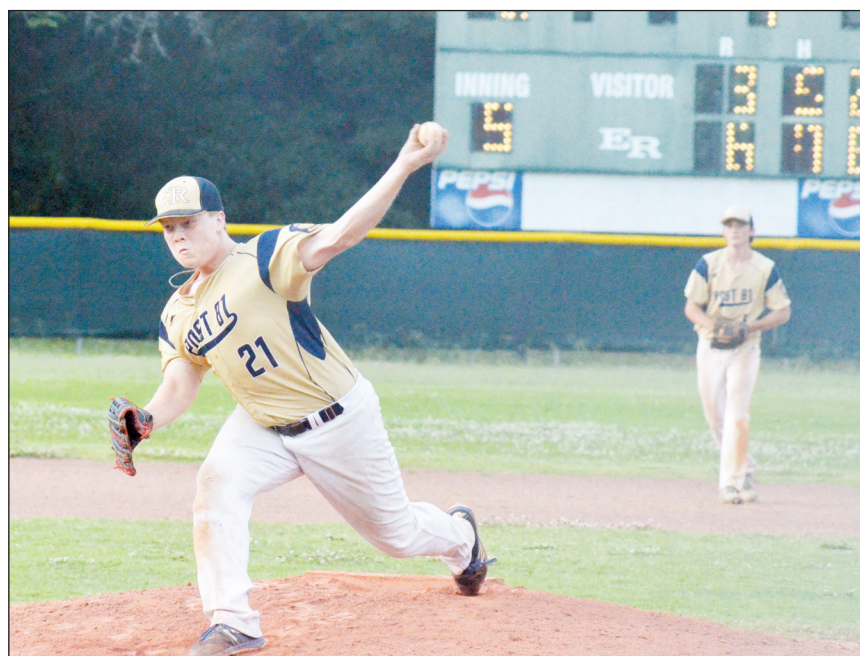
A Lumberkings third baseman and Muddogs pitcher watch a Carolina Coyotes shortstop throw for the out at first during Saturday's Old North State League All-Star game. The two teams tied, 3-3 after 10 innings.

left by Henderson Lentz (Triad Tribe) that loaded the bases.

Back-to-back walks issued to Ryan Ballard and Jacob Lott (Market City Carpenters) then forced in a pair of runs before a

sacrifice fly to right by Joshua Benefield (Triad Tribe) brought in Lentz with the tying score.

The teams combined to leave a total of 23 runners stranded on base, including 18 in



Staff photo by David Bradley

Saturday at Grady Lawson field in Ramseur, Post 81's Zander Smith lets one fly to home plate in the top of the fifth inning. Post 81 won the second game of a three game match in the playoffs, 6-3.

Eastern Randolph doubles up Mooresville to stave off elimination

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Eastern Randolph erupted for a 5-1 advantage after two innings of play here Saturday night to double up Mooresville 6-3 and remain alive in the best-of-3 American Legion Area III opening round series.

Post 81, the 8th seeds out of the Northern Division, improved to 4-18 on the season while Post Post 66, the No. 2 seeds out of the Southern Division, dropped to 8-11 overall.

Connor Murphy had a big night at the plate for Eastern Randolph as the Chatham Charter rising senior went 2-for-3 with a run, an RBI, and a stolen base.

Christopher Morgan, a rising senior at Jordan-Matthews, gave Post 81 a 1-0 lead in the home half of the first when the lead-off batter tagged a 1-0 offering from Post 66 starter David Brannon and drove a solo home run over the fence in left field. Morgan closed 1-for-3 with a run and two RBI, the second run batted in coming as part of a four run second, the decisive outburst of the contest for ER.

Mooresville plated a run in the top of the first to tie the game at 1-1 when Andrew Martin was hit by a pitch, Dawson Salter doubled to center, and Broc Makoff lifted a sacrifice fly to center to bring in Martin. With runners at the corners and one down, Post 66 saw Post 81 douse the threat with an inning-ending double play which saw ER pitcher Thomas Boone field a roller back to the mound from Ty Stazz, throw to Zander Smith at first for an out, before Smith fired a strike to Morgan at home who tagged out an advancing Salter who tried to score from third.

Riding the huge wave of momentum, Eastern Randolph went to work with the sticks in a big way in the bottom of the second and it all started with a leadoff single to left by Clay Edmondson. Tyler Camp-

bell followed with a walk before Cameron Kennedy, a rising senior at Chatham Charter, singled on a bunt to load the bases, and Jacob Underwood grounded out to short to bring in Edmondson to give Post 81 the lead for good at 2-1.

Eastern Randolph wasn't finished, however, as the locals sent across three more runs behind a sacrifice fly by Morgan to left field which plated Campbell, an RBI-single to center by Murphy, a single to left by Mason Canoy, a Mooresville error, and a wild pitch which allowed Murphy to score to make the score 5-1.

Post 66 came back in the top of the fourth with a pair of runs to slice the deficit to 5-3. Salter and Makoff singled to open the frame before both scored on a two out single later in the frame by Trent Little.

Eastern Randolph answered with a run in the home half of the fourth with a run behind a leadoff walk to Canoy, a single by Smith, and an RBI-ground out from Edmondson.

Smith would hurl the final three innings and allowed just two hits while striking out two to close out the win and get the save.

Boone scattered three hits and walked just one in four innings of work to get the win. Boone allowed three runs while striking out one.

Offensively, Canoy added a 1-for-2 effort with a run and two walks while Smith was 1-for-4 and Edmondson went 1-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Salter was 3-for-3 with a run and a double to pace Mooresville at the plate while Makoff went 1-for-2 with a run, an RBI and a sacrifice fly.

Brannon took the loss on the mound after working 1.1 innings and yielded four hits, four runs and a walk while striking out one.

James Winecoff went 3.1 innings and allowed three hits, two runs (one run) and walked six while Jake Burkett hurled the final 1.1 innings and faced just four batters.

Muddogs' Cassell slugs way to Old North State League Home Run Derby title

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Deep River Muddogs' slugger Jordan Cassell blasted a home run over the left field fence on his final attempt in the third round of a sudden death "swing-off" to claim the championship trophy in the first annual Old North State League Home Run Derby held Saturday afternoon at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium in Ramseur.

The event featured 10 of the League's top hitters off teams from both

the Eastern and Western Division. Cassell was joined in the competition by Easton Jones (Deep River); Jacob Wicker (Triad Tribe); Joshua Benefield, Tyler Dellerman and Brandon McMillan (Guilford Blueticks); Dusty Rogers and Cyrus Grimes (Randolph Lumberkings); Jackson Leck (Market City Carpenters); and Mike Dato (High Point Highlanders).

The format for this contest was as follows: There would be two rounds in which each participant would get 10 "outs" (swings that failed to clear the outfield fence), with the four individuals having the most home runs after two sessions advancing to a third round. The two highest finishers in round three would then move on to the finals.

Round one, which **Leck was the only round one player to hit a ball out of the park with a wood bat. In round two, Wicker slammed four homers while Cassell, Leck and Benefield all collected three.**

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a molten hot volcano. West Chatham plated 22 runs in the home half of the second as Nelson, Arayan Teague, and Harris walked to open the stanza, Martin belted a base hit, Peele and Ryan walked, Soto, Headen, Lambert, Holton and Garner ripped consecutive singles.

The uprising continued one out later when

called for the use of wood bats, was considered a "warm-up" round, with rounds two and after requiring batters to use aluminum bats.

Leck was the only round one player to hit a ball out of the park with a wood bat. In round two, Wicker slammed four homers while Cassell, Leck and Benefield all collected three.

While Cassell and Wicker both belted four homers in round three to earn the right to advance to the finals, each one only connected once in

the championship round.

That forced a five-swing sudden death "swing-off" to determine the eventual champion, but each failed to homer

in two sudden death rounds. It was decided to extend sudden death to one additional round of three swings, and if neither could produce a home run in that round then the champion would be decided by the total number of homers they hit for the entire competition.

Cassell's homer on his final swing of the day qualified him for the trophy and gave him a grand total of nine home runs. Runner-up Wicker also finished the event with nine homers, while third-place finisher Leck concluded the afternoon with seven home runs and fourth-place finisher Benefield ended the day with five.

Nelson, Teague, Martin, Peele, Ryan, Soto, Headen, Lambert, Holton, Garner and Hill collected base hits.

Nelson and Teague would reach for the third time safely in the innings moments later to drive in the final two runs to give West Chatham a commanding 33-9 cushion.

With the game completely out of reach, Topsail would load the bases in the third only to see Garner end the game on a strike-out to get the win on the mound.

Mooresville plates 7th inning walk-off to survive ER 7-6 in series opener

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

MOORESVILLE — Trent Little's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh scored Cole Robbins with the deciding run as Mooresville Post 66 rallied its final turn at bat to edge Eastern Randolph 6-5 Friday night at Mooresville High School in Game 1 of the first round of the American Legion Area III best-of-three playoff series.

Second-seed Mooresville raised its season record to 9-12, while seventh-seed Post 81 dropped to 3-19. Post 66 pitcher Brandon Manchester, who relieved starter Jaxon Mays with one away in the top of the seventh, tossed two-thirds of an inning to receive credit for the win. Mays went six and one-third innings on the mound, surrendering 10 hits and five runs (three earned) in addition to walking two and fanning four.

Ty Stazz and Jermaine Green both notched three hits for the winners, while Quinn Ferguson and Scotty Diekmann contributed two safeties apiece as Mooresville collected a dozen hits in all.

"We missed scoring opportunities by leaving a lot of people on base in the early innings, but after we opened up a five-run lead we got comfortable and gave away some at-bats in the

middle innings by swinging away and not being patient at the plate," said Post 66 interim coach Bart Mays. "But give Eastern Randolph a lot of credit. They kept fighting the whole way and eventually did a great job coming back to pull even in the top of the seventh before we regrouped in the bottom half of the inning to escape with a victory."

Post 81 starter Mason Canoy hurled four innings and was charged with eight hits and five runs (four earned) while issuing one free pass and striking out one.

Eastern Randolph reliever Jacob Underwood worked two-plus innings on the hill and was tagged with the loss after giving up four hits and one earned run besides walking one and whiffing one.

Clay Edmonson went three-for-three at the plate while Boone recorded a pair of hits to pace Post 81's 10-hit attack.

"I was proud how our guys never gave up when they fell behind 5-0, and I thought they showed a lot of confidence at the plate when our bats started to come around in the seventh inning to put us in a position to win the game," said Eastern Randolph interim coach Brian Hellig. "If we could have gotten our five runs early instead of late it might have helped our pitcher. This was just the sixth time all season we had more

than one batter with multiple hits, and hopefully tonight's effort will carry over to tomorrow night at our place."

Mooresville jumped out to a quick 1-0 advantage in the home first when Ferguson led off the frame by belting a 3-0 offering from Canoy over the right field fence for his first home run of the season.

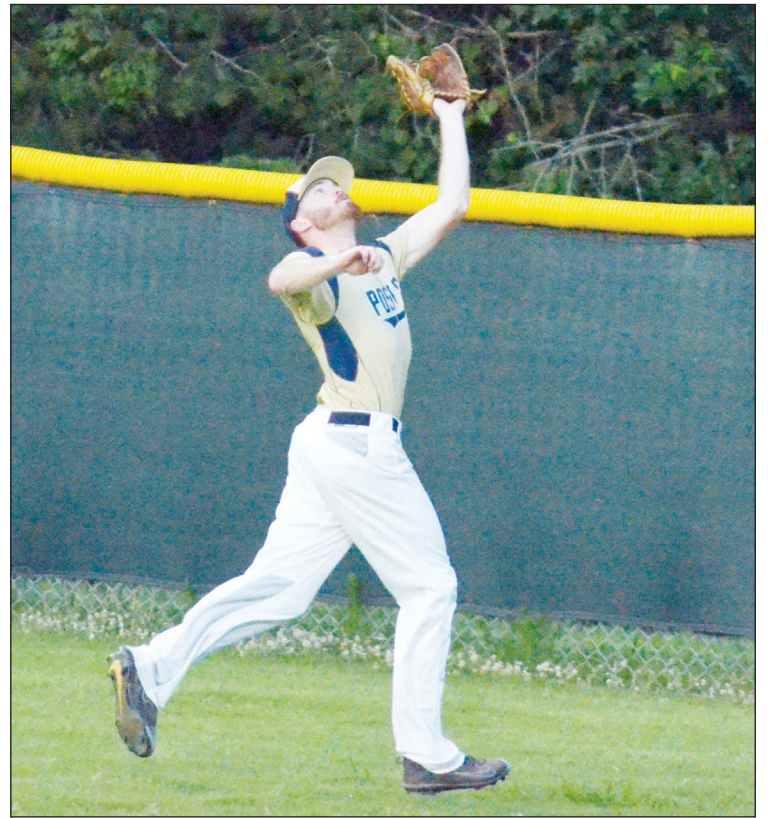
Post 66 relied on the long ball again in the bottom of the second when Stazz crushed a one-out 1-2 Canoy delivery over the fence in right for his initial round-tripper of the year.

Mooresville proceeded to extend its advantage to 5-0 in the home third as lead-off batter David Brannon reached on an infield miscue and moved to second when Cole Robbins coaxed a full-count walk.

Andrew Martin followed with a double into the left field corner to drive in Brannon and send Robbins to third. Robbins then came in to score on a groundout by Stazz that advanced Martin to third prior to the latter dashing home on a wild pitch.

Mays breezed into the top of the seventh just three outs from twirling a five-hit shutout before the Post 81 bats finally came alive.

Boone ignited the Eastern Randolph comeback with a lead-off infield single before racing to third when Tyler Campbell reached on an error.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Post 81's Mason Canoy reaches out in the sixth inning for a long drive in right field. After losing the first game, Post 81 defeated Post 66 in the second game of a three game tournament. Post 81 went on to win the series and advanced to the second round of playoffs.

Underwood followed with a run-scoring base hit up the middle to bring in Boone prior to Edmonson's single to left that loaded the sacks.

Chris Morgan's groundout then brought in Campbell and moved the other two runners up a base before Connor Murphy drilled a two-run single up the gap in right-center.

Canoy poked a base hit to left to advance Murphy to second, and the latter used some heads-up base running to come around to score the tying run when Camden Fuquay reached

on a fielder's choice. But Post 66 would mount its winning rally in the bottom half of the frame as Robbins slapped a lead-off single up the middle, Martin drew a free pass on four pitches and Stazz bunted his way on base to fill the sacks with no outs.

Little then lofted a fly ball to right that was snagged by Canoy, who made a perfect throw to catcher Chris Morgan, but home plate umpire Jeremy Blake ruled Robbins managed to slide under Morgan's tag and was safe to end the contest.

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home of the professional Carolina Dynamo. On six occasions, five or more goals have been scored in a match.

Most player participants have gone on to

compete in college and several have played professionally. As with football and basketball, these games are a great showcase for the best players, coaches and officials in the state of North Carolina.

Men's and women's basketball games will take place at the Greensboro Coliseum on Monday, with the women getting things started at 6:30 p.m. and the men tipping off at 8:30 p.m.

The first East-West All-Star Basketball Game was played in 1949 at Guilford College's Alumni Gym which seated almost 900 fans. The game site moved around for a few years until the 4,500-seat gym at what is now Grimsley High School opened in 1954. The All-Star game was the first game played in that gym. The first basket scored in competition was by the East's Charlie Adams, who for many years served as the executive director of the NC High School Athletic Association.

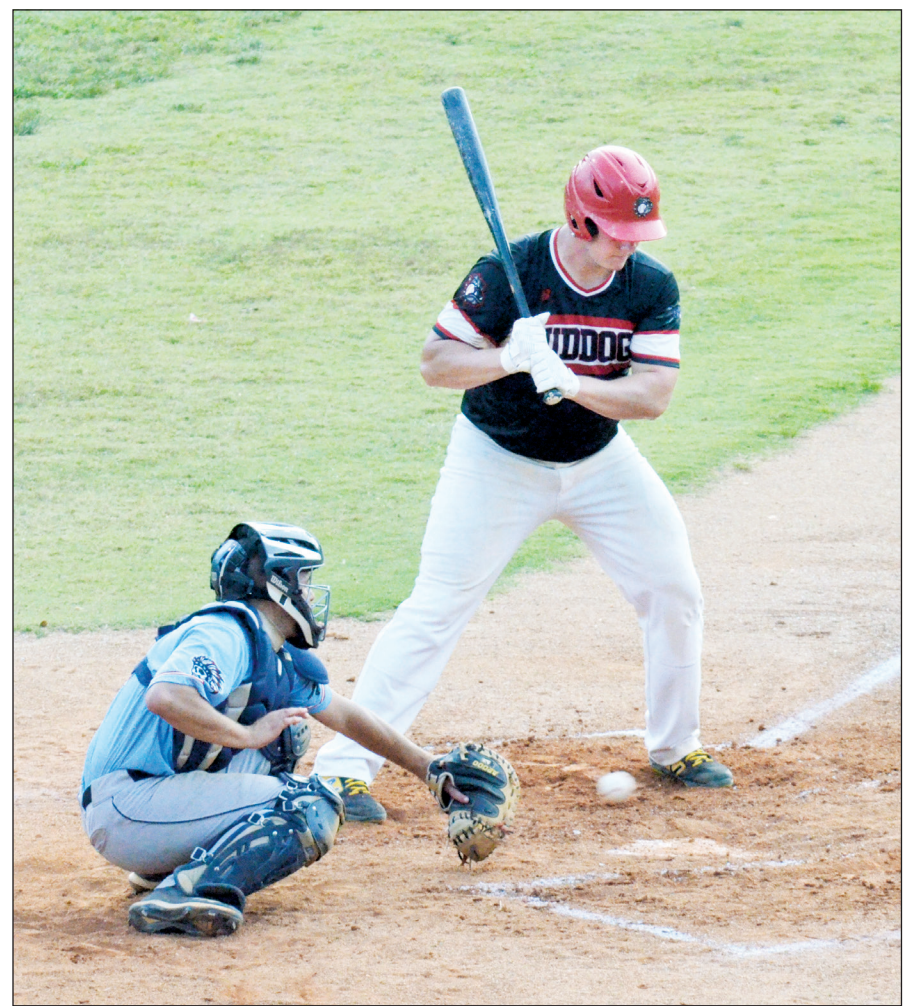
When the Greensboro Coliseum opened in 1960, the game moved there. The coliseum has been the site for the 1974 NCAA finals, many ACC Men's and Women's Tournaments and NCAA Regional games. The first women's East-West All-

Star Game was in 1975.

All-Star week will once again be capped off by the always highly anticipated East-West Football Game at Jamieson Stadium on the campus of Grimsley High School. That contest begins at 8 p.m. and includes a large fireworks show at halftime.

The first East-West All-Star Football Game was played in 1949. Coach Bob Jamieson, the director of the NCCA, received the keys to the stadium from the contractor at 4 p.m. the day of the game. Coach Jamieson then went onto the field at his school and coached the West team against the East's Leon Brogden, Wilmington's legendary coach. The football game has featured hundreds of future NCAA Division I stars and many of the boys who have suited up have gone on to successful careers in the NFL. More than 3,400 North Carolina boys have had the chance to wear the royal of the East or the scarlet of the West in this wonderful rivalry.

The East-West All-Star Games have lived up to their billing of seeing tomorrow's stars today, as many former all-star players wear NCAA National Championship rings, Super Bowl rings and NBA Championship



Staff photo by David Bradley

I'll let this one go

A Muddogs player lets one go by early in the game Saturday as the best of each of the eight teams in the Old North State League played their first All-Star game at Craven Stadium in Ramseur. The two divisions played a long, hard-fought match before tying 3-3 after 10 innings.

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SHOCKS

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plated three runs in the first inning and eight more in the second to race in front 11-0 and never looked back.

Sam Murchison, a rising senior at Jordan-Matthews, worked 1.2 frames and yielded just one hit, one run and a walk while fanning two in getting the

win for Post 81. Clay Edmondson went 3.1 innings on the mound in relief to notch the save and allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out three.

The Eastern Randolph outburst in the top of the first was sparked by leadoff walks to Chris Morgan and Connor Murphy before Mason Canoy mashed a two-run triple to center to put the locals in front 2-0. That lead grew to 3-0 moments later after Zander Smith walked and Thomas Boone singled to left to plate Canoy.

After Murchison retired the side in the bottom of the frame, Post 81 exploded with its eight-run outburst which all but decided the contest. Jacob Underwood singled to start the uprising off before Morgan reached after being hit by a pitch, Murphy walked, Canoy belted an RBI-single, Smith walked to drive in Murphy, Boone, Edmondson and Tyler Campbell all smacked an RBI-singles, Morgan blasted an RBI-double, and Murphy singled.

A David Brannon single coupled with a Broc Makoff walk and a Ty Stazz RBI-single to close the

gap to 11-1.

Eastern Randolph tacked on an insurance run in the top of the fourth behind two Post 66 errors and an RBI-single from Boone.

Edmondson allowed a single to Quinn Ferguson in the fifth before closing out the win for Post 81.

Boone was 3-for-4 with three RBI and a run in the win for Eastern Randolph while Canoy was 2-for-4 with a run and three RBI, Campbell 2-for-4 with a run and two RBI, and Underwood 2-for-4 with an RBI.

In addition, Morgan was 1-for-3 with two runs, a walk, a double and an RBI while Murphy was 1-for-2 with three runs and two walks, Smith 0-for-2 with a run, an RBI and two walks, and Murchison 1-for-2 with a run and an RBI.

Eastern Randolph out-hit Mooresville 12-3 in the contest with Post 66 seeing Brannon go 1-for-1 with a run and a walk.

Post 81 was set to begin action in the Best of 5 series in round two on Tuesday, July 9 on the road at a to be determined opponent. The series will rotate back and forth until it is decided.

Golden starring for Lancaster JetHawks of the California League

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

LANCASTER, Calif. — Siler City native and former Jordan-Matthews star Casey Golden continues to shine professionally as the 24-year old prospect from the Colorado Rockies organization recently competed in the 2019 California League All-Star Game, winning the competition's Home Run Derby.

Golden won the title by slamming a towering walk-off winner over the left field wall, which can be seen by following the link: <https://www.milb.com/lancaster/video/golden-wins-california-league-hom/c-3100000549>.

Golden and the South Division All-Stars dropped a 7-1 decision to the North in game action.

Thus far this season, Golden has 229 at-bats in 61 games and has posted a .258 batting average while scoring 43 runs, belting 59 hits, 16 doubles, a triple and 12 homeruns. The right-handed slugger has collected 39 RBI, 28 walks, stolen 8-of-12 bases, and has compiled a slugging percentage of .493.

Lancaster closed in third place in the South Division in the opening half of the season with a 34-34 mark, seven games back of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (41-27), an affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The JetHawks are tied for first at 11-7 overall in the early stages of second half play.



Golden

Post 45 eases past Post 81 in regular season finale

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Randolph County tallied three runs with two away in the top of the fourth to overcome a one-run deficit, and behind the pitching of Dawson Davis and a pair of relievers went on to register a 7-1 American Legion Area III Northern Division victory over Eastern Randolph July 1 on Grady Lawson Field.

Defeating Post 81 for the second time in 24 hours to complete a sweep of the season series, the winners clinched the Northern Division regular-season title, improving to 9-2 in the league standings and 23-5 overall, while Eastern Randolph remained mired in the league cellar with a record of 2-9 in the conference and 3-17 for the year.

Davis hurled five innings to obtain the win, allowing four hits and one earned run in addition to walking one and fanning four.

Post 45 reliever Matthew Brewer threw two-thirds of an inning, giving up one hit while issuing one free pass and striking out one before Easton Morgan came on to toss the final one and one-third innings, whiffing four.

"I thought Dawson looked good in only his second start of the year, while all our pitchers did a good job filling the strike zone," remarked Randolph County coach Ronnie Pugh. "After getting off to a slow start tonight, we finally came up with some quality at-bats in the fourth and strung a few hits together to take the lead and seize the momentum."

Post 81 starter Travis Boone went five innings on the mound and was saddled with the loss, surrendering nine hits and four earned runs besides walking three and fanning two.

Connor Murphy pitched one inning in relief, yielding three

hits and three earned runs while issuing one walk and striking out a pair prior to Clay Edmonson hurling the final frame and giving up a pair of safeties.

"Our season has been like a broken record," said Eastern Randolph interim coach Brian Heilig. "We keep repeating our mistakes, issuing too many walks and leaving pitches up, while we just aren't producing hits with people on base. If we could string enough hits together and score early, we might take a little more pressure off our pitchers."

Post 81 forged a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first when Chris Morgan led off with a single up the middle and came home on Murphy's one-out double down the left field line.

After Post 45's Braxton Davis drew a four-pitch free pass leading off the top of the fourth, Boone retired the next two batters on a pop-up and strikeout before Davis stole second and scored on Chris Hardin's base hit to left prior to the latter moving to

second when Bryson Hamlet was hit by a pitch.

Tatum Marsh and Harris Jackson, who both went three-for-four at the plate, followed with back-to-back run-scoring singles to left to put Randolph County ahead 3-1.

Post 45 picked up a solo run in the visitors' fifth as Braxton Davis doubled to center with one away and tallied on Easton Morgan's base hit to left.

Randolph County then added three insurance runs in the top of the sixth to account for the final margin.

After Marsh reached on a one-out infield single, Jackson lined a base hit to left and Austin Curry coaxed a full-count walk to load the sacks before Spencer Lanier cleared the ducks off the pond when he smashed a triple into the right field corner.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Slide for second

A Triad Tribe second baseman reaches for the out, and a Guilford Bluetick outfielder watches as a MudDogs player slides into the base at Craven Stadium Saturday. The two divisions in the new league fought a hard match in their All-Star game, finally tying 3-3 after 10 innings.

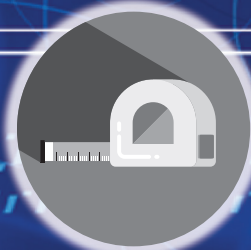


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First base is ready

Post 81's Cameron Kennedy waits for the pick-off throw from pitcher Zander Smith in Saturday's game at Grady Lawson Field in Ramseur. Post 66's Blake Burchett leads off the base late in the game. Post 81 took the game 6-3, and went on to win the series, advancing to the second round of playoffs.

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CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Ladonya Kelly, 25, of Siler City, was charged July 2 with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She was released on a written promise with a July 17 court date in Pittsboro.

Antonia Rodriguez Siler, 42, of Siler City, was charged July 2 with injury to personal property, communicating threats, driving while license revoked, possession of drug paraphernalia, having an open container of alcohol in passenger area, rear lamp violation, having a fictitious/alter tag, failure to wear a seat belt, reckless driving to endangerment, fleeing/eluding arrest with a motor vehicle and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was held with an unknown bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro and August 5 court date in Alamance County.

Christopher Stout, 46, of Moncure, was charged July 2 with failure to appear, larceny and larceny from a construction site. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a July 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Andrew Heins, 31, of Bear Creek, was charged July 3 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$3,000 bond with a

July 24 court date in Asheboro.

Derek Luis, 29, of Asheboro, was charged July 3 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a July 29 court date in Asheboro. He was also charged with two counts each of uttering a forged instrument, possession of stolen goods and attempted obtaining property by false pretenses, and held under a total of \$12,500 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Crystal Wadell, 37, of Waccamaw, was charged July 4 with resisting, delaying or obstructing an officer. She was released under a written promise with a July 30 court date in Siler City.

Carmen Greene, 44, of Pittsboro, was charged July 6 with felony larceny. She was released under a written promise with an August 5 court date in Raleigh.

Arthur Palmer, 35, of Siler City, was charged July 7 with possession of marijuana, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a written promise with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Daniel Estridge, 26, of Bear Creek, was taken into custody July 7 on a notice of

hearing on violation of unsupervised probation. He was held under a \$500 bond with an August 6 court date in Siler City.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jessica Garside, 34, of Graham, was cited June 26 with simple possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. She was given a July 30 court date in Siler City.

Gregory Brower, 49, of Greensboro, was charged July 2 with trespassing and consumption of a malt beverage or unfortified wine on city/county property. He was released on a written promise with a July 16 court date in Siler City.

Frances Payne, 62, of Siler City, was charged July 2 with defrauding an innkeeper and resisting/obstructing/delaying a law enforcement officer. She was held under a \$2,000 bond with a July 30 court date in Siler City.

Marqua Adams, 28, of Charlotte, was charged July 4 with assault on a female. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with an August 6 court date in Siler City.

Victoria Martin, 22, of Siler City, was served with a criminal summons July 5 and given an August 6 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Eric Matthews of Fuquay Varina was cited July 1 for failure to maintain lane control on N.C. Highway 42 in Pittsboro.

Trevor Perry of Siler City was cited July 2 for unsafe passing the yellow line, exceeding the posted speed and failure to wear a seat belt on Silk Hope Gum Springs Road in Siler City.

Mark Smith of Raleigh was cited July 3 for failure to stop for a stop sign, reckless driving and driving while impaired on U.S. Highway 1 in Pittsboro.

Alex Rastens of Pittsboro was cited July 5 for failure to maintain lane control and careless and reckless driving on Andrews Store Road in Pittsboro.

Stuart Hall of Winchester, Virginia, was cited July 6 with failure to maintain lane control, driving left of center and DWI on Christian Chapel Church Road in Pittsboro.

Bear Creek man charged with attempted murder

CN+R Staff Report

A Bear Creek man is facing an attempted murder charge after a July 4 incident.

Larry Smith II, 33, has been charged with felony attempted first-degree murder, felony shooting into an occupied vehicle and resisting a public officer after shooting into the car of a single male victim.

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office responded to a disturbance call

at a residence off of E.T. Hanner Road in Bear Creek, according to a press release sent Monday. Deputies determined that Smith, who lives on the road, had fired several shots into a vehicle following an argument. The victim was struck twice and sustained minor injuries according to the press release, and drove himself to the hospital following the incident.

Smith has been taken into custody and has been assigned a \$400,000 bond. He is due to appear July 22 in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

Pittsboro's Summer Fest shines despite rain

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Despite the threat of rain, Pittsboro's annual Summer Fest went off without a hitch last Sunday.

Visitors enjoyed live music, a patriotic bike parade, crafts and vendors, delicious foods, all topped off by a laser show at the end of the night. The town closed two blocks of Hillsboro Street, from the Historic Courthouse to Thompson Street, from 2:30 until about 11:30 p.m. to accommodate the revelry.

Many of Pittsboro's locals came out to enjoy one of the town's biggest events of the year. The event was organized by the Pittsboro Business Association.

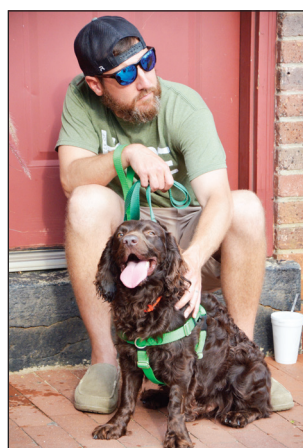
"We are so blessed that the temperature dropped after the thunderstorm passed," Pittsboro resident Pam Cathay said. "I'm having such a good time."

"Most people came out despite the rain from earlier," Pittsboro resident Shannon Wolfgang said. "I look forward to this event every year."

Andrea Batsche, owner of Studio 17 on the circle, noted that earlier in the weekend her store was packed full of visitors from out of town.

"We had a great day on Friday," she said. "We had people from Raleigh, Apex, Southern Pines, and Chapel Hill in the shop."

It appeared that the rain earlier in the day and the threat of more



Brian Barber plays with Jasper, a Boykin Spaniel, while relaxing on Hillsboro Street at the Summer Fest event.

storms to come may have discouraged some visitors from staying for the event. However, many of the local residents attended regardless of the weather. Most of the vendors set up shop despite the weather threat as well.

"I'm looking forward to it being really great," Dan Augustine of Pittsboro added.

"I'm really amazed by the number of vendors that keep showing up Sunday after Sunday."

Tiana Thurber echoed that sentiment

"I found the prettiest ring at Summer Fest," she said. "There was a nice selection of merchants."

Thurber also enjoyed the Ballet Folklórico Guadalupe performances of various folk dances from Mexico. The crowd got dancing when opening act Crucial Fiya hit the stage and really ramped up when Jim Quick and



Funnel cakes are classic fair food and they were available to please the folks enjoying Summer Fest on Sunday. Dean Coggins puts the final touch of sugar on the fresh funnel cake for a customer.



Staff photos by David Bradley
Stephanie B. Terry at the Sweeties booth hands Karen Reed and Claire Haste, 5, one of her blueberry muffins at the Summer Fest event on Hillsboro Street Sunday.

Coastline closed out the event accompanied by the Emerald Owl Laser Light Show.

There were plenty of activities for the young and young at heart at Summer Fest. Chatham County 4-H had corn-hole and a virtual reality tour of a dairy farm. There was also a dunking booth where kids were doused and the YMCA sponsored a Family Fun Center where

kids slide down slides into puddles.

Even the youngest Pittsboro residents enjoyed themselves.

"It's an awesome opportunity to get our summer on and introduce Frances [his 1-year-old daughter] to Pittsboro," Matt Hayes said. "She's been dancing every since we got here."

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey.Mann@Chathamncr.com.



Aidan O'Neil was interested in the patterns and colors of various soaps and other products at the Painted Pastures Goats Milk booth.



Scott Gilmore throws softballs at the dunking booth to support a local school. He said he kept missing on purpose.

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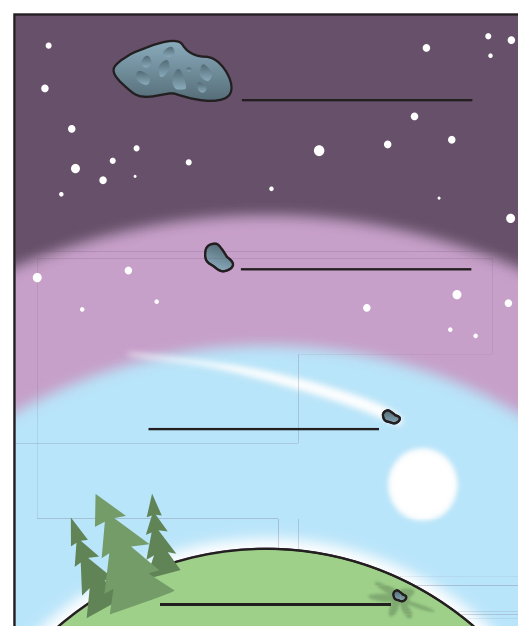
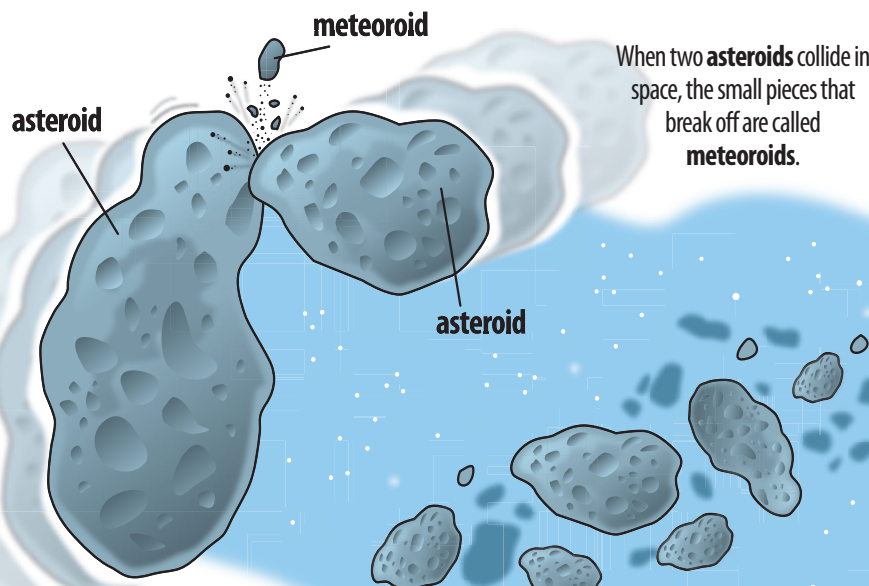
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SPACE ROCKS

Meteors, asteroids, meteorites ... what's the difference?

Meteors, asteroids, meteorites and meteoroids are all names for space rocks. The rocks have different names depending on their location, whether they are hurtling through space or zooming through the atmosphere and hitting the Earth's surface.



Read each description and label each item on the chart at left.

Asteroids are large rocks in space that orbit the sun. Most are found in the asteroid belt.

When two asteroids collide, the particles that break off are called **meteoroids**.

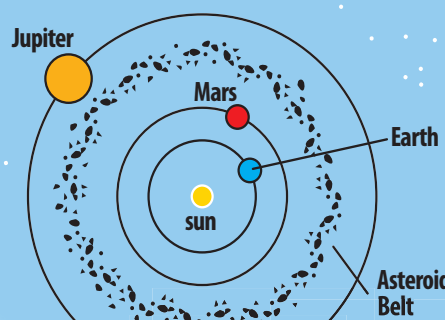
A meteoroid that enters Earth's atmosphere begins to vaporize, becoming a **meteor**.

If a meteor survives its flaming trip through our atmosphere and lands on Earth's surface, it is called a **meteorite**.

Solar System Leftovers

Our solar system is made up of planets revolving around a sun. Strangely, between the planets Mars and Jupiter, there is a gap large enough for another planet, but there is not a planet there.

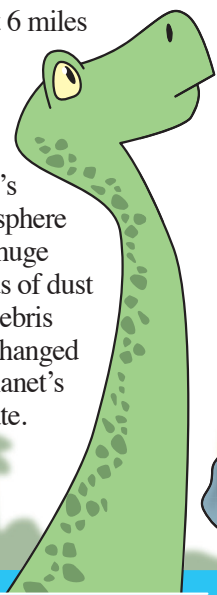
Instead there are millions of asteroids — small and large rocks that scientists believe are the leftover rocks from when the solar system formed. This zone is called the **asteroid belt**.



Blast from the Past

65 million years ago, dinosaurs had a really bad day. Scientists have a theory that a humongous asteroid hit the Earth. This event likely caused the end of dinosaurs and many other forms of life.

The asteroid that might have wiped out the dinosaurs was about 6 miles wide. The crash filled Earth's atmosphere with huge clouds of dust and debris that changed the planet's climate.



Circle every other letter to discover another name for meteors.

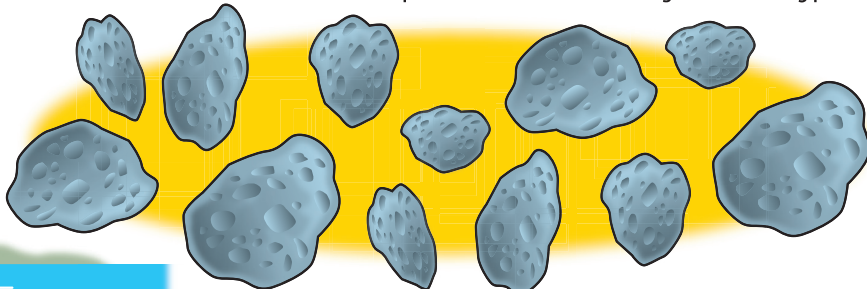
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Each of these meteorites has an exact duplicate. Draw a line connecting each matching pair.



Extra! Extra! Synonym Search

Cap and hat are **synonyms**. Large and huge are synonyms. Synonyms are different words that mean the same or almost the same thing. Look through the newspaper to find five examples of synonyms.

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

Summer Library Storytime Rocks!

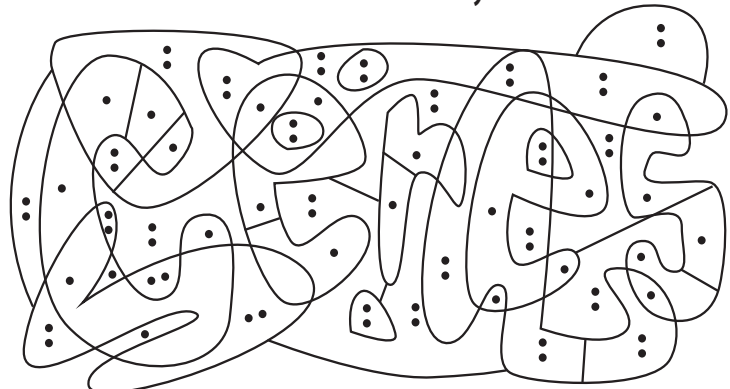
Parents with their children sit in a circle while the librarian reads one story or more. There may be songs and rhymes, but the main focus is on books. Groups start with babies and toddlers. For older kids, there may be crafts or games. Most storytimes follow a theme and the librarian will select other books on the theme to be browsed or taken home.

Ask your local librarian about storytimes. Listening to stories will build your imagination, increase your vocabulary, and it's fun for the whole family. And it's a great way to beat the heat, too!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The largest asteroid in the asteroid belt is about 1/4 the size of the moon. It is so large that in 2006 it was decided it should be called a dwarf planet. This asteroid rotates very fast. One day on this asteroid is only 9 hours long. It takes it about five Earth years to orbit the sun.

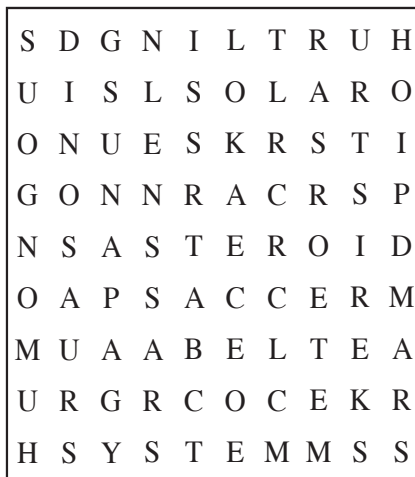
To find out the name of this asteroid, color the spaces with one dot red and with two dots yellow.



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- ASTEROID
- HURLING
- SYSTEM
- ROCKS
- SPACE
- CERES
- SOLAR
- BELT
- STAR
- MARS
- SUN
- GAP

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



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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **VAPORIZE**

The verb **vaporize** means to turn from a liquid or solid into vapor.

The puddle began to **vaporize** to mud in the heat of the day.

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

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Space Trip Supplies

Look through the newspaper for 5 to 10 things you would want to take on a trip to space. Write a sentence explaining why you would take each item.

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

What do you get when you mix a rocket with a lamb?

ANSWER: A space sheep!

Write On! Gravity Poem

Write a poem or descriptive paragraph telling what you like or don't like about gravity.



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REFLECTIONS ON PITTSBORO BARBER'S LONG CAREER

Cadle Cooper clips along, spans half century of main street change

BY BOB WACHS
News + Record Staff

Editor's note: former News + Record Managing Editor Bob Wachs, a frequent contributor to the newspaper, penned this profile and reflection about Pittsboro barber Cadle Cooper, who's been cutting hair downtown for more than half a century.

PITTSBORO — The year was 1963.

Cadle Cooper was graduating from Pittsboro High School. I was in the ninth grade

In a few months, he'd finish at the Durham Institute of Barbering, marry Sarah Partin of Bynum and complete 18 months of apprenticeship in Chester "Gene" Barker's Pittsboro barber shop.

It would be the only place he'd ever work... except when he had a second shop in Bynum that the State Board of Barber Examiners made him close because, they said, one barber couldn't manage two shops — even though he was.

Cooper is still behind his barber chair in the building on Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro's main drag, pushing 55 years of snips, cuts, trims and shaves. The business, now Cooper's Barber Shop since Barker's death, is still there...and he's the only person still in business who was on main street the day he first picked up a pair of scissors.

Lest someone challenge that, yes, there's a bank on the corner of Hillsboro and Salisbury streets, at THE spotlight — the only one in town until someone came up with one for the west side at N.C. 902 and 87. But in 1965, it was Bank of Pittsboro, later CCB and now Suntrust. And Tommy Morgan and W.H. McAllister — "Mr. Mac" — and Mrs. Virginia Rives and many other great folks are gone.

But Cadle isn't. Since I grew up and my Uncle Lewis closed his Bynum barber shop, maybe 10 times someone besides Cadle has cut my hair. Even when my little family lived in Asheboro or south-central Virginia, I'd go by when we came home. I'm not suggesting you want to look like me and I hope you won't blame him if my "do" looks ragged sometimes. It's not his fault you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

The other day when I went by to "have my ears lowered," we spent several minutes remembering 1965 folks and businesses up and down the street. I think we came up with all of them.

On the north side of Hillsboro Street, where Circle City Books tempts me too often with books and vinyl 33 RPM records, Harry Horton had his law office in a building shared with Ed Hatch, hence "Horton and Hatch" on the door. Horton later became an Orange-Chatham district court judge and Ed Hatch moved to other pastures in Raleigh.

Also in that block building were magistrates, the juvenile court counselor (Mrs. Mabel Herndon), the probation officer and a room for the Chatham Record office. W. B. (Willie) Morgan was the local editor. When he retired in 1970, I replaced him, although I'm pretty sure I never replaced him but rather just used his chair.

It was into that room that my better half, who wasn't my better half then, came one June day when she was filling in for Billy Smith's legal secretary Jean Bryan, who wanted the summer off to be with her children. Between her junior and senior years in college, Shirley needed a work experience for her degree so Smith — next door — hired her for three months.

When she came into



Staff photo by David Bradley

Cadle Cooper, owner of Cooper's Barber Shop in Pittsboro, gives Kimble Wallace a haircut. Wallace is a regular and loyal customer and has been coming to Cooper's shops for 30 years.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Cadle Cooper's Barber Shop has been a fixture in Pittsboro for more than 50 years. A Ford dealership and other companies have come and gone, but his shop is a fixture downtown.

my office for an affidavit of publication to settle an estate, she noticed stacks and piles of newspapers strewn on the desk and floor, assorted cardboard boxes here and there, empty Coke bottles and coffee cups, the full trash can and other tools of the newspaper trade. As I dutifully and professionally worked at honoring her request, she looked around and casually said, "I really like your filing system."

Being impressed, I responded with, "Thanks. I did it myself," handed her the needed form and followed her out of the room. As she left the building, I asked magistrate Earl Parker, "Who was that?"

"Don't you know?" he asked. "Earl, if I knew I wouldn't have asked you." "She works next door for Billy Smith."

"Oh. OK." A day or so later, I found a reason to go over and soon asked her if she'd like to live with me as long as possible, promising to endow her with a version of the filing system she so admired, a promise I have kept through almost 50 years.

Today, Smith's office is home to Loose Leaf Botanicals; next door is Full Blown Gifts. Years ago, it was an office that struck fear in the hearts of many a Chatham County boy — Local Draft Board No. 19. Mrs. Charlotte Stevens knew everything about all of us, including after I flunked out of UNC for the umpteenth time I was no longer classified as a student but could potentially be on Uncle Sam's payroll. Sure enough, the day came when I met 39 other lads at 4 a.m. to ride to to the U.S. Army's Raleigh examination and induction center. Ray Gunter, who now calls Goldston home, was the only person I knew at first; we all got acquainted before it was over. Uncle never called my name.

Beside the draft board was Shenandoah Restaurant, a place many folks simply called "Bolejack's Café," after owners Bob and Ruby Bolejack. When Progress-

sive (food) Store — later Piggly Wiggly — was where Pittsboro is building municipal offices, you could come in the restaurant back door into the kitchen. There Don Bolejack made the first bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich I ever tasted. Thought I'd already died and gone to heaven. Today, that space is Deep River Mercantile, next door to a business owned and operated by Tommy and Cindy Edwards that's open, according to a sign on the door, as often as possible.

There you can find antiques, musical instruments, CDs and conversation. In the 50s and 60s, it was City Electronics Shop, a fascinating collection of radios, vacuum tubes and a fast-growing invention called "television," presided over by Gene Robeson. Later, Jimmy Harris opened a Sears catalog store and eventually Archie Hackney operated Pittsboro Appliance Center.

Across the street heading south is the Woodwright's Shop, where you can use old tools to make new furniture. Decades ago, Colon and Lois Shaw sold furniture, lots of it, from that building and later in what's now S&T Soda Shoppe. Before that, S&T's was Dave Roberts Jewelry & Soda Shop. He gave me my first non-lawn mowing job in 1963, 50 cents an hour. After Dave built a new store on Salisbury Street, beside the old post office, the Shaws opened the wall between the two, expanding their business.

Back then, Pittsboro had a "five and dime," although it wasn't Roses. Instead, it was Popes, where the Ladies Fitness Center and Chatham Park are. My high school buddy Renny Kremer managed Popes until Uncle Sam called his number for Vietnam, forcing him to cancel his order for a new Mustang from Cooper-Harris Ford.

The barber shop is next, seeing many changes not only on Main Street but also in the shop. In 1965, haircuts were \$1.25; today they're



Staff photo by David Bradley

Cooper probably knows every head of hair in Pittsboro after taking care of the town for more than 50 years. His style of easy patter and friendly spirit are part of the secret to his longevity.

\$14, "except flattops," Cadle says. "They were \$1.50. We sold a lot of Butch Wax, still got some but nobody uses it. People with flattops just let their hair stand on its own.

"Short hair was the style when I started," he says. "In the 70s it was real long; today short hair is coming back. Today there are more hairdressers and salons, more females cutting hair in cosmopolitan beauty shops. There are some 40-year old men who've never been in a barber shop." Besides the haircuts, Vance Crews operated a shoe shine stand. He could take a pair of muddy shoes and turn them into new. Only fellow I ever knew who put on polish with his fingers.

South of the barber shop Pete and Edith Wasko owned Pete's Market, a family grocery known for fine meats and letting people charge groceries until payday. Henry Blair operated a hardware store next to Pete's until Carey Jones took it over. Today Carolina Properties Realty occupies Pete's location; Russell and Associates is in the hardware site.

Next in line was Baldwin-Stout ladies shop and McCrimmon Drug Co. Mrs. Alma Crutchfield was one of the fine folks at Baldwin-Stout; every day she came into McCrimmon's and asked Bea (Harris) O'Quinn or C.W. Harris or Johnny Justice or me for a small Coke. They were a nickel. The drug store also was the local bus station for passengers or flowers from Gould's Flower Farm, which was behind where the State Employee Credit Union is. A one-way bus ticket from Pittsboro to Durham was 55 cents in 1965.

On the corner was Flynt's Florist, where Polly and Jim Flynt and Kathlene Griffin created all kinds of arrangements. Next door was Baxter Rigsbee Insurance Agency. Today Flynt's is home to Blue Dot Coffee; beside it is The Salon.

Crossing to the east

side of Main Street, Western Auto, operated by Bob Blanchard and featuring J.A. Stevens and his checker board, was on the corner where Screaming for Vintage is today. The offices, showroom and service department for Cooper-Harris was next. Owner Ken Cooper often stood on the sidewalk, jingling the change in his pants front pockets while making deals. One day, some employees tried to trick him by gluing a quarter to the sidewalk. When he couldn't pick it up, he got out his pocket knife and scraped it up.

Today that location is home to a number of businesses: Joyful Jewel, Post/Foushee/Patton law firm, Harris Insurance and Horizon Renovations, a contracting firm.

Griffin's, known to most folks as the shoe shop, was next. Sam Griffin started the business, later taken over by his son Sammy and his wife Dotie. They sold great work clothes, shoes and boots. Not so long ago, I found, in the back of my closet, a pair of work boots at least 35 years old I bought from Sammy. Still in good shape.

Sammy also made and repaired leather goods — belts, holsters, wallets. And at his shoe shine stand Charles Farrar could put a shine on a pair so good you could see your reflection. And two of the sharpest dressers I've ever known, two black men — Roy "Crown" Harris and a fellow I knew only as "Papoose" — came in on Saturdays to have Charles do his magic. Today that location is home to New Horizons, a dealer in art, apparel and gifts.

For the longest time, until the late 70s, Cooper Harris Ford used a vacant lot next to Griffins for new cars; used cars were where Hardee's is. It took skillful maneuvering to get the cars in without damaging any. Henry Hearne later built a restaurant there, which later became the Scoreboard where Cathy Bolejack Cash, calling upon her family's

Shenandoah Café experience, and her husband Paul, better known as "Shorty," held court. Today, of course, it's Virlie's.

Next up heading north was Mrs. Harris' alteration shop and pickup station for Chatham Dry Cleaners. Today, it's home to Turnberry Interior Design. Beside her was Arthurs' Men's Store, where William Ray and Gladys Arthurs sold the latest fashions. At the back of the store was a large raised section of floor featuring couches and chairs where conversations about more than clothes happened. I remember the day William Ray said, "Come here; try on these new pants; they're polyester. They're so light you'll think you're not wearing any."

William Ray's was also where many a Pittsboro boy rented his high school prom and wedding monkey suits, yours truly included. Gene Griffin and George Justice measured many an inseam in that building.

Next was Lemuel Burns and his dry cleaners. After he passed away, Roy Siler, a valued employee, took over the business, becoming an early local successful black businessman.

In that spot today is a building with multiple occupants, including the United Way, lawyers and a massage therapist. Next door, at Eric Michael's Salon, Jimmy Thomas operated an antique shop where he put on the wood shingle awning that still stands and was an architectural signature for many businesses.

Beside the antique shop was a vacant lot. On one side, a sidewalk led to Clyde's Pool Room, where many a local lad furthered his education around a game of 8-ball. Upstairs over the antique shop was Bob Gunn's law offices, today it's the Violin and Fiddle Shop. Eventually a building appeared on that vacant lot; in its lifetime it's held many businesses, including a bakery and Liquidambar, a gift shop.

The Bank of Pittsboro was next, a clock hanging out front. In addition to the bank, J.M. Odell Manufacturing Co., owners of the Bynum cotton mill, had offices there. Crossing the street brings you to a vacant building, most recently the site of Reclamation, a home furnishing business. Years ago, it was First Federal Savings and Loan of Sanford, managed by Watson Nordan and ably staffed by Dora Byrd and Nancy Griffin.

The last business was Thomas Brothers Furniture Co., owned by brothers Julian and Jimmy Thomas (the antique shop owner). Prior to that, it was the Progressive Food Store, a defunct business headquartered in Sanford. Today, it's home to M2 Graphics, a screenprinting and embroidery business.

Fifty-five years have brought numbers of changes to Pittsboro businesses. Cadle remembers the past and wonders about the future. "I remember it used to be that by 5 p.m. the town was gone," he says. "Now it's turned into a night spot with lots to do.

"When Chatham Park gets here, who knows what Main Street will look like. With 55,000 to 60,000 people in 35 years, you can't imagine. I won't see it but I don't blame folks for selling their property."

No doubt, Cadle hopes some new residents will feel the need of a trim and find his shop. He's closed Mondays and by lunch on Wednesdays and open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 6 p.m. or so. Saturday is half a day, until lunch.

CHATHAM@WORK | LESLIE OCAMPO, CHATHAM LITERACY COUNCIL

As the student coordinator for the Chatham Literacy Council, Leslie Ocampo works to change lives through education. A Chapel Hill native and now Siler City resident, Ocampo studied in Chatham County Schools and graduated from UNC-Greensboro. Her work at the Literacy Council includes intake and assessments, program coordination, student engagement and community outreach. "I get to work one-on-one," she says, "with motivated individuals and our volunteers to change lives through education." She's the daughter of Maria and Telesforo Ocampo.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Leslie Ocampo is the student coordinator for Chatham Literacy. After assessing current literacy levels in her student, she matches them with tutors and makes sure materials are provided.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Leslie Ocampo coordinates the outreach program at the center, but also oversees the 'laptop-reward' program that rewards students with a free laptop after achieving a planned long-term goal.

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

My first paying job was as a resident advisor for my university. That job taught me flexibility, patience and accountability. It also taught me how to work hard, and to take advantage of opportunities to work hard.

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

This position is the most difficult job I have had so far. There are many components to keep track of.

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

It is hard but worthwhile work. You are directly helping others do what they can to improve their lives.

Who is your personal hero?

My parents. They've sacrificed so much for my future and have done so,

selflessly.

Your standard order at a coffee shop?

Hot chocolate.

Your ultimate "happy place?"

Home

Coke or Pepsi?

Pepsi

Where is your dream location to retire?

Hawaii

Favorite weekend getaway:

Virginia Beach

Life on other planets? Yes or no?

Yes

Stay up late or get up early?

Stay up late.

Does the early bird really get the worm?

They really do.

Ever danced in the rain?

No

What habit would you most like to break?

Procrastination

What makes your home special?

The people in it.

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

My high school civics teacher. He encouraged so many of us to further our education, work hard, and pull others up with us.

Words or phrases you overuse:

"For sure!"

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

A non-profit position abroad.

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

Cook

What do you plan to do after retirement?

Rest!

What's been your wildest adventure?

Studying abroad in France for six months.

Your ideal vacation would be:

Bora Bora

What's your favorite one-day travel destination?

Carowinds

Favorite city in the whole world:

Barcelona

The one material possession you can't live without is:

Cell phone

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

Chatham Literacy

Where would someone be most likely to find you on a Saturday night?

Home

What's the worst injury you've ever had?

A couple of broken toes.

What talent do you wish you had?

Singing

What superhero power would you most like to have?

Teleportation

What was your favorite TV show when you were growing up?

Arthur

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

French

Would you rather explore outer space or the ocean floor?

Ocean floor

Briar Chapel sewage spill: Any danger?

BY ADRIANNE CLEVEN
Our Chatham

PITTSBORO — Less than a month ago, around 2,000 gallons of untreated sewage spilled out of a broken pipe in Briar Chapel managed by Old North State Water Company.

Though the untreated water flowed into nearby Pokeberry Creek, there have been no reports of danger to the public.

Our Chatham first caught wind of the story from Chatham County Line. Then I reached out to Envirolink, a company that manages Old North State Water Company's assets, about the issue.

Carr McLamb, general counsel and chief operating officer of Envirolink, says the company helps governments and private industry "in operating their water and sewer utilities."

"To give you some context," McLamb said, "This incident ... was the 1,062nd such incident (in the

state of North Carolina) that has occurred as of June 11th when we reported our incident. So, they're very common."

Sarah Young, a spokesman for North Carolina's Department of Environmental Quality, told me that the latest sewage spill on June 11th follows two other recent spills in Briar Chapel: 1,000-gallon sanitary sewer overflows occurred April 18th and June 5th.

According to state law, Old North State Water Company was required to distribute a press release "in the event of a discharge of 1,000 gallons or more of untreated wastewater to the surface waters of the state."

Carr said that the failure was uncontrollable. "It's a mechanical operation," he said. "Things are going to fail. That's why you've had 1,062 of these incidents throughout the year so far."

According to a report he had seen, "the spill was contained, and it was addressed within two hours."

I asked McLamb a question that I'm sure Chatham residents are wondering: are any Briar Chapel residents in danger because of the spill?

"The state of North Carolina sets standards for these types of incidents," he said. "And we just comply with the standards. That's what we were doing by issuing the press release and anything else that flows from it."

According to that release, "Envirolink's staff found no evidence that the spill impacted surface water in the Cape Fear River Basin."

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Resources is looking into the matter, according to the legal notice on the Greensboro News & Record's site.

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Chatham Central's AVID program delivers on national stage

From Chatham County Schools

BEAR CREEK — The tale Randa Branson told in Tampa touted her tenacity to the point of moving Dr. Karla Eanes to tears.

And Eanes actually had heard the speech before.

"Simply powerful," said Eanes, who was Branson's principal at Chatham Central High School, where that same speech in March stirred the souls of a national team from Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Branson, who graduated from Chatham Central in June, recently shared her story in Florida inside the Tampa Convention Center during an AVID 2019 Summer Institute. That's one of the organization's annual professional learning events where educators are privy to the latest developments in AVID.

AVID is a system of learning that, in part, teaches students how to both take and organize notes for optimal learning. Chatham Central's educators are so masterfully implementing those concepts that the national AVID team used its time in Bear Creek to distinguish the campus as a national demonstration school. The status positioned Chatham Central to host educators endeavoring to witness AVID operating at a very high



Submitted photo

Randa Branson (center) spoke at the AVID 2019 Summer Institute in Tampa, Florida. She is shown here after her speech and flanked, left to right, by Chatham Central educators Camille Hinshaw, Aedrin Albright, Heather Brooks, Laurie Page, Karen Heilman, Eric Patin, Jose Cerna and Karla Eanes.

level. Some in Tampa for the professional development expressed interest in visiting Chatham Central, where Laurie Paige coordinates the school's AVID program.

The Tampa trip gave Chatham Central's educators an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of AVID by getting beyond foundational principles such as helping students take better notes and getting them to grasp time management by logging their academic workload and extra-curricular activities in planners.

"We were really delving into the content areas,"

Paige explained.

In other words, Chatham Central Spanish instructor José Cerna was himself a notetaker there in Tampa absorbing AVID strategies specific to his subject area. He and other teachers from Chatham Central morphed into students in order to take what they were learning at the institute and incorporate it into their classrooms, instill it in the next Randa Bransons.

"People were asking for her autograph," said Chatham Central AVID educator Eric Patin, who was among several

thousand people in the convention center when Branson moved the crowd.

After Branson's speech, folks stopped her in the convention center and at her hotel and in the airport, because they just couldn't get over the young lady from the small, rural school in Bear Creek.

"They were stopping her everywhere we went," Paige said. "She did an amazing job."

"It was life changing," Branson said about speaking in front of so many people. "Without AVID, I would've never done it. I would have been



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Randa Branson, a 2019 Chatham Central High School graduate, receives praise after the school's commencement ceremony at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center in Sanford on June 7.

too scared."

Part of Branson's speech dealt with the medical challenges she's overcome, and she's scaled classroom obstacles, along the way accumulating confidence by leaning on teachers like Karen Heilman, whom she refers to as her school mom. Those educators, through AVID, have her headed to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this fall.

Branson said she'll be fine in college. Medical issues? She said she'll practice medicine someday — or teach AVID.

"I've got this inner drive, and it ain't going nowhere," Branson said. "Once you have AVID, it doesn't leave you. Once you're in, you're in."

The educators at Chatham Central helped

her understand that she had permission to believe that college was a viable option for her. They gave her a growth mindset, instilled the audacity that she could emerge from a national search to be one of two student speakers during the AVID conference in Tampa. They developed in Branson the ability to mine the moxie to get on a stage and tell a story that leaves folks gushing.

They didn't give Branson her voice.

But they did show her where it was — and amplified it.

They did it with AVID. "Watching her on stage in front of thousands of educators," Eanes began, "and the response from the audience as they embraced her story, that was the piece that made it different."

Which explains the tears.

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Don't be afraid of 'Stranger Things' - it's worth your time

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Editor's Note: In lieu of a film review this week, the News + Record's Zachary Horner reviews the third season of the popular Netflix series "Stranger Things." Mild spoilers follow.

I got into the "Stranger Things" game late, watching seasons one and two after the latter had been out for a while. Instantly my wife and I were hooked.

When season three was announced to be released July 4, I was ready to be part of the swell of people that would continue to binge and digest.

At least, I thought I was ready.

Once again, the Duffer Brothers' sci-fi/thriller/comedy/action Netflix series delivers on its hype. It may follow the same formula as prior seasons — lots of 80s references, adorable kids, scary monsters and twists and turns — but it fills the formula well.

The four main boys — Mike Wheeler (Finn Wolfhard), Dustin Henderson (Gaten Matarazzo), Lucas Sinclair (Caleb McLaughlin) and Will Byers (Noah Schnapp) — are back, but instead of spending their time dressing up as Ghostbusters and playing Dungeons & Dragons, they're a bit otherwise occupied. Mike and Lucas are paired off with their significant others — the super-powered Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown) and skater chick Max (Sadie Sink), respectively — and Dustin returns from a month-long summer camp with a new radio tower designed to talk to his special love Suzie, who lives in Utah, a

far cry from Hawkins, Indiana. This leaves Will in the lurch. They're not the same boys they used to be.

Meanwhile, the Starcourt Mall has taken over Hawkins' economy, leaving the town's once-thriving Main Street nearly vacant. Mike's sister Nancy (Natalia Dyer) and Will's brother Jonathan (Charlie Heaton), now firmly a romantic pairing of their own, are suffering through an internship at the local newspaper, while high school heartthrob and goobler group "mom" Steve Harrington (Joe Keery) is working at the mall's ice cream shop with the straightforward Robin (Maya Hawke).

If you can't already tell, "Stranger Things" crams a lot of characters in our laps for an episodic series. We haven't even got to technical series leads Joyce Byers (Winona Ryder) and Chief of Police Jim Hopper (David Harbour), or last season's secondary antagonist, Max's step-brother Billy (Dacre Montgomery), or Lucas' scene-stealing sister Erica (Priah Ferguson).

The show eases into a new season by focusing on the relationship between the four main boys, which was the crux of the first season. But no longer is Will's experience in the Upside Down, a parallel dimension of darkness and unknown origins with monsters, vines and floating ashes, the central plot point of "Stranger Things." Instead, it's the even stranger things happening in Hawkins — the demagnetization of Joyce's refrigerator, Dustin picking up some strange Russian messages through his fancy new radio

tower and Will constantly feeling the presence of the Mind Flayer, a spider-like supernatural monster, even though Eleven had supposedly closed it off from the real world at the end of season two.

Each episode's fluctuating runtime allows for exposition when needed, creating a long list of "main" characters and recurring guest stars — Cary Elwes as the greedy mayor of Hawkins and Jake Busey as the arrogant and misogynistic lead reporter for the paper are the most notable — for the Duffers, Shawn Levy (director of the "Night of the Museum" films) and writers and producers to manage.

For the most part, it's spectacular. The show's visual effects, needed to handle the newest invisible threat to peace and happiness and the new monsters that haunt Hawkins' heroes, match well with solid performances and the twists and turns the script provides.

Where "Stranger Things" falls short — and just barely, in my opinion — is that it's too much of a good thing to handle sometimes. What made this Netflix show great in its first couple seasons, in my opinion, was the relationship between Mike, Dustin, Lucas and Will. They were four nerds and they were proud of it. But as they've grown, they're shifting apart, ridding the show of its original bread-and-butter. Simultaneously, they and the other main characters are spread thin, limiting the opportunities for them to shine.

Fortunately, most of the time, they still shine. The new characters, particularly Hawke and Ferguson, add both heart



Courtesy of Netflix

From left to right, Noah Schnapp, Finn Wolfhard, Millie Bobby Brown, Sadie Sink and Caleb McLaughlin star in a scene from season three of Netflix's "Stranger Things."

STRANGER THINGS 3

GRADE: A-

CREATORS: The Duffer Brothers

STARS: Winona Ryder, David Harbour, Finn Wolfhard, Millie Bobby Brown, Gaten Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin, Noah Schnapp, Sadie Sink, Natalia Dyer, Charlie Heaton, Joe Keery, Dacre Montgomery, Maya Hawke, Priah Ferguson and Cara Buono

CHANNEL: Netflix

EPISODES: 8

AVAILABLE: Now

and humor to the show. Schnapp's shift from playing a demon punching bag to group pariah — Mike once states that, unlike the others, Will doesn't like girls — is particularly notable, and Hawke's Robin moves from Steve's annoying co-worker at the beginning to a vital part of the show's fabric at the end. "Stranger Things" offers something unique that is hard to find in the modern-day television marketplace. It's about kids hitting puberty and the parents that watch

over them, the 80s nostalgia that attracts older viewers but doesn't lose its younger audience and establishing a threatening monster presence and horror tint that somehow exceeds the seasons before. Also, Chatham County viewers should keep an ear out for a quick geographical reference that might sound familiar, and understandable for show creators Matt and Ross Duffer, who are Durham natives. The success of the show has continued. According to Netflix, more than 40.7

million households have watched the show since its July 4 launch, and 18.2 million have already finished the eight-episode season. And while it can be a bit much at times — I would have loved to see more dimensions to some characters, and there are some tropes like evil foreigners and cheap laughs it doesn't need — the suspension of disbelief required for "Stranger Things" is easy, and that's huge. After all, the show is called "Stranger Things." What else would you expect?

NC Railway Museum receives \$3,500 grant to restore historic Goldston train depot

CN+R Staff Report

BONSAL — The North Carolina Railway Museum Inc., home to New Hope Valley Railway, received a national grant to help restore a historic depot in its rail yard that will be used to educate visitors.

A 2019 National Railway Historical Society Heritage Grant was awarded in May for the restoration of the 1884 Goldston Depot, which was gifted and moved to the museum's rail yard in August 2017.

The NRHS, which is the longest operating organization in the United States dedicated to preserving and restoring railway equipment, buildings and artifacts, awarded the museum \$3,500 for work that will be done to the historic railroad building.

Once final permits are secured this summer, the funds will be used for interior work including electrical wiring, chimney repair, masonry, woodwork, exterior drainage and decking.

The depot will eventually be used to store and display railroad artifacts and memorabilia.

"Our goal is for visitors to our museum and vintage railway to experience a historic, small-town depot that once served a short-line railroad in our state," said Chris Tilley, president of the North Carolina Railway Museum. "One of the most interesting artifacts of the depot that we're preserving is the handwritten messages on the interior wall left by railroad employees, townspeople and others passing through Goldston more than 100 years ago."

The old train depot originally served the community of Goldston from 1884 to 1973. In the mid-1970s, the building was saved from demolition by Goldston resident Jerry Gaines, who moved it a few blocks away and used it for storage for many years. Jerry's son, Todd Gaines, then gifted



Submitted photo

The North Carolina Railway Museum Inc., home to New Hope Valley Railway (NHVR), has received a grant to help restore the 1884 Goldston Depot, which was gifted and moved to the museum's rail yard in August 2017.

the 23' x 58' building to the railway in 2017 so it could be restored.

The move of the nearly 140-year-old building from Todd's Goldston property to Bonsal, cost the museum more than \$50,000, all of which was raised through grants and donations. Since the move, the museum's volunteers have made many exterior updates, such as repairing the original exterior woodwork, painting the building in typical Norfolk-Southern Railroad colors of the 1950s, window repair, and securing it to its new foundation.

The \$3,500 NRHS Heritage Grant is the starting point of more than \$25,000 additional funds the museum estimates are needed to finish restorations to the historic railroad building. Once donations and final permits are secured, Tilley says 500-600 volunteer labor hours will be necessary to complete the work, which the organization hopes to finish in time for its operating season in April 2021.

"Grants, donations and passengers on our tourist railway enable our all-volunteer organization to not only preserve railroad history, but to keep the spirit of railroading alive in the Triangle and beyond," said

Tilley. "The NRHS Heritage Grant recognizes the historical significance and importance of preserving the Goldston Depot."

Anyone interested in making a donation may visit www.triangletrain.com/donate, send a check to the museum's mailing address 5121 Daisey St., P.O. Box 40, New Hill, N.C. 27562 or bring a check to the ticket office during ride days. Please designate that donations are intended for the Goldston Depot.

NHVR, which is the operating division of the museum, is in the middle of its train-ride season which runs through December 2019. Upcoming operating days include Slow Down Sunday rides on July 14 and August 11, and Brew 'n' Choo ride events on July 27 and August 31.

All monies generated from ticket sales and contributions for Brew 'n' Choo ride events benefit restoration and construction projects underway at NHVR. The last Brew 'n' Choo event of the year is planned for Sept. 28 and proceeds from this ride will go toward the restoration of the Goldston Depot.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NICHOLAS CUTLER, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DOUGLAS CUTLER**, late of 3697 US HIGHWAY 15-501 N, PITTSBORO, NC 27312, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, through his undersigned Attorney, Maria Satterfield, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4500 Cameron Valley Parkway, Suite 370, Charlotte, NC 28211, on or before Monday, September 23, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 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 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 the estate of **CLARA H. SEALEY**, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before September 20, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. Wanda S. Kidd, Executrix 1339 Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as **Executor of the Estate of JIMMY L. HANCOCK**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the said decedent or his estate to present them to him at 1315 South Second Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344 on or before the 20th day of September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All of those indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned. This the 20th day of June, 2019. **RANDALL D. HANCOCK** Executor of the Estate of **JIMMY L. HANCOCK** 1315 South Second Avenue Siler City, NC 27344 Jn20,Jn27,Jy4,Jy11,4tp

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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, Executrix 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,Jy11,4tc

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 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
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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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 Seamanson), 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. Seamanson (a.k.a. Alice Louise Seamanson) 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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TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a **public hearing on July 15, 2019 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave.** Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §104 Penalties and Remedies for Violations (no longer requiring return receipt requested) of the UDO. The proposed item is available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the request are invited to attend the public hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced item. The Planning Board will meet on July 8 at 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con

Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 19 CVS 41
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2005-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE4, Plaintiff, vs Maria Reyna Martinez; Wilmington Finance, Inc.; GMFS, LLC; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; The Bank of New York Mellon; Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC (the "Commissioner"), pursuant to the Order/Judgment entered in the above-captioned case on June 3, 2019 ("Order"), and by virtue of the appointment, power and authority contained in that Order, has been authorized and ordered to sell the property commonly known as **406 North Third Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344** ("Property"). Said Property is secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Maria Reyna Martinez, dated January 12, 2005 and recorded on January 13, 2005 in Book 01153 at Page 0131 of the Chatham County, North Carolina Registry. The Property shall be sold together with improvements located thereon, towards satisfaction of the debt due by Maria Reyna Martinez, and secured by the lien against such property in favor of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2005-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE4. The Commissioner will offer for sale to the highest bidder at a public auction at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on **July 16, 2019 at 1:00PM** the following described real property (including all improvements thereon) located in Chatham County, North Carolina and described as follows: **BEGINNING** at an iron stake in the Eastern margin of North Third Avenue, which point is located 80 feet North of East Fourth Street; thence running with the Eastern margin of North Third Avenue, North 25° West 70 feet to an iron stake, corner of lot formerly owned by James Lane; thence running with the old Lane lot, North 65° East, parallel with East Fourth Street, 150 feet to an iron stake, Curtis Marley's Northwest corner; thence running with Marley's line, South 25° East 70 feet to an iron stake in Marley's line; thence South 65° West and parallel with East Fourth Street, 150 feet to the point of **BEGINNING**. The above described property will be sold, transferred and conveyed "AS IS, WHERE IS" subject to liens or encumbrances of record which are superior to such Deed of Trust, together with all unpaid taxes and assessments and any recorded releases. Neither the Commissioner nor the holder of the debt secured by such Deed of Trust, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Commissioner or the holder of the debt make any representation of 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 conditions expressly are disclaimed. The Commissioner shall convey title to the property by non-warranty deed, without any covenants or warranties, express or implied. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 1-339.29 (c) in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the judge or 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 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time 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. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current record owners of the property as reflected on the records of the CHATHAM COUNTY Register of Deeds' office not more than ten (10) days prior to the date hereof are Maria Reyna Martinez. A cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchasing price will be required at the time of the sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price of bid in cash or certified check at the time the Commissioner tenders a deed for the Property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price of bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for under North Carolina law.

The sale will be reported to the court and will remain open for advance or upset bids for a period of ten (10) days as required by law. If the Commissioner 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 Commissioner. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Commissioner, 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. TRUSTEE SERVICES OF CAROLINA, LLC, Commissioner 5431 Oleander Drive, Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 (910) 202-2800 Phone (888) 207-9353 Facsimile

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 19 SP 68
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Samuel N. Mills and Dodie T. Mills to Jennifer Grant, Trustee(s), which was dated July 19, 2012 and recorded on July 24, 2012 in Book 01631 at Page 1214, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale **at the courthouse door of the county courthouse** where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on **July 16, 2019 at 1:00PM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land containing 4.67 acres, more or less, and being all of Lot #1, as more particularly shown and defined upon that plat entitled "Property of W. Benton Thraillkill, New Hope Township, Chatham County, North Carolina," dated 12/7/99, by Gerald M. White, and to which plat recorded in Plat Slide 2000-188, Chatham County Registry. Reference is hereby made for a more particular and complete description. There is further conveyed a non-exclusive, perpetual, private 60 foot access easement from the above described property in a generally South and Southeasterly direction from the above described property to NCSR 1941, which access easement shall be used for purposes of ingress, egress and regress, together with installation and maintenance of utilities and television, and which 60 foot access easement is more particularly described on the above referenced plat and pursuant to instruments recorded in Deed Book 447, Page 37 and Book 37 and Page 116, Chatham County Registry, and to which plat and instruments reference is hereby made and incorporated by reference. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as **2336 Seaforth Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312**. A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.** Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of 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. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Dodie T. Mills and husband Samuel Newton Mills. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to 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 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. 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.

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. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 18-11312-FC02

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 19 SP 76
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST FROM ROBERT L. BRADY, JR., DATED JULY 11 2006, RECORDED IN BOOK 1273, PAGE 61, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Pursuant to an order entered June 18, 2019, in the Superior Court for Chatham County, and the power of sale contained in the captioned deed of trust ("Deed of Trust"), the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, AT THE COURTHOUSE DOOR IN PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA ON JULY 18, 2019, AT 11:00 A.M., the real estate and the improvements thereon secured by the Deed of Trust, less and except any of such property released from the lien of the deed of trust prior to the date of this sale, lying and being in Chatham County, North Carolina, commonly known as **246 Lancaster Drive, Goldston, NC** and being more particularly described as follows: Lying and being in Gulf township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and beginning at an existing iron stake in the line of Daniel McLaurin property (which stake is located South 29 degrees 1 minute 23 seconds East 13.65 feet from the centerline of Lancaster Drive); and running thence North 29 degrees 1 minute 23 seconds West through and across Lancaster Drive 146.02 feet to a fence post, a common corner with Gaines' property, in the line of F. M. Barber, thence with line of F.M. Barber, North 63 degrees 32 minutes 49 seconds East 100.36 feet to an existing iron pipe, a corner of F.M. Barber and subject lot; thence South 84 degrees 39 minutes 7 seconds East 21.97 feet to an iron pipe set at an abandoned well; thence onward with the line of F.M. Barber, North 53 degrees 1 minute 38 seconds East crossing Lancaster Drive 42.82 feet to an existing iron stake, a common corner of Barber and subject property in the line of Earl Goldston; thence with the line of Earl Goldston, South 19 degrees 9 minutes 22 seconds East 59.02 feet to an iron pipe; thence with the line of Earl Goldston 79 degrees 27 minutes 7 seconds East 60.72 feet to an iron pipe thence onward with the line of Earl Goldston, South 30 degrees 32 minutes 53 seconds East 57.75 feet to an existing iron stake, thence South 65 degrees 27 minutes 7 seconds West 94.30 feet to a fence post and thence South 57 degrees 22 minutes 41 seconds West 116.03 feet to the point and place of beginning. In the Trustee's sole 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. The record owners of the real property not more than ten days prior to the date hereof are Robert L. Brady, Jr. and Penny Brady. A five percent cash deposit, or a cash deposit of \$750.00, whichever is greater, will be required of the last and highest bidder. The balance of the bid purchase price shall be due in full in cash or certified funds at a closing to take place within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The undersigned Substitute Trustee shall convey title to the property by nonwarranty deed. This sale will be made subject to all prior liens of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and special assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described property for a period of 120 days following the date when the final upset bid period has run. The purchaser of the property described above shall pay the Clerk's Commissions in the amount of \$.45 per \$100.00 of the purchase price (up to a maximum amount of \$500.00), required by Section 7A308(a) (1) 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 also pay, to the extent applicable, the land transfer tax in the amount of one percent (1%) of the purchase price. To the extent this sale involves residential property with less than fifteen (15) rental units, including single family residential real property, you are hereby notified of the following: a. An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to Section

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45-21.29 of the North Carolina General Statutes 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; and b. 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 the termination. This 18th day of June, 2019. SPRULLCO, LLC, Substitute Trustee
 Christopher H. Roede, Esq.
 Vice President of Sprullco, LLC
 301 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900
 Raleigh, NC 27601
 Telephone (919) 783-6400
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 302**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **SARAH JANE MCCANN**, 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 October 4, 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. This the 4th day of July, 2019.
 Harvey W. McCann, Executor
 9130 Cook Inlet Dr.
 Ft Belvoir, VA 22060
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 307**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **BETTY W. LANE**, 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 October 4, 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. This the 4th day of July, 2019.
 Susan Lane, Executor
 4217 River Run Drive
 Sanford, NC 27332
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 311**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **WAYNE EDWARD WELCH**, 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 October 4, 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. This the 4th day of July, 2019.
 Thomas Wayne Welch, Co-Executor
 244 Peachtree Rd
 PO Box 19
 Bennett, NC 27208
 David Edward Welch, Co-Executor
 282 Peachtree Rd
 PO Box 224
 Bennett, NC 27208
 Jy4,Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,4tp

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISEES of JOHNIE CHEEK GURTY and spouse, if any, which may include GERLADO ANTONIO GURTY and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **08-CVD-423**, the undersigned **Commissioner will on the 17th day of July, 2019**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Gulf Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land in Gulf Township Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Being lots 74 and 75 on that Plat entitled "Harris Subdivision" dated May 26, 1947, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 57, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0009552**
 The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled

cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 24th day of June, 2019.
 Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
 P.O. Box 25
 Trenton, NC 28585
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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. KIT DONNER and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of KIT DONNER and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **15-CVD-567**, the undersigned **Commissioner will on the 17th day of July, 2019**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, **Pittsboro**, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Bear Creek Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Bear Creek Township, Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake on the South side of State Road No. 4411, Beavers corner in the Rakestraw line; thence with his line, South 5 degrees West 30 poles to an iron stake, Bruce Phillips' corner; thence with his line, North 85 degrees West 5 1/2 poles to a stake; thence North 5 degrees East 30 poles to a stake on the South bank of the road in Beavers' line; thence with his line, South 85 degrees East 5 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 1 acre more or less, and being the same land conveyed to G.P. Phillips and wife, Bertha Phillips from H. Bruce Phillips by deed dated April 7, 1960. Also conveyed herein are all rights and interests in the well agreement and easement made June 22, 1966, by and between G. P. Phillips and wife, Bertha Phillips, and Mrs. N.R. Jarman, recorded in Book 316, Page 490, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0004848**
 The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 24th day of June, 2019.
 Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
 P.O. Box 25
 Trenton, NC 28585
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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. JENNIFER TEAGUE and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of JENNIFER TEAGUE and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISEES of JERRY TEAGUE and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **17-CVD-587**, the undersigned **Commissioner will on the 17th day of July, 2019**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Bear Creek Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All of those certain lots or parcels of land situated in Bear Creek Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: TRACT ONE: Being Lot No. Six (6) as shown on a Plat entitled, "Survey for Walter Thomas and Beatrice Teague, Chatham County, North Carolina, Bear Creek Township, dated October 6, 1984", and drawn by Rufus L. Johnson, R.L.S., and recorded in Plat Cabinet "A", Slide 122, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, to which Plat reference is hereby made. LESS AND EXCEPT Lot Nos. 7 & 8 as shown on "Final Plat for Chatham County", Owner: Beatrice Teague, of record in Plat Slide 2005, Page 318, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0003977**
 The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 24th day of June, 2019.
 Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
 P.O. Box 25
 Trenton, NC 28585
 Jy4,Jy11,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. JENNIFER TEAGUE and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of JENNIFER TEAGUE and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISEES of JERRY TEAGUE and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **17-CVD-587**, the undersigned **Commissioner will on the 17th day of July, 2019**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, **Pittsboro**, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Bear Creek Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All of those certain lots or parcels of land situated in Bear Creek Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: TRACT TWO: Beginning at the west margin of the Siler City Road in the J.S. Teague line at the J.S. Teague corner and running thence South 14 degrees East 500 feet with the West margin of said road to a stake, a new corner in said line, being the beginning corner; thence with said line South 14 degrees East 200 feet to a stake; thence South 75 degrees 15 minutes West a new line 200 feet to a corner; thence North 14 degrees West, a new line, 200 feet to a corner; thence North 75 degrees 15 minutes East a new line 200 feet to the beginning corner and being a 200 x 200 lot cut out of a plot of land recorded in Book JJ, Page 373, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0003980**
 The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 24th day of June, 2019.
 Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
 P.O. Box 25
 Trenton, NC 28585
 Jy4,Jy11,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 321**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **ROBERT TATE MURRAY, III**, 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 October 4, 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. This the 4th day of July, 2019.
 Robbie Murray Taylor, Executrix
 928 15th St, NE
 Winter Haven, FL 33881
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RONALD WEINRESS

North Carolina Chatham County
 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **RONALD WEINRESS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Mark Allan Weinress as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before October 2, 2019, c/o Samantha Reichle, Attorney at Law, 205 Providence Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor. This the 4th day of July, 2019.
 Mark Allan Weinress, Executor
 c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty. Trust Counsel
 205 Providence Road
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 319**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **JEAN F. MILER AKA ELSIE JEAN MILLER**, 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 October 4, 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. This the 4th day of July, 2019.
 Kathy McKay, Executor
 4342 Goldston Carbondon Rd
 Goldston, NC 27252
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 239**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Co-Administrators of the estate of **POLLY S. BYNUM**, 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 October 11, 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. This the 11th day of July, 2019.
 Co-Administrators:
 Kenneth L. Bynum
 2118 Tealwood Drive
 Greensboro, NC 27407
 Tony R. Bynum
 367 Jordan Grove Rd.
 Siler City, NC 27344
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF LLOYD CHARLES EDWARD SUTTON
 19 E 316**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against **LLOYD CHARLES EDWARD SUTTON**, now deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Joshua Scott Combs, Executor of the decedent's estate, on or before the 11th day of October, 2019, at Post Office Box 2290, Burlington, North Carolina 27216, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor. Joshua Scott Combs Executor of the Estate of Lloyd Charles Edward Sutton
 C. Thomas Steele, Jr.
 Pittman & Steele, PLLC
 Post Office Box 2290
 Burlington, NC 27216
 336-270-4440
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Division is requesting proposals from qualified firms to conduct a recycling characterization study of mixed recycling. The County is responsible for the operation of twelve (12) collection centers where residents in the unincorporated areas of the county can take household trash and recycling. The County is seeking the services of a qualified firm, or individual, with extensive knowledge and background in the solid waste management field. The selected firm will provide services that include, but are not limited to: A) Develop a study approach including sampling procedure and process for materials contained in four compactor boxes and twenty-one A-frame containers; B) Work with the County to define sorting categories; C) Prepare a sorting and safety protocol for personnel that will be sorting the materials; D) Conduct field sorts in accordance with the study approach and the sorting and safety protocol approved by the County. The County prefers the recycling sort to take place prior to August 16, 2019 with a draft report provided by August 31, 2019; E) Sorting will be performed at the County recycling transfer station; and F) Prepare a final report to include the study approach, sorting categories, sorting and safety procedures, final analysis of the recycling sort, and comparison with relevant regional and/or national data. Proposals must be received by Chatham County no later than July 25, 2019 by 4:00 PM EST. Vendors must submit both an electronic PDF version of the proposal (excluding any materials that are non-electronic) and three hard copies with all attachments, including signatory pages, and all items must be received by the deadline above. All Proposals must be sent to one of the following delivery addresses: Postal Address: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office; P. O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312 - Street Address: Robin James, County Finance Office, Courthouse Annex; 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The electronic PDF version of the proposal (excluding non-electronic materials) must be included in the bid packet on digital media. This announcement and any attachments can be found on the County's "Bid Opportunity" webpage at: <http://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities>. Responses received after the assigned time will not be accepted. All inquiries must be made no later than Friday, July 19, 2019 by 12:00 Noon purchasing@chathamnc.org or by fax to (919)-545-2417. No RFQ inquiry telephone calls please. Chatham County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or any part thereof and to select the most responsive proposal that is deemed in the best interest of Chatham County. Chatham County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and

does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.
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NOTICE - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Town of Goldston (the "Town") requesting proposals to assist the Town in the administration and management of a Community Development Block Grant - Infrastructure (CDBG-I) award by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) for the rehabilitation of a public, sanitary sewer system. The Town of Goldston Board of Commissioners will receive proposals no later than August 1, 2019 at 5 p.m. in person to: Tim Cunnup, Mayor, Town of Goldston, 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston, NC 27252 or, by U.S. Postal Service or courier to: Tim Cunnup, Mayor, Town of Goldston, P.O. Box 527, Goldston, NC 27252. For more information, contact Tim Cunnup, Mayor at 919.898.4441.
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NOTICE - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Town of Goldston (the "Town") is requesting proposals for professional engineering services to assist the Town in the administration and management of a Community Development Block Grant - Infrastructure (CDBG-I) award by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) for the rehabilitation of a public, sanitary sewer system. The Town of Goldston Board of Commissioners will receive proposals no later than August 1, 2019 at 5 p.m. in person to: Tim Cunnup, Mayor, Town of Goldston, 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston, NC 27252 or, by U.S. Postal Service or courier to: Tim Cunnup, Mayor, Town of Goldston, P. O. Box 527, Goldston, NC 27252. For more information, contact Tim Cunnup, Mayor at 919.898.4441.
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 310**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **BARBARA B. LORIE**, 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 October 11, 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. This the 11th day of July, 2019.
 Douglas B. Lorie, Executor
 393 East Road
 Pittsboro, NC 27312
 c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC
 PO Box 31205
 Raleigh, NC 27622
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 19 E 306**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **ELVIRA WHITE JENSEN**, 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 October 11, 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. This the 11th day of July, 2019.
 Co-Executors:
 Lee Marvin Haislip
 3431 Hassell Rd
 Oak City, NC 27857
 Lisa Haislip Slimmer
 136 Crimson Way
 Pittsboro, NC 27312
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Leonel M. Pavao aka Lee M. Pavao aka Lee Maia Pavao aka Leonel Maia Pavao, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claim against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Guido De Maere, P.A. at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 160, P.O. Box 3591, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 on or before the 11th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 11th day of July, 2019.
 Mark H. Pavao, Executor of the Estate of Leonel M. Pavao aka Lee M. Pavao aka Lee Maia Pavao aka Leonel Maia Pavao Attorney for the Estate: Guido De Maere, P.A. P.O. Box 3591 Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3591
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**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 19-SP-19**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by ROBERT G. O'SHIELDS & TRISTIAN W. O'SHIELDS to PHILIP E. GREER Trustee(s), dated the 28TH day of JULY, 2009 and recorded in BOOK 1474, PAGE 1, 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, ANDERSON & STRICKLAND, P.A., 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 or the customary location for sales, in the City of PITTSBORO, CHATHAM County, North Carolina at 10:00 A.M. ON JULY 23, 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 THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN HICKORY MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, CONTAINING 6.078 ACRES AND DESIGNATED AS SECTION 2 ON PLAT MAP AND SURVEY ENTITLED MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR ROBERT G. O'SHIELDS, HICKORY MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM COUNTY, B.C., DATED 1-17-01, FILED FOR REGISTRATION ON 10-8-01 AND RECORDED IN CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY AT PLATE SLIDE 2001-386. TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAME. TAX ID: 79080
 Said property being located at: **2200 McLAURIN RD. SILER CITY, NC 27344**
PRESENT RECORD OWNER:
 ROBERT G. O'SHIELDS
 This property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. 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 the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation of 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.

Third party purchasers must pay the statutory first assessment fee of forty-five cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. 7A-308 (a) (1), and any applicable county and/or state land transfer tax and/or revenue tax. A cash deposit or cashier's check (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Make checks payable to: Goddard & Peterson, Attorneys for Anderson & Strickland, PA.. The sale will be held open for ten days for upset bids as required by law. The successful bidder at the end of the upset period shall tender the balance of their bid at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders or attempts to tender a deed for the property; if they default on their bid, they shall remain liable as provided for in N.C.G.S. 45-21.30(d) and (e). If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to the property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit paid. An Order for possession of the property may be issued 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 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the Notice of Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state that 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. N.C.G.S. 45-21.16(b)(2). This 25th day of JUNE, 2019.
 Anderson & Strickland, P.A., Substitute Trustee
 Daniel R. Dziuban, Attorney at Law
 Goddard & Peterson, PLLC
 Attorneys for Anderson & Strickland, P.A., Substitute Trustee
 3803-B Computer Drive, Suite 103
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27609
 (919) 977-3029
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **LEONEL M. PAVAO aka Lee M. Pavao aka Lee Maia Pavao aka Leonel Maia Pavao**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claim against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Guido De Maere, P.A. at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 160, P.O. Box 3591, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 on or before the 11th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 11th day of July, 2019.
 Mark H. Pavao, Executor of the Estate of Leonel M. Pavao aka Lee M. Pavao aka Lee Maia Pavao aka Leonel Maia Pavao Attorney for the Estate: Guido De Maere P.A. P.O. Box 3591, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3591

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as co-Executors of the Estate of **VONNA KAE GRAVES**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all

persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson & Hinkle,

PLLC, 3211 Shannon Road, Suite 620, Durham, NC 27707, on or before the 13th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons

indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment. This 11th day of July, 2019. Diane Savage, Co-Executor Josef Blass, Co-Executor

Estate of Vonna Kae Graves McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson & Hinkle, PLLC 3211 Shannon Road, Suite 620 Durham, NC 27707
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Submitted photo

Little Miss Firecracker

Rachel Horowitz stars as Carnelle in the Chatham Community Players' production of 'Little Miss Firecracker.' The play, at Pittsboro's Sweet Bee Theater, runs through July 14. Tickets are \$12. For more information, go to pittsboroyouththeater.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Carolina Farm Credit photo contest voting now open

STATESVILLE — Voting to select the top three photos for the 2020 Carolina Farm Credit Calendar will be open to the public at carolinafarmcredit.com until July 31.

More than 900 photos were submitted by Carolina Farm Credit members, employees and friends for the contest by the May 31 deadline. The photos included children on farms, farm animals, equipment, machinery and scenery. The 36 finalists are displayed on the Carolina Farm Credit website. Visitors will be able to vote once a day for their favorite pictures through July 31.

Following the completion of voting, the three photos with the most votes will be awarded first, second and third place and receive cash prizes. The additional calendar photos will be selected from the remaining finalists. This is the eighth year that the public has been able to vote for the Carolina Farm Credit photo contest finalists online.

Carolina Farm Credit

is a stockholder-owned cooperative providing financing to full and part-time farmers and agricultural-related businesses and also provides financing for the construction and purchase of homes in 54 counties through 31 branch offices. Other financial services available are credit life insurance, appraisal services, leasing programs and financial planning.

For 100 years Farm Credit has been supporting rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. The organization serves over 10,000 members with loans outstanding totaling more than \$1.5 billion. The association's territory covers the western half of North Carolina, with branch offices located in Siler City as well as Albemarle, Asheboro, Asheville, Browns Summit, Burnsville, Carthage, Concord, Conover, Ellerbe, Graham, Hendersonville, Jefferson, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Monroe, Murphy, Pilot Mountain, Roxboro, Rural Hall, Salisbury, Shelby, Sparta, Spindale, Statesville, Taylorsville, Waynesville, Wilkesboro, Yadkinville and Yanceyville

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