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CCS' Summer Feeding program doles out nutritious meals for free

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SILER CITY — It's a little before 11 a.m., and it's hot. Just like the meals at the back of the bus.

But a group of Chatham County Schools child nutrition staff members isn't stopped by the heat. They're diving into it.

For four weeks over the summer, four days a week, two-and-a-half hours a day, these ladies drive around in a retired school bus and deliver free lunches to any children under 18 in need at four designated drop-off spots around Siler City.

It's just one part of the county's Summer Feeding program.

Outlining the need

The school district says 48 percent of county students receive free

or reduced price meals, breakfast and lunch, during the school year. Children who are members of households whose income is at or below a certain level, depending on household size, qualify during the year according to federal guidelines. Additionally, students whose households are eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or Cash Assistance (CA) are automatically qualified for free meals, as are homeless or migrant children, foster children and participants in individual schools' Head Start programs.

In Siler City, where the bus delivers, the need for free and reduced meals is higher than the county average. Students at Virginia Cross Elementary (91.3 percent), Chatham Middle School (87.38 percent), Siler

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Staff photo by Zachary Horner
Lisa Loflin, cafeteria manager at Virginia Cross Elementary, hands out a free lunch to a child during a stop in Siler City. Loflin helps run the district's free summer lunch bus delivery.

2019 ELECTION Chatham sees three competitive races in fall

BY CASEY MANN
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A majority of Chatham's 2019 municipal races are unopposed, but three races have multiple candidates vying for the opportunity to represent their towns or districts.



Grimes



Adams



Reddick

Siler City Mayor John Grimes is seeking re-election to the board where he has served as mayor since his appointment in 2013 after more than a decade on the Siler City Board of Commissioners.

Grimes has two opponents for the November election, Jackie Adams and Albert Reddick. The three have different backgrounds, but similar goals for the future of the town.

Grimes, a 50-year resident of Siler City, is a veteran of the U.S. Army and of a variety of political roles. He's running on his record and his goals reflect a continuation of that record.

"I am running to continue the tremendous progress we have made for Siler City and its citizens," Grimes said. "The town board and I enjoy a productive, progressive and dynamic relationship which has yielded proper management of \$32 million in grants — removing the burden on the taxpayer for expanding and upgrading our water and sewer capacities and other needs — explosive job creation (1,200-plus at Mountaire alone) and addressing affordable housing which is needed. Our recreation program continues to thrive. Parks throughout the town have been significantly upgraded. We promised a first-class aquatic center, and we delivered. We know what we're doing and we know how to do it well. I'd like the opportunity to continue."

Adams, the owner of The Oasis market in downtown Siler City, a farmer, corporate leader and, in her words, "mentor entrepreneur," is running to revitalize Siler City.

"I am running to bring the life and resiliency back to Siler City as a welcoming, warm and inviting city for all people," Adams said. "I

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CHATHAM'S COFFEE SCENE

Local shops percolating



Staff photo by David Bradley
Christina Bruce puts an espresso machine through its paces at Pittsboro's Cafe Diem, a Steampunk cafe with art decorating the walls, on a recent morning. It's one of six custom coffee shops in Chatham County.

BY CASEY MANN
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Editor's note: In an effort to learn more about Chatham County's coffee culture and what's behind the growing number of coffee shops in Chatham, the News + Record queried owners of six specialty locations in Siler City and Pittsboro — asking them to literally spill the beans on their operations, their baristas and their best brews. In this story, CN+R Reporter Casey Mann and Photographer David Bradley spotlight the six shops, as well as a local specialty equipment supplier, to give readers an insight into what goes into your favorite caffeinated morning treat.

"It isn't just about coffee or culture," says Nicholas Dakas. "It's about community."

If anyone would know about coffee in Chatham County, it's Dakas.

And Dakas, the owner of CP Coffee of Siler City, has a pretty good feel for the county's growing taste for good coffee. His company supplies quality specialty coffee equipment and maintenance to companies small and large from Washington, D.C., to

Atlanta, and his experience in the coffee market covers not just Chatham County but the whole southeastern United States.

"What's unique about the Chatham coffee scene is the number of locations in terms of the number of people who live here," Dakas said. "And we have a coffee roaster, that's pretty unique."

Dakas' customers including Chatham's coffee sellers. In visiting six specialty coffee shops in Chatham County — shops where the main revenue is coffee, not food — the goal was to find out what makes each of them special.

We met Steve Tamayo at Blue Dot in Pittsboro. He regularly meets for business in coffee shops in Chatham County and talked about a culture that sets coffee shops here apart from other places.

"The coffee shops in Chatham County are different from the ones in Chapel Hill or Carrboro," Tamayo said. "I do a lot of meetings in coffee shops so we bounce around a lot. What I notice is the kindness of the baristas — Blue Dot in particular. I like that kindness. It's interesting how so many of them are connected to art somehow."

For some, it's the culture and the people that make a coffee

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Sam Milsaps at The Friendly Florist gets another balloon ready from his helium supply. His shop offers balloons for happy moments and sad times.

Helium? It's in short supply locally, but balloons still available

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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SILER CITY — Sam Milsaps, owner of The Friendly Florist in Siler City, has a supply of helium, a commodity important to one component of his business.

Helium, one of the noble gases, is used to inflate balloons, giving them their lighter-than-air buoyancy. But Milsaps acknowledged, "I'm

lucky."

That's because helium is hard to come by lately because of a global shortage, and many other retailers who rely on it to inflate balloons for birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day and other celebratory occasions don't have it.

A sign at The Dollar Tree in Siler City prepares customers hoping to buy the party props: "Due to the global helium shortage we are tem-

porarily out of helium," reads the computer-printed sign posted inside the store. "We apologize for any inconvenience."

Kenneth James, manager of the store, said corporate policy requires he direct all media inquiries about the chain and its products to the company's corporate office in Chesapeake, Virginia, though James said,

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For some Jeremiah Drive residents, a fix is finally in place. **PAGE A11**

Chatham's Angela Flynn aiming for Walker's U.S. House seat. **PAGE A12**

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HELIUM: Shop still offers balloons for variety of occasions

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"I can confirm there's a global shortage of helium."

The store sells a lot of balloons for a buck each when helium is available. Although uninflated, sample balloons still line the front wall of the store, the local Dollar Tree hasn't been able to inflate and sell them. The store's "Balloon Center" — a small, caged enclosure on the ceiling near the front of the store, normally containing a supply of already-inflated party balloons for customers to select — has been empty for several weeks.

A shortage of supply, however, hasn't stanching demand. Shoppers come into the local retailer daily aiming to purchase helium-filled balloons.

"We had customers in today asking for them," James said mid-morning last Wednesday. "But they're understanding. We explain about the global shortage."

On the other hand, Milsaps has a supply of helium at The Friendly Florist. He secured it before the shortage became severe.

"I was still able to get it from my supplier," he said. "And I've got it on hand, so it hasn't been a problem for us."

Milsaps, who noted balloons are a "popular add-on" for many of his customers buying flower arrangements, said his supply should last him a while. But future supplies are likely to come at an increased cost.

"The price has skyrocket-

ed because of the shortage," Milsaps said. "It's really gone through the roof."

Those price increases have the local businessman questioning whether he'll continue offering helium-requiring balloons, or charging more for them, in the future. But for now they're still available and at their normal price.

"I'm not sure which direction it'll go," Milsaps said.

He noted, however, this isn't the first helium shortage, and he's weathered those previous dry spells the same way he's getting through the current one: by securing a supply early.

Though such shortages have made headlines periodically over the last few years, it's not a 21st-century problem. The availability of the gas has fluctuated over several decades, including a shortage in 1958, when the iconic, larger-than-life Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade floats were, by necessity, filled with air instead of helium. That year, at the urging of the U.S. Government, Macy's "decided to inflate the balloons with air and hoist them on trucks with cranes for the journey down Broadway," according to the website nycourist.com, which further notes the annual holiday parade is "the world's second largest consumer of helium." (The site says the U.S. Government is the first.)

Eric Patin, an award-winning teacher who heads Chatham Central High School's science department, said he first be-

came aware of a helium shortage a couple of years ago.

"I had a few students who were trying to get helium balloons, and they couldn't find them anywhere," Patin said. "So I did a little research on it. Helium is just an element and doesn't exist in its pure state. Our supply really comes from when we drill for natural gas. It's a by-product."

Much of the helium created as a by-product of natural gas drilling simply isn't captured for use, according to several online sources, in part because of the expense and complexity of storing it.

While helium does have commercial applications — it's used in cryogenics, MRI scanners and some industrial uses — most of us need it only for balloons.

"Helium isn't a part of our bodies or our living system," Patin said.

A father of three children, Patin said he's certainly purchased a few helium balloons.

"Oh yeah," he said. "They're fun, and kids love them."

And inhaling the non-toxic gas, as everyone knows, makes our voices sound funny, a la Alvin and the Chipmunks.

"I'd never done that until last year when a couple of my students gave me some balloons for my birthday," Patin said, chuckling. "It irritated my vocal chords and I had kind of a sore throat for about a day."

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Sam Milsaps, owner of The Friendly Florist in Siler City, fills another balloon from his helium supply at the shop Thursday. His shop offers a variety of balloons for different occasions.

LUNCH: Meals are delivered by bus during summer months

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City Elementary (86.32 percent) and Jordan-Matthews High School (74.15 percent) qualify at a much higher rate than their county counterparts.

Wherever the need is, the district's School Nutrition Services leaders believe it's their responsibility to meet the need.

"When we close our doors at the end of the school year, we can't guarantee that the children who were depend-

ing on Chatham County Schools to provide meals are actually getting meals during the summer," said Jennifer Patton Ozekurt, the director of school nutrition services for CCS. "It's just our way to continue to provide nutritious meals to children, at least one-third of their calories for the day. We still want these students to be healthy and strong when they come back to us during the school year."

Riding the bus

So here's where the bus

comes into it.

They started July 8 and will finish August 8 and deliver food every Monday through Thursday. The bus, driven on this day by cafeteria worker Brittany Ramirez, takes off from Virginia Cross and heads to the first stop.

The bus arrives and Ramirez honks the horn to let the children know lunch is here. She stops the bus at a central location. The kids line up, either behind the bus or inside the bus, to get a put-together meal.

Today, the dish is popcorn chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli with cheese and an orange. Recipients get to choose between regular and chocolate milk. Then they eat.

Renee Langley, who works as school nutrition office support, said staff tries to choose regular student favorites, like corn dog nuggets, baked chicken, a ham and cheese sandwich and pizza, which is served every Monday.

"It's hard for kids in the summer to want to get out of bed and get out in the heat for a meal," said Langley, "so we try to give them something that they enjoy throughout the year."

But the food bus program is not a drop-off and go. Staff members take the time to sit with the kids and chat. Lisa Loflin, the cafeteria manager at Virginia Cross, has developed a rapport with some of the children, remembering things she talked about with them earlier in the summer and joking around. She said she loves it.

"During the school year, you don't really have time to interact with the kids," she said. "By doing this, you get more one-on-one time with them. It gives you a better understanding of what kids deal with on a day-to-day basis."

On this particular trip, Ozekurt, who is brand new to the position, spent time asking children what they liked and didn't like about school lunches. She proposed new items and got feedback. That's not abnormal — this program is just as much about outreach as it is about food.

Sometimes that outreach is just food, and sometimes it's just a smile. Ramirez said her favorite part is bringing a smile to the faces of the kids by honking the bus' horn or saying hello. At the final stop, children were waiting at the

normal spot for the bus to arrive, and others came sprinting to be fed.

Ozekurt, who's also a registered dietician, said it's the child nutrition department's role to help students be healthy in their diets as much as possible, whether school is in session or not.

"When you go to the doctor, the doctor first tells you that the best way to make yourself healthy is to look at your diet," she said. "So we know that food is a very integral part of our health. A hungry child cannot learn. Whether it's in the school year or during the summer, we want to ensure that we are providing everything for that child so that they can develop and be the best, particularly when they come back to us in the school year."

A crucial investment

Keeping kids fed during school is a top priority for the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction. The department said as much in a recent press release announcing eligibility requirements for free and reduced lunches. The household income standards actually increased for this upcoming school year, which would feasibly allow more children to qualify for the program.

"Access to healthful meals at school can enhance students' overall health and academic performance," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson said in the release. "Children who are hungry or poorly nourished have difficulty learning and do not perform as well in the classroom as students who are well-nourished. Meals and snacks at school are healthier and more appealing than ever before."

It's an investment for Chatham County Schools as well. The district also serves summertime meals at various camps

and schools-run programs, and also feeds groups at the Boys & Girls Clubs, among others. Last year, the district doled out 9,213 breakfasts and 12,538 lunches during the summer at a cost of \$61,223.28, with the full cost (and more) reimbursed by the federal government.

Staff members note that this summer meal program is not federally required. They don't have to be doing this. But they do because they want to. And it's not easy.

"People think summer is a breeze, but summer can be as difficult as the school year because we have so many programs that we have to operate," Langley said. "We have federal guidelines that we have to follow — health grades, sanitation. We are fortunate to have a great staff that follows the rule and does what they're supposed to do."

Loflin and Ozekurt both said they hope to expand the program in following summers to more sites. Thursday's bus route served 65 kids, which is an average day. But that's just 65 compared to the hundreds in the Siler City area — and the nearly 4,400 county-wide — that receive free and reduced breakfast and lunch during the school year.

Staff would love to be able to add more seats and air conditioning to the bus and make it like a mini-cafeteria. But while they wait for resources, they keep on going.

"Serving the children of Chatham County, that's our job," Loflin said. "It's a passion. You really have to enjoy what you do to do it. I wish every one of them would come. There's a need. I'm thankful to be able to be a part of the process. I enjoy it."

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Jennifer Patton Ozekurt, the new school nutrition director for Chatham County Schools, chats with a student during lunch delivery last Thursday.

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VIEWPOINTS

When your patience runs out, comes back, and gets rewarded



BILL HORNER III
From The
Publisher's Desk

My head hit the pillow Friday knowing that Saturday was going to be a long and difficult day, one requiring more stamina and focus than I was probably capable

of giving. But I was determined to see it through.

Patience? That was really an afterthought — at first.

Saturday was moving day. My wife and I set aside that day — the weekend, really, but Saturday was the biggie — to move our daughter from an apartment in Radford, Virginia, to another in Wake County as she changed colleges.

Our task was pretty straightforward: get up early on Saturday and make the three-hour drive to Radford. Pick up the U-Haul truck. Load truck with what remained in our daughter's place — bed, dresser, sofa, bookcases, bicycle and the rest of her belongings that she didn't bring home herself when her semester ended back in May. Drive home. Load up her desk from home. Drive to my wife's mom's home in Kipling and pick up another sofa and a few small-

er pieces of furniture. Unload it all in the new apartment in Apex. Return the rental truck to the U-Haul office in Sanford.

We had two days to do something our busy schedules had prevented us from doing all summer. That it turned out to be one of the hottest weekends on record was just a foretaste of what lay ahead.

The normally-pleasant drive through Greensboro and Winston-Salem up I-77 and I-81 turned into a slog because of construction slowdowns. Bathroom stops turned into obstacle courses, maneuvering the car to find a place to park at packed convenience stores or fast food outlets, then waiting in long lines. Inaccurate and incomplete instructions the U-Haul folks had given prior to our arrival made getting the keys to our small rental truck time-consuming.

We arrived at the apartment complex and got inside our daughter's apartment, only to find her bedroom door locked. We didn't have a key. After getting one, the two- or three-hour packing job we anticipated stretched into more than five hours as we worked without stopping for lunch — all in sweltering heat because the apartment's air-conditioning, which had been turned "off," didn't seem to be working.

Despite all that, I was in a pretty good frame of mind. I had worked earlier to "pre-process"

the day in my mind, anticipating complications. It's a trick we taught our kids when they were young to help with transitions, but it works on adults, too. But when we found we didn't have the right Allen or "hex" key to take apart our daughter's bed, things got a bit nervy.

A maintenance worker from the apartment complex came over with a couple of keys, but they were too large. So he left to go find something that would fit. We worked and waited in the meantime. An hour or so later, nearly finished packing, he still hadn't shown back up. We called the office, which was supposed to be open until 8, and got no answer.

I drove over there to find three employees — including the maintenance person — sitting in easy chairs, watching TV and munching on chips. I inquired about his search.

"Oh," he said. "I couldn't find anything else."

"Did you think about coming to tell us?" I asked, the veneer of my patience showing the first crack. "We've been over there waiting for you."

Silence. Blank stares all around.

I then told the group we'd been trying to call the office and got no answer.

"Yeah, our phones are down," another employee said.

I turned on my heels and stormed out.

I then drove to a local Farm King store to find a hex key wrench. Farm King was the size of an industrial warehouse and I was sure I could find a good set of keys there. But my search in the tools section turned up nothing — neither hex key wrenches nor employees to ask where they might be. I was hot and I was tired. My back hurt. I hurriedly circumnavigated the entire store before ending up back near the registers, where I spotted a red-vested employee stocking shelves. I asked her where they might be. She called down the aisle to a co-worker I couldn't see and asked him.

"In the tools aisle," he said.

Another crack in my patience.

She escorted me back there and I — not "we" — finally located them. I picked one out and made a beeline for the register, finding one where a woman was checking out. When she hit "cancel" on the credit card terminal instead of "OK" on her transaction, and had to start all over, I thought my head would explode. I quickly shuffled over to an empty register, only to have the employee ask for my telephone number and email address.

"I'm in a hurry," I brusquely told him, thinking about the road construction I'd encounter in the uncomfortable U-Haul

truck on the drive back, which would certainly be at least a five-hour ordeal. (An hour or so early, my "Waze" phone app still showed long stretches of southbound backups.)

On the drive back to the apartment, taking a deep breath in the air-conditioned truck cab, I chastised myself: whether it was stamina or patience, I'd lost both. I shouldn't have.

When I got back, the hex keys fit perfectly. We disassembled the bed in minutes. Soon after, we were on the road. Sure, the truck's seat was uncomfortable, but the A/C worked fine. Any traffic backups were now gone. Caffeinated and fed, I settled into the drive to our house. A little after 10 p.m., I pulled into our neighborhood and about 100 yards apart encountered two beautiful does placidly welcoming me back home.

The second half of the move on Sunday was a piece of cake, thanks to unloading help from a man we'd used in a couple of other moves whom I'd contacted out of desperation Saturday night and who happened to be available. We were finished with everything by late afternoon. Lee Ann and I picked up pizzas and we spent the rest of the day pretty much in a state of leisure.

And reflecting on the lesson: patience really is a virtue.

Fried green tomatoes are real; and really good



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

A few years ago, Fannie Flagg — well-known as a panelist on "Match Game" in the '70s, and even better-known a decade or so after that as the author of the popular novel "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe," which was the basis for the popular movie "Fried Green Tomatoes" — came to Chatham County to promote her newest book.

Through Flagg's publicist, I'd scheduled a Tuesday afternoon sit-down interview with the author/actress, but about an hour before we were to meet, she telephoned, with regrets, to say she was running late and couldn't meet, though she had a few minutes to talk on the phone. We ended up having a brief, but very pleasant, conversation, talking mostly about her newest novel and touching a bit on her film work.

In a rush, via telephone, to get straight to the point with the busy celebrity, I didn't have a chance, as I'd hoped to have in person, to offer Fannie Flagg a personal "thank you."

But the opportunity never came up, so she never had the chance to hear me express to her my gratitude for introducing me to fried green tomatoes. I'm referring, of course, not to her book or the movie version of it, but to the side dish — actual fried green tomatoes — which, according to Wikipedia, is a dish "usually found in the Southern United States."

Prior to around 1987, when "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" debuted, I'd spent all but only a few years when I was very young living in the South, which is also the region where I was born, but despite my Southern birth and upbringing, I'd managed to avoid — and not just avoid, but also be entirely unaware of — fried green tomatoes because they simply weren't on the menu anywhere I dined.

My mother never made them. Nor did either of my grandmothers — both Southerners, and both fine cooks. They made fried zucchini, fried squash, fried okra. Those were standard fare during the summer, when we grew those vegetables in our garden, and they prepared them in their kitchens. But nobody I knew made fried green tomatoes or even went so far as to ever mention them.

Where fried green tomatoes were concerned, I'd lived a sheltered existence.

It was only when Fannie Flagg's novel started getting notices in the press that I heard of the dish that lent the author the title of her most-read book; truth is, even then I didn't think they were a real thing — I just thought Fannie Flagg was being fanciful — and this being the '80s, I had no Wikipedia to consult on the veracity of their existence.

It was only some time after 1991, after the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes" came out and I'd seen it, that I understood the unusual-sounding, heretofore unknown-to-me dish wasn't a result of Flagg's creative license and was something people actually ate.

And it was only when I came face-to-face with the fabled dish itself — it was at a K&W Cafeteria sometime in the mid-'90s — that I sampled some.

Now, though Fannie Flagg — due to time constraints — has no way of knowing her influence on me and my tastebuds, fried green tomatoes sit high on my list of favorite foods.

This is fortunate. The small garden I plant every year (don't ever let anyone tell you optimism is dead) hasn't yielded much this season. Whether it's the extreme heat, the long stretches of dry weather, the position of my garden to the sun, or whatever factors may be at play with the soil, this year's garden hasn't exactly taken off.

So far, all my watering, fertilizing, weeding, tending and fretting has yielded a grand total of two green peppers and a handful — four or five, if I had to say — of banana peppers. We've consumed them. It just hasn't been a bumper crop.

Our tomato plants have been more productive than our peppers, but — likely due to the previously-mentioned less-than-ideal growing conditions — the numerous tomatoes our plants have produced, despite their lengthy stay on the vine, don't ripen. I've managed to cultivate what, for practical purposes, is a green tomato plant.

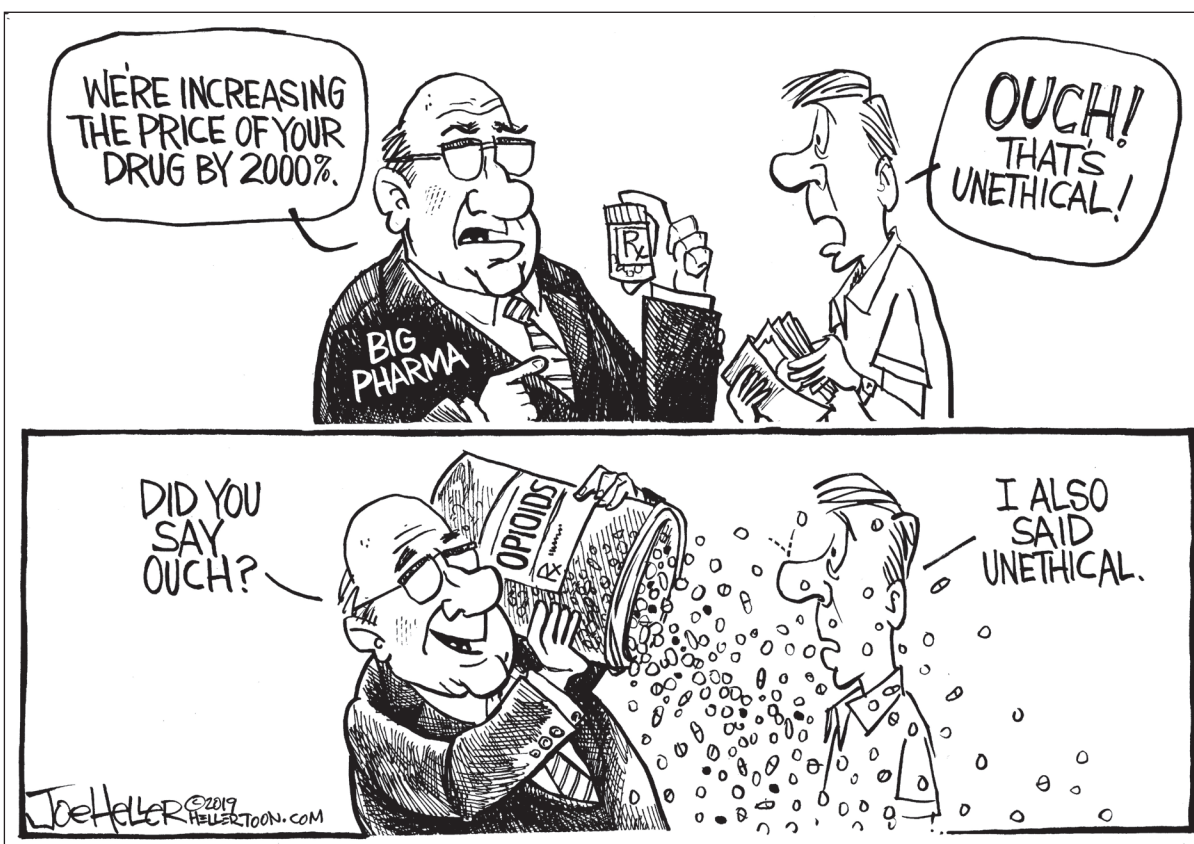
My springtime vision of growing red, juicy sun-ripened tomatoes this summer (I had my heart set on a couple of months' worth of fresh tomato sandwiches and BLTs) hasn't materialized.

But that doesn't mean I haven't improvised.

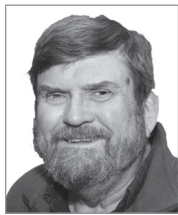
When life hands you lemons, make lemonade, they say.

The same logic applies, I've found, to tomatoes:

When green tomatoes are all you can grow, fry them.



Little things? They certainly mean a lot



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

In 1969, pop singer Bettye Swann came out with a tune entitled "Little Things Mean a Lot." It reached #1 on the charts, staying there for nine weeks and selling more than two million copies. The thought behind the song was that little things — "Say I look nice when I'm not," for instance — go far in the world.

I thought of that tune a few days ago when I had a series of experiences revolving around some restaurant orders I placed and it dawned on me that little things really do mean a lot — or put another way, make a difference.

Hopefully, this doesn't come across as whining. I can't stand whining but I think it makes a point. Obviously, I didn't starve from any of these events; still have my well-earned figure and body shape. And, yes, we all make mistakes and could benefit from paying attention more often.

What really got my thinking going was wondering is this the way life is going, that there's more of just getting by, that details don't matter to many folks. I know I'm big on details; blame it on almost 40 years as a reporter and editor. And I know not everyone cares to dot all the "i's" and cross the "t's" and I probably drive some people to drink shoe polish but details do matter. What if the doctor several weeks ago had decided to perform a knee replacement on me instead of the hip I needed? Big difference.

The restaurant events started when I ordered a cheeseburger with mustard, chili and slaw from one of my favorite local establishments. Shirley went for the food, brought it home, I unwrapped it, took a big bite and thought, "This tastes different." Not bad, just different. After the second bite, I stopped reading the paper and took a peek at my sandwich. There I discovered that in addition to the burger, mustard, slaw and chili, I also had a grilled chicken breast nestled atop the thing. It wasn't bad and I ate it but I don't plan to ever order such a combination.

Plans are to continue to patronize that place, even though a few days later it was the scene of a second event. One of my favorite breakfast orders is a big ol' cat head ham biscuit with a slice of tomato and a slice of onion on top. I called in that order, went into great detail about the tomato and onion and once again my better half — and I do mean better — went after our breakfast since Doc hasn't released me yet to slip behind the wheel.

When she returned, I wheeled out the "to go" bag, opened one of the contents and bingo — plenty of ham and nothing else. The other biscuit that had been ordered was in the same shape. Because we had tomatoes and onions at home, I eventually got what I wanted but it wasn't what I'd asked for.

A third event occurred as Shirley and I were making our way back home after a visit to the surgeon's clinic and we stopped at a popular

drive-through. I ordered a single cheeseburger combo with fries and a drink; her order was similar. When we got to the window, the young lady handed us one bag. I've started checking the contents at fast food windows to make sure we got at least most of what was ordered. The sandwiches were there, along with a pound and a half of napkins but no fries and no drinks. It took several stabs at making the young lady understand our request, which was finally filled to completion. After pulling back onto the highway I dove into my lunch and after a bite or two thought this is the biggest single burger I've ever seen. It must have a cow and a half in it. It was at that point I realized I'd been given a double burger. I ate it but upon completion of that task I was a bit uncomfortable, not to mention that many similar events could have a negative effect on the business's bottom line.

The last of these traumatic events — remember I said it could sound like whining but I am coming to a point — happened a few days ago when, out early in the morning after completing a few errands, I asked my wife/nurse/driver to swing through a local joint so I could grab a bacon, egg and cheese biscuit, one of my absolute favorites. You do understand, of course, that bacon on anything raises the bar.

After getting the order, as soon as we were out on the road again, I unwrapped said biscuit and bit into about a third of it to discover the bacon had turned into a big sausage patty. Complete transparency here — I have in the past ordered such a creation and they're good. So, I did the obvious thing and ate it all.

So, a couple of thoughts here. First of all, again don't think I'm griping. Mistakes happen and I've had some jobs in the food service industry and it can be hectic. Secondly, none of these events were fatal or life-changing. Rather, I think, they point out how all of us often fall into routines that make no sense and should be avoided. I once went through a fast-food drive through and ordered a cheeseburger only to have the individual on the other end ask me, "Do you want cheese with that?" And one night, the older of the two 40-somethings who used to be teenagers who lived at my house went through a drive through only to have her server ask her, "Is this for here or to go?"

The lesson is, I think, that we should pay attention to the small things. As Ben Franklin or someone of his day said, "If you take care of the pennies, the dollars will take care of themselves."

It all reminded me not only of the song but of a little ditty I learned years ago you may know that goes like this: "For want of a nail, the horseshoe was lost. For want of a shoe, the horse was lost. For want of the horse, the rider was lost. For want of the rider, the battle was lost. For want of the battle, the war was lost. For want of the war, the kingdom was lost — all for the want of a nail."

Be on the lookout for those nails.

VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | DENNIS STREETS

Chatham isn't alone when it comes to home care worker shortage



DENNIS STREETS

The caller asks what can be done for an older adult who needs help with so-called "activities of daily living," including bathing and food preparation.

The vulnerable senior is essentially homebound and lives alone. Another caller is a wife desperate for a few hours of respite. Married 50 years, she is caring for her husband, who has dementia.

These are the types of requests for assistance that the Chatham County Council on Aging regularly receives but more recently has not always been able to meet. In-home services have been a core part of our mission since we began

as a non-profit organization in July 1974.

Having sufficient funding to meet these needs has always been an issue and will likely continue. What is new are the challenges of having an adequate workforce to provide in-home personal care and family caregiver relief. It is distressing not to be able to provide needed assistance because of the lack of home care workers.

We in Chatham are not alone. Here are just a few of the national stories from this spring: "America's \$103 billion home health-care system is in crisis as worker shortage worsens," and "The nation's acute shortage of home health aides is jeopardizing care for vulnerable older adults."

The need for in-home services is increasing rapidly as our senior population grows in

Chatham County, North Carolina and the nation. Right now, about one in four of Chatham residents are aged 65 and older. By 2037, this age group will represent more than a third of us. The fastest growing age group in our state and Chatham are those aged 85 and older.

Why is this significant? As we age the risk of needing personal care services increases. Most of us want to remain living in our homes for as long as possible, which may eventually require help.

What happens when such care is not available? We can become victims of self-neglect leading to placement in a long-term care facility or even death. The working family caregiver may be forced to leave their job and suffer the serious consequences of this difficult and costly decision.

In Chatham, we are seeing

the effect of the shortage of in-home aide workers firsthand. We are taking aggressive steps to strengthen an available workforce. This includes promoting a fair, living wage for these workers.

Yet, I fear that these actions will not be enough for present and future seniors and their families. Dr. James Johnson of the UNC-Chapel Hill Kenan-Flagler Business School has certainly sounded the alarm about the critical connection between the aging of our population and international migration.

In a 2016 article, Dr. Johnson shared that "political discourse about comprehensive immigration reform suggests most do not understand the link between an aging U.S. native-born population and immigration."

Before we think that the only immigrants we should

welcome to our country are the "highly skilled" and those of "extraordinary talent," we need to consider the words of Helen Keller: "The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker."

My guess is that someday you or a family member may need caregiving — if this is not already the case. You will then understand the value of an adequate workforce of qualified home care aides. Some of these aides will be non-U.S. born workers seeking opportunities to better their own lives while providing services that sustain the well-being of our community and nation.

Dennis W. Streets is the executive director of the Chatham County Council on Aging. He can be reached at 919-542-4512.

Here's how to resolve North Carolina's budget impasse



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

RALEIGH — North Carolina's state government entered its 2019-20 fiscal year on July 1 without a new state budget in place. Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper and the Republican-led legislature haven't agreed to one, yet. But unless you work for the state, work closely with state-funded entities, or follow state politics closely, you may not have noticed.

Unlike recent budget stalemates in Washington, the faceoff between Cooper and legislative leaders in Raleigh hasn't produced a government shutdown. State departments are still operating. Public schools, universities and hospitals are either open or preparing to open as scheduled. There is no panic.

Thanks to a previously enacted law, the lack of a state budget simply means that agencies will continue to receive their recurring funds at last year's spending levels. What doesn't get funded? One-time needs, additional funds for enrollment growth, appropriations needed to draw down federal funds, new initiatives such as converting North Carolina's Medicaid program to a managed-care system, and, perhaps most significantly, pay raises for public employees.

In response, the North Carolina House has already passed, and the North Carolina Senate seems poised to pass, a stopgap bill that addresses some of these needs, including enrollment growth and Medicaid reform. If the budget impasse continues, I can imagine lawmakers passing still another bill that just funds pay raises for teachers and state employees.

Cooper could, of course, veto those bills just as he vetoed the original budget. Having lost seats in both chambers in the 2018 elections, Republicans can no longer override the governor's vetoes without Democratic assistance. But what would that accomplish?

The reason we have a budget impasse in the first place is that each side believes it is in the stronger negotiating position. Only one side is right about that. I think it's the legislature.

Cooper cited a variety of reasons for vetoing the original budget bill. He doesn't like the legislature's cut in franchise taxes, the amount and manner of its pay hike for teachers, and its preference for cash over debt in financing school construction. But the most consequential dispute is about Medicaid. The governor wants to make passage of a new state budget contingent on expanding Medicaid. Legislative leaders don't.

The general lack of panic here is not to Cooper's advantage. Recurring funds are already in place for 2019-20. If he vetoes every supplemental bill the General Assembly sends to him — to fund new students, key initiatives, and potential pay increases — Cooper will clearly reveal himself to be the obstructionist in the story.

I doubt the general public will rise up in fury if there's no new state budget in place, at least not in the short run. But those most affected by the lack of a new spending plan, such as vendors and public employees, will be immensely frustrated. On balance, I suspect they'll blame the guy saying "no," not the lawmakers saying "yes."

There is a path out of this thicket, I think. It will require both sides to change course a bit, as is usually the case. Cooper will have to find a face-saving way to withdraw his ultimatum on Medicaid expansion. Perhaps the fact that an expansion bill already passed a House committee could be part of a declaration of partial victory. For their part, legislative leaders will have to budge on overall expenditures as well as specific line-items. But they already know that.

Like it or not, North Carolina has divided government. Neither party has the power to get everything it wants. Policymakers will have to reconcile themselves to the fact that accomplishing some of their most-cherished goals will not be possible in the short run. They'll have to be patient, using the time either to persuade members of the other party or to defeat them in the next election.

In the meantime, while there is no emergency, North Carolina does need a full spending plan enacted for the 2019-20 fiscal year — and for the legislative session to conclude. Let's get on with it.

John Hood (@JohnHoodNC) is chairman of the John Locke Foundation and appears on "N.C. Spin," broadcast statewide at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and at 12:30 p.m. Sundays on UNC-TV.

What are the debates missing?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Is something missing?

The 20 candidates who qualified for the July 30 and 31 CNN Democratic presidential debates are Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, former Vice President and Delaware Sen. Joe Biden, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, former Maryland Rep.

Elizabeth Warren, author Marianne Williamson, and businessman Andrew Yang.

What is missing? Southerners.

No southerners are on the list, unless you count Texans Castro and O'Rourke or border state candidates Biden and Delaney, which I don't.

So what? Democrats are abandoning their most successful strategy for winning recent presidential elections: putting a southerner on the ticket. From 1964 until 2008, every victorious Democratic presidential candidate had a southern accent: Lyndon Johnson in 1964, Jimmy Carter in 1974, Bill Clinton in 1992 and 1996 and Al Gore, who won the popular vote in 2000.

Arguably, it happened again in 2016 when Hillary Clinton, with her deep Arkansas and southern connections, won the popular vote.

The advantages of having a southerner at the top of the tickets were not lost on the Republicans. As an adopted Texan, George H.W. Bush won in 1988 and his son, a real southerner, won in 2000 and 2004.

But for Democrats, having a progressive southerner at the top of the ticket became almost a formula for a winning presidential campaign. Why? What magic did a southerner bring to the top of the ticket? Part of the answer may come from the experience southern Democrats, especially governors, had in facilitating racial progress and, at the same time, developing partnerships

with business interests to expand job and educational opportunities.

Southern Democrats, therefore, could be progressive enough for the national Democratic base without frightening moderate swing voters. They had demonstrated that they could govern by building coalitions rather than by turning away moderate and conservative interests.

Like Carter and Bill Clinton, North Carolina governors Terry Sanford and Jim Hunt fit this mold. Either of them could have been winning presidential candidates had the chips landed in a different way.

Why then are these kinds of southerners absent from the CNN debate stage this summer?

The main reason, of course, is that Democrats have been blasted out of top leadership positions in much of the south. No longer is there a big Democratic bench of accomplished and ambitious southern governors. North Carolina and Virginia are exceptions. Those states have Democratic governors. But our governor, Roy Cooper, is concentrating on a tough re-election campaign. Virginia's Governor Ralph Northam is burdened by his association with an old medical school yearbook photo of a blackface person and a KKK costume.

Former Virginia governors Terry McAuliffe, Sen. Mark Warner and Sen. Tim Kaine fit the progressive moderate mold, but none is running for president this year. That is unfortunate for those who still believe in the Democrats' proven winning model.

Looking back, prior to the Civil War, southerners were active as presidential and vice presidential candidates. But after Andrew Johnson in 1864, until native southerner Woodrow Wilson was elected president in 1912, only one southerner, losing Democratic vice-presidential candidate Henry Gassaway Davis of West Virginia in 1904, was on a major party's ticket.

But beginning with Wilson, if you count the border states as part of the south, there has been a southerner as presidential or vice presidential candidate on the ticket of at least one of the major parties in every election except for 1920 and 1940.

And 2020?

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.

What can be done about the national debt?



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

There's one question I can almost always count on being asked at the scores of public presentations I give each year about the economy. The question is, what are we going to do about the national debt? If this question is common and important, then why haven't we done something already about the debt?

Indeed, not only have we not done anything about the current \$22 trillion in national debt, but we've been making the debt hole bigger. Both the dollar amount of the debt and — more importantly — the size of the debt relative to the size of the economy, have been rising.

There is a logical explanation for our recent apparent collective indifference to the debt. What matters most for any entity — whether it is a household, business, or government — is how much it costs to carry debt. Importantly, the answer to this question depends on the level of the interest rate charged to borrow money. The lower the interest rate, the cheaper it is to carry debt.

In the last 30 years interest rates in the U.S. economy have fallen by an amazing 80 percent. As a result, interest costs on the national debt as a percent of the economy are half as much as in the late 1980s, even with the amount of debt being seven times larger.

But recently, we've seen interest costs on the national debt taking more out of the economy. Furthermore, economists at the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office project the size of the national debt relative to the size of the economy will reach record levels in a few decades, and interest costs on the debt as a percent of the economy will almost hit a record.

So what should we do? Of course,

a big part of any solution is political, since the debt is tied to spending and taxes. These are always controversial topics for elected representatives.

I'll leave the politics to others. However, my discipline — economics — can offer some ideas for a solution to the national debt. I'll present one such solution and let you decide if it makes sense.

The economic solution begins with the premise that there are two types of government spending. One is spending providing services with immediate benefits. Examples are spending on health care, military personnel and food assistance. Economists call this category "current spending."

The second type of government spending is for programs considered to be investments because they result in long lasting benefits for the recipients. Spending on roads is a good example. Highways last several decades and provide benefits to drivers now and in the future. Spending on military hardware, basic research and even education also provide long-run benefits. This type of spending is labeled "capital spending."

This distinction in types of government spending is important because economists recommend different ways of funding each category.

Current spending should be funded from current revenues because the benefits accrue mainly to current taxpayers. In contrast, capital spending can be funded with borrowing; in fact, some economists argue capital spending should be funded with borrowing. This is because future taxpayers are the major beneficiaries of the capital investments. The idea is to borrow the money, develop the capital project, and let future taxpayers foot the bill by making the debt payments.

The CBO estimates 16 percent of the annual federal budget qualifies as capital spending. In 2018, this translated to about \$50 billion of federal spending being capital spending. Hence, this amount of

money could — by economic logic — have been borrowed. Instead, the federal government borrowed almost \$800 billion that year.

Therefore, one approach to federal government borrowing is to adopt the approach of two budgets — current and capital — and to restrict borrowing to the capital budget. In fact, this is the logic used by most state and local governments as well as by businesses.

Even if the federal government followed this advice, there's one remaining thorny issue. The establishment of current and capital budgets and the restriction of borrowing to capital spending would apply to the future. It would do nothing to change the borrowing the federal government has already done and is on the books to the tune of the \$22 trillion national debt.

Our friends at the CBO calculate roughly \$4 trillion of the \$22 trillion national debt is based on capital spending. So we would be justified in continuing to carry \$4 trillion in national debt. But this still leaves \$18 trillion as debt related to past "current spending."

If we wanted to retire this \$18 trillion debt over the next 30 years, applying current interest rates would require an annual payment of slightly more than \$900 billion. Obviously that's a lot of money, and the big question is where the government would get it. Would new taxes be needed, or could existing spending amounts be changed and shifted?

When people ask me about controlling the national debt, this is the plan I discuss. With a show of hands, I'll let you decide if it's a reasonable approach.

Mike Walden is a William Neal Reynolds distinguished professor and extension economist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at North Carolina State University who teaches and writes on personal finance, economic outlook and public policy.

Pet of the Week



The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Barley. He is a 3-year-old Labrador retriever who loves playtime and going for nature walks. He is a lapdog at heart, even at roughly 70 pounds. Barley is distinctive in that he loves to pick up and carry "security" items with him wherever he goes. He is happiest when he has a toy, bowl or leash to tote around the house, yard or neighborhood. Barley has been a resident of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Animal Resource Center since June 7. He is available for same-day adoption at a reduced fee. For more information on how to meet or adopt Barley, swing by our office at 725 Renaissance Drive or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an Animal Resource Officer.

Photo courtesy of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office

Lawmakers could burn hemp industry in Farm Bill

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

RALEIGH — Hemp farmers, producers, and advocates are circling the wagons as two bills that are making their way through the Legislature threaten to undercut the budding industry in North Carolina. If passed, the laws would have serious implications to the industry and the farm economy in North Carolina.

The crux of the dispute is over smokable hemp, a non-psychoactive plant — meaning, it cannot get you "high" — that is legal under federal statute and is cultivated, sold, and used across North Carolina. According to the N.C. Dept. of Agricultural, 85 percent of North Carolina hemp farmers grow for the "flower" or smokable hemp.

Hemp cultivation and sale has been legal in North Carolina since 2015 when the Legislature created a pilot program based on The Agricultural Act of 2014 passed by Congress. Since then, over 1,000 North Carolina farmers have invested millions of dollars in the hemp industry.

Last year, Congress made additional rules for hemp farming, loosening restrictions and removing the plant from the schedule of controlled substances. The General Assembly's Farm Bill (SB315) currently under discussion, was an attempt by the Dept. of Agriculture and lawmakers to move beyond the pilot program and create regulations for the industry.

Organizations representing law enforcement are seeking a ban of the flower. According to a letter sent to lawmakers from the State Bureau of Investigation earlier this year, the SBI is concerned that smokable hemp and marijuana are too difficult to distinguish and will reduce its ability to have probable cause to search vehicles based on the smell of marijuana.

"The unintended consequence upon passage of this bill is that marijuana will be legalized in NC because law enforcement cannot distinguish between hemp and marijuana and prosecutors could not prove the difference in court," the letter reads.

Marijuana typically contains between 20-40 percent THC, the psychoactive ingredient whereas hemp contained less than .3 percent. According to a post on the UNC School of Government Blog by Phil Dixon, an attorney and staff member with the organization, law enforcement does not currently have a field test to determine the amount of THC in marijuana and hemp. However, he notes that the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture does regularly test the leaves of hemp plants in North Carolina at two private labs to ensure that it is below the allowable limit of THC.

"So, it appears that while testing to distinguish hemp from mari-



Photo by David Bradley

The Legislature is working toward passing a bill that would ban industrial hemp flower production and sale. The industrial hemp flower is the most common for North Carolina hemp farmers as well as being the most profitable per pound.

juana exists, the state law enforcement lab infrastructure is not currently equipped to do so, and officers on the ground can't tell the difference, at least not before the product can be seized and analyzed in a lab capable of performing this kind of testing," Dixon's post reads.

During a House Standing Agriculture Committee meeting last month, representatives from the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture noted that they are beginning the process of testing a field test. The test is used in Switzerland where smokable hemp is widely popular to help law enforcement distinguish between the legal plant and marijuana, which is illegal there.

Even so, law enforcement pressure and it's champion in the N.C. House, Rep. Jimmy Dixon (R-District 4), have permitted the passage of an amendment that would ban of the smokable flower to begin Dec. 1, 2019. The Senate version of the bill contained a ban in

2020 if the concerns over a lack of field tests for law enforcement as well as concerns about transporting the plant were not addressed at that time.

Rep. Dixon has taken the effort a step further.

In SB352, there is language that will add smokable hemp to the definition of marijuana, making the cultivation, sale, and consumption carry the same penalties as marijuana which is in conflict with a 2018 federal law which removed the plant from the controlled substance schedule.

Rod Kight, an Asheville-based attorney who represents businesses in the legal cannabis and hemp industries all over the U.S. believes that if the Legislature passes one or both of the proposed laws, it may be faced with lawsuits as is the case currently ongoing in Indiana, a state that has tried to pass similar laws. The farmers suing in that case argue that the laws are contrary to Congressional Conference Report for Agricultural

Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) which says that while states may put regulations on hemp production and sale, they "are not authorized to alter the definition of hemp or put in place policies that are less restrictive than this title."

"In other words, by prohibiting and criminalizing a form of federally lawful hemp, Indiana has overstepped its authority and violated federal law," Kight writes.

With millions of dollars of investment by farmers, producers, and retailers in North Carolina over the past four years to build the hemp industry, organizations such as the North Carolina Industrial Hemp Association are rallying their supporters to try to protect and preserve their livelihoods. Blake Buckley, executive director of the North Carolina Industrial Hemp Association, calls the move "devastating to the industry" and vowed to "take action immediately" to fight the ban.

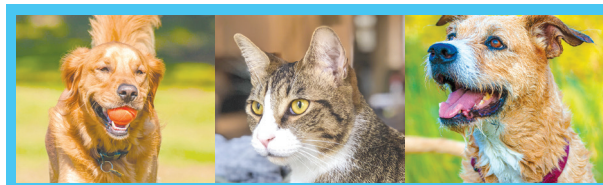
"It's time for us to realize that this will not end unless we can move and activate our entire base across North Carolina and get back to a good compromise to ensure these restrictive amendments and others don't devastate our industry going forward," Buckley said.

As all these amendments that have been passed in the N.C. House are different than the bills passed by the N.C. Senate, they will still have to be reviewed in a conference committee. It is unclear if the bills in their current state will pass this year. Sen. Brent Jackson (R-District 10), who shepherded the Farm Bill through the N.C. Senate prior to its reaching the

N.C. House has intimated that he would rather pull all the hemp provisions from the Farm Bill rather than pass Dixon's ver-

sions.

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Happy 20th Birthday, Tyrell.

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say. It is hard to believe that you are gone, but you will never be forgotten. Love, Mama, Devin, Kaylee, Juju, Daisani (your baby girl), Jazmyn, Summer, Grandma Sheryl, Percyl, Jackie, Mari, Madi and all your family and friends.

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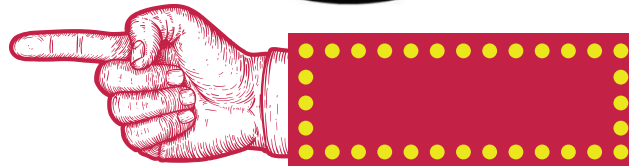
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CHURCH NEWS

PINEY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 29 through Thursday, August 1 at Piney Grove United Methodist Church, from 6 p.m. until 8:15. The theme will be ROAR! Life is wild, God is good!

There will be classes for Pre-K through High School and dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m.

The closing program will be held Thursday evening.

CAMERON GROVE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

The 143rd Homecoming Celebration will be held Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 10 a.m. Pastor Kenneth Swann will bring the morning message.

After the homecoming feast, the 2:30 p.m. service will begin. The speaker will

be Pastor Patania Eiland-Shorter of Hood Memorial A.M.E.

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES

Join New Beginnings Ministries as we celebrate our annual family fun day with games, bounce house, food, TYCA the Clown, and One Voice One Mime Ministry. There will be a Parade and Drill Program, with Col. Dale and Lt. General Dean Gibson, along with Bold and Taking Dance Team Corp (Ms. Tomvet Madkins). We will also be joined by members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department and the Siler City Fire Department. The Theme for the day will be The Battle Is Not Yours!

This event will be held at Lou Clark Park, Oakley Baptist Church, (2300 Siler City-Glendon Road) on Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Look for the balloons.

WILCOCK NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Emma Wilcock of Pittsboro has been named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List while majoring in Biology at Widener University in Chester, PA.

WHITE GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Erica White of Siler City recently graduated from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chatham Community Library hosts afternoon activities for kids

The Chatham Community Library hosts monthly events for children in kindergarten through fifth grade each Thursday from 4-5 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is Chess Club, while the second Thursday is Book Club. Book titles can be found by Contacting Youth Services at (919) 545-8085.

The third Thursday features board games, the fourth Thursday is Coding Club using SCRATCH and the fifth Thursday, if applicable, is a Book Paty.

Bridge repair prompts detour in Randolph County

ASHEBORO - A section of a Randolph County road will close next week so N.C. Dept. of Transportation contract crews can repair a bridge over Interstate 73/74.

Southmont Drive will be closed between just east of Good Luck Road and just west of U.S. 220 Business starting earlier this week. The span is expected to remain closed until Aug. 19.

Signs will direct traffic on a 3-mile detour following Southmont Drive, Mack Road and McDowell Road back to Business 220.

Drivers should slow down near the work zone and allow extra time to safely reach their destinations while the detour is in place.

For real-time travel information, visit DriveNC.gov or follow NCDOT on social media.

DAV, RecruitMilitary hosting Raleigh vets job fair

DAV and RecruitMilitary are partnering to attract, hire and retain military veterans and spouses in the Raleigh area.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 15 at the Vaughn Towers at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh. The event is free and designed for veterans, transitioning military personnel, National Guard members, Reserve

New Hope Valley Railway hosting Brew 'n' Choo event

BONSAL — The New Hope Valley Railway is planning a "cool sendoff for the sizzling month of July."

The railway is hosting a Brew 'n' Choo event on Saturday. Train departures are at 2:30, 4 and 5:30 p.m., with barbecue, beer and ice cream also available. Food and beverage providers for the Brew 'n' Choo are the Bombshell Beer Company of Holly Springs, the Humble Pig of Cary and Jam Ice Cream of Rolesville.

Tickets may be purchased online at TriangleTrain.com or at the Bonsal ticket office. Food and drinks are not included in the ticket price.

Bonsal is located on Old U.S. 1 west of Apex and near the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant. It's less than an hour's drive from many points in the Triangle region.

members and military spouses.

In 2018, DAV RecruitMilitary hosted 139 veteran hiring events across the United States with nearly 6,750 exhibitors engaging with more 32,000 military-trained job candidates.

"We are pleased to provide these companies with access to

the widest network of highly qualified veteran job candidates who are looking for meaningful civilian career opportunities," says Tim Best, CEO of Bradley-Morris & RecruitMilitary.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/Raleigh081519>.

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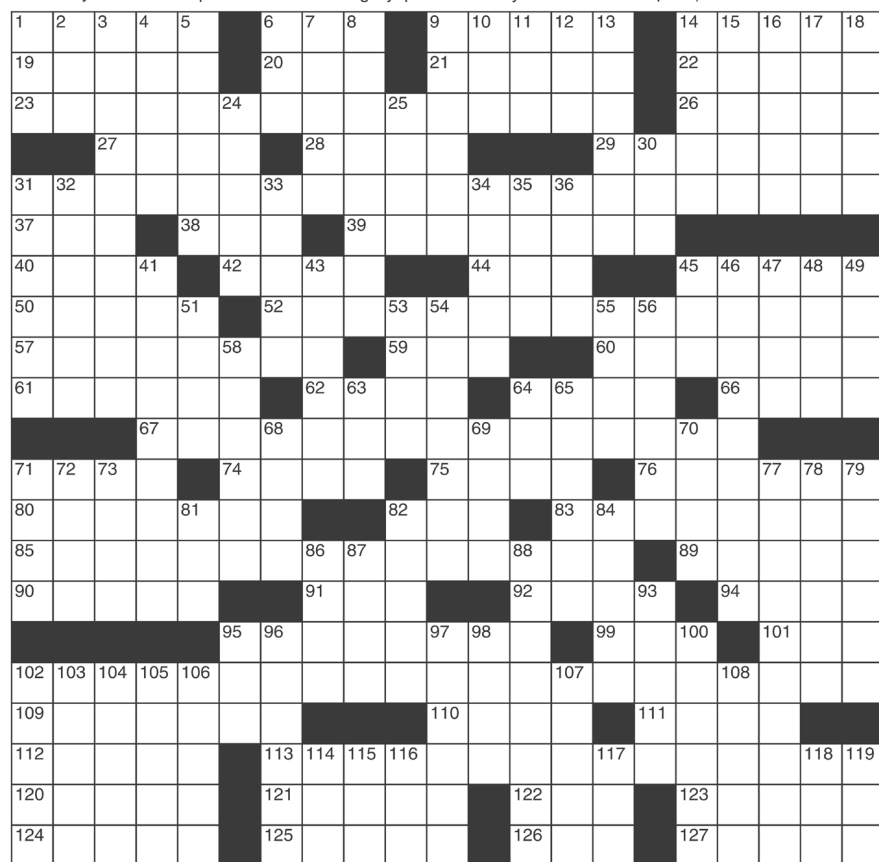
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Father: Henry Maxwell Hoffman
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Baby's brother: Henry Hoffman
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Maternal Grandparents: Thomas Reycraft and Sera Reycraft of Pelham Manor, New York
Maternal Great-Grandparent: Mrs. Kay Dorcheus of Pelham Manor, New York

Richard Sullivan and Lauren Luck of Bennett,
Announce the birth of their daughter, Everleigh Paige Sullivan,
born July 17, 2019 at 12:56pm.
Everleigh weighed 8 lbs. and 14 oz.

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 - 38 "How dumb of me!"
 - 39 Fearless
 - 40 Orbit, e.g.
 - 42 Foliage unit
 - 44 In the manner of
 - 45 "The Zoo Story" playwright
 - 50 Bozo
 - 52 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 57 Close amigo
 - 59 Really ruffle
 - 60 Wet-weather headgear
 - 61 Hay fever
 - 62 Former Israeli PM Golda
 - 64 Big fusses
 - 66 Capitol's top
 - 67 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 71 "I know! Pick me!"
 - 74 Novelist Jaffe
 - 75 Two before X
 - 76 Deadly
 - 80 Fruity, sourish dessert
 - 82 The Cowboys, on a sports ticker
 - 83 Falsify
 - 85 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 89 Pear, apple and quince
 - 90 Main artery
 - 91 Essen "a"
 - 92 He married Lucy
 - 94 Moor growth
 - 95 Tennis great
 - Jennifer
 - 99 Young — (toddlers)
 - 101 '60s Pontiac muscle car
 - 102 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 109 Alveolar trill, as in Spanish speech
 - 110 Tofu source, to Brits
 - 111 Long stretch
 - 112 Perfect little kid
 - 113 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 120 Gettysburg victor George
 - 121 C-3PO, e.g.
 - 122 Stanley Cup gp.
 - 123 In snazzy clothes
 - 124 Media biggie
 - 125 Tabby cries
 - 126 Dems' rival
 - 127 Bergen dummy
 - Mortimer
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Rival of FedEx
 - 2 With 6-Down, yield a profit
 - 3 Hot stretch
 - 4 Macaroni shape
 - 5 "Such a pity"
 - 6 See 2-Down
 - 7 Popped up
 - 8 Two-pronged vehicle
 - 9 Well-spoken name on the old sitcom
 - 10 E-giggle
 - 11 Dog's yap
 - 12 Wildebeest
 - 13 Composer
 - 14 En — (as one)
 - 15 1989 Disney princess
 - 16 Metric "thousandth"
 - 17 — Yello (soft drink)
 - 18 Thus far
 - 24 Germ killer in a can
 - 25 Connery of film
 - 30 "— be an honor"
 - 31 Subjects
 - 32 In direct confrontation
 - 33 "Trauma: Life in —" (old TLC series)
 - 34 Guzzled, e.g.
 - 35 Ill-gotten gains
 - 36 Shimmery gem
 - 41 Bride-to-be's clothing drawer
 - 43 Lumberjack, at times
 - 45 Nickname of Onassis
 - 46 Phyllis' last name on the old sitcom "Phyllis"
 - 47 — chic (hippie-inspired fashion)
 - 48 Mild cheese
 - 49 Italy's Villa d'—
 - 51 Brand of tea
 - 53 Jacob of social reform
 - 54 Part of ETA
 - 55 "No —!" ("Sure thing!")
 - 56 Studio tripods
 - 58 Old-time actress
 - Dolores
 - 63 Water quality org.
 - 64 Onetime ring king
 - 65 Longtime soap actress
 - Hall
 - 68 Movie mogul
 - Marcus
 - 69 Bird beak
 - 70 Tonto player
 - Johnny
 - 71 Gymnast
 - Korbut
 - 72 Seat of Hawaii
 - County
 - 73 Sharif of "Che!"
 - 77 Uniform liquid suspension
 - 117 Swiss peak
 - 78 Zand— (Zoroastrian scripture)
 - 79 Rent check collector
 - 81 Org. with putters
 - 82 Levi's fabric
 - 84 Subject
 - 86 Univ. division
 - 87 Hidden mike
 - 88 Uplifting spiritually
 - 93 Like King
 - Atahualpa
 - 95 Movie dancer
 - Charisse
 - 96 Aviation branch of the military
 - 97 Great traits
 - 98 Traffic noise
 - 100 Yarn units
 - 102 Intense ache
 - 103 Real introvert
 - 104 Tank slime
 - 105 Vehicles near igloos
 - 106 Tennis great
 - Monica
 - 107 Cantina chip
 - 108 Grown gal
 - 114 Boot part
 - 115 "Vice" ailer
 - 116 Dejected
 - 117 Swiss peak
 - 118 Env. insert
 - 119 Guitarist
 - Barrett



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Invasive emerald ash borer makes its way into Chatham

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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PITTSBORO — Emerald ash borer (EAB) was recently discovered in Chatham County for the first time, making Chatham the 41st North Carolina county in which the invasive insect has been detected.

The EAB — a metallic green beetle that bores into ash trees, feeding on tissues beneath the bark, ultimately killing the tree — was found along Wilkinson Creek between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro on traps to detect the beetle placed by the N.C. Forest Service.

“They can be very devastating,” said Ben Baird, a Chatham County Ranger with the state Forest Service.

Baird said the beetles, a non-native species originally from Asia, have been slowly migrating into the region. The beetle was first discovered in the United States in southeastern Michigan, near Detroit, in the summer of 2002, according to the website emeraldashborer.info. EAB is believed to have arrived in the United States via solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships and airplanes originating in its native Asia.

Emerald ash borers and have now been found in many North Carolina counties, including Alamance, Avery, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Haywood, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Orange, Person, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne,



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Emerald ash borers, a non-native and invasive beetle, have recently been detected in Chatham County, now the 41st of North Carolina's 100 counties to host the unwelcome insect.

Wilson and Yancey.

The signs and symptoms of the presence of EAB aren't always immediately noticeable, state forestry officials said, because EAB damages the inside of the tree. Adult borers lay eggs on the bark of ash trees and when their eggs hatch, the larvae bore into the bark and feed on the transportation tissues of the tree, disrupting the movement of nutrients and water within the tree, causing the tree's slow death. Affected trees — often those found alongside rivers, Baird say — typically succumb to the EAB damage within three to five years.

Signs and symptoms of EAB infestation include thinning and dying crowns; increased woodpecker activity that causes the affected tree to look like it is losing patches of bark; small, 1/8-inch D-shaped exit holes where adult beetles have emerged from the trees; galleries on the inside of the bark; cream-colored larvae; and epicormic sprouting, or sprouting from the main stem of the tree. Plants susceptible to the EAB include all native ash trees and native white fringetree. The

Chinese white fringetree, frequently planted for ornamental purposes, is believed to be resistant.

Forestry officials said the entire state of North Carolina is under a quarantine for EAB. The quarantine prohibits the movement of ash plant parts, the insect itself, ash nursery stock and all hardwood firewood into non-quarantined areas such as central Tennessee, most of Alabama and all of Florida.

Adult EAB beetles are about a half-inch long and 7/8-inch wide. If their wing covers are pried up, their bodies are a metallic purple-red color. In North Carolina, the adult EAB is typically active from late spring and early summer, likely April through June. EAB larvae, however, may be found under the bark of the tree most of the year.

The North Carolina Forest Health Branch monitors the spread of invasive pests, including EAB. Chatham residents who suspect an infested tree in an area near them are asked to contact the county ranger at 919-545-2720.

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Jeremiah Drive residents rejoice at road fix

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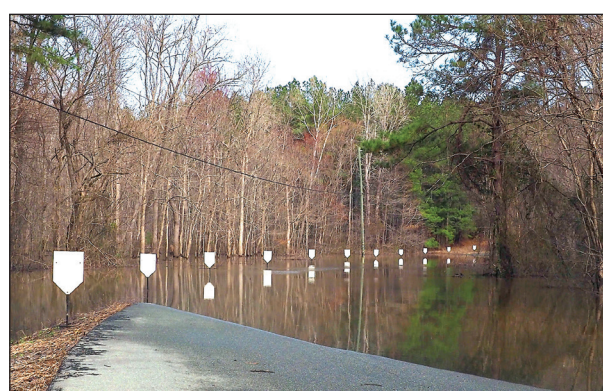
After months of worrying about when access to their homes might be cut off by high waters, residents of Jeremiah Drive in northeast Chatham County are celebrating the initial completion of the elevation of their road to prevent flooding.

A coalition of community members, civic leaders, and engineers at the N.C. Dept. of Transportation worked together to try to make raising the road a priority. Funding was secured through the department's division that represents Chatham County and the work was done with NCDOT staff rather than a contractor, which kept the project under budget. Earlier this month, NCDOT workers from Randolph County began filling in the 700 feet of Jeremiah Drive that was the “low spot” where flooding occurred.

“The Army Corps worked well with us and expedited the permitting process because of the impending issues,” said Matt Kitchen, district engineer with NCDOT. “We raised it up to get to an elevation that we haven't seen water since the dam was put in.”

Jeremiah Drive rests near Jordan Lake, which was created 37 years ago by the construction of Jordan Dam to help prevent catastrophic flooding further downstream in the Cape Fear Basin. For the first 36 years, Jeremiah Drive had 50 flooding events in total, but since hurricanes Florence and Michael last September, the road has been under water for at least 70 days in less than a year.

“We've looked at [Jeremiah Drive] several times,” Kitchen said. “In this instance — with the increased intensity — it became more of an emergent situation.”



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Residents of Jeremiah Drive were flooded by water from Jordan Lake for more than 70 days since the two hurricanes hit last September.



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NCDOT crews worked to raise Jeremiah Drive seven feet in an effort to ensure that residents will have access to their homes even when Jordan Lake's waters are high.

The road is now covered by packed gravel, but will be paved sometime in mid-fall, according to Kitchen. The fill was down while maintaining traffic, as there is only one way in or out for the residents. With limited time and space, the crew “achieved impaction” as best as it could under the circumstances. “We're out of harm's way, but we want to let it settle,” Kitchen said. “That way we know we have a solid product. This was a really good collaborative effort in all jurisdictions.”

The residents seem to agree. In an update from Jeremiah Drive resident Faye Stanley, she praised the work and all those involved in making the

repairs happen.

“While it was certainly an adventure, navigating around big machines and dump trucks over the last couple of months, the DOT folks were kind and professional and careful that we could move in and out with no more problem than could be helped,” Stanley wrote. “I often felt that they must hate to see us coming when they were trying to work, but they were never anything other than friendly and helpful.”

Thank you to each and every one of them. It may look like just a road to some, but to us it represents freedom and safety.”

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Chatham's Angela Flynn gets in early, aiming for Walker's U.S. House seat

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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Angela Flynn has a lot of similarities with her could-be opponent for Congress, current U.S. Rep. Mark Walker.

Both have spent time in professional ministry — both on the music side — and both speak often about their faith and how it affects their policy positions. Both of their fathers were also ministers. Walker (R-Greensboro) entered the 2014 race for the N.C. Sixth Congressional District seat without any prior political experience, and Flynn's entrance for the 2020 election is her first run for elected office.

"It leaves me with the suspicion that I kind of know Mark Walker," said Flynn, a Chatham County resident who works as the Director of Liturgy and Music at Immaculate Conception Church in Durham. "I suspect I have some idea of who he is. But I also feel like he's wandered afield of what I believe he was probably brought up with. I just don't understand his silence on so many powerful moral issues."

Flynn, a Democrat, an-



Angela Flynn

nounced her campaign to replace Walker earlier this year but has kept a relatively low profile. She said she's spent time trying to connect with

already-elected legislators at both the state and national level and prepare for a larger launch. Part of that will come this Saturday, when she's host-

ing a joint Chatham-Lee launch event.

She admitted, in her own words, that she's "obviously" a "lunatic" to go straight for one of the highest elected offices in America on her first go-round. But she said it's where she saw a need.

"I'm surrounded, at home and at work, by people who continue to say, 'What is going on with our state?'" Flynn said. "I felt like I was being called to try to make an impact."

So she's going for it. Flynn's website states that she's lived in North Carolina for 25 years and worked in Christian ministry for 20 years. She backs her policy positions — affordable healthcare "as a right for all" and "assuring all workers a just wage" — with her faith and her professional background.

Flynn hopes that next year she can capitalize on unaffiliated voters and "disenchanted Christians" who don't like what's happening in D.C. She said the "predominant view of Christianity" has been "grossly skewed," and that it needs to change.

"The only way that we can counteract that is if those of us who do identify as people

of faith — Christian, Jewish, Muslim, be what you will, people who are believers — step forward and refuse to allow a small segment of faith communities to define us," she said. "I know who I am, and I know what the gospel preaches, and I know what it means to be called to love the most unlovable among us. I felt like that became a responsibility."

Flynn added that she feels her experience working in a Catholic background can help her build consensus — "I laughingly say that anyone who thinks 20 years of working within the Catholic Church does not prepare you for taking on Congress doesn't know the Catholic Church," she said — and provides her a different perspective as a woman and someone who, in her words, has lived more than a half-century.

If another Democrat announces and files for the seat, the N.C. primary is slated for March 3, 2020. The general election is scheduled for November 3, 2020.

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RACES: Candidates gearing up for the November election

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am the candidate with experience and knowledge built on a decade of actively focusing on community development in Siler City and Chatham County. There are no walls or boundaries in my outreach effort and of the people I look to serve."

Her goals include improving water and sewer quality and capacity, bringing quality business and jobs to Siler City and bringing affordable and sustainable housing to Siler City.

Reddick is a Vietnam veteran, author, and owner of a Siler City non-profit is running on unifying a diverse community.

"The mission and vision of Siler City, although noble and virtuous, can only be attained when transformational leadership exists that propels all stake holders toward obtainable success," he said.

Reddick's goals include "jobs that pay a living wage with benefits, a vibrant downtown that is economically diverse, water that is clean, and affordable safe housing." He said he is the best candidate because he is "not only well versed in the dynamics of this city's government and livelihood, but also brings a broad cultural toolkit of diverse experience."

Siler City's District 3

Commissioner Mike Constantino (District 3) is facing two challengers for his seat in November — Curtis Brown and Timothy "Cookie" Brown.

Constantino has been on the board since 2011, when he sought office to try to "turn the tide" of business losses in town. He cited his record while on the board of bringing about 2,000 jobs to town, improvements to the soccer field at Braxton Fields, and opening the license plate agency. His goals include improve handling of waste and recycling issues, continue to bring new businesses to town and bringing industry to the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing site.

"I know I don't have deep roots here in Siler City, but I believe my service record and dedication these past eight years speaks for itself," Constantino said. "It is my hope that the residents of my district recognize that and will keep me in office with their vote."

Curtis Brown, who retired from working for the town, brings utility management and planning board experience. He wants to update the water and wastewater treatment systems to en-

courage economic growth and work on affordable housing. He believes his experience with the town and civic groups provides him with the "knowledge of the system" to support growth.

"Industries create jobs," Brown said. "Jobs create consumers. Consumers want to purchase homes, vehicles, groceries, tires, etc. That supports businesses, grows the tax base and increases water and wastewater revenue. All our citizens and town departments will benefit."

Timothy "Cookie" Brown has spent his entire life in Siler City and has been active in community organizations. He said wants the "opportunity to serve the town and citizens of this community to continue to build on the foundation started long ago." His goals are to improve water quality, revitalize downtown, seek road improvements and gain more community participation by town residents. He believes his "tenacity" sets him apart from the other candidates.

"I am always looking for ways to make improvements and build on what we already have," he said. "Always come to the table with a problem and a solution and not just waiting for someone else to find a solution. I also believe as a town commissioner or anyone serving in relation to the town citizens that participation and attendance in town-sponsored events, meetings, etc., should be a priority."

Pittsboro Board of Commissioners

Seven candidates are vying for three open seats on the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners — incumbents John Bonitz and J.A. Farrell III, along with challengers Pam Cash-Roper, Heather Johnson, Bridget Perry, Kyle Shipp and Lonnie West. Commissioner Bett Wilson Foley chose not to run for re-election.

Asked what their goals are, many candidates mentioned similar topics — affordable housing, infrastructure and preserving the character of Pittsboro as it faces impending growth. Several candidates also mentioned the need to increase staff, based on available budget, to support the growing needs of the community.

With such a crowded field, candidates were asked what made them the best qualified for the role and stand out from the other candidates.

"Among these Board candidates, I've been the loudest voice demanding excellence in our local government.

If you're conservative or liberal, we all want government to do it's job, stay out of the way whenever possible, and to do it well without forcing residents to jump hoops to keep our Town from making horrible mistakes," Bonitz said.

"Working with the Democratic Party for the last several years has taught me of the diversity of people in Pittsboro and Chatham," Cash-Roper said. "We need to address the needs of the town and its citizens. We have a diverse group running for these positions and I feel I have the people skills to work with and compromise with the board."

"My lifelong ties to the community and my 8 years of experience on the town board," Farrell said.

"I am grateful to have been a part of promoting Pittsboro for many years now and am familiar with the issues facing our Town," Johnson said. "I work closely with Pittsboro businesses and non-profits to connect them with opportunities for growth and development."

Perry did not directly answer either question, but noted she is "running for a position on the board because I really love this town, and would like to see it retain the qualities that make it so special while it grows."

"There are candidates with more experience in the local area and with municipal government which is very respectable," Shipp said. "I will bring my energy, technical expertise and leadership skills to the table. Most importantly, I will seek the opinion of the residents and act on their behalf as representative."

"Because of my varied life experience and my close interaction with the citizens of Chatham County and Pittsboro, I hope to represent the thoughts and ideas of local families and individuals," West said.

Unopposed races

Jim Nass will run unopposed for the role of Pittsboro's mayor. Nass has lived in Pittsboro since 2007 and during that time he has served as the chairman of a number of organizations, including the Pittsboro ABC Board, the Citizens Committee on Chatham Park additional elements, the Pittsboro Affordable Housing Task Force and the Interim Affordable Housing Board. He's also been a member of the Main Street Pittsboro Board.

"Pittsboro is undergoing a period of rapid change and how these

changes are managed will have a significant impact on the future of our wonderful town," Nass said in a statement. "I believe that we have been given a unique opportunity to actually shape what that future will look like."

Three of the four seats up for election on the Siler City Board of Commissioners will go unopposed. Incumbents Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek (District 2), Bill

Haiges (District 4), and Thomas (Chip) Price (at-large) will return to their positions the board in the fall.

Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup and incumbent town council members Steve Cunnup (Ward 2) and Charles Fields III (Ward 4) are running unopposed again this year. Both Mayor Cunnup and Commissioner Cunnup have indicated to the News + Record that they are hoping this will

be their last years on the board.




"I am hoping that there will be a qualified candidate to take my place at that time," Mayor Cunnup said.

All of the incumbent representatives on the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District Board, Ricky Beal, Henry Kitchings, and Danny Scott, are also running unopposed.

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Powerful South Stanly National ends West Chatham 12's bid for Dixie Youth state crown

BY DON BEANE
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EDEN — The quest for a 2019 North Carolina Dixie Youth Ozone state title came to a close last Tuesday night at Freedom Park in Eden for the West Chatham 12U All-Stars as the locals ran into the proverbial buzz saw in eventual state champion South Stanly National.

South Stanly National won the contest 10-0 in four innings in final four action of the state tourney, remaining as the lone unbeaten team in the event, having obliterated Boger City 19-2 after a first round bye, and hammering Lumberton 13-0 in the third round.

The eventual tournament champs would crush Lee County 14-4 in the finals on Wednesday night to earn a trip to the 2019 Dixie Youth World Series in Ruston, Louisiana, which will be played on August 2-8.

South Stanly, which also went unbeaten in District 1 play down in Norwood two weeks earlier, plated a

pair of runs in the bottom of the first and second innings before blowing the game open with five in the third to go up 9-0, and then scoring a walk-off run in the fourth to ice the win.

West Chatham, which closed the event with a respectable 2-2 record and fourth place finish, managed three hits in the contest including 1-for-2 efforts each from Preston Holder, Bryson Marley and Benjamin Wilson. All the West Chatham hits were singles in the game while Stephen Moody, Brayden Brewer and Cole Koenig all walked in the loss.

Offensively South Stanly compiled 12 hits in the victory led by Grayson Gulde who was 2-for-2 with two runs and two RBI while Luke Dennis was 2-for-2 with a run, an RBI and a double. Chipping in a 2-for-3 effort with two runs and an RBI was Eli Thompson while Carter Callicutt was 1-for-1 with a run, an RBI, a walk and a double, Jaxon Valler 1-for-1 with a walk, Jackson Springer 1-for-1, Jack Crump 1-for-2 with a run, a walk and an RBI, Gavin

Kimrey 1-for-2, and Gavin Miller 1-for-3 with a run.

South Stanly stole 20 bases in the contest including four by Thompson and three by Gulde.

Singles by Gulde and Dennis led to two runs in the first for the Nationals before a base hit from Valler ignited the two runs in the second for the victors.

The five-run third was highlighted by singles from Thompson, Gulde and Kimrey and back-to-back doubles from Carter and Dennis.

Thompson singled to left in the fourth with one out and proceeded to swipe second and third before trotting home with the game-clinching 10th run on a base hit to left from Crump.

Callicutt went all four innings for South Stanly to get the win on the mound and allowed three hits, no runs, three walks and fanned nine.

Suffering the loss on the mound for West Chatham was Wilson who got the start and was one of four pitchers used in the contest for the local bunch.



Submitted photo

The West Chatham 12U All-Stars captured fourth place in the 2019 N.C. Dixie Youth Ozone State Tournament at Freedom Park in Eden. Pictured (left to right) on the front row: Westin Phillips, Brady Phillips, Alex Nielsen, Cole Koenig, Brayden Brewer and Bryson Marley. Back row: Coach Shane Phillips, Trevor Kirkland, Clay Hill, Manager Jonathan Phillips, Stephen Moody, Benjamin Wilson, Preston Holder, Jacob Asbill and Coach Hugh Marley.

Barker, NC take second overall in 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Annual NC East-West All-Star Games cap big week

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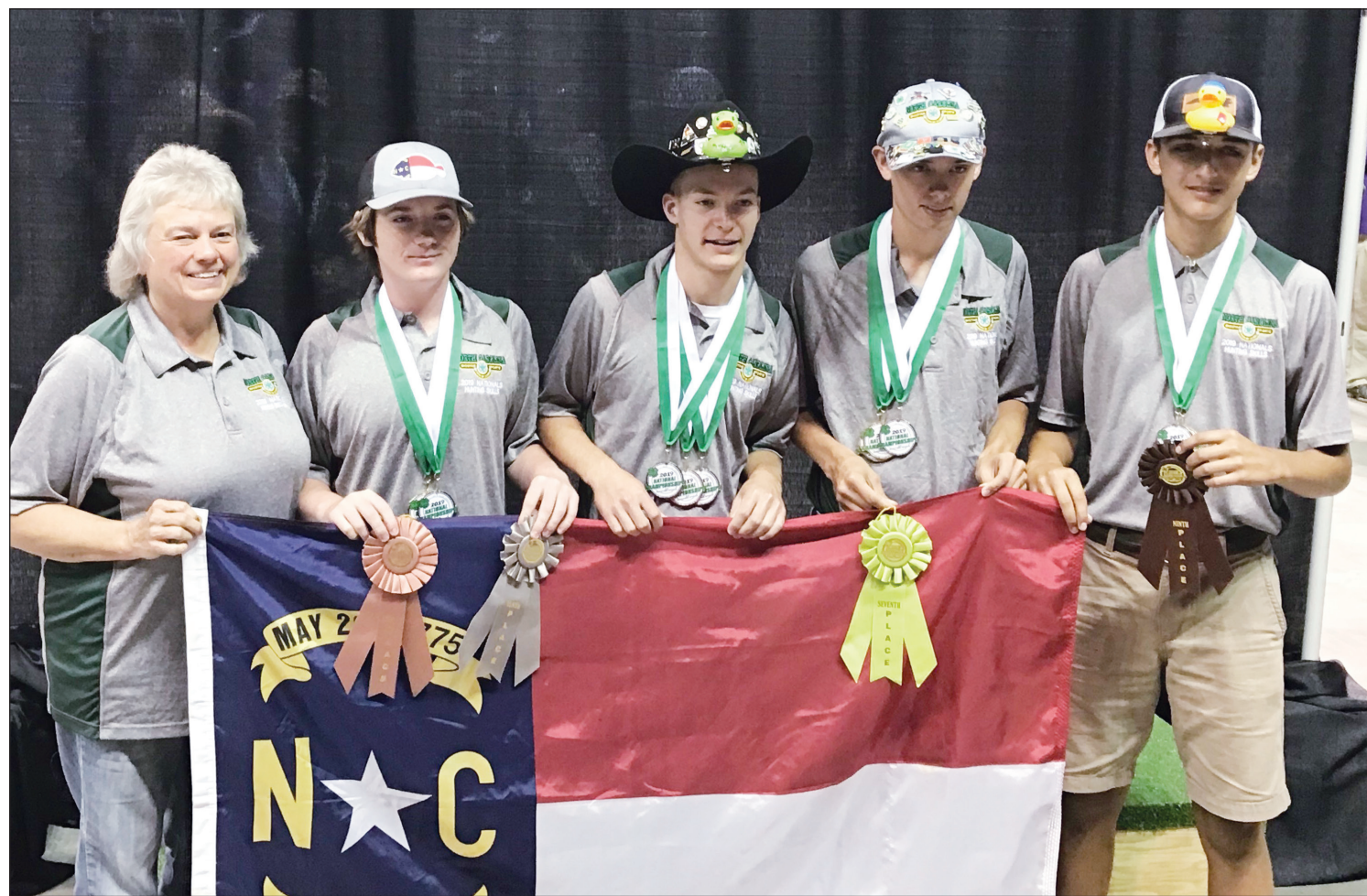
GREENSBORO — During the week-long North Carolina Coaches Convention at the Greensboro Coliseum the annual East-West All-Star games continued to prosper.

Last week was no exception as more than 100 student-athletes across the Tar Heel state, including Woods Charter's own Luka Noronha, competed in three sports.

On Monday night at the Greensboro Coliseum, women's basketball kicked off the highly-anticipated games with the East downing the West 81-78 behind a game-high 20 points and eight rebounds from Alexandria Scrugg of E.E. Smith who was named as the MVP of the contest. Kendal Moore of Pine Forest added 17 points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal in the victory for the East which used a 30-17 run second quarter to take a lead that it never would relinquish.

The West placed four players in double figures in the loss including Ellie Sutphin of East Surry

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Submitted photo

Luke Barker (center) shows off the second-place finish with his North Carolina Hunter Skills teammates at the 2019 4-H Shooting Skills National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska.

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GRAND ISLAND, Nebraska — It was a great week for Luke Barker and the North Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports team out in Grand Island as the Tar Heel bunch captured 2nd place at the 2019 National Championships on June 23-28.

Barker and his NC Hunter Skills Team also won 2nd place, the highest ever placement in the event now in its 20th year.

Overall, the North Carolina team finished 16 points away from bringing home the big trophy, which was won by Louisiana. Texas and Missouri captured the National Titles in all the previous 20 years.

"It was worth it, for sure," said Barker about the 20-hour drive to get to Nebraska for the championships. "Hanging out with the rest of the team and learning about everyone. I met lifelong friends, and we are already staying in touch and will always remember the time out

there."

Barker's mom, Missy, who also made the trip with husband Kenneth, noted that she could see the unity of the North Carolina team grow as the week progressed.

"You could notice the comradery as the week went on and they really encouraged and supported each other," Missy said. "I think that was a big factor in their success."

Barker also fared well in the Shot Gun

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Brice, Golden continue strong diamond campaigns

BY DON BEANE
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Austin Brice and Casey Golden have continued to taste success in 2019 in the professional ranks.

Brice, a former Northwood star, continues to shine in the Major Leagues with the Miami Marlins and is rapidly becoming one of the most reliable stalwarts in the Marlins bullpen.

The right-handed flame thrower is coming into his own specifically due to the progression in his control. Brice has walked just 14 thus far in 2019 for Miami in 29 appearances and 38.1 innings pitched.

"Austin is currently in the top six in the rankings of Major League relievers," said former Northwood head baseball coach Rick Parks, who coached Brice at the high school level. "He's been really effective with his curveball and throwing it consistently for strikes. That and his control has made a big, big difference, and he's really come into his own."

Meanwhile his strikeout total

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Randolph County downs Davidson for Area III title, advances to state tournament

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ASHEBORO — Trevor Marsh belted a three-run homer and drove in four runs to spark Randolph County to a 6-4 victory over Davidson County on Sunday night at McCrary Park in Asheboro.

Marsh also went five innings in relief for Post 45 on the mound to pick up the win and give Randolph County the Area III title, it's 10th overall. Harris Jackson also had a huge night offensively for Randolph County, belting four hits including a triple and a homer.

Post 45 had defeated High Point 8-6 in eight innings on Friday night at Finch Field in Thomasville to take the Area III semi-final series three games to one.

Spencer Lanier drove in a pair of runs in the top of the eighth to secure the win for Post 45 Dawson Davis pitched the final 1.1 innings to notch the victory. Lanier closed with two hits and two RBI while Austin Curry added three more hits, a double and an RBI, Blake Marsh two hits and a pair of RBI, and Harris Jackson scored three runs.

Randolph County will take a

30-7 record into Friday's North Carolina State Tournament in Cherryville while Davidson, 20-9, also advances to the state tourney.

All the qualifying teams travel to Cherryville on Thursday where they will attend an orientation session before the annual Home Run Derby takes place later that evening at Cherryville High School.

As of press time, the seeds have not been determined but joining the host team and Area IV Champion Cherryville Post 100 will be the Gaston Braves Posts 144/266 and a third team from Area IV, Union County Post 535. Area IV gets three

teams due to Cherryville hosting the event. In addition to Area III representatives Randolph County Post 45 and Davidson County Post 8, defending State Champion Wilmington Post 10 will be the lone representative from Area II.

The Area I championship was set to be decided at Campbell University on Monday night between Kinston Post 43 and Fuquay-Varina Post 116 Nationals. Both of those teams will be in the state tournament.

Game times on Friday are set for 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Carolina holds off Deep River 10-8

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — McKinley Stanberry survived a six-run first inning to go the distance on the mound while pitching his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the sixth as the Carolina Coyotes hung on to defeat Deep River 10-8 in a wild Old North State League contest Thursday afternoon at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Salvaging a victory in the final encounter of a three-game series with the Muddogs, Carolina raised its record to 10-13 in the league standings, while Deep River lost for just the second time in its last nine outings in falling to 13-10-1.

Stanberry was tagged for nine hits and eight runs (six earned) in addition to walking three and fanning five while getting the win. The right-hander threw a total of 122 pitches, including 73 (60 percent) for strikes.

Connor Barrett went three-for-three at the plate to lead the Coyotes' 11-hit assault against Muddogs' pitching, while Cort Maynard, Darden Eure and Kevin Greenwood all registered two safeties apiece.

"McKinley threw well after the first inning, got into his groove and put the ball where he wanted it to go while letting the defense make plays behind him," said Carolina coach Riley Nelson. "The big key for us today was the ability to finally string hits together and move people around once we got them on base."

Noah Carter started on

the hill for Deep River and absorbed the loss after being rocked for 10 hits and eight earned runs besides walking one and striking out four over three-plus innings of work.

Warren Gay hurred two hitless innings in relief but was charged with a pair of unearned runs while issuing three free passes and whiffing three before Mike Williams allowed one hit over the final two frames.

Clay Richardson went three-for-four at the plate while Noah Handy added a pair of hits for the Muddogs.

"We got behind big-time early but responded to take the lead after one inning, yet after that we didn't have many good at-bat approaches the rest of the way," said Deep River coach Michael Millian. "Carolina hit really well today and we couldn't find a way to shut them down, while their pitcher managed to settle down after the first inning and kept us off-balance the remainder of the game."

The Coyotes came out swinging from the outset, with the first five batters collecting hits to help produce a five-run lead in the top of the first.

Maynard drilled a lead-off opposite-field double to the fence in right and moved to second on Eure's base hit to right.

After Eure stole second, Chase Hetzel's infield single plated Maynard and advanced Eure to third prior to the latter tallying when Greenwood grounded a single to left, sending Hetzel to second.

Barrett followed with a base hit to left to score

Hetzel, and when the ball was misplayed in the outfield Greenwood continued home while Barrett ended up on third and came home moments later on Joe Carawan's sacrifice fly to center.

However, the Muddogs would answer with a vengeance in their half of the inning to seize a 6-5 advantage.

Handy grounded a leadoff single to left and Easton Jones walked before both runners advanced a base on a wild pitch.

Richardson followed with a two-run double up the gap in left-center and went to third when Jordan Cassell rapped a base hit to left.

Cade Culberson then reached on an infield muff that allowed Richardson to score while courtesy runner Warren Gay went to second. Following a walk to Rafy Ortega, Ryan Hill brought in Gay with a sacrifice fly to right, and after Jordan Moss coaxed a walk to refill the sacks, Nathan Cockman lined at two-run opposite-field base hit to right.

Carolina managed to pull even in the visitors' second as Maynard drew a leadoff walk, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and tallied when Greenwood slammed an opposite-field double into the right field corner.

The Coyotes then seized the lead for good by plating four runs in the top of the fourth.

After Maynard notched a leadoff single to left and stole second, Eure drove in courtesy runner Tyler Myers with a base hit to



Staff photo by David Bradley

Carolina Coyote's Tyler Myers makes a run for first as Deep River Muddog's Trevohn Jeffrey makes the play. The two teams played their next-to-last match-up for the season Wednesday night at Craven Stadium in Ramseur. The 2-1 victory for the Muddogs brings their season winning percentage to .587.

center.

Eure went to third when Hetzel reached on a throwing error before coming home on one-out back-to-back free passes issued to Barrett and Carawan.

Hetzel was thrown out at the plate attempting to score on a wild pitch, but following a full-count walk to Jordan Blalock, Barrett and Carawan came in to score on a throwing error.

Deep River picked up a run in the bottom half of the frame to pull within 10-7 as Handy belted a leadoff opposite-field double off the left field fence, advanced to third on a wild pitch and came home when Jones lofted a sacrifice fly to right.

The Muddogs threatened to reclaim the advantage in the home sixth as they loaded the bases with one away on singles by Jordan Moss and Jones sandwiched around



Staff photo by David Bradley

This Deep River Muddogs player got in good action at the plate in last Wednesday's game, but sometimes let the ball get past them. Late in the fifth inning, the Muddogs were up 2-0 against the Carolina Coyotes. The second to last match between the two teams, at Craven Stadium in Ramseur, ended in a 2-1 victory for the Muddogs.

Cockman reaching on an infield error.

But after Richardson drove in Moss with a base hit to left, Stanberry bore down and retired the next

two batters on pop-ups to escape any further damage prior to setting the side down in order in the bottom of the seventh to seal the win.

Once-in-a-lifetime game checked all the boxes for this Arsenal fan

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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CHARLOTTE — It's hard to put into an analogy what it meant for me to see my favorite sports team play a game in Charlotte this past weekend.

Maybe you can help me.

This past Saturday, my wife and I traveled to the Queen City to see Arsenal Football Club, a London-based soccer team, play ACF Fiorentina, a club that plays out of Florence, Italy. Both squads were in the U.S. as part of the International Champions Cup, a preseason tournament that brings teams from Europe to both America and Asia to get ready for the upcoming season and spread their brands across the world.

I didn't grow up an Arsenal fan. I played soccer when I was a kid, like most my age, but didn't really watch it. I thought it was boring. I'd watch the U.S. every once in a while during World Cup season, but I had never heard of Arsenal or Fiorentina until my senior year of college. After a month in South Africa, I picked up soccer as an interest and started following it religiously.

I chose to support Arsenal. It was kind of random how it happened — a little too detailed to get into here — but I was in. I was a fan of the Gunners. (Side note: Most teams have a nickname, but it's not included in their formal name. The Carolina Panthers are called that formally, but Arsenal isn't called the Arsenal Gunners formally.)

There's a lot to like about Arsenal. It's an old club, started originally in 1886 by a group of workers from the Woolwich Arsenal Armament Factory. It's been a consistently successful club, with 13 English league championships and 13 domestic cup wins. Those who have played for Arsenal include some of the greatest footballers of their eras and all-time — Thierry Henry, Dennis Bergkamp, Tony Adams and Ian Wright among them. Current manager Unai Emery replaced Arsene Wenger, who spent an unrelatable 22 seasons at the club. The team is currently owned by American Stan Kroenke, who also owns the Los Angeles Rams and Denver Nuggets.

Not that we're all fans of Kroenke, but that's too much to get into here.

Of course, I didn't know all that when I became a fan, but I learned it and I learned to love it. I learned to love the red and white of the home kits, which reminded me of the Carolina Hurricanes' uniforms that I had watched and worn for many years. I learned to appreciate the team's attacking and skillful play, even though it made our defense suffer sometimes. A lot of times.

I became a fan at the tail end of Arsene Wenger's success. Our last league title was 2004, when we went a whole season without a loss, an ultrarare accomplishment. We've won three FA Cups — a secondary com-

petition that is played like the NCAA Tournament in basketball and featured 736 teams from across England in the 2018-2019 season — in my time as a fan, so it hasn't been barren.

Seeing as how all of Arsenal's games during the regular season are in England and Europe, watching them live was a bit of an adjustment. Weekend matches can start as early as 7:30 a.m. eastern time with the latest kicking off at 12:30 p.m. Week-day matches start in mid-afternoon. I've spent some time at work over the years watching those games with earphones on.

So to not only see Arsenal in the U.S., but in North Carolina, two hours from my hometown, was an amazing thing. It's like living in England and being a big New England Patriots fan. They play at such a different time than you, and actually seeing them in person seems like a long shot.

But thanks to the uptick in soccer's popularity in the States in recent years, some of the best teams in Europe have made trips to the U.S. a regular thing. Clubs like Real Madrid, Manchester United and Barcelona have appeared in America over recent years as part of rewarding their American fan base and growing their worldwide appeal, and making a lot of money in the process.

I think the least interesting thing I want to get across in this piece is the game story. We won 3-0, thanks to a pair of goals — called a "brace" in soccer parlance — from young forward Eddie Nketiah and another goal from a fine finish by young midfielder Joe Willock. The team donned their new away jerseys — most European soccer teams alter their uniforms every season, sometimes subtly and sometimes drastically — and dominated possession for most of the game. Arsenal goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez made four good saves in the first half to keep Fiorentina off the board — and I like seeing good goalkeeping almost as much as a stunning goal.

But what was most remarkable about Saturday was that I was a group of people, most of them Arsenal fans, who got to see their favorite team live in America. Like many, I'm sure, it was the first time I had seen them in person, and it was in North Carolina.

It was a real blessing. My wife and I wore our Arsenal gear and cheered on our boys as they really ran the show. I was nervous we wouldn't score — my biggest fear about going to a game in London is going all that way and then see us shut out — but that fear was assuaged early on.

If you get a chance to do something that's once-in-a-lifetime, do it. Even if you can't figure out how to exactly put it in words.

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Deep River sinks Carolina 7-0

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RAMSEUR — Nathan Cockman handcuffed Carolina on two hits while his Deep River teammates took advantage of 10 walks and some timely hits en route to harnessing the Coyotes 7-0 in Old North State League action July 16 at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Posting their sixth victory in their last seven outings, the Muddogs raised their league record to 12-9-1, while Carolina sank to 9-12.

Hurling his third complete game and second shutout of the season, Cockman allowed a lead-off single to Tyler Myers in the top of the first and a two-out base hit to Jordan Blalock in the visitors' fifth while gaining the win. The hard-throwing right-hander only went to a three-ball count on one batter and fanned nine while throwing a total of 86 pitches, including 59 (69 percent) for strikes.

Cade Culberson continued his recent hot streak at the plate for Deep River, going two-for-two at bat with a pair of walks while accounting for three RBIs.

"Nate uses his whole body to increase his pitching strength and throws a great breaking ball while keeping his pitches low in the strike zone," said Muddogs' coach Michael Millian. "Offensively I thought we had good approaches at the plate tonight, showed patience while waiting for the pitch we wanted and hit the ball hard when we put it in play."

Coyotes' starter and loser Gerard Chamra went three and one-third innings on the hill, surrendering five hits and six earned runs while issuing five free passes and whiffing one.

Tyler Myers tossed the final two and two-third innings, giving up one earned run on no hits while walking five and striking out two.

"I felt like we didn't compete at all this evening," said Carolina coach Riley Nelson. "While Myers did a good job in relief, they knocked our starter out when he couldn't throw strikes, and issuing 10 walks overall didn't help."

Deep River took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first as Noah Handy belted a leadoff double to left and scored when Easton Jones lined an opposite-field

single to right.

Jones moved to second on a one-out walk to Jordan Cassell and came in to score on Culberson's single up the alley in right-center.

The Muddogs picked up a solo run in the home third as Jones was hit by a pitch leading off the frame and advanced to second on a wild pitch before scoring on Culberson's two-out opposite-field triple off the left field fence.

Deep River stretched its advantage to 6-0 in the bottom of the fourth as Jordan Moss and Trevohn Jeffery drew back-to-back lead-off walks prior to Walter Parham stroking a double up the gap in right-center to bring in Moss and send Jeffery to third.

After Jeffery came in to score on a one-out wild pitch, walks to Jones and Clay Richardson loaded the bases before Culberson coaxed a two-out free pass to force in Parham.

The Muddogs added their final run in the home sixth as Richardson was plunked by a pitch with two away, went to second when Cassell received a free pass, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch.



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Carolina Coyotes' Tyler Myers reaches to tag out Deep River Muddog Noah Handy as he slides into second, July 16 at Craven Stadium in Ramseur. Handy was called out as another Coyote player watched, but the Muddogs won the contest, 2-1.

Whitetails mash Muddogs 14-5 in Old North State play

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — The Piedmont Whitetails blistered Deep River pitching for 13 hits while capitalizing on 10 walks as they enjoyed one of their best offensive nights of the season to collar the Muddogs 14-5 in an Old North State League matchup Friday evening at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Snapping a six-game losing streak, Piedmont elevated its season record to 7-18, while Deep River slumped to 13-11-1.

In his first appearance of the summer, Whitetails' starter Mac McCurdy hurled six innings to achieve the win, allowing six hits and a pair of earned runs besides walking three and fanning five.

Piedmont reliever Grey Laspaluto pitched the final frame, giving up three hits and three earned runs while striking out

three.

Trevor Fluke, Ethan Lageson, McKenzie Marco and Laspaluto all registered two safeties apiece for the Whitetails, with all nine starters collecting at least one hit.

"McCurdy threw well, located his spots and worked his way out of jams when he needed to," said Piedmont coach Christian Snider, noting the Muddogs had at least one base runner every inning. "We saw the ball well tonight, and once the hits started coming you could see our confidence improve at the plate, while Deep River helped us out when their pitchers weren't able to locate the strike zone."

Isaiah Ortega started on the mound for the Muddogs and took the loss after surrendering six hits and four earned runs in addition to talking four and whiffing two over three and one-third innings.

After Nathan Cockman tossed one and two-third innings of hitless relief while issuing one free pass and fanning two, Clay Richardson was tagged for four hits and eight runs (seven earned) besides walking five over one-plus innings before Easton Jones came on to close out the last frame and gave up three hits along with a pair of earned runs while striking out two.

Jones, Cade Culberson and Rafy Ortega each notched two hits to lead Deep River at the plate.

"I really don't have much to say," said Muddogs' coach Michael Milian. "We just didn't come to play tonight. We watched too many fast-balls for strikes, while we ran out of pitchers with our fourth game in four days and had to finish the evening with a couple of position players on the mound."

The Whitetails opened

up a 3-0 advantage in the top of the third as Laspaluto coaxed a full-count free pass with two away and went to third when Lageson slugged an opposite-field double to left-center.

Fluke proceeded to drive in both runners with an opposite-field triple off the left field fence prior to scoring on Marco's infield single.

Deep River answered with a run in its half of the frame as Noah Handy drew a one-out full-count walk, stole second with two away and came in to score when Richardson stroked a double into the left field corner.

Piedmont increased its lead to 4-1 in the visitors' fourth as Noah Howard slammed a leadoff double up the gap in left-center, moved to third on a groundout and tallied when Buster Feland slapped a base hit to center.

The Whitetails extend-

ed their advantage to 6-1 in the top of the sixth, loading the bases with no outs when Feland reached on a throwing error, Matthew Bryant scratched an infield hit and Laspaluto received a full-count walk before Lageson grounded a two-run single to right.

The Muddogs narrowed the difference to 6-2 in their portion of the sixth as leadoff batter Ryan Hill smashed an opposite-field triple to right and scored one out later when Culberson blooped a base hit to left.

Piedmont then sent a dozen batters to the plate in the visitor's seventh and tallied eight runs to turn the contest into a rout.

Walks to Howard and Feland sandwiched around Tre'vonn Johnson's opposite-field single down the right field line filled the sacks with no outs prior to a free pass issued to Bryant, Laspaluto's bloop single to left

and a walk to Lageson producing the first three runs of the inning.

After Fluke plated a pair of runs with a double up the alley in left-center, Marco followed with a two-run single to center, and before the frame was over Howard would bring in the eighth run with a sacrifice fly to right.

But Deep River refused to go down without battling until the end. After Handy was hit by a pitch leading off the bottom of the seventh, he advanced to second on a wild pitch prior to scoring when Jones lined a base hit to left.

Two outs later Jordan Cassell was nicked by a pitch as Jones went to second before the latter came home on Culberson's single to center that moved courtesy runner Eric Cheek to second.

Rafy Ortega then singled to left to bring in Cheek with the night's final run.

Wild Coyotes fall at hands of Lumberkings

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — The Randolph Lumberkings took advantage of wildness by Carolina starting pitcher Pres Ostert and

made the most of three hits while riding the arms of Tyler Bryant and Austin Thompson to a 6-2 Old North State League win over the Coyotes July 15 at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

The triumph lifted Randolph to 15-6-1 for the season, while Carolina slipped to 9-11.

Thompson, making his first appearance of the summer for the Lumberkings, replaced Bryant on the mound with two outs and runners on second and third in the bottom of the fourth and allowed one hit with no runs while walking one and striking out one over the final three and one-third innings to receive credit for the victory.

Bryant hurled three and two-third innings,

surrendering four hits and a pair of earned runs in addition to issuing one free pass and whiffing five.

"Hitting has been a problem for us lately, but whenever an opponent gives us free passes we'll take them and try to capitalize," said Randolph coach Brandon Nelson. "Sometimes you don't need a lot of hits to get a win, and that was the case this evening as the few we got were all effective at driving in runs."

Nelson added that his team's pitching was equally as important.

"Tonight was a rehab outing for Tyler and he knew when he reached his pitch-count limit he was coming off the hill," he said. "Then Austin came on in relief and did a great job putting up ze-

roes on the scoreboard."

Ostert went three innings on the mound and was saddled with the loss after only giving up one hit but was charged with four runs (two earned) while walking six and striking out four besides uncorking five wild pitches.

Coyotes' reliever Caleb Staley tossed the last four frames, yielding two hits and a pair of earned runs in addition to issuing three free passes and fanning seven.

"Walks and wild pitches killed us tonight as Pres struggled to find the strike zone and get ahead in the count," said Carolina coach Riley Nelson. "We had some good swings against Bryant but we're not getting hits with guys on base, while the three hits they managed

all drove in runs."

With the aid of walks and wild pitches in the top of the third, the Lumberkings forged a 4-0 lead as Justin Wernowski drew a leadoff free pass and moved to second on a one-out wild pitch before advancing to third on a groundout.

After Wernowski dashed home on a wild pitch, back-to-back walks to Nick Roets and Zeke Lecomte put runners on first and second prior to Claytin Beaver driving in Roets with a base hit to center, while Lecomte continued home on an overthrow from the outfield that allowed Beaver to end up on second before the latter came around to score on a pair of wild pitches.

The Coyotes trimmed their deficit to 4-2 in the

bottom of the fourth as Cort Maynard and Chase Heltzel opened the frame with consecutive singles prior to Carolina loading the bases with two away when Jordan Blalock was nicked by a pitch.

Austin Gilley then drove in the two lead runners with an opposite-field double into the left field corner.

Randolph picked up a solo run with one away in the visitors' fifth as Beaver launched a 1-0 offering from Staley over the left field fence for his first round-tripper of the season.

The winners proceeded to add an insurance run in the top of the seventh when Nate Vargo drew a leadoff walk, stole second with one way and scored on Lecomte's opposite-field base hit to right.

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and Rifle events, hitting 13-of-15 targets in each. The competitors also had the opportunity to go to a local waterpark as well as fish in a pond behind the NC team hotel, though most nights were spent studying and preparing for the testing for the Hunter Skills competition.

Barker will not be able to go back in the same Hunter Skills category next year since competitors may only qualify once for a specific category. So next season Barker hopes to return in the Shot Gun competition.

"I think I have a good chance at making it in the Shot Gun," added Barker. "I had a good showing in the event out there. So I feel if I work hard I can qualify."

After the national championships, the Barker family enjoyed some of the western part of the United States, taking in attractions including Mount Rushmore, Old Faithful at Yellowstone Park, the Grand Tetons, Badlands and Deadwood.

Despite spending more than 100 hours on the road round trip, getting



Submitted photo

The Barker family poses at the famed Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Pictured (left to right) are father Kenneth, Luke and mother Missy.



Submitted photo

Luke Barker of Siler City eyes a target in the archery competition out at the 4-H Shooting Skills National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska.

to see all the sites was something Barker and his family will never forget.

"I think as far as scenery goes my favorite was Mount Rushmore," said Barker. "Grand Teton would be a close second."

At Deadwood, Barker was chosen to play a role in a card game with Wild Bill Hickok in a show, something the local youth said he'll never forget.

"Getting to be a part

of that was incredible. Everything was so realistic from the card game to the shooting and gun fight."

So what's next for Barker?

"Well, just getting back to practicing and preparing for the District 1 Tournament down in Ellerbe on August 17," he said. "I need to be focused and prepared because the state tournament will be a month later back in



Staff photo by David Bradley

Barker is pictured with his medals.



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Luke Barker (left) poses with an actor playing the role of the legendary Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood, South Dakota. Barker, of Siler City, was chosen to play a hand of poker in the scene depicting the assassination of Hickok by Jack McCall in 1876.

Ellerbe on Sept. 21, and that will decide if I qualify and will advance to

the National Championship back in Nebraska next year."

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has climbed as Brice had struck out 38 while compiling a sharp 1.88 ERA which has proceeded to drop in the most recent summer months. Brice has allowed

just 10 runs, eight earned, this season while compiling a WHIP of 1.07.

In his most recent appearance against the New York Mets, Brice was spot-on in one inning of work, striking out two of the three batters he faced.

Golden, meanwhile, is striving to get to the ma-

ajor leagues with Brice one day and the right-handed slugger has continued to turn heads with the Lancaster JetHawks, a high Single A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies.

Fresh off winning the 2019 California League Home Run Derby title at the All-Star game, Golden

has slugged 17 doubles and 14 homers in 72 games and 266 at-bats this season.

Golden, a former Jordan-Matthews star, has collected 69 hits, 51 runs, 31 walks, a triple and 43 RBI while posting a .259 batting average, a .360 on base percentage, and a .469 slugging percentage.

Muddogs nip Coyotes 2-1 in Old North State action

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — Deep River tallied both its runs with clutch two-out hits in the early innings while southpaw reliever Mike Williams pitched his way out of a seventh-inning jam with two runners in scoring position and no outs as the Muddogs held on to nip the Carolina Coyotes 2-1 in a clash of Old North State League rivals last Wednesday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Continuing a late-season surge which has seen Deep River win seven of its last eight contests, the Muddogs improved to 13-9-1 in the league standings, whereas Carolina lost its fourth straight outing while falling to 9-13.

Isaiah Ortega, the second of three Deep River hurlers, earned the victory after throwing two innings of one-hit ball while walking two and striking out a pair.

Left-hander Cade Culberson started on the mound for the Muddogs and went three innings,

yielding one hit in addition to issuing three free passes and whiffing two.

Williams tossed the final two frames to collect a save, giving up two hits plus an unearned run while walking one and fanning three.

“Our pitching staff looked great tonight, allowing just four hits and no earned runs,” observed Deep River coach Michael Milian. “We were fortunate to get ahead early before we got away from good approaches at the plate later in the game, but two new additions to our team came up huge for us this evening. (Catcher) John Anthan drove in our first run with a two-out double in the first, while (pitcher) Mike Williams did a good job closing out the win.”

Hard-luck loser Adam Dossenbach went the distance on the hill for the Coyotes, surrendering four hits and a pair of earned runs besides walking five and striking out eight. The right-hander threw a total of 117 pitches, including 68 (58 percent) for strikes.

“This was a tough loss since Dossenbach definite-



Staff photo by David Bradley

Deep River Muddogs' Trevohn Jeffery makes a toss to his pitcher to get Carolina Coyote Cort Maynard out as Muddog Rafael Ortega backs the play. Maynard was safe in Wednesday's game at Craven Stadium in Ramseur, but the top half of the seventh inning play didn't change the outcome of the game, with the Coyotes losing 2-1.

ly pitched well enough to deserve a win tonight,” remarked Carolina coach Riley Nelson. “After the first few innings he really locked in and became unhittable, while his mechanics on the mound resulted in him throwing harder as the game went on. But we couldn't give him any support as we had a lot of bad swings at the plate, especially when we got people in scoring position.”

The Muddogs grabbed a 1-0 advantage in the top of the first when Clay Richardson and Jordan Cassell drew consecutive two-out walks before the former came in to score on Anthan's double up the alley in right-center.

Deep River increased its lead to 2-0 in the visitors' third as Easton Jones poked a one-out opposite-field single to right, stole second with two away and scored

when Trevohn Jeffery lined a base hit to left.

After leaving runners in scoring position in both the fifth and sixth innings, the Coyotes mounted a threat in the bottom of the seventh as Connor Barrett coaxed a full-count leadoff walk and moved to second when Joe Carawan reached on an infield error.

Both runners then advanced on a passed ball,

and one out later Tyler Myers plated Barrett with a groundout as Carawan went to third.

Cam Wells followed with a slow dribbler down the first base line that initially rolled foul, but then rolled back into fair territory just a few feet in front of the bag, where it was gathered in by Muddogs' first baseman Trevohn Jeffery, who stepped on the base to record the final out.

ALL-STAR

Continued from page B1

with 17, Lyrik Thorne of Ledford with 16, Janiya Downs of South Rowan with 12, and Shaunae Sawyers of Mount Airy with 10.

In the men's contest later that evening it was Jay'den Turner of Southwest Guilford collecting 24 points and eight rebounds to spark the West to a dominating 119-80 thrashing of the East.

The West outscored the East 30-17 in the opening period and 31-11 in the second to go up by a commanding 61-28 tally at the intermission.

Turner was one of six players in double figures as Gavin Rains of Wheatmore added 16, Dhieu Deing 15 of High Point Central, Bryson Childress 14 of North Stanly, and Ben Beeker of Hendersonville and Fletcher Abeo of Morganton Freedom 11 points each. Rains added 13 boards in the win.

The East was led by 19 points

and nine rebounds from Imajae Dodd of Greene Central while Shykiem Phillips of South Central chipped in 12 points and Phillip Burwell of Millbrook and Brion McLaurin of Seventy-First 11 points apiece.

On Tuesday evening at MacPherson Stadium in Browns Summit, the women's soccer match started the evening with the West edging the East 3-2 in an exciting contest.

Alex Kerr of Chapel Hill was the difference in the game as the Tigers' star tallied three goals in the win, both coming in the opening half. Kerr scored at the 14:06 mark of the opening period on a quick turnaround blast from 19 yards into the top left corner before adding a bending crossing shot 38:02 into the period to send the East up 2-1 at the half. Tatum Neff of Page scored on a breakaway goal off a nice assist from Laura Harris of Grimsley to tie the score at 1-1 at the 20:17 mark of the opening half.

The East would collect the eventual game-winner at the

53:13 mark of the second period when Gracie Stoltz of Green Hope punched in a rebound shot.

Logan Farrelly of Northwest Guilford scored 70:14 into the game to draw the West within 3-2 before the East held on for the victory.

Kerr was chosen as the MVP of the game.

In the men's game, Noronha earned the start for the East squad but it was the West that came out on top 1-0 behind a second half goal at the 69:05 mark by Jair Alvarez of Watauga off an assist from Brandon Linares of Bishop McGuiness. Alvarez scored from 10 yards out after an initial shot from 23 yards out.

Alvarez was named the MVP of the game.

The games concluded on Wednesday night with the always highly anticipated football game complete with a halftime fireworks display that rivals any in the state of North Carolina.

When all was said and done, it was the East All-Stars using a tenacious defensive effort to best the West 20-8 at Jamieson Stadium

on the campus of Grimsley High School in front of over 6,000 fans.

The East All-Stars didn't allow a first down by the West in the contest while limiting its adversaries to just 15 total yards on 32 offensive plays behind stalwart defensive efforts from the likes of linebacker Josh Williams of Havelock, Milton Chandler of Jacksonville, Isaac Anderson of Southwest Onslow and Kentreaz Coston of Edenton Holmes. Williams had two unassisted tackles and three assisted tackles in the contest while Coston stepped in front of a Trey Sheppard pass and returned it 20 yards with just 1:29 left in the opening half to give the victors the lead for good at 13-8.

Despite the offensive woes of the West the contest was still in doubt until 1:34 left in the game when Keon Caudle of Tarboro darted in from 8 yards out before Declan Hall of South Brunswick punched through the PAT kick to make the final 20-8. Caudle finished with 119 yards rushing on 18 carries in the contest while Kyler Davis of Seventy-First was 5-of-9 passing

for 116 yards for the East, with Lamont Murray of Pamlico catching two of those aeriels for 88 yards, including an 81 yard touchdown at the 8:15 mark of the first quarter to give the victors an early 7-0 advantage.

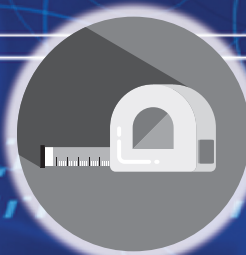
The West would take the lead moments later when the teams traded possessions and Kenneth Washington of picked up a loose pigskin and rambled 69 yards for a defensive touchdown.

JahTwan Stafford of Monroe hauled in the conversion pass from Jackson Greene of Watauga to give the West an 8-7 lead.

In the end the dominance of the East defensively was the difference in the contest as the winners completely stuffed the West on the line of scrimmage before storming back with 13 unanswered points to get the 20-8 victory.

Caudle was named the Offensive MVP of the contest while Alex Kale of Shelby Crest was chosen the Defensive MVP after garnering 7 tackles, including a pair of solos.

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POLICE REPORTS

Siler City man charged with attempted murder

CN+R STAFF REPORT

SILER CITY — A Siler City man is facing multiple felony charges, including attempted murder, after a shooting incident July 16.



Headen
shooting incident July 16.
Bryan Headen, 54, of

Siler City, was charged the next day with felony attempted first-degree murder, felony shooting into an occupied vehicle and felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury with intent to kill.

Members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office responded to a shooting incident on Fairfax Street in Siler City, where deputies discovered a single male victim on scene suffering from, ac-

ording to a sheriff's office press release, "a potentially fatal gunshot wound." The victim stayed in critical condition until Wednesday morning, when his medical status was changed to stable.

Investigators charged Headen in connection with the shooting and placed under a \$400,000 secured bond. He is scheduled to appear August 12 in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Casey Luke Field, 27, of Bear Creek, was charged July 15 with breaking/entering to terrorize/injure, injury to personal property and violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under no bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro. He was also charged July 18 with larceny of a firearm, obtaining property by false pretenses, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and violation of a domestic violence protection order. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Christian Cameron, 22, of Siler City, was charged July 15 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a July 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Kenneth Watson, 56, of Pittsboro, was charged July 15 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$200 bond with an August 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Christopher Brown, 50, of Pittsboro, was charged July 15 with assault on a female. He was held under a mandatory domestic violence 48-hour hold with a July 24 court date in Chatham County.

Taiwana Burnett, 44, of Pittsboro, was charged July 15 with simple assault. She was held on a mandatory domestic violence 48-hour hold with a July 24 court date in Chatham County.

Syvion Smith, 20, of Pittsboro, was charged July 16 with assault on a female, simple assault, interfering with emergency communication, injury to real property and injury to personal property. He was jailed under no bond and a mandatory domestic violence 48-hour hold with an August 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Wallace Dowdy, 47, of Siler City, was charged July 16 with failure to appear on child support. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a July 26 court date in Pittsboro.

William Finley, 28, of Mooresville, was charged July 17 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with an August 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Alexandra Sibrian, 19, of Pittsboro, was charged July 17 with failure to appear. She was released under a \$350 bond with a September 18 court date in Graham.

Hannah Dowdy, 25, of Pittsboro, was charged July 17 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$350 bond with a to-be-determined court date in Graham.

Justin Robinson, 33, of Bennett, was charged July 18 with obtaining property by false pretense, identity theft, possession of stolen goods/property, forgery of an instrument and uttering a forged instrument. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Will Johnson, 29, of Siler City, was charged July 18 with possession of a stolen firearm. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Sarah Collins, 59, of Pittsboro, was

charged July 18 with simple assault. She was released under a written promise with a July 31 court date in Pittsboro.

Alan Feiner, 57, was charged July 18 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with an August 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Grayling Matthews, 27, of Siler City, was charged July 18 with misdemeanor larceny. He was held under a \$500 bond with an August 6 court date in Siler City.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Carmelino Tot, 68, of Siler City, was charged July 15 with assault with a deadly weapon, driving while impaired, careless and reckless driving and two counts of injury to personal property. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with an August 6 court date in Siler City.

Dashon McNeill, 25, of Siler City, was charged July 16 with possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, hit and run leaving the scene of property damage, failure to burn headlamps, failure to stop for a stop sign/flashing red lights, driving left of center, failure to stop steady for a red light, speeding, felony fleeing to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, reckless driving to endangerment, driving with license revoked not impaired revocation, resisting/delaying/obstructing law enforcement officer and injury to real property. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Elizabeth Damen, 21, of Siler City, was charged July 19 with possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. She was released under a written promise with an August 13 court date in Siler City.

Gabriel Castillo, 21, of Siler City, was charged July 19 with possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. He was released under a written promise with an August 13 court date in Siler City.

Noe Soto, 27, of Siler City, was charged July 21 with driving while impaired. He was released under a written promise with an August 13 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Janie Cashdallas of Roxboro was cited July 15 for an unsafe lane change on U.S. Highway 1 in Pittsboro.

Clayden Dickepa of Durham was cited July 15 for failure to stop at a stop sign on Mt. Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.

Jorge Salazar of Fuquay Varina was cited July 15 for having no operator's license on Mt. Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.

Zoe Threatt of Pittsboro was cited July 19 for failure to maintain lane control on Mt. Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.



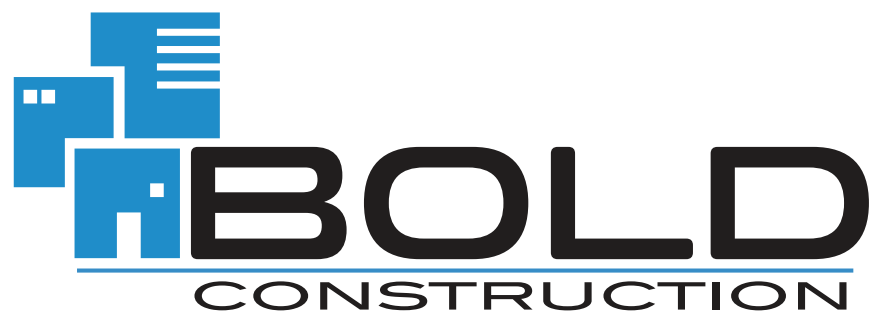
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A&I Chicken Shack

The A&I Chicken Shack celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting last week in Siler City at 2734 Old U.S. Hwy. 421 North. From left, Cindy Poindexter, Judy Santos, Juan Santos, Andre Chaney, Mayor John Grimes, Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek and Vincent Jordan participated. 'Siler City has always been about chicken,' Mayor Grimes said. 'I'm hoping it will be very successful. I have a lot of respect for those who take a chance and invest life savings and make a business successful.'

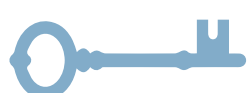
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High-speed car chase ends in Moncure, one arrested

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

MONCURE — The Sanford Police Department chased a dangerous driver Saturday night all the way into Chatham County and ended up arresting him for more than erratic driving.

Michael Eikermann, 36, of Sanford, was charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, among other charges for his role in a 20-minute chase that ended in a confrontation with a police officer.

According to Capt. Vinnie Frazier of the Sanford Police Department, officers were responding to an accident call at 10:23 p.m. Saturday on Wood-

land Avenue in Sanford and noted a vehicle that was not involved in the wreck driving erratically. One officer drove to attempt to stop the car.

"The officer tried to stop the vehicle for driving careless and reckless and speeding," Frazier said. "The officer activated his blue lights and siren and attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver refused to stop and the chase ensued all the way into Chatham County."

At points reaching 100 miles an hour, the chase ended at the intersection of Corinth Road and Old U.S. Hwy/ 1 in Moncure. According to Frazier, Eikermann lost control of his car and went into a ditch. The officer drove up to the scene, at which point Eikermann rammed the police car with his.

The officer then got out of the car to make an arrest, but Eikermann attempted to run over the officer with his car. The officer then fired his weapon into the car and Eikermann ceased his attempts and was taken into custody.

There were two other passengers in the car, including a 13-year-old juvenile.

Along with the assault with a deadly weapon charge, Eikermann was charged with felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a government official, felony speeding to elude arrest, misdemeanor child abuse and driving while impaired. After being treated for minor injuries at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford, he was held under a \$150,000 bond.

Chatham officers earn highest professional certificate for sheriffs, deputies in N.C.

Back in March, a pair Chatham County Sheriff's Office officers earned a high distinction.

Preston Clemmons and Sara Pack were awarded the Advanced Deputy Professional Law Enforcement Certificate on March 15 by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.

The award is given, according to a press release, to "recognize the level of competence of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs serving North Carolina Sheriffs' Offices, to foster increased interest

in college education and professional law enforcement training and to attract highly qualified individuals into a law enforcement career."

The release also stated that the Advanced Deputy Professional Law Enforcement Certificate is the "highest Professional Certificate awarded to Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in North Carolina."

To qualify for the award, individuals must complete a combination of training and education and meet minimum experience requirements. The Standards Commission was established in September 1983 and is designed to "upgrade the capabilities, competence and proficiency of sheriffs' departmental personnel," the release stated.



Pack



Clemmons

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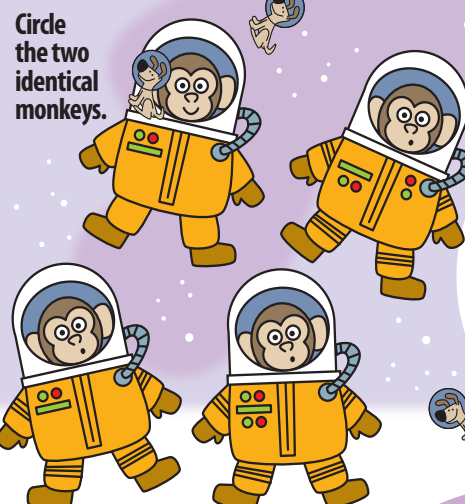
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Animals in Space?

Animals have played an important role in human space exploration. Use the code to discover the year that each of these space exploration events happened. Then draw a line to where the event belongs on the timeline. The first one is done for you.

- ★ = 0 ◼ = 2 ◼ = 4 ◼ = 6 ◼ = 8
- ◼ = 1 ◼ = 3 ◼ = 5 ◼ = 7 ◼ = 9

Circle the two identical monkeys.



Monkey in Space

A Rhesus monkey named Albert was the first primate in space. He flew to a height of 83 miles from Earth.

Timeline slot with a monkey icon.

First Dog in Space

The Russian space dog Laika became the first animal to orbit the Earth. Sadly, Laika did not survive the mission.

Timeline slot with a dog icon.



This Russian postage stamp featured Laika.

Space Flies

The first animals in space were fruit flies! They were sent 68 miles (108km) above the earth and parachuted to a landing. They survived their journey.

Timeline slot with a fly icon.

Yorick

Launched 236,000 feet, Yorick was the first monkey to survive a space flight. He traveled with 11 mice on his journey.

Timeline slot with a monkey icon.

Pair of Pooches

The Russian dogs Belka and Strelka traveled to space and back on the Sputnik 5 rocket.

Timeline slot with a dog icon.

First Man in Space

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. Gagarin's spacecraft, Vostok 1, completed one orbit of the earth, and landed about two hours after launch.

Timeline slot with a man icon.

Humans on the Moon

Neil Armstrong followed by Buzz Aldrin became the first men on the moon. Their spaceship, Apollo 11, flew them 250,000 miles to the moon and brought them back safely to earth.

Timeline slot with a man icon.

Circle every other letter to discover what the Russian names Belka and Strelka mean.

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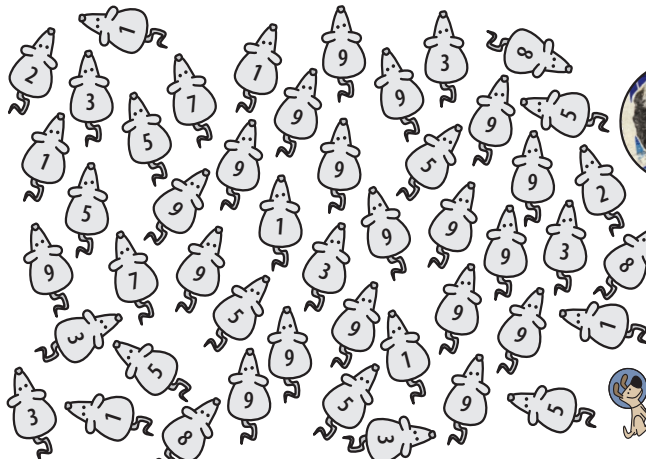
Extra! Extra!

Animals and People

Look through the newspaper for pictures and articles about animals. Based upon these, make a list of ways animals help people.

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

Belka and Strelka traveled with mice onboard their ship. How many? Cross out the even-numbered mice and count the odd-numbered mice to discover the answer.



First Woman in Space

The first woman in space was Russian cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova. A crater on the far side of the moon is named after her!

Timeline slot with a woman icon.



Source: history.nasa.gov/animals.html

How many dogs can you find on this page?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In the 1960s, the United States and Russia were in a race to be the first to reach the moon. Despite their competition, the Russians sent a very special puppy named Pushinka to American President John F. Kennedy. Why was she so special? Do the math to find out. The even-numbered sentence is the answer.

- 13 + 2 = Pushinka could bark in two languages.
- 11 + 8 = Pushinka traveled to outer space twice.
- 17 + 3 = Strelka was Pushinka's mother.
- 12 + 5 = Pushinka was born on an orbiting spacecraft.



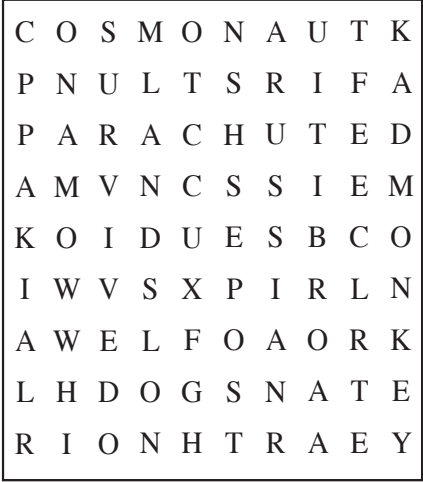
- 9 + 4 = Pushinka was named by President Kennedy.

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

Double Double Word Search

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- COSMONAUT
- SURVIVED
- RUSSIAN
- RHESUS MONKEY
- ORBIT
- LAIKA
- FIRST EARTH WOMAN
- DOGS
- LAND

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



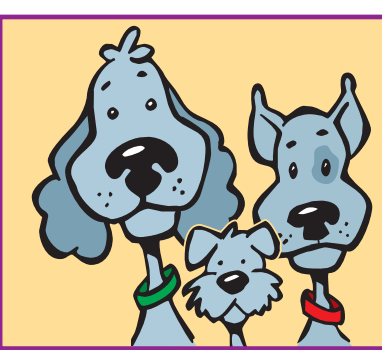
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Think BIG!

Look through the newspaper to find an example of a big idea that became a reality. Write a paragraph about why this was a big idea and how a person might have come up with the idea in the first place.

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CHATHAM@WORK | RACHEL HOROWITZ, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Rachel Horowitz was born in Massachusetts, but moved to Raleigh when she was a child and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill. Today, the volunteer program manager for Chatham Habitat for Humanity lives in North Chatham. At Habitat, she plans events, does community outreach and helps out with public relations. “No two days are the same,” she says. “I’ll be planning an event on the construction site, discovering hidden gems at the ReStore, or representing Chatham Habitat at a festival. I love being able to learn about all different areas of Chatham County, and get out and meet people there.” Horowitz has even had an opportunity to get involved in community theater in Pittsboro — she recently appeared in the play “Miss Firecracker Contest” at Pittsboro Center for the Arts.



Submitted photo

Rachel Horowitz (center) appears in ‘Miss Firecracker Contest’ with Michelle Moseley and Wesley Seawell.

out where they’ll fit in among our programs.

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

Get to know the community you’re serving. A tactic that works in a big city may not work in a college town or rural area. And connect with others in your role — chances are, someone has already figured out the answer to whatever you’re struggling with.

What’s your favorite one-day travel destination?

Raven Rock State Park near Asheboro, then the North Carolina Zoo

The credo or motto you try to live by:

You don’t have to be a

dad to tell dad jokes

Craziest or most unusual thing that’s ever happened to you at your current job?

I accidentally gave one of my director’s plants to our landscaping volunteers, who planted it in a homeowner’s yard. I became very acquainted with the Lowe’s Garden Center that day.

Favorite weekend getaway:

In Chatham County, it’s a tie between visiting The Plant in Pittsboro and hiking along the Haw River.

The book you’re currently reading:

A Philosophy of Ruin by Nicholas Mancusi

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

I was a summer camp counselor at the YMCA. It taught me that no form of recognition compares to a bunch of kids cheering for you at afternoon assembly. And that they’ll still call you by your camp nickname 10 years later.

What part of your job would most surprise people?

How much of my job is getting out and talking to people. I get to hear the wackiest stories from our volunteers. Hearing these stories helps me figure



Submitted photo

From left, Chatham Habitat for Humanity employees Patricia Morales (Family Services Director), Sabrina Bonomolo (ReStore Associate), Rachel Horowitz and Amber Thompson (ReStore Too Manager) pose at a work site.

What radio station do you listen to most frequently?

NPR (and their Invisibilia podcast).

Favorite character from a Disney movie:

Stitch from Lilo and Stitch.

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

I once spent an entire month backpacking through the Pisgah National Forest — with no showers.

What do you plan to do after retirement?

Volunteer at an outdoor education center

The best advice you ever got was:

“Don’t sweat the small stuff — and it’s all small stuff.”

What’s the wildest or most interesting single thing that’s ever happened to you?

Growing up, I was convinced I was on Sesame Street and told everyone. Turned out it was just a video of me at the Sesame Street theme park.

Is there a hobby you can’t live without?

Writing — short stories, poems, skits, etc.

How do you define success?

When you can do what makes you happy, and do it well.

What advice would you give your younger self?

It’s okay to not have everything figured out yet.

Favorite dessert?

Tiramisu. You can totally bring some to our office.

CHATHAM CH@T | JANE WRENN, SALVATION ARMY OF CHATHAM COUNTY

Army’s ‘Stuff the Bus’ program helps gather supplies for Chatham students

Chatham County’s Salvation Army and its volunteers are preparing for a back-to-school supplies drive they’re

calling “Stuff the Bus.” This week, we speak with Jane Wrenn, the Army’s local director, who’s been in Chatham County for 40

years and celebrates her 10 year anniversary this year with The Salvation Army of Chatham. Most of Wrenn’s career has

been working in nonprofits in Chatham. A graduate of Elon, she and her husband Robert, a Siler City native, and their daughter, Beth, live in Siler City. Their son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Kate, live in Raleigh.

The Salvation Army is collaborating with Chatham County’s Walmarts for a “Stuff the Bus” event on Aug. 3 to enable people to donate back-to-school items for local needy students. What’s the purpose, and what’s your goal — volume-wise — for the event?

The purpose of this back to school drive is to ensure that Chatham County children that might not otherwise be ready for the new year with the necessary items, be prepared to have the best start up for the new school year. Many Chatham County children do not have the means to purchase school supplies so we are hoping to give those less fortunate children a great start. By providing a back-to-school drive, you not only support the students, but you help the teachers and the local schools. We are hoping to provide 200 children with school supplies to start the year off in a big way. You can drop off items at Walmart at 12500 U.S. 15/501 North Street in Chapel Hill between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

What kinds of items are in need the most?

Most school supplies are needed for children in grades K-12. Backpacks for the higher grades are needed. Chatham County schools provide all high school students with laptops so the stronger backpacks are needed the most. Of course, elementary school children are in need of backpacks also. Pencils, pens, notebook paper, notebooks, folders, highlighters, rulers, glue sticks, tissues, hand sanitizers, hand held calculators are just a few items that are in need. Of course, any donation is most appreciated.

The United Way of Chatham County is having a similar program; their “Build a Backpack” program is the day prior. How do these two events complement each other?

The Salvation Army of Chatham County is



Staff photo by David Bradley

Donna Smith, left, and Jane Wrenn gather boxes to use for the Salvation Army’s ‘Stuff the Bus’ event, scheduled for Aug. 3 at Walmart.

a proud United Way of Chatham County agency and has been for many years. The United Way and The Salvation Army have already been in contact and have discussed how to work together in this effort for the benefit of Chatham County students. We are hoping to leave no child behind in this effort. We will be collaborating together in this back to school drive to provide Chatham County children the opportunities to receive the necessary supplies to begin the 2019/2020 school year off right. We will be receiving the names, ages, and grades of less fortunate children in our county from the school system, Pathway of Hope program, our Angel Tree program, and other nonprofits that work with children.

For “Stuff the Bus” — how can people make donations who might not be able to travel to Walmart on that day?

People who can’t make it to our “Stuff the Bus” event on Aug. 3 can drop off supplies or a donation at the following locations prior to the event day: The Salvation Army office at 2535 Old U.S. Hwy. 421 North, Siler City, or in Pittsboro at our satellite office in the Habitat for Humanity building at 467 West Street, Pitts-

boro. You can also mail a financial donation to our mailing address at The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 752, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

“Stuff the Bus” comes at a busy time for you — you’re also in the process of moving your offices in Siler City. Can you talk about that?

Of course. We are excited to announce our new Siler City location at 2535 Old U.S. Hwy. 421 North. We are in the old Jerry Harris auction warehouse north of town that has been completely renovated. We are sharing our new location with Chatham Trades, the West Chatham Food Pantry and Chatham Transit. Chatham Trades is the anchor business and they are hoping to provide office space for additional nonprofit organizations so folks can get several services in one location. The Salvation Army is excited to be able to offer our Siler City clients the opportunity to receive food from the West Chatham Food Pantry when coming to see us. We also collaborate with CORA Food Pantry in Pittsboro and can offer that same service to our Pittsboro clients as well. Having several non-profits in one location is beneficial to those we serve as they often times do not have transportation or gas to travel long distances.

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Fame of the name precedes a deal of a meal for Pittsboro's Marsha and Robert Scurlock

BY BOB WACHS
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Ever notice how some people in various areas of life need only one name to be recognized?

Take, for instance, the world of music. Say the word “Elvis” and nobody needs “Presley” to know who you’re talking about. Or how about “Aretha?” When you speak that name, does anyone really think you might mean someone with a last name other than “Franklin”?

Well, there’s a somewhat similar situation locally. And while it’s not in the entertainment world, many people find it entertaining, especially since it involves food — good food and lots of it. In and around Pittsboro — and in an ever-growing area — when talk turns to “who do we want to cater a meal,” often the first answer is “the Scurlocks.”

That, of course, is two words. And it’s two people — Marsha and Robert Scurlock, Pittsboro area natives who turned what began as a family affair into a part-time business that’s now a full-time operation. Both folks readily admit the basis for their success lies in Marsha’s skilled hands, honed by a passion she’s had since she was 10.

“I started making biscuits,” she says, “from scratch, for some of our neighbors. One lady thought they were so good she had me cook them for



Staff photo by David Bradley

Robert Scurlock, left, assists his wife, Marsha, in the catering business, but not with the cooking. He can't cook, he said.

her all the time. I started staying with my aunt — Mary Jane Leak — as much as I could. She was a super cook. She cooked by touch, a little of this, a little of that. I’d watch her and it just became a passion for me. The only thing I can’t do like she did is apple pie. I’ve tried but I can’t. She had a crust you couldn’t beat.”

Then she adds, with a laugh, “I’ve wondered if she left something out when I was watching but I watched her so closely I know she didn’t.”

The cooking for neighbors and then family became a growing thing for Marsha but it was mostly

a pastime at first.

“Both of my parents worked in Chapel Hill,” she says, “and most of the time when they got home at the end of the day, I had supper on the table.”

High school graduation, marriage, a family and careers came to the forefront of their lives before retirement afforded them more time to grow their business. Both Marsha and Robert had years of service at UNC Hospitals. Marsha, who started in medical records, later logged 20 years as a secretary and receptionist in the surgery department. Robert — Marsha and most other folks call

him “Bob” — is a graduate of the first physician’s extender class at UNC. In that role, he was an assistant to physicians in the operating room, serving as an extra pair of hands.

Since giving up their commute to Chapel Hill, they’ve seen the business and their reputation grow by leaps and bounds. Even though they were feeding folks on a part-time basis while working at the hospital, it wasn’t until after those days ended that they found they’d traded one full-time career for another. Robert created a commercial kitchen at the rear of their home, “to get things

legal,” he says. Their Grade A sanitation rating is prominently displayed in the kitchen.

Through the years, they’ve fed family reunions and provided food for churches, civic clubs and businesses large and small in and around not only Chatham County but in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Sanford.

“We can provide food for a family or feed hundreds,” Marsha says.

While serving as the primary cook, Marsha says she couldn’t carry on without a group of family and friends. Bob does most of the delivery, although he says he gets lots of compliments on the food. “Sometimes,” he says, “folks will say, ‘Bob, that sure was good. What’s in it?’ or ‘How did you get that so good?’ I just say ‘Thank you.’ I don’t try to take credit.”

A number of other folks are involved, especially when it’s a large order. There’s their son, Robert Jr., daughter Michelle Alston and her husband Michael and Marsha’s sister Stella Farrar.

“If I’m not careful,” Marsha says, “when I start naming people I may leave somebody out; it’s a long list but we couldn’t do without them.”

Among those helpers are Maurice Farrar, Antonio Farrar, Shelia Harris, Carolyn Newkirk, Tony Brower, Tanisha Lee, Chontai Baldwin, Travonia Burnette, Peter

McKissick, Henry Bland and Johnny Richardson. Marsha also gives credit to Loretta French.

“Sometimes I’ll come out to the kitchen and she’s already here in the early morning,” she says. “It’s quiet then; the phone isn’t ringing and you can really focus on what you’re doing.”

Customers who have eaten food from Scurlock’s Catering are often the business’s best advertising.

“We get lot of requests for sweet potato pie and chicken salad,” Marsha says. “And it helps that we cook it, set it up, serve it and then clean up.”

She doesn’t make as many pound cakes as she once did — although, she says, “we do all kinds of desserts,” including a banana pudding that’s a favorite of many.

“But I still do pound cakes sometimes. I made one for Bob the other day,” she says with a laugh.

With all that experience preparing favorite foods, Marsha says sometimes there’s not much time left over for other activities.

“But we do enjoy our granddaughter,” she said. “I’ll tell her ‘I could just eat you up’ and then she says to me ‘If you did, you wouldn’t have me anymore.’ We have a lot of fun. We’re always interested in serving more people and meeting new friends. To me, cooking isn’t a talent; it’s a passion. I love it.”

New facility for troubled youths aims to help them ‘Turn Around’

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — A new mentoring and life-skills training center for troubled youths opened this month in Siler City.

The Rev. Barry Gray is bringing his knowledge and experience of more than 20 years in the community to challenge the difficult environments faced by many area youths. His concept has resulted in The Great Turn Around, at 630 11th Street, a facility offering workout equipment, tools for teaching and mentoring and a variety of fun activities for participating youths.

Gray’s aim in creating and establishing The Great Turn Around is to provide a framework for new skill sets for area troubled youths to “turn around” their behaviors in order to be more functional and productive citizens.

“I want to make a difference in the community that I grew up in, from right here in Siler City,” said Gray. “We don’t offer much recreation in town. We don’t offer many places where people can go to be educated with supervision.”

Gray’s concept is to tutor young people — and get them off “the street”

and in a safe environment where they can be nurtured. He’s aiming, among other things, to prevent drug deaths. Many young people have a lot of idle time, he said, that’s being used in the “devil’s workshop.”

The center, which opened July 11, serves as “a preventative measure for these kids,” Gray said.

“Just like when you’re lost, you turn around,” he said. “That’s what I’m trying to do with these kids.”

Dammian Williams is one of the teachers at the center and a member of First Missionary Baptist Church, where Gray is the pastor.

“We’re helping to mentor kids,” Williams said. “We’re doing a bunch of stuff to show where they’re going wrong.”

Siler City Mayor Grimes, speaking at the July 11 ribbon-cutting, said that the skills taught at the center, and the safe environment in which services are provided, will likely have a positive effect on the community.

“It means that this group of kids will have a safe place, with good leaders and influence of adults that have the good of kids in mind,” Grimes said.

Cynthia Reives, wife of state Rep. Robert Reives II

(D-Dist. 54), was on hand for the event. She said she was excited to see what this program can do for Chatham County.

“It’s a second chance to get to ‘do-over’ and turn things around, just like the name,” she said. “It will help more individuals involve the community, and help educate.”

Life skills will be a major focus of the program’s teachings, said instructor James Womack. He and his wife, Delphine Womack — both of whom are retired teachers — are part of the guidance offered in the school. He said that the plans for each student will include a survey for each student to find out the best starting point, and how to help.

“We’ll teach positive character, how to say ‘no’ to wrong behavior,” Womack said.

But it’s not just positive, character-building activities. There will be personal growth concepts, with a future path in mind.

“We’ll talk about money management, cooking, job skills, and how to build a resume,” Womack said.

Womack’s background in human relations in the business community, and his experience as a teacher, gives him a unique background that can help the students he will be

working with at the center. The training he offers will include communication skills, business and human relations, and the ability to work with others of different ideas.

“There is potential to grow,” Reives said. “They will be able to contribute, when successful, and talk to their peers, and help the community. This is a different road you can take. Anything Reverend Gray has his hands on will be a success.”

The path taken by these students as they learn and grow is absolutely free, said Gray.

“We’re looking for some grants,” he said, “and getting support from local churches and private donors.” Registration is

under way now, with limited space, so only about 15 youths can benefit from the training. Grimes said that the “Turn Around” center will be a great place for students to meet with adults who can influence their lives in a positive direction, with a strong spiritual component to build good character.

“The really good by-products of a place like this are to have a safe place to come, play games, make friends, and learn better ways to do things,” Grimes said. “It can’t be anything but positive.”



Staff photo by David Bradley

Siler City Mayor John Grimes and Rev. Barry Gray cut the ribbon to the new ‘Great Turn Around’ at 630 11th St. in Siler City. The new center will offer teaching and mentoring of life-skills and better ways to live in today’s society.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CCS working on installation of fiber-optic internet improvements

PITTSBORO — Digital teaching and learning in Chatham County Schools is positioned to move further and faster.

The district received approval to contract with Conterra Networks for 88 miles of fiber-optic networking that will increase bandwidth tenfold while connecting all of the school system’s campuses under a single internet provider.

“Prior to this, we had contracts with three separate internet service providers, and it was increasingly apparent that they couldn’t meet our needs,” CCS Chief Information

and Technology Officer Keith Medlin said.

The dedicated lines of optical fiber from Conterra will give the school system greater control over how fast information is delivered to devices used for teaching and learning throughout the district. The installation is scheduled to begin later this year and, barring regulatory or weather-related delays, is expected to wrap up this time next summer.

“This is a game-changing project that has been 18 months in the making, and we are excited to ensure that our schools remain on the cutting edge,” Medlin said.

Medlin secured disbursements from the federal government and picked up contributions from the

state of North Carolina that will deliver at no charge to CCS what would have amounted to a \$2.4 million fiber installation. The upgrade will not significantly increase the district’s monthly expense for fiber-optic networking, Medlin said.

While the new network will serve the district’s schools, one of the reasons CCS partnered with Conterra had to do with the company’s commitment to increasing the availability of high-speed internet throughout the county for both residential and business use. Medlin has been collaborating toward that end with Darlene Yudell, who oversees information technology for Chatham County.

“The project remains

in the engineering phase right now as the final permitting and pre-construction tasks are completed,” Medlin said.

CEMC board names Oldham as new CEO

SANFORD — The Central Electric Board of Directors is calling on Edward Oldham as the co-op’s next chief executive officer and general manager. Oldham is taking the reins from Morris McClellon, who retired from the post after serving 16 years as the co-op’s leader. Oldham’s first official day was July 6. McClellon will remain as a general advisor through Sept. 15 during the transition. “Eddie is a perfect fit

for this position due to his proven track record of leadership within the co-op and our community,” said McClellon. “For the past several years, Eddie has been a primary catalyst behind strengthening the co-op’s system and has been leadership-tested through storm restoration efforts following Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. The board could not have selected a finer individual to guide this co-op into the future.”

Oldham has been with CEMC since 1999, first serving as a field engineer before later being promoted to assistant general manager and vice president of operations and engineering. He holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from N.C. State University, and is

a licensed professional engineer.

“I am very honored and humbled to have been selected by the board as the new CEO and general manager for this great organization,” said Oldham. “I look forward to building on the strong history of our co-op and working closely with the board and our excellent group of employees to continue providing the outstanding service our members deserve.”

Central Electric, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative based in Sanford, is a not-for-profit electric utility serving more than 23,000 members in Chatham, Harnett, Lee, Moore and Randolph counties.

— CN + R staff reports

THE LIST: The highest-paid public employees in Chatham County


BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Chatham County Schools employees

more than 1,000 people. The Chatham County government has more than 500 employees. The Town of Siler City, Town of Pittsboro and Chatham County Sher-


iff's Office all have employees whose jobs revolve around serving the public. Each of those governing institutions shared with the News + Record their

top-paid employees. The numbers below are yearly salaries and sorted by the institution. It's the latest in our occasional series "The List."




CHATHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- Dan LaMontagne**
County Manager
\$159,650
- Vicki McConnell**
Finance Officer/Deputy County Manager
\$149,097
- Layton Long**
Health Director
\$120,440
- Jennifer Kristiansen**
Social Services Director
\$111,696.06
- Darlene Yudell**
Management Information Systems Director
\$111,305



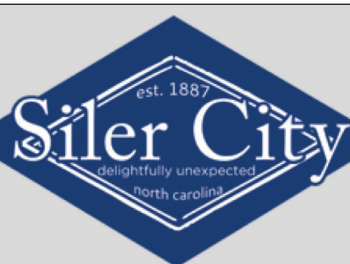
TOWN OF PITTSBORO

- Elizabeth Goodson**
Town Engineer
\$94,300
- Percy Crutchfield**
Police Chief
\$90,000
- John Poteat**
Public Works Director
\$89,690
- Bryan Gruesbeck**
Town Manager
\$88,242
- Alice Lloyd**
Town Clerk
\$81,789




CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

- Derrick Jordan**
Superintendent
\$176,184
- Amanda Hartness**
Asst. Supt. of Academic Services & Instructional Support
\$139,413
- Janice Frazier**
Asst. Supt. of Human Resources
\$138,510
- Tony Messer**
Chief Finance Officer
\$136,475
- Chris Blice**
Chief Operations Officer
\$129,405



TOWN OF SILER CITY

- Vacant position**
Town Manager
\$107,143
- Michael Wagner**
Police Chief
\$90,000
- Nancy Darden**
Human Resources Director
\$89,945
- Roy Lynch**
Finance Director
\$85,670
- Scott Murphy**
Fire Chief
\$83,285



CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Mike Roberson**
Sheriff
\$113,227
- James Stevens**
Sheriff Attorney
\$89,000
- Charles Gardner**
Chief Deputy
\$81,372
- Tracy Kelly**
Major
\$77,388
- Steve Maynor**
Captain
\$68,857

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New audacious, live-action 'Lion King' begs the question — 'Why?'



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

Disney's ongoing mission to produce new live-action remakes of their animated film classics is a bit like when you convert your old vinyl record collection to digital. It's a nod to the advance and efficiency of modern technology, but the new copies don't add anything substantially beneficial to the originals. "The Lion King" is Disney's most audacious up-conversion yet, tackling an already august film that's merely 25 years old, blessed with a soundtrack and script that doesn't feel dated. Disney's recent "Aladdin" remake updated a fun yet flawed original. On the other hand, "The Lion King" is almost sacrosanct, thus putting Disney and director Jon Favreau's cash-grab in a Catch-22: change too much and get pilloried, or change little and suffer a collective shoulder shrug.

Favreau and company opt mainly for the latter, fashioning a live-action revamp that isn't really live action, with the same story and the same songs. The narrative still revolves around young lion cub Simba and his maturation into the circle of life. His father Mufasa (James

Earl Jones, the lone voice actor from the original film to reprise his character) rules over the Pride Lands in Africa, with his precocious cub Simba (JD McCrary) set to one day assume dad's throne. None of that sits well with Scar (Chiwetel Ejiofor), Mufasa's brother, who plots to dispatch both his sibling and nephew in order to become king, aided by a snarling pack of hyenas exiled to the outer reaches of the kingdom.

The rest of the tale is familiar enough that it doesn't need much regurgitation: Mufasa "disappears," Simba runs away, and Scar runs the Pride Lands into the ground before finally getting his comeuppance. Along the way, Favreau's photorealistic palette, which he honed on his reimagining of "The Jungle Book," becomes the film's biggest boon and bust. The digital depiction of wildlife is visually impressive, with the renderings of sweeping savannas and the majestic movement of animals lending a sense of grandeur to both panoramas and periodic moments of quiet contemplation. Still, after the new wears off, the spectacle begins to feel like an episode of "Planet Earth" with a good soundtrack.

The real problems begin when those characters start talking and singing. The technological execution is fine. But traditional and modern computer

animation removes its characters from the confines of reality, and thus spurs the imagination of the viewer. When Pumbaa the warthog and Timon the meerkat are prancing around in the original film, singing and wisecracking, they're fantastic creations far removed from any notion of their natural habitat. In the remake, the unreality of their behavior is shoehorned into a lifelike setting, and the result is both disjointed and drains away much of the characters' personality.

Some of the voice actors are better than others. Glover and Jones are up to the task. Billy Eichner's Timon, Seth Rogen's Pumbaa, and John Oliver's Zazu lend much-needed levity to otherwise darker story rendering. Ejiofor's Scar is fine by itself but pales in comparison to Jeremy Iron's definitive interpretation. And while Beyoncé's musical numbers pack an expected wallop, her voicing of Simba's gal pal Nala is lacking.

While the quality of the crooners is solid, the new versions of iconic tracks like "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "Hakuna Matata," that paean to carefree living, feel obligatory and occasionally like they're being performed for a TV singing competition. But in the end, the biggest sin of the new "Lion King"

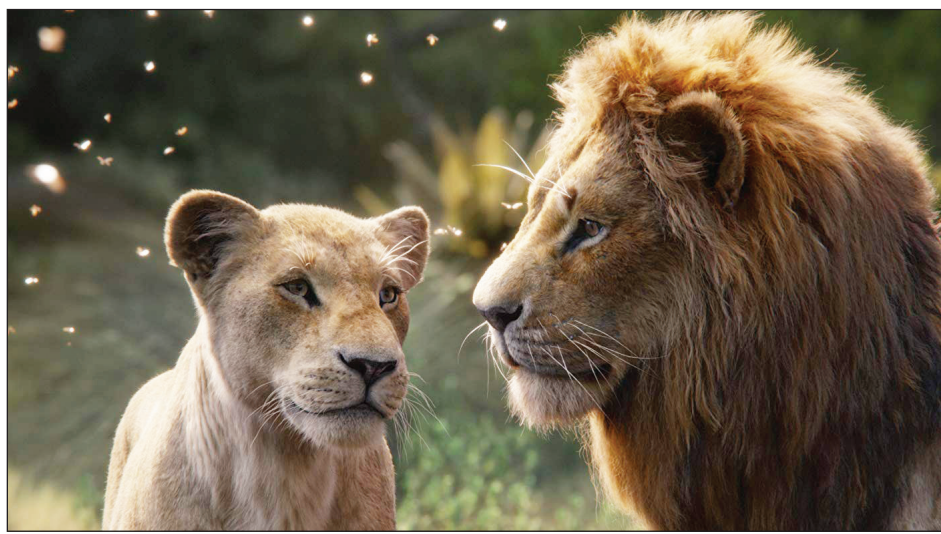


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Beyoncé and Donald Glover star as the voices of adult Nala (left) and adult Simba in Disney's live-action remake of The Lion King.

The Lion King

GRADE: C+

DIRECTOR: Jon Favreau

STARRING THE VOICES OF: Donald Glover, James Earl Jones, Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Seth Rogen, Billy Eichner, John Oliver, Alfre Woodard and John Kani

MPAA RATING: PG

RUNNING TIME: 1 hr. 58 min.

is the unanswered question of why. It's not like today's kids aren't likely to watch the original. The most apt response, of course, is found in the inevitable box office haul. It's Disney's version of the circle of life, but here it feels more like cannibalization.

Hakuna matata, I guess. Favreau's photorealistic palette, which he honed on his reimagining of "The Jungle Book," becomes the film's biggest boon and bust. The digital depiction of wildlife is visually impressive, with the renderings of sweeping savannas

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APPLE PICKERS, West Oaks Farm, Winchester VA, 26 temporary Apple Picker Jobs, 8/26/2019 to 10/25/2019. One-month experience required, be able to lift 50 lbs. and handle 20' ladder. \$12.25/hr. minimum or applicable piece rate, transportation and subsistence expense reimbursed upon 50% completion of work contract. Work is guaranteed ¾ of the workdays of contract period. Work tools, supplies, equipment and housing provided without cost to worker. Housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the workday. Pick fruit from trees, when necessary, use ladder. Additional harvest duties may be offered including tasks involving operation of equipment or other related duties. If worker is unable or unfit to perform the duties listed after 3 days, they will receive warnings, hours may be reduced, or worker will be terminated and returned home. Applicants to apply contact the nearest local office of the SWA or VA Employment Commission, 419 N. Cameron St., Winchester, VA 22601, 540-722-3415. Job Order # 1693973. A copy of the ETA 790 in lieu of a work contract, and any modifications, will be provided to worker no later than the day the work commences. Jy25,1tp

PITTSBORO CHRISTIAN VIL-LAGE is accepting applications for CNAs, all shifts. Apply in person, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, at 1825 East Street in Pittsboro. Jy18,tfnc

BACK ROAD PHOTOGRAPHY & SALON has openings! Booth suit rental. Fully furnished just bring your tools and be ready to work! Nail technician booth. Ready to work when you are! Call or text Jolene 336-301-4400, Jy11,18,25,Au1,4tc

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 302 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **JEAN F. MILLER 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. Mark Allan Weinress, Executor c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty. TrustCounsel 205 Providence Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Jy4,Jy11,18,25,Au1,4tc

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 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tp

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

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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 Jy4,Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 311 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executors 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 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 306 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executors 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 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tc

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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 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tp

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 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tc

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 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tc

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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 the 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 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE BEFORE THE CLERK 18 SP 169 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE by Main Street Trustees, LLC, Substitute Trustee, of a Deed of Trust Executed by Jason R. Nunnery, Manager of Heartridge Builders, LLC, Grantor/Mortgagor, dated June 09, 2016 and recorded on June 09, 2016 in Book No.1862, Page 195, of the Chatham County Public Registry. **AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE RE-SALE UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF** the Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Jason R. Nunnery, Manager of Heartridge Builders, LLC to Donald D. Sayers, Trustee for Farmers & Merchants Bank, which was dated June 9, 2016, and recorded on June 9, 2016, in Book 1862, Page 195, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned Substitute Trustee, 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 in the lobby of the Chatham County Courthouse, adjacent to the Clerk of Court, Pittsboro, North Carolina, or the usual and customary location at the County Courthouse for conducting the sale, on **July 30, 2019 at 2:00 PM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the real property together with all buildings, improvements and fixtures of every kind and description erected or placed thereon, attached to or used in connection with the real property which will be sold pursuant to the Deed of Trust at the foreclosure sale, is located in Chatham County, North Carolina, being more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Lot 39, containing 1.03 acres, more or less, as shown on those plats entitled "The Hamptons - Phase 3 Lots 18-40", prepared by Withers & Ravenel, Engineers - Planners-Surveyors, dated May 22, 2007, and recorded in Plat Slides 2007-293, 2007-294, & 2007-295, Chatham County Registry, together with all appurtenant rights and privileges in the common areas and roads as shown on the Plats and described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Hamptons Subdivision as recorded in Book 1329, Page 1117, Chatham County Registry, as amended. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as: 42 Seneca Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312 A cash deposit or certified funds (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid 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. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be

frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. **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 in being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty related to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or related 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 exception of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the record owner(s) of the property according to the Chatham County Register of Deeds is/are Jason R. Nunnery, Manager of Heartridge Builders, LLC. This Notice of Re-Sale shall be posted and advertised as required by the said Deed of Trust and as required by law, and after the sale, a Report of Sale will be entered immediately following the conclusion of the sale, and such sale shall remain open for raised or upset bid as by law permitted and required. An Order for Possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupied 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 Re-Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the Notice of Termination [N.C.G.S. §45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated in to the effective date of the termination. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirma-

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tion of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute 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. This 25th day of June, 2019. Main Street Trustees, LLC, Substitute Trustee By: Andrew J. Abramson, Manager, PO Box 829 Salisbury, North Carolina 28145-0829 Telephone: 704-633-5000. Jy18,Jy25,Au1,Au8,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **PAUL LEONARD POWELL, JR.** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 10th day of July, 2019. Sherlynn Dixon Powell, Executrix of The Estate of Paul Leonard Powell, Jr. Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW P.O. BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 Jy18,Jy25,Au1,Au8,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the estate of **NADENE VAUGHAN KOON**, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 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 18th day of July, 2019. Michael Miller Koon, Executor 512 Forest Bluffs Road Aiken, SC 29803 Jy18,Jy25,Au1,Au8,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **MICHAEL GLENN TROGDON** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 12th day of July, 2019. Angela G. Spainhour, Executrix of The Estate of Michael Glenn Trogdon Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 Jy18,Jy25,Au1,Au8,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **EMMA JEAN TEAGUE**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 12th day of July, 2019. Joe Anthony Bivens, Administrator of The Estate of Emma Jean Teague Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 341 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the estate of **FRANCES ANN CLARK**, 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 18, 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 18th day of July, 2019. Barbara Jo Berry, Administrator 146 Star Ranch Road Siler City, NC 27344 Jy18,Jy25,Au1,Au8,4tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ANNUAL REPORT
I. General Information Facilities/System Name: Town of Siler City Responsible Entry: Town of Siler City Person in Charge/ Contact: Joey Smith, Public Works Superintendent Applicable Permit(s): WQCS00056 The Town of Siler City operates and maintains a 4.0 million gallon a day (mgd) extended aeration wastewater treatment facility. The sanitary sewer collection system is comprised of approximately 57 miles of 6" - 24" diameter lines, (7) pump stations and (5) Step System Pump Stations.

II. Performance: The wastewater treatment facility treated 975.761 million gallons of wastewater during the 2017-2018 fiscal year or an average of 2.673 MGD. There were no permit violations of the discharge limits for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Fourteen (14) Sanitary Sewer Overflows occurred during this time period July/1/2018 to June/30/2019 that was reported to the Division of Water Quality:

1. An overflow occurred on 9/16/2018 at approximately 5:00pm at 300 Elder Road Siler City (Blood run pump station) An estimated 20,640 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Blood run creek. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Florence. Incident # 201801784
2. An overflow occurred on 9/16/2018 at approximately 5:00pm at 1411 North Ave Siler City (North Street pump station) An estimated 23,400 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Florence. Incident # 201801194
3. An overflow occurred on 9/16/2018 at approximately 9:40pm at manhole #LC11. An estimated 30,000 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves Creek. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Florence. Incident #201801858
4. An overflow occurred on 9/16/2018 at approximately 9:40pm at manhole #A301. An estimated 30,000 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves Creek. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Florence. Incident #201801583
5. An overflow occurred on 9/17/2018 at approximately 8:00am at the intersection of N. Dogwood Ave and West Second Street Siler City. An estimated 5,500 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves Creek. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Florence. Incident #201801864
6. An overflow occurred on 9/17/2018 at approximately 8:29am at manhole #A410. An estimated 7,000 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves Creek. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Michael. Incident #201801869
7. An overflow occurred on 9/17/2018 at approximately 7:30 am at manhole #A621. An estimated 7,500 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves Creek. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Michael. Incident #201801860
8. An overflow occurred on 9/17/2018 at approximately 8:20am at manhole #A125. An estimated 8,000 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves Creek. The overflow was due to extreme flooding from hurricane Michael. Incident #201801866
9. An overflow occurred on 10/11/2018 at approximately 1:00pm at 300 Elder Road Siler City (Blood run pump

station) An estimated 10,000 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Blood run creek. The overflow was due to heavy rains from hurricane Michael. Incident # 201803133

10. An overflow occurred on 10/11/2018 at approximately 1:30pm at 1411 North Ave Siler City (North Street pump station) An estimated 8,500 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves. The overflow was due to heavy rains from hurricane Michael. Incident # 201803134

11. An overflow occurred on 10/11/2018 at approximately 2:00pm at manhole #A450. An estimated 3,200 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Loves Creek. The overflow was due to heavy rains from hurricane Michael. Incident # 201803131

12. An overflow occurred on 11/12/2018 at approximately 6:00pm at 1411 North Ave Siler City (North Street pump station) An estimated 10,500 gallons overflowed entering a

tributary of Loves. The overflow was due to heavy rains. Incident #201803359

13. An overflow occurred on 11/12/2018 at approximately 11:00pm at 300 Elder Road Siler City (Blood run pump station) An estimated 5,000 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Blood run creek. The overflow was due to heavy rains Incident #201803363

14. An overflow occurred on 11-15-19 at approximately 9:08am at 300 Elder Road Siler City (Blood run pump station) An estimated 3,500 gallons overflowed entering a tributary of Blood run creek. The overflow was due to heavy rains Incident #201803457

Overflows that did not reach surface waters but were documented: Zero (0) Sewer Line Cleaning: Town crews cleaned 39,499 linear feet of sewer line during fiscal year 2018-2019.

III. Notification: This report is being made available to the user and customer by a news-

letter in the water bill, posted notification, on the Town website and publication in The Chatham News.

IV. Certification: I certify under penalty of law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I

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Jy25,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 358

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **EVA R. RUBIN aka EVA MARYETTE RUBIN**, 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 25, 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 25th day of July, 2019. Co-Executors: William L. Rubin 1903 Glendale Ave Durham, NC 27701 Robert A. Rubin 728 Minerva Dale Dr Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526 Jy25,Au1,Au8,Au15,4tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 19 JA 16
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN RE: "E. W."
DOB: 11/10/01
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION
TO: Karen R. Williams, biological mother of the above male child born November 10, 2001, in Wayne County, North Carolina.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Juvenile Petition (Abuse/Neglect/Dependency) and Order for Non-Secure Custody has been filed regarding the above-referenced minor child, and you are a respondent. You have forty days from July 25, 2019, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney. STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P. BY: /s/ ANGETTE STEPHENSON, Attorney for Petitioner, CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 109 Conner Dr., Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 Telephone: (919) 869-7795 Jy25,Au1,Au8,3tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the estate of **WILLIAM TERRILL ELLINGTON**, 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 25, 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 25th day of July, 2019. Linda B. Ellington, Limited Personal Representative 463 Ellington Rd. Siler City, NC 27344 Jy25,Au1,Au8,Au15,4tc

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina Chatham County Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MATTHEW ROHRlich LEAVITT**, late of 159 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina 27312, 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 Jean Gordon Carter, McGuireWoods LLP, P.O. Box 27507, Raleigh, NC 27611, on or before the 25th day of October, 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 25th day of July, 2019. Michael Leavitt, Executor of the Estate of Matthew Rohrlch Leavitt Attorney: Jean Gordon Carter McGuireWoods LLP P.O. Box 27507 Raleigh, NC 27611 Jy25,Au1,Au8,Au15,4tc

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
19 SP 95

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Daniel Leigh Grover and Jen-

nifer Denise Grover (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Daniel Leigh Grover) to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Trustee(s), dated the 23rd day of August, 2017, and recorded in Book 1943, Page 0397, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the **customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on August 8, 2019** and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the Township of Hadley, in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Hadley Township, Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot 37, containing 1.636 acres, more or less, as described on a plat entitled, "Cattail Creek Subdivision Phase 4 Lots 23-38", dated September 25, 2006 prepared by North Arrow Surveying & Mapping, PLLC, and recorded in Plat Slide 2006-363, Chatham County Registry, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 614 Rebecca Lane, Siler City, North Carolina. Being the same property as conveyed to Daniel Leigh Grover and wife, Jennifer Denise Grover by North Carolina General Warranty Deed from Infiniti Homes Corporation, dated October 2nd, 2008 and recorded October 2nd, 2008 in Deed Book 01425 and Page 0689 in Instrument Number #11288 in the Chatham County Records. Parcel ID(S): 0084323 Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a) (1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees,

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CHATHAM COUNTY REQUEST FOR BIDS - CORA PROJECT SITE WORK

Chatham County is seeking bids from qualified contractors to perform site work in preparation of adding a pre-engineered warehouse storage addition. The drawing and documents call for demolition of current asphalt in identified traffic and parking areas; construction and grading of the new site plan, landscaping, and other associated tasks. The project is located at the CORA (Chatham Outreach Alliance) Food Pantry at 40 Camp Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The site-work is to be completed in one hundred twenty (120) days. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site: 40 Camp Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312; on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Sealed bids will be accepted by mail or delivery until 2:00 PM, on Thursday August 22, 2019. Vendors must submit one hard copy with all attachments, including signatory pages, which must be received by Thursday, 2:00 PM, August 22, 2019. A public bid open will take place sharply at 2:00 in the old Agriculture Building Auditorium, located in the basement area, at 65 E. Chatham St., Pittsboro, NC 27312. If not delivering to the bid open location, the hard copies must be sent to one of the following delivery addresses: Postal Address: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office OR P. O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (all postal delivery), Street Address: Robin James, County Finance Office, Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (land delivery only) Bid bonds are not required for this project. All inquiries relating to this request must be received by Thursday, August 15th, 12:00 NOON. Requests must be in writing and addressed to: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608; Pittsboro, NC 27312; or by fax to 919-545-2417; or emailed to: purchasing@chathamnc.org. This solicitation and others can be located on the Chatham County Current Bids and Proposals web page at: http://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities. Chatham County is an Equal

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 354

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **JOANNA MCCULLOUGH**, 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 25, 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 25th day of July, 2019. Timothy Harold Schwantes, Executor 1205 Highland Trail

Chapel Hill, NC 27516 Jy25,Au1,Au8,Au15,4tp

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING SILK HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

To each member of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department (all adults of age 18 years or more residing in Hope Fire District). Take notice that the annual meeting of the membership of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. will be held on August 6, 2019 at 8 p.m. at the office of the Corporation, being the fire station located at the intersection of SR 1003 (Silk Hope Road) and SR 1346 (Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road). The business to be conducted will be (1) The election of four (4) directors, (2) Any other business which may lawfully come before it. The 25th day of July, 2019. Tony Bristow, Secretary Jy25,Au1,2tc



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