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## 'A footnote to history' at Hiroshima

Asheboro man took photo right after bomb dropped in 1945; Chatham historian leading event at Pittsboro library on anniversary

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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It was a story that wasn't proven, at least in the main character's telling, for many years.

But through the work of a Chatham County historian, Sgt. John McGlohan's



account of taking a photo of Hiroshima after the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Aug. 6, 1945, was documented as true.

Chatham residents can hear more of the story and see more documentation on the event this upcoming Tuesday at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro as part of "Hiroshima: The Accidental Witness," the story of McGlohan and capturing what Chatham resident Kenneth Samuelson called "a footnote to history."

"It's not in the history books," Samuelson said of McGlohan's experience. "But for about 15 minutes, it would be in the history books because they would have died from the explosion."

The story of Hiroshima, Japan, and the end of World War II is well-known.

**This is the photo that Sgt. John McGlohan took over Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945, immediately after the dropping of the atomic bomb, one of the final strokes of World War II.**

The United States sent a B-29 bomber to drop the first atomic bomb, developed by The Manhattan Project, over Hiroshima, a manufacturing city about 500 miles from Tokyo. When the bomb detonated, 90 percent of the city was wiped out and 80,000 died instantaneously, with more to follow due to radiation exposure.

McGlohan, a member of the Army Air Force, was on an airplane in the area, about 20 minutes away from Hiroshima, when the bomb dropped. He worked as a photographer for the military doing reconnaissance. Even to this day, he's not sure why he was at that particular spot at that particular time. But he got a picture just above the targeted site.

"A lot of people still say we weren't there, but we have the picture to prove it," McGlohan said. "It's always been a mystery as to how we got there. My operations officer swears he didn't know anything about it. As far as it being a planned deal, it couldn't have been."

The black-and-white photo he captured shows the docks of the city on one side, abutted by the ocean, and smoke



Submitted photos

**Sgt. John McGlohan, shown here in his role as an Army Air Force photographer in World War II, will be part of Kenneth Samuelson's 'Hiroshima: The Accidental Witness' program Aug. 6 at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro.**

rising from the bomb's landing on the other side. The smoke looks like a large cloud covering the land below.

McGlohan brought the photo back to his superiors, and it was the last he saw of it for 50 years because it became classified.

A few days after Hiroshima, another bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, about 260 miles southwest, effectively end-

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## How much are Chatham's governments in debt?

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Debt is part and parcel of most people's lives — cars, homes, education and more are acquired, by most, only by incurring a certain amount of financial indebtedness.

Governments, of course, are no different. One of the major news stories coming out of Washington, D.C., in recent weeks is the U.S. House's vote to lift the debt limit for two years and increase federal spending to \$1.37 trillion in fiscal year 2020.

It's caught the eye of Chatham's congressman, U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.), who has spoken several times about how the legislation is bad conservative policy.

"With \$22 trillion in debt and the deficits that have been out of control, we have got to find some things," he said July 22 on CNN, "specifically maybe even in the mandatory side to make sure we are curbing that and not leaving our children and grandchildren a debt that they cannot repay."

In light of this, the News + Record decided to look at how much Chatham's governments are in debt — and how they're working to pay it off.

### Chatham County

According to Chatham County Finance Director and Assistant County Manager Vicki McConnell, addressing the county's debt is one of the first priorities in the yearly budget process.

"We've got to make sure we

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## Airbnbs provide different tourist housing option



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

**The Cozy Log Cabin in northeastern Chatham County serves as a getaway for couples looking for privacy, friends looking for a nice place to chill or what have you. But as proprietor Mark says, this Airbnb listing is not luxury.**

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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PITTSBORO — Mark's treehouse is way out in the woods. If you put the address in your GPS, you won't be able to find it.

And that's kind of the point.

Mark (he declined to share his last

name) built the nine-room log cabin with his bare hands, starting in 1970 with two rooms. Forty-nine years later, it serves as a refuge for military members on leave, traveling musicians and anyone else who finds it online.

"Mainly it's for musicians and artists — it's not your luxury hotel," he said.

"I've had people that came out and said,

'You mean I've got to go downstairs to the bathroom?' It's not for everybody. I get a lot of musicians, too, who do their gigs, and after the bar or club closes down they'll come out and spend the night."

Mark's home, called the "Cozy Log Cabin," is one of more than 100 Cha-

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## Solar, clean jobs boost Chatham

BY CASEY MANN  
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A new "Clean Jobs" report released in July notes that North Carolina is among the top 10 states in the country across clean energy categories such as solar energy, energy efficiency, and overall clean energy.

The report, released by E2 (Environmental Entrepre-

neurs), notes that the rate of clean energy jobs across the country increased by 3.6 percent in 2018. North Carolina's clean energy jobs grew by 3.5 percent — nearly double the statewide employment growth of 1.9 percent — and those jobs now account for more than half of North Carolina's entire energy sector work-

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## Learning how to do school: camp preps first-time students

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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BONLEE — "Rise, and shine," the kindergarteners were told, "and welcome to school today, and we're so glad that you're here!"

Next, they went over the days of the week, to the tune of the theme song from the TV show "The Addams Family." Then, they danced the

Macaraena while listing out the months of the year.

Nine kindergarteners, along with two teachers, gathered in a Bonlee School classroom Monday morning to do what most elementary school students, especially the younger ones, do on the first day of school: they introduced themselves, learned some classroom rules and read a book together. Only it wasn't the first day of

school.

It was, rather, the first day of Chatham County Schools' "Get on Track" Kindergarten Readiness Camp, a program designed to help incoming kindergarteners with the adjustment process to going to school. Sherry Elmore, the program's director, said it's designed to help kids learn "how to do school."

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## IN THE KNOW

Ready to party? National Night Out returns to Siler City Aug. 6. **PAGE A8**

Suza White, Pittsboro's gardener artist, on the art of 'liquid yoga.' **PAGE A9**

Northwood's Benji Johnson returns to teach baseball skills. **PAGE B1**

Tarantino's 'Hollywood' a story of comeuppance, friendship. **PAGE B7**





# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## ON THE AGENDA

• The **Chatham County Board of Education** meeting on Thursday, August 1, will include an old business item related to a construction change order for Chatham Grove Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 12 p.m. in the Central Services boardroom at 369 West Street, Pittsboro.

• The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet for its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on August 5 at the Town Hall Courtroom at 311 N. Second Ave. in Siler City.

• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet for its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on August 12 at Town Hall at 635 East St. in Pittsboro.

• The next regular session **Chatham County Board of Education** meeting will take place on Monday, August 12, 2019. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro.

## THURSDAY

• The American Red Cross will hold a **Blood Drive**, hosted by Loves Creek Baptist Church on Thursday, August 1 from 2:30 to 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There is an emergency need for blood. For an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "LCBC" to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins are also welcome. The location for this event is 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City. Give blood! Help save lives!!

• **Chatham Habitat for Humanity** will hold two focus groups to improve their faith relations efforts in the community - Thursday, at 6 p.m. August 8 at their Pittsboro office, 467 West Street; and Thursday at 6 p.m., August 15 at their Siler City office, 606 East Third Street. Both events will have light refreshments, discussion and fellowship. Representatives from churches and other faith groups are encouraged to attend.

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

## FRIDAY

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

• **Free Friday Music Jam** at the Oasis Open Air Market in Siler City from 4:30 to 6:30-7 p.m. every Friday. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, and sing while enjoying a great time of Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. If you want to join, show up or email John Eichorn, [johnnichorn72@gmail.com](mailto:johnnichorn72@gmail.com). Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits, music is out on the patio.

## SATURDAY

• **Bird Walk**, New Hope Audubon Society (NHAS) will meet at 7 a.m. on Saturday, August 3 across the entryway road, behind Bojangles at Oak Creek Village Shopping Center in Durham for about a 3 hour walk. New birders and those of all skill-levels are welcome. Long pants and closed toe shoes with socks are requested. Bring snacks and water if you like. Heavy rain will result in cancellation. Contact Jim Capel at [jim.capel@mindspring.com](mailto:jim.capel@mindspring.com).

• **Bird Walk**, NHAS will meet at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7 in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Shopping Center in Chapel Hill for about a 3 hour walk. New birders and those of all skill-levels are welcome. Long pants and closed toe shoes with socks are requested. Bring snacks and water if you like. Heavy rain will result in cancellation. Contact Nan Dewire at [ndewire@hotmail.com](mailto:ndewire@hotmail.com). Then Saturday, August 10, same time and location, contact Kent Fiala at [kent.fiala@gmail.com](mailto:kent.fiala@gmail.com).

• **Stream Watch** with NHAS will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, August 10 when John Kent will lead a volunteer team conducting monthly water quality monitoring at several sites on New Hope Creek. If interested in participating, contact John at [jnkent25@gmail.com](mailto:jnkent25@gmail.com). Because start time and place my change based on regular crew availability, new folks interested should send John an email by Wednesday, August 7.

## SUNDAY

• Sunday, August 4, the Pittsboro Business Association is sponsoring our monthly **First Sunday Street Fair**, featuring arts and crafts vendors, other businesses, music, food, and children's activities. Many downtown businesses will also be open, along with the Historical Museum. Come enjoy this family-friendly event from 12 to 5 p.m! More information is available on our Pittsboro Business Association Facebook page, at [www.shoppittsboro.com](http://www.shoppittsboro.com), and via email at [pittsborofirstsunday@gmail.com](mailto:pittsborofirstsunday@gmail.com).

## MONDAY

• UNC Hospice welcomes you to our weekly writing workshop, "**Writing Toward Resilience**." Facilitated by Carol Henderson, author and workshop leader, the group is provided at no charge for those who are grieving a loss or are a current caregiver. This is held every Monday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. For further information, contact Annie Ritter, [ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu](mailto:ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu) or at 984-215-2650.

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

• **Big Band swing and jazz**

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

## UPCOMING

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

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

• Triad-based acclaimed author and screenwriter, Timothy Reinhardt, will be visiting **McIntyre's Books** on Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. Reinhardt will be reading from and discussing his new satire, *Jesus's Brother James*. In this comedic novel, fate seems to pull four people together through their hilarious struggles to find meaning in a chaotic world. He has also decided to share scenes from the film adaptation of *Jesus's Brother James* to contribute to the discussion. The Chatham County community is invited to join Reinhardt for an entertaining afternoon that includes a reading, book discussion, and conversation about how to adapt a novel into a feature film. The event is free.

## ALSO HAPPENING

• In addition to permanent museum displays at the Chatham Historical Museum, see our new temporary exhibit: "**Ethnobotanical Heritage in Chatham County**." Ethnobotany encompasses all the different ways people in different cultures use plants for everything from food and medicine to different utilitarian uses. The display is a collection of real-life, hands-on history of Chatham County residents as told by the elders themselves. Admission to the Museum is free and all exhibits are kid and adult friendly. - The Museum is open from noon until 4:30 every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, with lots to see and learn about Chatham County history!

• This summer, Chatham County natives will be the focus of a new study by the **Language and Life Program** at NCSU. The research team is looking for Cha-

tham County natives (born and raised in Chatham) who have lived in Chatham for most of their lives to interview. These will be recorded and the team will conduct analyses to look at the question of how language is changing in Chatham as it becomes less rural and more urban. The study will preserve the rich language heritage of Chatham County and our language changes. If you are a native of Chatham who has spent most of your life in the county and might be willing to participate in the project, contact Walt Wolfram at [ncsu.edu](mailto:ncsu.edu) or call 919-218-5374.

• **Adult Volunteers Needed at Chatham Hospital in Siler City**, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Siler City and part of the UNC Health Care System. Adult community volunteers are needed to assist staff with miscellaneous tasks in the nursing unit and emergency department. Volunteers may assist with administrative tasks, patient diversion (group activities, arts & crafts, games, reading mail, writing letters, conversation), distributing fresh water and ice to patients, and answering patient call lights/bells. Volunteers commit to serving a 2-3 hour weekly shift for a minimum of six months. All prospective volunteers must complete an online application, a criminal background check, an orientation and have documentation of required

immunizations. To learn more go to: [www.chathamhospital.org/ch/about-us/volunteer](http://www.chathamhospital.org/ch/about-us/volunteer).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Scout News**  
• Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit [www.bstrop93.org](http://www.bstrop93.org) for more information.  
• Pack 924 of Siler City First U.M.C. meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.  
• Pack 900 in Bear Creek meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Meroney's U.M.C. following the school calendar. See <http://pack900.com> for more information.

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## CORRECTION

In the July 25-31 edition of the Chatham News + Record, a story about the Chatham County Schools Summer Food Service Program contained incorrect spellings for school nutrition assistant Brittany Martinez and school nutrition director Jennifer Ozkurt. Also, the program has been in operation for many years, with mobile meals incorporated in 2017. While the program for summer meals has been profitable, the district's overall program for school nutrition is not. Any profit from the summer program goes into the district's School Nutrition Program to help meet its annual budget.

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# HOUSING: 'Solution for accommodations'

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tham County listings on Airbnb.com, the popular vacation rental website through which homeowners can let out rooms, cabins, houses, RVs and more to travelers and tourists. Airbnb has grown in popularity in recent years, even in rural places like Chatham County.

Last month, the company said Airbnb owners in North Carolina's rural counties earned more than \$76 million through their properties from June 1, 2018, to June 1, 2019, and entertained more than 436,000 guests. It was a jump of 74 percent.

Chatham fell a little low on the list, with hosts at the more than 100 listings on Airbnb's website bringing in \$255,000 and around 2,400 guest, according to the company. Still, that represented a 45 percent growth from the previous year.

Neha Shah, the director of the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the properties can be attractive, especially in places without mainstream hotels and lodging.

"It also offers amenities that are different for guests not looking for a cookie cutter stay, and it gives them a space of their own," Shah said. "We've seen that growing not just throughout North Carolina but in the country and overseas. It's a solution to accommodation issues where things are much more remote and rural and also for longer term stays."

Chatham's offerings on the website vary. One of the top listings is a renovated 1953 GMC bus parked in the woods. You can also find cabins, bungalows, farm houses and apartments ready for rent.

The listing for the "Cozy Log Cabin" says it's been "getting a lot of attention," with hundreds

**Airbnb Statistics for Chatham County**

**\$255,000**  
Total host income

**2,400**  
Total guests

**45%**  
Growth from the previous year

Statistics for June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019 | Source: Airbnb

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

of views in the last week. It's got two upstairs bedrooms, a living room with a fold-out sofa bed and a full kitchen. The listing warns, as Mark said, that it is "NOT your luxury hotel space." There's an outdoor shower. Hand-built wooden ladders and outdoor staircases serve as access points to the second floor.

Mark is retired, so running the Airbnb works as a part-time income. The only pain, he says, is the house-keeping. The site has hosted four weddings and several music gigs, all located on the stage set up separately from the cabin. He said he's in the process of adding some amenities, including a sauna/sweat lodge. "Being retired, I need

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**NEHA SHAH**, director, Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau

something to do," he said. "I'm convinced Airbnb is the best."

As far as Airbnb's impact on Chatham, it's still small. Shah said that while the county needs more hotels and larger facilities for overnight or weekend stays, Airbnbs often bring people to the county that might not otherwise.

"We're excited when people say they were here versus another county," she said. "This

is another opportunity to say you'll have your own space, accessibility to kitchen and whatever the space may be versus a traditional accommodation.

"It's definitely the Instagram-worthy kind of stay, and we're happy to have it because it showcases the county in a nifty light."

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# HISTORY

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ing World War II with Japan's surrender.

In ensuing years, McGlohan came back to Asheboro and served on the city council and as police chief. He also shared his story of seeing Hiroshima the day the bomb dropped. But he always prefaced it with saying, "There's no proof."

Samuelson went to an event where McGlohan shared his story. A veteran himself, Samuelson was intrigued by the tale and, he says, determined to prove it was real.

"It was a moment in time that was perfect," Samuelson said. "There were a lot of guys that were aging out, dying, but there were a lot that were still alive. Everybody that I talked to confirmed that they saw the picture or someone talked to them about it. There's plenty of verification that John took that picture, that he was there in the plane as the photographer and they took the photo as the bomb went off."

It's this story, and more, that Samuelson will tell next week at the Chatham Community Library — the story of the photo, of Sgt. McGlo-

han, of researching and proving the photo's existence and legitimacy.

"It's probably the most significant event of World War II, the dropping of the first atomic bomb," Samuelson said. "It's what put everything in action to get Japan to surrender. This guy was there, and if he had been there 15 minutes earlier, we wouldn't be having this program."

McGlohan, who is now 94, said the story was

"so unbelievable" that he "couldn't convince anybody" for a long time. But Samuelson's work, he said, meant a lot to him, and he's grateful for the opportunities he gets to share it and talk about it.

"There's a lot of people out there that still wonder about what happened," McGlohan said. "I've told it a lot over the years and it seems to have fascinated a lot of people. I'm glad it's still interesting."

For those wanting to hear the rest of the story, the event at the library kicks off at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 74 years to the day after McGlohan's close call and historic photo.

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## Want to Go?

**WHAT**  
"Hiroshima: The Accidental Witness"

**WHEN**  
Tuesday, Aug. 6; 6-8 p.m.

**WHERE**  
Chatham Community Library, 197 N.C. Highway 87 N. Pittsboro

**NOTES**  
The program takes place in the Holmes Meeting Room and is free and open to the public. Kenneth Samuelson, a Chatham resident and military historian, will speak on former Sgt. John McGlohan's experience of witnessing the explosion of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Japan, exactly 74 years after the event.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Remembering the perils of forgetfulness

Imagine picking up a sandwich from your favorite drive-through joint, taking it back to your office and sticking it in the fridge for later — only to find, after you've unwrapped it, that someone's already taken a bite.

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

An officer with the Marion County Sheriff's Office in Indianapolis had that experience two weeks ago. With a number of cases of food sabotage against law enforcement officers (some of them pretty serious) having ended with arrests, the officer — understandably upset — demanded an answer. "I know I didn't eat it," he told a local television station. "I said, 'You know what? I am going to the McDonald's to see if they can get that taken care of.'"

He went to the McDonald's in question, where he's a regular customer. They offered him free food. What he really wanted, though — suspecting that an employee targeted him because he was a cop — was an answer.

An investigation was launched. Employees were questioned. Soon, the mystery was solved: the offending person who'd snuck a bite was the officer himself.

He'd simply forgotten. "The employee took a bite out of the sandwich upon starting his shift at the Marion County Jail, then placed it in the refrigerator in a break room," his department said in a statement. "He returned nearly seven hours later having forgotten that he had previously bitten the sandwich."

There were apologies and mea culpas all around, but reading the story reminded me of a conversation a few years ago I had with a friend, a UNC professor, about the fine art of forgetting. I was lamenting to him about my seemingly random inability

to remember names from the past. My friend Jock's wife is also an esteemed professor — and research scientist — at UNC, and he related to me something she'd told him: an inability to remember certain details isn't necessarily a sign of dementia or early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Rather, it's just an indication about the mysterious function of short-term and long-term memory, and how some details just get pushed aside over time as new inputs and information take root.

I was relieved to hear that. I can still tell you the starting lineup for the Pittsburgh Pirates' 1971 World Series-winning team, and can relate details from irrelevant conversations from 40 years ago, but my distracted, fragmented brain has trouble remembering details that I think would have been more "sticky" in my brain. I'll ask my wife where something is, for example, and will go to that room to locate it, only to have forgotten 14 seconds later

exactly where in the room she said it was. She will have said "dresser," but I'll be looking for it on a table. That kind of thing.

My friend Jock says that's probably more an issue with my focus, rather than my memory. But I did, in fact, have my own "let's launch an investigation" experience about the same time the police officer in Indiana had his.

I told you last week about our experience moving our daughter from Virginia to Apex. What I didn't tell you was an embarrassing footnote to our weekend. I returned the U-Haul truck we'd rented to the facility in Sanford, cleaned out the cab and checked it in while waiting for my wife to pick me up. When she arrived, I discovered a roll of cash I'd had in my shorts pocket was suddenly missing.

Convinced it had fallen out of my pocket while waiting in the U-Haul facility, I went back in to the empty reception area. Nothing on the floor. The store's employees were in the garage

area installing a hitch on a car. Panicked, I went back out to the rental truck. Nothing there, either. As we continued to search, I began wondering how to approach the obviously guilty store employees — who had no doubt seen the cash, collected it from off the floor, and squirreled the booty away before rushing back to the garage to appear innocent.

I began imagining their denials. As I searched the small canvas bag I'd had in the truck cab for the fourth time — calculating in my mind how I'd approach the employees — I saw my sunglasses case. And suddenly, I remembered: I'd put the bills there for safekeeping as I'd packed up just 20 minutes earlier.

I felt like going in to the store to apologize to the employees for my silent accusation of theft, but my self-chastisement, I figured, was punishment enough.

"Remember this lesson," I told myself, "before jumping to conclusions next time." Here's hoping I do.

## Don't let the dictionary scare you from scavenging

I'm amazed at some of the stuff people throw away.



**RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
Randall Reflects

Good stuff — sometimes great stuff — placed at the curb to be hauled off.

I once rescued a perfectly fine rocking chair from an untimely date with the landfill. The only thing wrong with it was that its previous owner had tired of it. I'm using it to this day.

I love those sort of finds. And I guess that makes me a scavenger.

But that sounds bad. I looked the word up in a dictionary. A "garbage collector," it said. An alternate definition was "junk collector."

Neither of those definitions is inherently negative; but neither has me rushing to add "scavenger" to my resume, either.

"Scavenge" is defined this way: "To salvage from discarded or refuse material."

That sounds more agreeable. Whatever the dictionary may say or imply, I'm a believer in the principle.

I get a lot of pleasure out of rescuing good, usable stuff from the garbage.

I have standards, of course. Before I claim a chair — or anything else — that someone has deemed unworthy, for instance, I ensure it is sturdy and safe. I don't want junk, after all.

It also has to be clean, or at the very least not so dirty as to be unable to be cleaned and brought to an acceptable level of cleanliness.

So much of what gets discarded, though, is perfectly fine. That's the part that continually amazes me. I've found great quality furniture — no scratches, blemishes or mysterious stains diminishing their value — hauled to the curb.

Sometimes, though, the value of a discarded item isn't immediately apparent. For instance, I've kept my old lawnmower in working order for several years thanks, in part, to the spare parts I've gleaned from "junk" lawnmowers others have thrown away. The discards may not crank, may be rusted beyond use, but their wheels are still good; or some variation on that theme.

One of the tricks to proper scavenging is timing. There's an old saying about it: The early scavenger gets the chair.

On our morning walks before sunrise, my wife and I get an early shot at the good stuff, especially after a weekend when folks have had time to sit around getting tired of their surroundings and itching to replace them.

But among us scavengers, there's competition. At least a couple of other scavengers (remember, that's not a pejorative term) patrol the same neighborhood with trailers in tow, cruising at slow speed to inspect the offerings and frequently stopping for a closer look or to lay a claim. They may operate on a larger scale than I do, but our interests overlap.

Not long ago, I happened on a discarded lawn mower at the curb. It happened to be a mower just like mine, only in much better condition; so I stopped and talked to the owner, being uncertain — due to the mower's seemingly good condition — whether taking it would be a legal act or an action that would land me in jail for theft.

"It costs more to repair it than it does to buy a new one," the soon-to-be previous owner explained, confirming his intent to scrap it.

I took it home and claimed the couple of parts I needed and, not wanting junk laying about, put the remainder of the mower — still largely intact and still looking shiny and nearly-new — at my curb.

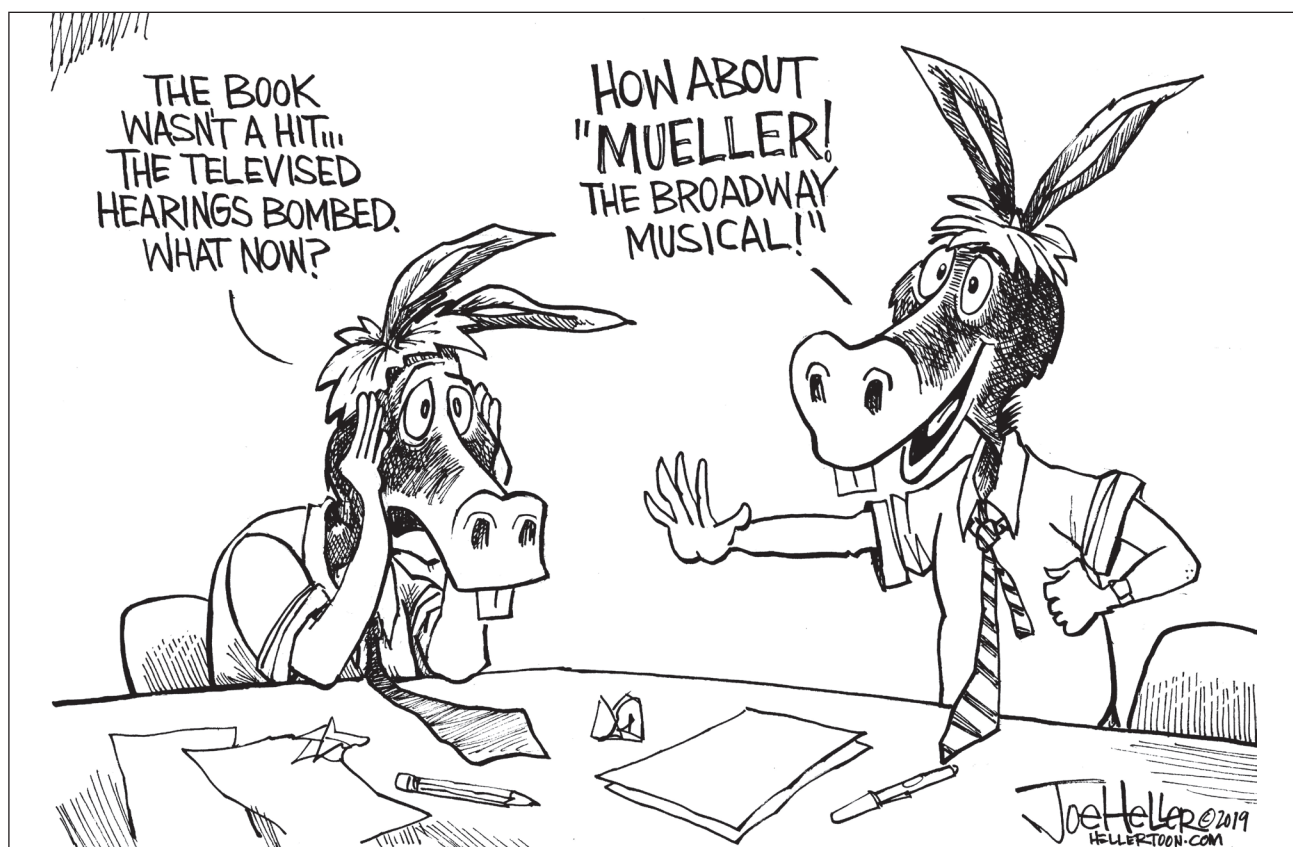
A few hours later, someone rang my doorbell. "Is that your lawnmower?" the stranger asked.

I nodded and explained the mower's provenance and invited him to take it.

He just wanted the wheels, he explained; and he spent the next 10 minutes or so taking them off — this fellow scavenger had come prepared with tools — leaving the body of the mower at the curb.

It was all fine by me, another confirmed scavenger. After all, we all know the other old saying that applies here: One man's trash is another man's set of wheels.

Or something like that.



## Calendar not always a sign of season changes

News flash: Don't look now, but summer is over.



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

Not officially. It's not September 21, when the calendar says autumn starts. We haven't hit Labor Day yet. Folks are still going to the beach or mountains or Disney Whatever for vacations.

But summer is over. In lots of

ways. Especially in the hearts and minds of many Americans and their commerce and business.

How can I make such a statement, you may ask? (Or not.)

It's because the newspapers and mail and television programming are full of...wait for it... "Back to School" items, some of which might be bargains.

Fact of the matter is those advertisements have been going on for weeks, seemingly almost back to when the school year ended and summer started. And if that's the measure for when seasons change, then be informed that in some places it's already the Christmas season. But that's another story for another time.

"Back to School" shopping means different things. For some, it's a trip to the clothing store for new duds. Interesting how some 7-year-olds will have their eternal destinies ruined if they don't have cutting edge fashions where a \$4 T-shirt is on sale for \$198. As a kid, for me "Back to School" clothes meant the bargain basement of Belk's in downtown Raleigh, where at least if I suffered quietly enough Mama would take me to the lunch counter for a grilled cheese sandwich with some of those little pickles on top.

For others, it's school supplies, which in the dark ages of my youth meant paper and pencils,

preferably the Blue Horse lined paper (where you got points for each horse head to trade in later for a secret decoder ring) and a bundle of yellow No. 2 Ticonderoga pencils with the erasers you could chew off during your algebra exam. Today, of course, for many, "supplies" means the latest left-handed gadget gizmo that will allow you to search for information Big Tech wants you to have to further this agenda or that one.

And for some, in a nod to how the world has changed, "Back to School" means a new set of wheels so you'll look good pulling into the high school parking area that looks more like a used car sales lot. That, in large part, is a generational thing, of course. When I was 16, some of my buddies had rides of their own, most often a 383 '65 Plymouth Sport Fury. There was the occasional Camaro or Mustang or '64 390 Ford Galaxie or even a 4-speed dual quad posi-traction 409.

I, on the other hand, had a 1964 6-cylinder Ford Falcon station wagon, 3-speed on the column, a second car bought by my folks to supplement our family truckster. It had a radio, thankfully, so I could at least pick up WKIX 850 AM, at least until the sun went down. But I wanted more. So, I verbally petitioned my father at the beginning of my senior year of high school to what a good idea it would be for him to upgrade my ride. Imagine my pleasure when he said to me, "I've been thinking. You're right. I'm going to make it possible for you to go to school every day in a \$40,000 (or whatever of that day) vehicle. It's yellow and stops in front of the house every morning. And it'll bring you home in the afternoon, as well."

Fortunately, he didn't sell my Falcon.

Once the details are handled, though, it really is back to school. And while some things change through the years, others don't.

For the folks in year-round classes, it's business as usual.

Others see new things added. Through the years, for instance, our little family has acquired six grandchildren. Numbers one and two are veterans of this school thing. Number three went to a half-day pre-kindergarten program last year that she loved and that helped her blossom. This week, she started a Kindergarten Camp, sort of an orientation program for the real thing.

She's attending the same school as a fourth-generation student that saw her father and aunt, grandmother and great-granny pass through the halls, although her halls are not the ones that were there years ago. For days, she talked excitedly about the upcoming event. Named friends she would see. Spoke of eating lunch and playing and coloring and the like.

Came the first day. Fairly soon after the school day began, it dawned on her that her folks had left. She was not especially pleased. She got over it, with the love and care from the staff. But it reminded me of a day some almost 40 years ago when I was summoned to that school because the same realization had come to her aunt on her initial foray into higher education.

She also got over her concerns and went on the do well but in a strange sort of way, I find that routine a bit comforting as it dawned on me that rites of passage can be times to hold on tightly and also to let go, you know — the old "roots and wings" thing we can give our children and grandchildren.

This year, when you do "back to school," don't lose sight of that opportunity when you're buying the latest electronic do-dad or designer backpack.

And don't worry; there's still plenty of time for your Christmas shopping. Don't let it eat up Thanksgiving.

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# VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | JASON LYON

## Old maps and the memories they bring

Mount Carmel Church Road is a humble but pleasant road, as North Carolina roads go. It begins at U.S. 15-501, climbs the ridges above Chapel Hill, curves around lovely barns, passes a Food Lion, and is finally absorbed into the much longer Farrington Point Road.

**JASON LYON**  
Guest columnist

From there, Mount Carmel Church Road's spirit rolls deep into North Carolina's Piedmont, past the remnants of old tobacco fields and tin-roofed farm houses.

I grew up in Cary, but my parents now live off Mount Carmel Church Road in Chatham County. I never gave that road much thought until I arrived at my parents' place on a recent visit from my home in Boston. As I dropped my suitcase in the sunroom, I happened to notice something sitting on top of a bureau. "Mom, where did you get these?" I asked,

as I leafed through three pamphlet-sized folders, each filled with little maps. "I picked them up at recycling," mom replied, referring to the free Swap Shop at Chatham County Recycling. "I thought you might like them."

What I held in my hands were North Carolina Bicycling Highways maps published by the N.C. Dept. of Transportation in the early 1980s. Each folder represented a carefully researched on-road route, complete with sectional maps tucked inside. Historic sites, local stories, camping grounds, and bike shops were all neatly detailed.

As I flipped through the folders, I noticed one in particular that gave me a start: the cross-state Mountains to Sea route.

Now, I don't know what supernatural powers were at work at the Swap Shop the day my mother visited, but the coincidence of someone dropping off these maps and my mother finding them was downright amazing.

Back when I was in middle school in the mid-'80s, I ordered my very own

copy of the Mountains to Sea route directly from the DOT. At night before bed, I would immerse myself in that route's sectional maps, embarking on imaginary bicycle tours from the Blue Ridge Mountains all the way to the Outer Banks. The maps were labeled with evocative names like Queen Anne's Revenge, Brown Mountain Lights, and — as the route passes through the Lost Colony site in Dare County — Unknown Destiny. In those pre-internet days, discovering North Carolina's history and geography through those beautifully annotated maps made that history uniquely my own.

In the coming years, I would relocate to Massachusetts as an adult, and I suppose those maps I ordered are still somewhere in my possession — somewhere, that is, within the uncharted closets and storage boxes of life. But while my own bicycling adventures never did carry me on those North Carolina cross-state roads, I have ridden my bike from Boston to the tip of Cape Cod, up and over

the steep inclines of western Massachusetts' Berkshire Hills, and through the vast moors of Nantucket. In doing, I discovered the rich stories of my adopted home, inspired by childhood dreams of epic cycling journeys.

So on this visit back to my home state, I reacquainted myself with this identical set of 30-year-old North Carolina Bicycling Highways maps, thoughtfully retrieved by my mother at Chatham County Recycling. In the evening hours, I traced that Mountains to Sea route with my finger, just like I did so many years ago, and I discovered that it runs over the entire length of nearby Mount Carmel Church Road, where the light of childhood dreams now faintly glows, turning a humble road into something extraordinary.

*Jason Lyon lives in Boston but grew up in North Carolina. His essays have been published in the (Raleigh) News & Observer, Boston Metro, Cambridge Chronicle, Bicycle Times online, and the Soigneur Cycling Journal online.*

## State censorship poses biggest risk

**RALEIGH** — To the extent Facebook, Google, Twitter, YouTube and other online companies engage in viewpoint discrimination against conservatives and Republicans, they deserve condemnation and ridicule. But do they also merit oversight by lawmakers or regulators?

Some politicians and talking heads appear to think so. They argue that when media companies de-platform individuals or institutions they label as "extremists," or use search algorithms to steer readers away from such accounts or sites, the companies exhibit their own political biases by focusing on right-wing rather than left-wing actors — and fail to distinguish between challenging thinkers and mischievous provocateurs.

So far, so good. But some go on to recommend that government respond to such corporate missteps in some fashion, through new laws or new regulations on online companies. However diseased our body politic may be at the moment, there is no cure to be found in de jure or de facto censorship.

For conservatives, in particular, to suspend their traditional skepticism of big-government initiatives when it comes to online media strikes me as distressing and dangerous. There is no question which institution poses the greater long-term threat to freedom. I resent corporate bullies. I fear government bullies.

As a consumer, I choose which social-media accounts to create, which websites to read, and which search engine to employ. I certainly know what "network effects" and "path dependency" mean. If misbehavior prompted me to exit a popular online service, I know I'd pay a price, at least in the short run, by losing access to lots of contacts and information. But I'd still be free to leave, and to patronize a new service that didn't engage in pervasive viewpoint discrimination.

Would it truly be possible to create a competing service? I'll answer that rhetorical question with another one: How worried are you that Netscape or Myspace will discriminate against you because of your political beliefs?

Not very, I'll wager, because you probably don't use these products. Two decades ago, as the online world was growing by leaps and bounds, some 90 percent of Internet users employed Netscape Navigator to surf the web. About a decade ago, serious people were asking whether Myspace was a "natural monopoly" given its overwhelming dominance in the new sector of online social networks. As of 2008, Myspace accounted for nearly three-quarters of all social-network traffic.

Neither dominator remained dominant. As the Cato Institute's Ryan Bourne explained in a recent paper on the subject, predictions of monopoly power have often proved ill-founded, particularly in our Information Age economy. It would be especially foolish to turn today's market leaders into some version of regulated public utilities, as that would "entrench existing positions and deter entry into sectors that over longer periods would otherwise be incredibly dynamic," Bourne observed.

Any institution that tries to limit what is said, broadcast, and shared on the Internet will find the job taxing, frustrating, and counterproductive. Corporations will struggle with it. Governments will, too. That's because all institutions are populated by the same species — by human beings with our built-in predispositions and limitations. As my John Locke Foundation colleague John Guze put it, "absolute certainty is not an option. On the contrary, fallibility across the board is an inescapable part of the human condition."

The difference is that our transactions with corporations, even market leaders on the Internet, are typically voluntary. Compliance with government directives is mandatory.

I have no confidence in the ability of lawmakers or regulators to keep their political preferences out of any oversight role they might assume in the content of online media. That's not because I think they are horrible people. I simply know that they are people subject to the same temptations as the rest of us.

Their access to the coercive power of government should be restricted to cases in which life, liberty, and property are in danger. That means police and the courts. It means regulating specific threats to public health and safety. It does not mean attempting to police online platforms.

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## UNC — an institution 'built by fire and stone'

The boundaries of the university should be "coterminous with the boundaries of the state."



**D.G. MARTIN**  
One on One

Leaders of the University of North Carolina often use this language to embrace a wider partnership with the entire state.

The words came from a University Day speech by Edward Kidder Graham, although he used the term "co-extensive" rather than "coterminous."

Graham was UNC's president from 1913, when he was named acting president, until his death in 1918, a victim of the flu epidemic that scorched the nation at the end of World War I. In his recent book, "Fire and Stone: The Making of the University of North Carolina under Presidents Edward Kidder Graham and Harry Woodburn Chase," Greensboro author Howard Covington explains how the "fire" of Graham and the "stone" of his successor Chase transformed UNC from a quiet liberal arts institution into a respected university equipped to provide an academic experience that prepared students to participate in a growing commercial, industrial and agricultural New South.

At the time Graham became president, approximately 1,000 students were enrolled at the university. The campus consisted primarily of a few buildings gathered around the South Building and Old Well. Class-

rooms and living quarters were crowded and in bad condition.

In his brief time as president, the youthful and charismatic Graham pushed the university to reach out across the state. Speaking at churches, alumni gatherings, farmers' groups, and wherever a place was open to him, he preached that universities should help identify the state's problems and opportunities and then devote its resources to respond to them.

Graham's ambitious plans to transform the university were interrupted by World War I when the campus and its programs were disrupted and then commandeered by the military.

His death shortly after the war ended left the university without a magnetic and motivational figure to carry out his plans and vision. That task fell upon Henry Chase, a native of Massachusetts who had gained Graham's trust as a teacher and talented academic leader.

Although he did not have Graham's charisma, Chase had something else that made him an appropriate successor to the visionary Graham. He had an academic background and a talent for recruiting faculty members who supported Graham's and Chase's vision.

Building on Graham's plans and the enthusiasm that had been generated, Chase took advantage of the public pressure on the legislature to secure the resources to expand the campus. He organized and found support for university programs that included the graduate and professional training needed to serve the public throughout the state, as

Graham had hoped.

By 1930, when Chase left UNC to lead the University of Illinois, the UNC campus had more than doubled in size, and the student body approached 3,000, including 200 graduate students. His successor, Frank Porter Graham, was Edward Kidder Graham's first cousin.

Chase's ride to success had been a bumpy one. For instance, in 1925, about the time of the Scopes-evolution trial in Tennessee, Chase faced a similar uprising in North Carolina from religious leaders who attacked the university because some science instructors were teaching Darwin's theory of evolution.

The state legislature considered and came close to passing a law to prohibit teaching of evolution.

Chase respectfully countered this attack, always emphasizing the point that Christianity was at the university's core. His strong defense of freedom of speech gained him admiration of the faculty and many people throughout the state.

Covington writes that Chase "took the flame that Graham had ignited and used it to build a university and move it into the mainstream of American higher education."

Without Graham's fire and Chase's stone, UNC would not have become what it is today, one of the most admired universities in the country.

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## We are re-segregating our schools

I grew up in the "separate but equal" school era, although we knew black schools weren't equal.



**TOM CAMPBELL**  
N.C. Spin

The 1954 Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. North Carolina, like other states, studied, stalled, maneuvered, and it wasn't until 1971, when the Supreme Court ordered Charlotte schools to integrate using busing or whatever methods were necessary, that our state met the Supreme Court's *Brown* decision satisfactorily.

Almost 50 years after integration, the school choice movement is now re-segregating our schools. Only 79.9 percent of North Carolina's 1.8 million K-12 students now attend traditional public schools. The number decreased by almost 6,500 students in 2017-18. Charter schools saw an increase of almost 10,000 and now enroll

more than 111,000. Six and a half percent of North Carolina's \$8.93 billion funding is directed to some 200 charter schools.

Private schools also added numbers. In 1961, 17,000 students were enrolled in 166 private schools. Now, more than 102,000 attend more than 769 mostly religious private schools. And since the legislature defined home schools in 1985-86, enrollment has surged from 800 students to more than 142,000 last year.

Perhaps re-segregation is an unintended consequence of the school choice movement; many, however, believe it was the purpose from the start. Even though integration is the law of the land, diversity by itself is not the primary goal of education. It is a desirable goal, but not the only one.

When charter schools were first authorized in North Carolina there was a stipulation that after their first year of operation they were to reflect the racial and ethnic composition of the school district in which they were located. That stipulation was significantly weakened in 2013,

and we've read reports indicating that in almost a third of charters the student population is 80 percent white. Only 14 percent of traditional public schools have 80 percent or more who are white. In 2015, around 30 percent of students attending charters were from low-income families; in traditional schools, almost 50 percent are low-income students.

Why? Charters are not required to offer transportation for students; while the state does provide some transportation funding, it does not supply buses. Further, charters are not required to provide breakfast or lunch; those charters that do are not required to offer free and reduced lunches for those who qualify. Additionally, state laws give charters much more flexibility over curriculum, teacher requirements, class sizes, how their academic calendars include teacher workdays and how money is spent. Academic results seem to demonstrate that students in charter schools perform on par or better with those in traditional schools.

Let's level the playing

field. We would start by mandating that charter schools must provide transportation, with the state supplying buses for students, and further requiring that each charter school had to offer breakfast and lunch and to follow requirements for those who qualify for free and reduced lunches.

Next, if the charter flexibilities are working well for many of our students why not make them available to all, by giving traditional schools the same freedoms we allow charter schools? We could then see what impact these changes would have on racial diversity as well as performance levels.

What's fair for the goose should be fair for the gander.

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# SOLAR: 30-year leases

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force of 212,172. A majority of the growth was in clean vehicles, but the state still boasts as a "pioneer" in solar energy, ranking number two in the country for installed solar.

Chatham County ranks in the middle of the pack of 100 counties in the state per capita for clean energy jobs. In total, Chatham County had 451 clean energy jobs at the end of 2018, including 126 in renewable energy and 295 in energy efficiency.

Many of those jobs are related to solar energy — a technology that Chatham County has made a priority investment — earning a Gold Award, the highest designation, from the national SolSmart Program earlier this year. Chatham County joined Asheville and Carrboro as the only local governments in the state that earned the Gold Award.

In addition to rooftop solar on residences and businesses, Chatham boasts 12 solar farm projects. Five of those projects are in Siler City — two were built and managed by Strata Solar, two were built and managed by Cypress Creek, and one by United Renewable. Two projects in Pittsboro

were built and managed by Strata Solar. And of the five solar farms built in other areas of the county, four were constructed by Strata solar and the remaining one was built and managed by Cypress Creek.

Solar farms don't necessarily bring long-term jobs beyond the construction, according to Chatham's Economic Development Corporation President Alyssa Byrd. However, she notes that "solar installations generate new tax revenue for our municipalities, which is a long-term impact." According to the N.C. Sustainable Energy Association, Chatham County tax revenue for parcels that installed solar increased by 871 percent once complete.

"This data does not include business personal property tax paid on public utility-owned solar equipment," N.C. Sustainable Energy Association's report reads. "Public utilities are taxed by the North Carolina Department of Revenue, which passes tax dollars back to the counties. The counties receive this tax as a lump sum and do not have visibility to the amount of tax



Staff photo by David Bradley

North Carolina was ranked number two for solar installation by a 'Clean Jobs' report released by E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs) in July.

paid on a specific public utility asset."

While that percentage seems high, it actually only ranks 34th in the state for the amount of solar energy capacity that has been developed here. Other counties, especially those that are economically depressed, saw property tax increases around 4000 percent after the installation of solar.

Property owners that wish to "sit" on land for an extended period of time have few options for long-term investment. Often the land's timbering rights are sold to provide some income during lean times for the own-

er. Solar farms may provide an alternative that not only preserves the land and supports clean technology, but can provide income.

Solar companies that manufacture and manage solar farms do so by entering into long-term, often 30-year leases, with property owners. The company provides the initial capital for the construction and up-keep. The company also pays the land owners rent for the duration of the lease. Once the lease period expires, the land owner has the option to either renew the lease or decide to end the contract. If

they choose not to renew, the solar company will disassemble the solar farm, leaving the land in a similar condition as would be for agriculture.

In 2017, the Chatham County Board of Commissioner passed a resolution pledging a goal of 100 percent clean energy and the creation of green jobs by 2050. As clean energy jobs grow in North Carolina, it is likely that Chatham County will continue to strive to be a leader in the state.

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# DEBT

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pay the debt," she said. "That's just a given."

The county had \$115,096,144 in debt at the end of fiscal year 2018, with major projects incurring debt including Chatham Grove Elementary School and Seaforth High School, both under construction. The fiscal year 2019-2020 budget increased its General Fund spending on debt payments by 36 percent from the previous year, up to \$15,037,661. Initial payments for the new schools and the new Central Carolina Community College Health Sciences building at Briar Chapel are due this year.

The total debt payment in this budget — \$16,669,187, if you include utility debt — makes up 8.5 percent of the county's total expenditures. The county has several pots of money designed to help pay off debt, including impact fees. These fees, collected when issuing building permits for the construction of new dwellings, accounted for \$3,109,900 in fiscal year 2019 and all went to school capital payments.

## Town of Pittsboro

According to financial reports, the Town of Pittsboro has a debt of \$3,998,758, most of it derived from vehicles purchases for law enforcement and the utility department.

The town is slated to spend \$421,061 on debt payments this upcoming fiscal year, accountable for 4.9 percent of the annual budget. It's a decrease from previous years. That payment will help retire some of the loans — the town is slated to pay off utility trucks, a backhoe and a backwash pump this fiscal year for \$13,947, as well as \$76,754 for police vehicles and equipment.

The most recent town audit available, for fiscal year 2018, stated the town's debt decreased by \$302,482 from the previous year because of regular loan payments and the retirement of a loan from the Water and Sewer Fund.

## Town of Siler City

The Town of Siler City

currently has \$10,344,411 in debt and is planning to issue approximately \$107,000 more this upcoming year. Those purchases include three vehicles for the Police Department, a truck and compact tractor in public works, two vehicles and a field machine for the city's Parks and Recreation Department and a boom truck for Sanitation. The town's total debt decreased by \$868,052 during the 2018 fiscal year, with the majority coming from making two loan payments on the expansion of the town's reservoir.

The fiscal year 2019-2020 budget has \$1,544,746 allocated for debt payments in the General Fund and Water & Sewer. That will account for 6.5 percent of the town's total spending plan.

## State of North Carolina

The State of North Carolina, according to the N.C. Treasurer, has \$6.475 billion in total debt, with \$4.96 billion of it supported by state property tax payments. The report stated that 49 percent of that debt relates to higher education, like the University of North Carolina school system, with 16 percent for transportation, 5 percent for hospitals and 1 percent for public schools.

The rest of the debt is called "self-supporting," which means the state does not use property taxes but other revenue sources, such as highway tolls and energy savings.

The state's 2017-2019 budget set aside more than \$1.49 billion for general debt service, which counts for 3.2 percent of the state's budget.

## United States of America

As previously mentioned, a lot of attention has been directed to the federal debt. The national debt hit \$22 trillion earlier this year. According to the Pew Research Forum, the federal government will have paid \$393.5 billion on interest — not the debt as a whole — in fiscal year 2019, which ends September 30.

The interest payment accounts for 8.7 percent of all federal expenditures. The Pew article stated that debt service was more than 15 percent of federal spending in the mid-1990s.

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# Chatham CIS's Shirille Lee on mentoring, intervention

Shirille Lee, the Student Support Specialist for Youth FIRST for Chatham Communities In Schools, joined the CIS team as a staff member in 1998. But long before that, she was a volunteer mentor and board member. Her full-time service to CIS has included being the Governor's One-on-One mentoring coordinator and Volunteer and Youth Services coordinator. She brings infectious enthusiasm the job and says she is guided each day by a favorite quote: "To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."

In 2018, Lee initiated a new program at CIS, "Mentoring Plus," where she began working more directly with schools to provide mentoring, lunch buddies and other kinds of supports for students. It's funded by the United Way of Chatham County, Chatham County government and generous individual sponsors.

With Youth FIRST (Finding Integrated Resources & Supports Together), Lee coordinates individual, case-managed intervention services to reach referred students in Chatham County. In the past year she served 68 youth across 11 schools, with a concentration of services at three schools: Pittsboro Elementary School, Horton Middle School and Siler City Elementary. Lee works with each student to complete a needs assessment and a student support plan identifying an attendance, behavior or coursework goal. The students have monthly check-ins, and parents are encouraged to be more engaged with their child's teacher and school. This week, the News + Record spoke with Lee about her role and the mentoring program.

## What drew you to this work?

I believe we all have gifts. At one time I was at a crossroad in my life and thought I wanted to do something different, explore another gift (I had been youth leader at my church for over a decade). I didn't really know what I was looking for but when I read an article in The Chatham News about mentoring, I signed up before I knew what I was doing. I later followed up that decision with signing up to be a foster parent for Chatham County Department of Social Services. I thought I was on a different path, but it lead me right back to working with children, just in a different capacity.

Working for CIS is the dream job!!! It's like having your cake and eating it too!

## How would you describe what mentoring is to someone who may not know what it is?

Mentoring is all about opportunity and exposure.

As a mentor you have the opportunity to expose youth to positive things in their community, include them in things they may not get a chance to explore for many reasons. It's hard to prepare a meal or read a book together for a single parent who works 12-16 hours a day or go to the planetarium or the zoo when you're struggling to make ends meet. A mentor can step in and provide those experiences. Surprisingly some of the favorite activities for mentees were grocery shopping, cooking a meal and sitting down together to eat that meal, working in the garden or flower bed, enjoying the peace and quiet.

It's not about money and the things a mentor could buy, but the time spent together. Men-

toring is about sharing your story. Sometimes we (adults and youth) just focus on the end results and never share what it took to reach the goal. Our youth need to hear the story and know that they can persevere and achieve.

Certainly, mentoring is about giving, but it's also about receiving. It's an amazing feeling to know that you are making/have made a difference in a person's life. You learn so much from your mentee about resilience and endurance. You also learn a lot about yourself and a sense of gratitude for the informal mentors that influence you.

## How does mentoring benefit a young person?

Mentoring provides additional support for a youth. Whether academic, recreational or emotional support, a mentor can be there to help meet the need. Mentoring gives a young person the opportunity to experience new things that could have life changing effects. A trip to the ballet or museum to expose a creative, artistic side or helping in a garden and cooking a meal together, exposing an interest in culinary arts. The possibilities are endless.

## How do you find volunteers, what is the process for an applicant, what kind of training and supervision is offered?

Finding volunteers can be challenging. We make posts, write articles, do presentations at churches and civic meetings/events, post flyers and information in neighborhood newsletters/e-letters, but it's mostly word of mouth from current and former mentors.

## How do parents feel about their



Staff photo by David Bradley

Shirille Lee, of Communities In Schools of Chatham County, reviews a letter sent to her at her office on North Chatham Avenue as she works to pair mentors with children in need. She's worked at the center full time since 1998.

## child having a mentor? How do you work with parents of mentees?

This program is voluntary, so parents make the decision to allow their child to participate. Most parents recognize the possibilities of what mentoring can offer. I work with parents to make sure all their questions are answered. Allowing a stranger to leave with your child can be difficult, so just helping parents to process those feelings. When needs are identified, helping parents find resources and encouraging parents to build a relationship with the schools if one is not established are just a few of the things when working with parents.

## How do you decide which kids get mentors since there is a limited number of volunteers available?

The decision can be difficult, but we look at location. We try to match within a 10-12 mile radius, we look at interest

— mentor and youth, parent support — whether parent is really supportive of match, whether youth is open to the match and possibly trying new things. We look at goals — what the youth, parent and mentor hope to accomplish to see if it's compatible. We look at temperament as well as energy levels for compatibility.

## What does mentoring look like? What does it consist of?

Minimum requirement of four hours per month for one year. Don't try to create time for mentoring, but include mentee in things you are already doing — gardening, cooking, hiking/walking, grocery shopping. Other activities are fun too, but it's about the time spent together.

If you're interested in hearing more about volunteer opportunities, contact Shirille at shirille@cischatham.org

# House of Hops bounces into its second year

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Craft beer, breweries, and local distilleries are finding a home in North Carolina — and in return, tap rooms and retail spaces are opening to showcase the craft.

House of Hops in Pittsboro wants to do more than just be a craft beer shop. Its owners want to create a space where the community can feel welcome.

"We try to gear ourselves more toward community space," said Dave Dubill, one of the business' partners. "It's not about the beer — anybody can do beer — it's about the community."

The first House of Hops opened in Raleigh five years ago as a concept created by Keith Bowler and Gary Holt. Dubill, a Pittsboro resident, met Bowler when working as the General Manager for Tyler's Tap Room in Apex for seven years, leaving two years before it closed.

"I stayed in the beer community," Dubill said. "We felt this area could sustain a place like this. It was all a gamble, but we were at the right place at the right time."

They opened at their

Russet Run near the Bojangles on U.S.15-501 in Pittsboro location last year. As it celebrated its one-year anniversary last week, Dubill reflected on how and why the "gamble" worked.

"This area is definitely more event, community oriented," Dubill said. "And we have great partners serving food around us."

The trio brought some of the events that had worked in the Raleigh location such as Trivia Night and Run Club, an event where anyone can participate in a 3.5- or 5-mile walk, run, or stroll on a trail that's safely out of traffic. As those events began drawing interest in the community, more special events were added, including an open ping-pong night and a disc golf putting league. And beginning in September, they will start hosting cornhole tournaments on Monday nights.

"The community has supported us and the surrounding area is getting to know us more and more," Dubill said. "It's all bringing attention to us in the right way."

House of Hops even hosts a potluck meal the first Tuesday of



Staff photos by David Bradley

Nate Bauer and James Dail, holding Lucy, enjoy the atmosphere at House of Hops. 'We were looking for a dog-friendly bar,' Dail said. 'After a long week, it's good to unwind here.'

the month. Since Root Cellar, which is located next to House of Hops, is closed on Tuesdays, Dubill sets up a grill, inviting the public to bring a dish, meat to cook, snacks, "anything really," and join the community for a cook-out.

"It's always an amaz-

"We try to gear ourselves more toward community space. It's not about the beer — anybody can do beer — it's about the community."

DAVE DUBILL, partner at the House of Hops in Pittsboro

ing turnout," Dubill said. "You want to showcase your culinary skills; instead of everybody doing it at home, showcase it with your community."

To thank the community for its support, House of Hops threw a celebration last Saturday for its one-year anniversary. It featured four local breweries, three bands, a kids' corner, stand up jenga, and a grill with chicken quarters where all proceeds benefited Pittsboro's CORA Food Pantry. For

Dubill, it's all about being part of the community.

"I pride my staff in every way in making sure everyone is welcome — dogs, kids, people from all walks of life," Dubill said. "It's home, it's your neighbors, hopefully start a relationship with someone you've never met before."

House of Hops is located at 112 Russet Run in Pittsboro.

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## House of Hops

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## August Events

### TUESDAYS

- Run Club, from 6-7 p.m.
- Putting League, starting at 6:15 p.m.

### WEDNESDAYS

- Open Ping Pong, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAYS

- Trivia, from 7-9 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- Sounds of Saturday feat. High Cotton Band, from 6-9 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- Sounds of Saturday feat. Fine Edge, from 6-9 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- Pups and Pints, from 1-3 p.m.

- Sounds of Saturday featuring Carolina Sound Committee, from 6-9 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- Sounds of Saturday featuring Eli Lev, from 6-9 p.m.

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Sam Polak, left, assists Scott Heffley as they pick out a custom four-pack of beers from the selection on the wall. The two were picking up beers for a concert supply for the weekend.



# OBITUARIES

## BETTY MARIE ROGERS COLTRANE



Betty Marie Rogers Coltrane, 88, passed away after a long journey with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's at her home in Randolph County, NC, Monday, July 29, 2019.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Vestie P. Rogers and Ethel Stuart Rogers, and one brother, Albert Rogers. Betty and Claude were members of First Baptist in Siler City and enjoy fellowship and worshiped at Moons Chapel Baptist Church in Siler City.

Betty worked for eleven years at the Kellwood Hosiery Mill in Siler City. Betty retired from Bank of America in Greensboro, NC, after 20+ years in the Trust department. She was a member of the Eastern Star for fifty years in Liberty and Siler City. Betty was a wonderful cook, and she and Claude enjoyed harvesting and canning the many fruits and vegetables they grew in their garden.

Betty is survived by her husband of 71 years, Claude L. Coltrane; her son, David A. Coltrane Sr., wife, Jill of Tocloban, Philippines. They have three grandchildren, Stephanie L. Montjoy, husband Michael of Ramseur, NC, David A. Coltrane, Jr. wife Jamie of Pensacola, FL. and James L. Coltrane, wife Angela of Youngsville, NC. Betty and Claude also have eight great-grandchildren, Dillon T. Bates of Louisville, NC, Joshua M. Montjoy of Ramseur, NC, Daniele E. Coltrane, David A. Coltrane III, Johnathan L. Coltrane, Jacob M. Coltrane, all of Pensacola, FL, Alicia M. Coltrane, Ethan J. Coltrane of Youngsville, NC, as well as one bonus great-granddaughter, La'Treasha M. Tanner. Betty has many nieces and nephews that will miss her as well.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moons Chapel Baptist Church in Siler City, NC. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at Melancthon Cemetery in Liberty, NC.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to Heartland Hospice in Wake County NC and Community Hospice of Randolph County, NC for the wonderful care and compassion they have shown Betty and her family during her illness.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at: [www.LoflinFH.com](http://www.LoflinFH.com).

Loflin Funeral Home of Liberty is honored to serve Betty's family.

## FAYE WILSON BRIGGS

Faye Wilson Briggs, age 75, of Pittsboro, died Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at Wake Med Hospital in Cary.

Faye was born in Jackson County, Georgia, on September 18, 1943 to the late Woodrow Wilson and Geneva Wilbanks Wilson. She was also preceded in death by one brother Hugh Wilson and two sisters, Patricia Johnson and Norma Wilson.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Thomas Woodrow Briggs; daughter, Tracy Huneycutt and husband William of Pittsboro; son, Thomas Dane Briggs of Pittsboro; three grandchildren, Katherine George, Emily Huneycutt, Josh Huneycutt; three sisters, Ernestine Horton and husband Anthony of Huntsville, Alabama, Rebecca Priddy of Huntsville, Alabama, Debra McClellan and husband Emmitt of Harvest, Alabama.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 11a.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation Griffin Chapel with Pastor Bebe Briggs presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask for memorial contributions to be made in Faye's memory to Stomp the Monster NC, P.O. Box 132, Cary, NC 27518-0132.

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2019.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Pittsboro Roadhouse in Pittsboro.

He was born September 22, 1955 in New Jersey to Edward and Annie Mezynski. He was a long-time member of the Triangle musical community and was the drummer for many local bands. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother, Michael Mezynski and his sister, Patricia Wojciechowski.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Stokes; daughter, Katie Mezynski; and son, Matt Mezynski.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, donations can be made to CORA Food Pantry of Chatham County.

## JAMES 'JIMMY' ARTHUR WHITAKER

James "Jimmy" Arthur Whitaker, 76, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at his home.

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Calvary Missionary Methodist Church with Rev. Curtis Norris officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was born in Lee County on August 17, 1942 to the late Arthur Dillard Whitaker and Jewel Hassie Clark Whitaker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa "Reecy" Keaton; sisters, Faye McLeod and Rebecca Whitaker; brothers, Herman Whitaker and Jerry Whitaker. Jimmy owned and operated a service station and Jimmy's Beer Joint in Jonesboro for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Butler Whitaker; sons, Randy Whitaker of Holly Springs, Paul Whitaker and George Whitaker of Sanford; daughter, Wendy Cole of Sanford; step-son, William Wilson of Sanford; step-daughter, June Potts of Sanford; sisters, Janice Goodwin of Olivia, Brenda Hall of Cameron; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

## ALFRED VIRGIL MOORE JR.

Alfred Virgil Moore, Jr., 84, of Bear Creek, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the Siler City Center.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Edward Hill Friends Meeting Church with Josh Conrad presiding. Burial followed at Hope Cemetery. The family received friends from 12:30 to 1:45, prior to the service.

Alfred was born July 5, 1935 to the late Alfred Virgil Moore, Sr. and Ossie Clyde Sanders in Moore County. He was a veteran of the Army and later worked in textiles as a machine repairman for many years. He was a member of Edward Hill Friends Meeting Church and a licensed Reverend.

Alfred was preceded in death by brothers, Roger Moore, Gilbert Moore, and sisters, Betty Greene and Darlene Maness.

Survivors include his wife, Mary "Lillian" Scott Moore of Bear Creek; sons, Alfred Lewis Moore of Siler City, Randy Lee Moore of Sanford; sister, Mildred Tonkins of Asheboro; brothers, Rev. Leonard Ross Moore of Robbins and Wayne Moore of Cameron.

Condolences may be offered at: [www.joycebradychapel.com](http://www.joycebradychapel.com).

## MRS. MARY SHARP MITCHELL MCCULLOCH

Mrs. Mary Sharp Mitchell McCulloch, 88, of Pittsboro, passed away at the UNC Hospice Home, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2019 at Chatham Memorial Park.

Born May 10, 1931 in Cupar, Fife, Scotland, "Myra" was a daughter of the late James Mitchell and Isobel Galloway. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Rona McCulloch Nicholson.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Mr. David McCulloch; sons, Euan David McCulloch of England, and Ross McCulloch of Georgia; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to: The Benevolent Fund at Pittsboro Christian Village, 1825 East Main Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

## EDWARD ANDREW MEZYNSKI

Edward Andrew Mezynski, 63, of Pittsboro, died at his home on Monday, July 22,

## EDDY RAY THOMAS

Eddy Ray Thomas, 76, of Sanford, passed away Thursday, July 25, 2019 at his home.

The funeral service was held Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Jonesboro United Methodist Church with Rev. Andi Woodhouse officiating. Burial followed in Broadway Town Cemetery.

He was born in Lee County on April 21, 1943 to the late Samuel Edward Thomas and Margaret Comer Thomas. Eddy was an active member in Sanford Elks Lodge #1679, Sanford Moose Lodge #386 and

VFW Post 5631. He was a charter member of C-Cape Tractor Club and was very involved in nursing home ministries.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Bell Thomas; daughter, Lisa Thomas Hamm of Stokesdale; brother, Jimmy Edward Thomas of Sanford; sister, Margaret Ann Thomas of Sanford; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Please consider making donations in his honor to a Veteran's group of your choice.

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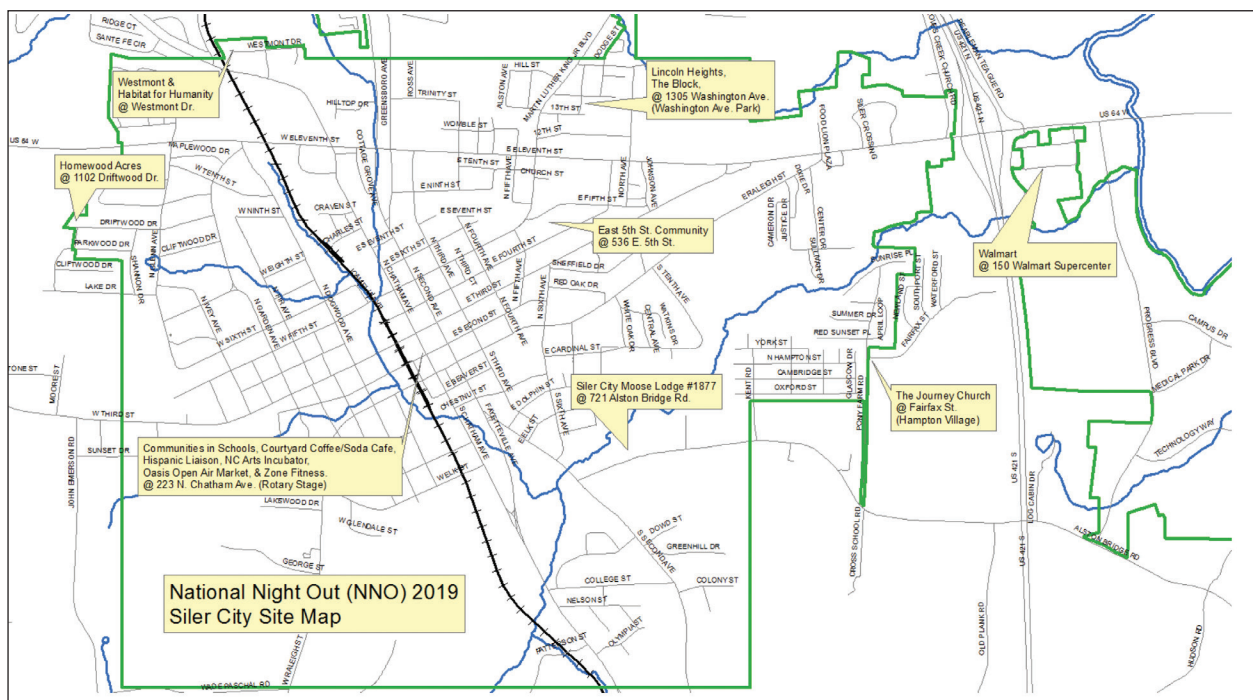


Image courtesy Town of Siler City

National Night Out, celebrated on the first Tuesday of August, returns to Siler City at the eight neighborhood locations pinpointed above, on Aug. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.

# National Night Out returns to Siler City next Tuesday

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — For the 10th consecutive year, residents in neighborhoods throughout Siler City will host gatherings — think fun and games and lots of good food — when the local observance of National Night Out returns to Siler City on Tuesday.

Celebrated by millions of people across thousands of communities throughout the U.S., Siler City residents can participate in the festivities — underway from 6 to 9 p.m. — at eight locations this year. That's one fewer than last year, but organizers of the local event say the popular annual observance, always held on the first Tuesday of each August, hasn't diminished.

"We're expecting a good turnout," said Andrea Smith, the Siler City Police Department's Communications Supervisor.

Smith has been instrumental in planning this year's NNO.

"It's all about citizens interacting with each other and with law enforcement and having fun," Smith said.

As its name states, National Night Out is a nationwide event

— sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and first introduced in 1984 — with a goal year-after-year of enhancing community awareness of crime prevention and strengthening community/law enforcement relations.

"National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community," the official NNO website states about the annual event. "Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."

Officers from the Siler City Police Department — including the department's new police chief, Michael Wagner — will be "out and about meeting folks" at the eight NNO spots on Tuesday evening, Smith said.

Officers with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office will also be participating in NNO in Siler City, as will fire, medical and other public safety personnel.

The Siler City Police Department hosted its first NNO event in 2009 and since then it's grown in popularity, with the town winning several awards from the National Association of Town Watch over the past decade for its strong community-wide participation.

NNO 2019 events will span throughout Siler City. Events are scheduled downtown (at Communities In Schools, Courtyard Coffee, Hispanic Liaison, N.C. Arts Incubator, Oasis Open Air Market, and Zone Fitness); Homewood Acres; Westmont Drive; Lincoln Heights; East 5th Street; Siler City Moose Lodge at 721 Alston Bridge Road; The Journey Church, Fairfax Street; and Walmart, 150 Walmart Supercenter.

The Fifth Street site has grown into one of the largest NNO locations over the past decade of NNO observances, the small neighborhood putting on a big event and feeding hundreds.

"There's food at just about every location," said Smith, who will be out and about herself, on duty documenting the fun at various locations with photos (which help the town earn recognition for participation) but also enjoying the night.

"Absolutely," Smith said. "I've always enjoyed it."

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## Swing out, Pittsboro!



Staff photo by David Bradley

Oddco, a venue in Pittsboro for art and artists, played host to the band The Straight 8s on a recent Saturday night gig. The band, now with three albums recorded, plays a variety of original swing and rockabilly-style songs based on the work of early rock and Sun Records artists.



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The drummer of any band is key to keeping the band in sync. Mark Murphy with The Straight 8s kept the band on time through the night.

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**'NO TRUE GARDEN IS EVER DONE'**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Suzanne 'Suza' White uses unusual containers in her garden. Here sedum is planted vertically in bricks.

# Suza White finds hers own secret garden

**BY CASEY MANN**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Suzanne "Suza" White gardened from coast to coast before finding a "personal secret garden" in her modest home on Old Graham Road in Pittsboro.

White has lived all over the country, teaching art to junior high students in California, living in Sante Fe, and working as a professional, award-winning gardener in Philadelphia, before making her way to Pittsboro.

"I'm a bi-coastal gardener," she says. "I'm a typical little old lady that gardens like our grandmas did."

She gardens, she says, for very specific reasons — exercise, learning, challenge, process, aesthetics, and her photography.

"It beats going to the gym," she says. "It's like liquid yoga."

White was always surrounded by gardens. Her mother was an avid gardener who had could "have a cactus and an orchid right next to each other in the greenhouse" and kept a "Victory Garden" during World War II.

"I've always gardened and over the years I learn more," she said.

While in Philadelphia, she attended classes in horticulture at the Barnes Foundation and Temple University.

"The arboretum at Barnes is a great place to learn," White said. "I learned a lot at Barnes — soils, weather, plants, insects."

She and her sister Lis Braun worked together in Philadelphia, calling themselves "the gardening girls" and together in their '55 Chevy pick-up, they would perform garden design and maintenance for clients in "all the huge mansions."

The pair also participated in the Philadelphia Flower Show, one of the largest of its kind, winning multiple blue ribbons for their displays. One year, all the contestants had to create their displays using the theme "sentimental journey." The sisters took on the challenge and decided to "push the envelope" creating a "scent"-imental journey using found objects from a dump and used the notorious amorphophallus rivieri, also known as the devil's tongue or the voodoo lily, as their centerpiece.

As time progressed, White began to feel the weight of time.

"I was a little older and it was getting harder to carry," she said. "And the winters were awful [in Philadelphia]."

So she decided to move to Pittsboro where her friend and artist Katherine "Kate" Ladd had moved. She found her home with the help of local agent Elizabeth Anderson and began the process of creating her personal secret garden. She enlisted the help of J.V. Yates and his son, Chris, of Yates Maintenance who assisted her with building fences,



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

White does most of her gardening herself. She says the exercise helps her stay mobile.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

White's garden shop, where tools and bird seed are stored.

moving piles of debris, and pretty much any of the heavy lifting she is no longer able to do herself.

"There isn't anything they can't do," White says. "They're like husbands you don't have to be married to. I love them and I couldn't be in this house without them."

Her backyard oasis is filled with beautiful, colorful plants she's collected — some from her mother's garden and some from Big Bloomers in Sanford. She warns against using the big box stores for plants since they are often mislabeled or are root-bound. Her compost "bin" rests on cardboard that she can move to any spot in the garden, calling it the "heart" of the garden.

She has found creative ways to collect rain water from canvas tarps and umbrellas that shade her deck. And she uses found objects — balls, broken pottery, local art — to accent the landscape. Submerged ponds create habitats for bull frogs and dragonflies.

"No true garden is ever done," she says. "For me a garden is morphing, changing, pulsing, it's becoming what it will be next."

When the weather's good, she's out in the garden — watering, weeding, pruning.

"Pushing and pulling and stooping and stretching and sometimes I do a



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Garden chairs are tucked in intimate spots in White's garden.

yoga stretch," she continued. "It's exercise without the stress."

White is constantly learning, she notes, such as finding this year that mosquitoes don't breed in a copper pot that fills with rainwater in the garden. She likes the challenge of the garden and "adores solving problems." In the process, she says, things happen that are always a surprise. And the aesthetics, the colors, are "the icing on the cake."

Her experience in art, design, and art history are evident in her garden. And her garden inspires her to create her art — photography.

"I grow it to shoot it," she says. "When I take my pictures, I go beyond the capture, beyond the click. I alter things and reveal

maybe what a bee sees. It's sort of ephemeral more like what happens when you're not looking — something you have to study.

White takes her photos on her phone using different applications to edit and morph them into art pieces. She calls the apps her "paint brushes."

"It gives you a whole new appreciation for the plants," she said.

Her photos are often extreme close-ups of the flower, painted using the apps to create images that are vibrant and sharp, some feeling electric. She says she loves contrast, texture, and color and both her garden and her art reflect that.

"Gardeners — we are a dying breed," she says. "I'm just the stewardess for



Artwork by Suzanne 'Suza' White

A Route 66 day lily White captured on her phone and used to create art.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

This 'What's up, Doc?' prickly pear cactus is lovingly maintained by White.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

A helenium autumnale or 'Helen's Flower' grows in Suzanne 'Suza' White's garden. The color the flowers provide, she says, are the 'icing on the cake.'

this little plot of land on the planet — an eco-system of its own."

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**EBENEZER AME ZION CHURCH**

The conference workers Rainbow Tea will be held at 5 p.m. at Ebenezer AME Zion Church on Saturday, August 3. The Reverend Grant of Long's Memorial AME Zion Church will be the speaker, with music by the Thompson Chapel Male Chorus and O'Bryant Chapel Choir. The church is located at 660 Holland Chapel Road in Apex.

**BROWN'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Brown's Chapel United Methodist Church will celebrate 173 years of ministry at its annual Homecoming on August 4. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. with worship at 11. The Homecoming Feast will follow that service. Come share in our ever-changing mission and ministry! We are located at 355 Chicken Bridge Road, Pittsboro.

**SANDY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

We will be having our "YeeHaw" Vacation Bible School on Saturday, August 3 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. This will be a fun day of crafts, music, Bible Adventures, and sport activities. Lunch will be provided. All children, ages 2 and up, are invited to 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek, to join in on the "YeeHaw" fun! Hope to see you there.

**TERRELLS CHAPEL AME ZION**

Our annual revival will begin on Sunday,

August 4 with Sunday School beginning at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 11 at Terrells Chapel AME Zion Church. Rev. Charles Mathews, pastor, will bring the morning message.

The guest speaker will be Bishop Eric McDaniel, Senior Pastor, of the Lord's Church, Raleigh. Services will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, August 7 and 8. Everyone is invited.

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Join us at Ebenezer United Methodist Church for a full day of Vacation Bible School camp on Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as we travel across the African Savannah in ROAR! Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and we'll close the day with a hot dog supper for parents and kids alike. A light breakfast, full lunch, and two snacks will be provided.

There is no charge to any family to attend, but please tell us you're coming so we can prepare enough food. Complete our simple reservation form: <https://www.churchbythelake.org/vacation-bible-school>. We are conveniently located at 724 Beaver Creek Road, Apex.

**LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

Loves Creek Baptist Church will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Thursday, August 1 from 2:30 to 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There is an emergency need for blood. For an appointment,

visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "LCBC" to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins are also welcome. The location for this event is 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City. Give blood! Help save lives!

**MAYS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Mays Chapel Baptist Church annual Homecoming service will be held Sunday, August 4 at 11 a.m. The guest speaker for the service will be Rev. Val Chadwick. A covered dish meal will be held immediately following the service. We welcome all visitors! The church is located at 24 Rosser Road, Bear Creek.

**OLIVERS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH**

The Stewardess Board of Olivers Chapel AME Zion Church will present the annual Rainbow Tea, Table of Colors, at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 3. The children and youth will model the colors represented.

The public is invited. The church is located at 2527 Olivers Chapel Church Road, Staley.

**HOLLAND CHAPEL AMEZ CHURCH**

Holland Chapel AMEZ Church Ushers will celebrate their anniversary during the Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 4. Rev. Brodwynn Roberts, Ministerial Assistant will bring the morning message.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at: 360 Burgess Road, Apex. Phone: 919-362-7831.

**UPCOMING REUNIONS**

**JUSTICE REUNION SCHEDULED**

The Nathan B. Justice Family Reunion will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at Hickory Mountain Baptist Church in Chatham County.

Family and friends are invited to come casual or in Sunday dress and bring their favorite dish. Everyone is

welcome.

**E.A. BRADY REUNION ANNOUNCED**

The 45th E.A. Brady Family Reunion will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Pleasant Grove Church Fellowship Hall in Bennett.

Chicken will be provided, please bring a vegetable or dessert.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**CCCC offering scholarship for Chatham residents**

Central Carolina Community College is offering a Chatham-specific scholarship for individuals seeking Continuing Education credits.

The Pittsboro Area Health Initiative Scholarship is available for

the 2019-2020 school year. According to the college, the scholarship covers the cost of registration for citizens of Chatham County who plan to enroll into a short-term medical career training program through Continuing Education. Funds are awarded until exhausted.

Applications are available at the CCCC Continuing Education Office

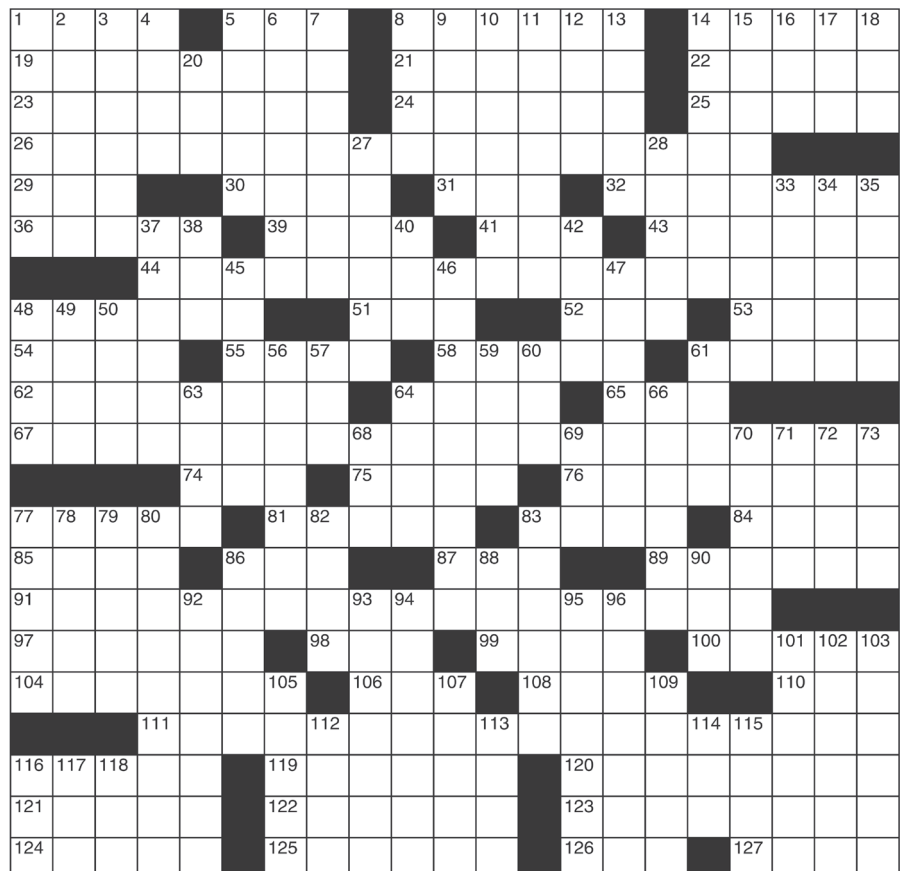
on the Pittsboro campus and online at [ccc.edu/ecd/scholarships](http://ccc.edu/ecd/scholarships). For more information about these and other Continuing Education Financial Assistance opportunities, please contact Latoya Brower, Scholarships Coordinator, at 919-545-8033 or via email at [lbrower@cccc.edu](mailto:lbrower@cccc.edu).

—CN+R staff reports

**PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo**

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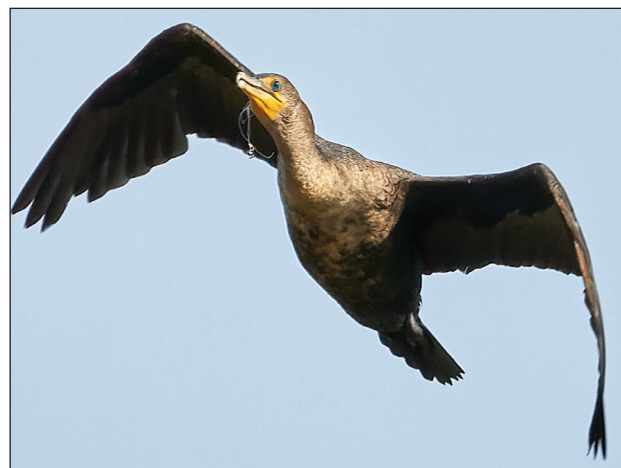
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**Don't leave fishing line behind**

Photos by Ellen Tinsley

Three young birds at Jordan Lake are suffering, according to 'Doc' Ellen Tinsley, retired veterinarian, author and wildlife photographer. 'They're all in trouble because someone couldn't take the time to put broken fishing line in the trash,' she said. 'I'm heartsick. All I'm asking is for people to take a few steps to save a bird.' Tinsley photographed a young cormorant with line wrapped through its bill and around its neck. 'You can see the swelling behind the line on the throat,' she said. 'This bird probably won't make it because the line will restrict his ability to swallow a fish.' The other photos show an immature great blue heron — 'one of this year's babies,' Tinsley says. 'There is a cluster of fishing hooks snagged in its neck. There is fishing line trailing from the hooks, down around its body and trailing behind it. This bird might make it if the wound in the neck doesn't get infected.' Tinsley said it takes monofilament fishing line 600 years to decompose. 'How many steps does it take for a person to walk to a trash can and discard his used line?' she asked. 'Or, even better, put the line in his or her pocket and dispose of it when they are done fishing? I walk the shoreline of Jordan Lake almost every day of the year. I pick up fishing line, sinkers, hooks, broken rods, busted reels, fish casting nets, blue plastic cups that once held worms for fishing and bottles and bottles and bottles and cans. I wonder just what makes a person so carelessly drop fishing line on the ground... I have found entangled fish and turtles and snakes and all kinds of birds — from little chickadees to ospreys - snarled and knotted within a tangle of fishing line. The ones that are still alive I gather support and we try to save them. The ones that have passed away I speak a quiet prayer and find a place to bury them. I don't know how to teach people to not toss fishing line aside.





SOUTHERN SUPREME

# Fruitcake business grows from humble beginnings

BY BOB WACHS  
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — It's not Christmas yet — the calendar says that's five months away — but it'll be here almost before we know it. And with it comes a number of feelings and events.

For Christians, it's a time to remember the birth of Jesus, when faith teaches that God became a human being to show the world who He is. For those who don't share that belief, it's a holiday majoring on the secular. And for folks in both camps, it's a time of family, friends, celebrations of various kinds and giving gifts.

Those gifts take many forms — from the whimsical to the serious, from the expensive to the cheap, from the wanted to the not-so-wanted.

And from the edible to the inedible. Those include cakes, pies, fudge, cookies and other candies of many kinds...and fruitcake.

There's an old joke that says there's only one fruitcake in the entire world and people just take turns passing it around. Sometimes fruitcake gets a bad rap. But there's a local business doing all it can to change that perception, and while more and more people have become familiar with their product, there are still many folks who find it hard to believe that such a tasty item comes from a rambling building sitting in what for years was a cow pasture near Bear Creek.

Southern Supreme got its start in Berta Lou Scott's kitchen, adjacent to the room that was the hair dressing shop in her home in southwestern Chatham County.

"I'd bake fruitcakes and give them to customers," she says. "They kept saying they were so good, why didn't I sell them?"

The gifts and requests kept growing in number and sometime around 1985, she hung up her scissors and clippers when husband Hoyt brought home a used pizza oven that took up residence in what had been the garage at the house of daughter Belinda and son-in-law Wayne Jordan.

"Hoyt and a partner had a job making wood stoves," she says. "Then that gave out and I said I don't know what we're going to do unless we sell fruitcakes. Sometimes Hoyt would give me a negative answer on something but he didn't this time."

It didn't take long for the business to outgrow those quarters, and today Southern Supreme Nutty Fruitcakes and Gourmet Confections sits in that converted pasture and has



Photo courtesy of Southern Supreme

Southern Supreme's classic fruitcake is widely lauded as 'the best I've ever tasted.'



Staff photo by David Bradley

In the freezer room, Randy Scott, co-owner of Southern Supreme Fruitcake, has a large supply of nuts ready for the nutty-style fruitcake. The company has been in business since the mid-1980s, when Berta Lou made cakes in the kitchen oven.

a parking lot big enough to accommodate the tour buses, church vans and customer autos that begin flocking there in late fall.

At the moment, the showroom is empty. As a matter of fact, it's in a state of transition, being enlarged and rearranged by a crew supervised by Hoyt and Berta Lou's son Randy, one of the several Scott family members involved in the operation.

"We've added on 10 times," he says. "I'm pretty sure this will be my last."

The secret to the success may be found in the name — "Nutty." While there is fruit in Southern Supreme fruitcakes, there's also a

generous helping of nuts, giving the cake a distinctive flavor without a heavy dose of jellied fruit often found in other brands.

"Last year we sold something like 225,000 cakes," Randy says. "About 45 percent went out the front door here. The rest were at various craft shows, like the Christmas show in Charlotte, or internet or wholesale sales. And we also ship out a bunch to England and to APO military addresses. We make about 3,000 cakes a day in the busy season. And really the only fruit in them is dates, pineapple and golden raisins. We'll put 90 pounds of nuts in a

300-pound mix."

Besides the generous amounts of nuts, the Scotts are convinced perhaps the major factor in customer acceptance is in how the cakes are baked.

"We continually stir the batter," Randy says, "so there's no air in them. They're very dense."

Changing the stigma of too much jellied fruit in many fruit cakes was the hardest obstacle to overcome.

"We started going to the show in Charlotte," Randy says, "in a 10-foot by 10-foot square space. We had a hard time getting folks to try our fruitcake. They'd say, 'I don't like fruitcake,' and we'd say, 'Just try it.' Now we have



Staff photo by David Bradley

Sandy Brown, co-owner of Sandy & Co., slices pickles for the many varieties offered by her company in the showroom. Southern Supreme sells pickles, jellies, chocolates and other products when fruitcakes are not in demand.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Berta Lou Scott stands with a power saw that's being used in the construction process for the new showroom. 'It means we're still here and growing,' she said.

a 900-square foot space in that show."

Other marketing stops were made in the early years, including at the Southern Home Show in Raleigh and even the N.C. State Fair. The success of the seasonal goodies led Berta Lou and her staff to begin experimenting with other delectables.

"We added maple peanuts one year because the staff wanted to make baskets," she says. "Then we added pecans, peppers, candy, relish, it just evolved."

Typically, the showroom includes not only those items but a number of goodies with "chocolate" in their name along with jams and jellies, including 23,000 jars of pepper jelly last year. Fruitcakes, in a wide variety of sizes, are still at the center of the

business but Berta Lou, who Randy says is definitely in charge of product development, is always toying with new ideas.

"We've tried some product lines in the past that just didn't turn out well enough to justify keeping them," he says. "So we didn't."

When things are at their busiest, Southern Supreme will employ around 100 people. While many are extended family, there are also a number of community residents who come at the holiday season to pitch in. Several year-round staff members are immediate family members, including Randy, daughters Sandy and Belinda, her husband Wayne, and Gail Scott, wife of Hoyt and Berta Lou's son Ricky. One of the seasonal veterans is Barbara Dowd.

"She's our senior worker," Berta Lou says, "been with us for 30 years. She makes the bows for our gifts. Every year we ask her if she's coming back next year."

A peek at the calendar lets the family know time is moving on — time to finish the remodeling, time to prepare the pickles and relishes and other non-seasonal products, and time to catch their collective breaths. "Sometimes in the busy time you can't tell Tuesday from Saturday," Randy says. "When we have our open house, we'll have 5,000 people come through in four days."

It's been years since the first fruitcakes were sold from Berta Lou's dining room table.

"It's taken a lot of hard work," she says, "but I know we've been blessed along the way. This couldn't have happened without Hoyt, our children and my sisters Ethel-da and Sue Ann. It's been a warm feeling to follow God's plan for our lives."

Southern Supreme is at 1609 Hoyt Scott Road, Bear Creek. The phone numbers are 336-581-3141 or 1-877-815-0922. And the good news is that, even with the remodeling and in the busy times, the sample bar of goodies and coffee is always open.

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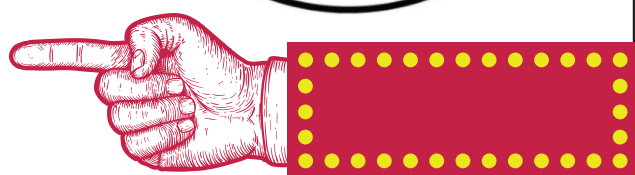
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# SCHOOL: 622 started kindergarten in Chatham County last year

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“The state continues to put more and more expectations on children younger and younger,” Elmore said. “For kids who have not attended a pre-school program — maybe they’ve stayed with grandmother or been in a home daycare — and have not had any kind of introduction to literacy or early numeracy, it can slow things down. You have some kids that come and are ready to hit the ground running. We do an umbrella of how-to-do school.”

On the first day of school last year, 622 students walked into kindergarten classrooms around Chatham County. That’s 622 children who may or may not have been in a school-like environment before, who may or may not have interacted with others their age on a regular basis. When they go to school, some are thrown in the deep end.

Kandyce Wood teaches first grade at Pittsboro Elementary School during the school year, but she’s out at Bonlee this summer teaching a kindergarten camp class for the second time. She said the goal is to help make sure “it’s not a shock” when these students walk into their classrooms on August 26.

And that’s what she plans to focus on over the next three weeks. The program runs weekdays from July 29 to August 15, beginning at 7:55 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. Students are attending camp at either Pittsboro Elementary, Virginia Cross Elementary, North Chatham Elementary on Bonlee, based on where they live. Some of the students in Wood’s class will go to Bonlee,

**‘Routine is the No. 1 thing because the routine is what they’re going to have to work with from 7:30 to 3 o’clock. We want them to feel safe when they go into the classroom and we want them to feel confident in themselves.’**

**KANDYCE WOOD, teacher, Chatham County Schools’ Kindergarten Readiness Camp**

while others will attend J.S. Waters School or Bennett School.

On the first day, before the singing, the students have already gone to the bathroom, practiced walking down the hallways and are sitting in a circle. Some are shy and nervous, speaking softly or acting hesitantly about sharing their thoughts. Others are anxious to speak, causing Wood and assistant Angela Cotton to remind them they need to raise their hand before talking.

Elmore said there’s a lot of focus on repeating these instructions and routines, something Wood said is crucial.

“Routine is the No. 1 thing because the routine is what they’re going to have to work with from 7:30 to 3 o’clock,” she said. “We want them to feel safe when they go into the classroom and we want them to feel confident in themselves. We want them to be socially and



Staff photos by Zachary Horner

**Kandyce Wood (black-and-white-striped shirt) leads her Kindergarten Readiness Camp class in a discussion Monday morning at Bonlee School. This year’s session is Wood’s second, and she said the program is excellent in helping students prepare for their first time in a school environment.**

emotionally ready for school.”

School personnel also give special attention to parents, some of whom are sending their kids to school for the first time.

“Especially the ones that it’s their first experience with public school, they have lots of questions,” Elmore said. “It’s a very nervous time in their life with their child. We spend a lot of time talking to them up front, laying out all we’re going to do and how we’re going to do it.”

After reading a book with Ms. Wood about listening — “Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen,” which tells the story of a young rabbit who has several mishaps at school after not listening to his teacher or his friends — the student split up into groups for different activities.

While Elmore said she’s



**Angela Cotton, right, a teacher’s assistant at Bonlee School, helps Gavin Dakas with a pencil tracing exercise Monday morning during the opening day of Kindergarten Readiness Camp.**

cognizant of the limited time the program allows for real academic growth, experience has shown some things stick.

“Even though it’s only 12 days, it’s amazing that they do show improvement,” she said. “But the biggest improvement we see is at the beginning, at the pre-assessment last year, we had the assessors saying that the assessment is too long. They can’t sit still long enough to do the assessment. But 12 days later, they could. They wanted to engage because they understood what they were doing.”

And that lasts into the school year, at least for some — Wood said her kindergarten colleagues at Pittsboro Elementary can see a marked difference in who went to kindergarten camp and who didn’t.

“It is very enlightening,” said Wood, “and it’s just an awesome program to help our kids coming into kindergarten with their social, emotional and a little bit of academic skills.”

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**Clara Wachs, left, and Sadeeq Abdullah arrange blocks into the shape of a boat and a train during Monday’s first day of Chatham County Schools’ Kindergarten Readiness Camp at Bonlee School.**

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## Northwood star, pro baseballer Johnson teaches new generation

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The name Benji Johnson is legendary at Northwood High School as a four-year letterman, catcher and slugger on the baseball diamond.

Johnson was called one of the top hitters in the ACC while at the University of North Carolina, helping lead the Tar Heels to within an eyelash of a national title on two occasions with a pair of College World Series runner-up finishes in 2006 and 2007.

He later played seven years of professional baseball for the Atlanta Braves organization, the Anaheim Angels, and others, and has caught numerous major league pitchers including Hall-of-Famer John Smoltz.

On July 24, he brought that experience to Siler City and offered a clinic to bring professional-level skills to the next generation of ballplayers.

Johnson came to Bray Park to give his 16 students — between 8 to 12 years old — some of the skills needed to become a better catcher. Clinic attendees came from all over the state of North Carolina and other states, including Maryland.

"I have a few different things that I work on, like receiving, timing, rhythm of timing with that, blocking," Johnson said. "I like to get to a place where they really understand that they're trying to control the ball, so they control the game and not just knock the ball down."

He also focuses on throwing, another key part of the catcher's game, as part of building a complete ball player.

"I think my philosophy with this age group of 8-to-12-year olds is building a solid foundation," he said. "I help them understand that their foundation is important for them down the road, and this is the stuff they'll use for a long time."

Johnson's history in Chatham County includes time at Northwood High, where he lettered in the sport while achieving academic honors. After attending Carolina and high rankings in the college leagues, he spent time in baseball's Major League.

His experiences give him a unique perspective to teach important lessons that otherwise aren't available for these kids.

"The experiences that I've had over the last 15 years since high school and the things that I picked up from playing in college, and playing pro ball, and some insights I guess that I have in the way that I train," Johnson said. "I guess my philosophy is probably just different than what others may teach, just hearing a different voice and maybe teaching different skills."

His students worked out in the heat to improve the skills that they use each time they play the game.

"I learned about blocking," Chase Wojcio, 10, said. "I play in the little league, and I'm learning how to catch better, to be a better all around catcher."

Dalton Coffey, 11, enjoyed the clinic also. "I love to play the game," Coffey said.

Johnson's class was for all positions, because his students will likely play many positions at this age.

His emphasis Wednesday was on being a catcher, one of the leadership positions in baseball. He stressed the importance of strength, stamina, and defense, but



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Nolan Shaw, 9, takes part in a strength-building exercise at Benji Johnson's clinic at Bray Park in Siler City. The students had thick bands around their waists to create resistance from their partner as they stood from a squatting position to throw.**

the offensive side of the plate got a lot of attention too.

When in the batter's box, the difference between pro batters and the amateur is clear, according to Johnson. He demonstrated to his students how professional players start their swing from the legs immediately, getting strength from the ground up, rather than waiting for the last moment to turn.

Each student took a turn at the plate, getting a critique on batting skills, and afterwards, Johnson put each of the

students through an individual training exercise.

Defensively, the catcher has to be able to throw to each base with power and quickness. The throw to second base covers the most distance and is the most frequent for catchers, and this was another prime area of focus by Johnson in the clinic.

"First we did two throws to second, just to see what they look like throwing, then give them a word of this is what you need

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## Randolph County takes Stars Division, advances to Final Four

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

CHERRYVILLE — Sunday night's match-up with host Cherryville in third day action of the 2019 North Carolina American Legion State Tournament had all kinds of implications riding on the outcome.

A win by Post 45 would mean the Area III champions would win the Stars Division and earn a trip to the state semi-finals.

A loss, depending on the outcome of several scenarios, meant the real possibility that Randolph County was packing it up at Buck Fraley Stadium on the campus of Cherryville High School and coming home.

In dramatic fashion, Randolph County overcame deficits of 2-0 and 4-2 to rally past Cherryville. The win pushed Randolph County to 2-1 in the tournament and gave Post 45 the tiebreaker in the Stars Division over Cherryville, which fell to 2-1.

Randolph County was slated to battle Fuquay Varina, the No. 2 seed out of the Stripes Division, on Monday afternoon at 4:30 pm while the 7:30 pm game pitted Stripes champion Wilmington against Stars No. 2 Cherryville.

Post 45 took its first lead of the game in the sixth when the Area III champs broke a 4-4 tie Harris Jackson was hit by a pitch with two outs, and later scored all the way from first when a fly ball off the bat of Trevor Marsh was misplayed by the Post 100 left fielder for a two base error.

Marsh, a UNC-Wilmington signee, helped put the game even at 4-4 in the fourth with an RBI double before later scoring on a wild pitch.

Cherryville, which had gone up 2-0 early before seeing Randolph County tie the game in the third behind an Easton Welch single, a pair of walks and an RBI single from Jackson, took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the frame on a solo shot by Robbie Cowie who had three of the four hits by Cherryville in the contest.

Marsh came in to hurl the final three innings of scoreless relief to get the win on the mound, allowing only a walk and hit a batter while striking out three.

In earlier action on Saturday morning, Randolph County dropped a gut-wrenching 5-4 loss to Kinston in day two action of the NC American Legion state tournament in Cherryville.

Post 45 pounded out 12 hits in the contest but could never string enough together against Post 43 started Trevor Sears who hurled 6.2 innings to get the win. Sears walked one and struck out five while Brendan Gant recored the final out and was awarded a save.

Randolph County left nine men on base including a runner at second base which would tie the game after Post 45 had plated a pair in the final inning behind a bunt single from Spencer Lanier, a base hit from Easton Morgan and a single from Blake Marsh.

The Area III champions had gotten off to a fast start in the first with a pair of runs to go up 2-0 behind a single from Trevor Marsh, a double from Austin Curry and a misplayed fly ball in center off the bat of Morgan.

Kinston evened the game up at 2-2 in the bottom of the first behind just one hit, a double by Cameron Butler which drove in a run.

Post 43 darted in front 5-2 in the fourth highlighted by a double by Ethan May, a triple from Jalin Connor, and a solo homer from Trey McLawhorn.

Randolph County would make its furious rally in the seventh but it wasn't enough as Kinston held on for the victory.

Offensively Post 45 received a 3-for-4 outing by Morgan which included a run and three RBI and a double while Trevor Marsh was 2-for-3 with a run and was hit by a pitch, Curry 2-for-4 with two runs and a double, Troy Kenney 1-for-2 with a walk, Tatum Marsh 1-for-3, and Lanier, Jackson and Blake Marsh all 1-for-4.

Kinston had just six hits in

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## West Chatham takes second at Dixie Youth district tournament

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

NORWOOD — The West Chatham 12U All-Star team took second place recently at the District 1 Dixie Youth Tournament in Norwood.

West Chatham posted a 3-2 mark at the event, dropping two of three games to eventual champion South Stanly.

In the tournament opener, West Chatham won a thriller 8-7 over West Stanly. A four run fifth sparked the win.

Stephen Moody was 3-for-4 at the plate with two runs and six RBI in what was a moster game offensively that included two home runs. Brady Phillips added a 2-for-3 outing with a run and two RBI while Westin Phillips was 1-for-2, Benjamin Wilson walked twice and scored a run, and Cole Koenig walked once, stole a pair of bases, and scored a run.

Moody also picked up the win on the mound in relief for WC.

The second round wasn't as kind to the locals as South Stanly delivered a 16-5 thumping on the West Chatham bunch. The victors trailed 4-0 after one but stormed back with nine runs in the second and never trailed again.

Amazingly enough, West Chatham outshot South Stanly 14-11 with Trevor Kirkman going 3-for-3 with two RBI, Bryson Marley and Moody 2-for-2 with a

run each, Wilson 2-for-2, Brady Phillips 2-for-3 with an RBI, Preston Holder 1-for-2 with a run and a walk, West Phillips 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI, and Clay Hill 1-for-3 with a run. Marley also had a double and a stolen base in the loss while Kirkman and Moody each stole three bases, Wilson, Weston Phillips and Brady Phillips two each, and Hill and Holder one apiece.

Brady Phillips suffered the loss on the mound for WC.

West Chatham destroyed North Stanly 17-10 in the third round, rebounding to remain alive.

Holder was the star of the show in the win, going 4-for-5 with seven RBI, a run and a homer. Hill was also 2-for-3 with three runs and an RBI with a double while Brady Phillips was 2-for-4 with two runs, Moody 1-for-1 with four runs, an RBI, three walks and a double, Koenig 1-for-1 with a run, three RBI and a double, and Jacob Asbill 1-for-1 with a run, an RBI and a walk.

Brady Phillips took the win on the mound for WC which scored 10 runs in the fifth and three in the sixth to cap off a torrid rally.

Day four action saw West Chatham face unbeaten South Stanly in the finals, needing a win to force a decisive game.

The locals came through behind the pitching of Moody and Hill who combined limit the powerful South Stanly



Staff photo by David Bradley

**West Chatham All-Star's Trevor Kirkman waits at the plate to take out Lumberton's Carson Phillips in the bottom of the fourth inning. The two teams were in head-to-head competition at Freedom Park in Eden for the Dixie Youth Baseball O-Zone State Championships. Phillips was safe, and Lumberton advanced to the next round after winning, 10-5.**

batting attack to just two runs, both of which came in the bottom of the second.

Offensively, Holder had another big game for West Chatham with a 2-for-2 outing that included a run, two RBI and a homer. Moody also homered in going 1-for-1 with two runs, two RBI and a walk while Koenig was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Asbill and Alex Nielson both doubled for WC with Nielson scoring and driving in a run.

South Stanly would answer in day five action with an 11-7 triumph over West Chatham to take the district title.

Four runs in the first and fourth innings sparked the SS win after West Chatham had opened up a 3-0 lead in the top of the first.

Moody was 2-for-2 with a run, four RBI and a walk in the loss by WC while West Phillips was 2-for-3 with a run and a walk. Hill added four walks with a pair of runs and an RBI.



# Legion baseball, softball — where does Chatham County go looking forward?

It's hard to believe but summer baseball and softball are almost finished in the area.



**DON BEANE**  
Sports Editor

The Eastern Randolph American Legion team was competitive but injuries and several key players opting for other alternatives played a big role in the local bunch not getting over the hump more often than not. Regardless a lot of area players like

Chris Morgan, Camden Fuquay, Connor Murphy, and Samuel Murchison got some competitive game action against some talented teams.

Post 81 certainly has been more than hospitable with our area players. Jerry Kidd, Brian Hileg and those guys are first class.

With that said, the idea of a Chatham County Post 93 legion team again is certainly nostalgic at the least. Or even the revising of a Palomino team, which saw Chatham County go to a pair of World Series Tournaments in the past decade.

The key to that success was keeping our top players home, some great coaching from the likes of Rick Parks and Barry Culberson, and perhaps the biggest key - Palomino played just seven innings.

For decades it was impossible for Chatham County to compete with only our players due to legion games lasting nine

innings. We simply would run out of arms.

Only when Edd Marsh and company began adding players from Lee and Orange counties could Chatham County consistently compete. But now, with the growth of Northwood as well as the addition of Chatham Charter, I think a Post 93 squad is very feasible. IF we keep our players home from all the schools, not just one side of the county or the other, and even add a few players from elsewhere.

I know some have even discussed a Palomino team again. So it will be interesting to see what happens going forward, though our players suiting up for Eastern Randolph just across the county line certainly hasn't been a bad scenario at all in recent years.

Speaking of Edd Marsh, there are a host of the Marsh clan on Randolph County Post 45. Last season Trevor and Bryce Marsh led the team to the World Series, and Trevor, Tatum and Blake Marsh just helped Randolph County win the Area III championship and a berth into the North Carolina State Tournament over in Cherryville.

Post 45 went 2-1 in the Stars Division play over the weekend, but suffered a 3-0 loss to Fuquay Varina in the semi-finals of the tournament on Monday afternoon to be eliminated. Wilmington and Fuquay Varina were squaring off on Tuesday to decide the 2019 state title.

Despite the loss, Randolph County isn't done as Post 45 will once again host a Regional at McCrary Park. Unlike the

previous six seasons, however, it will be the Mid-Atlantic Regional instead of the Southeast Regional. It will certainly be a bit strange seeing the likes of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky replaced by a field that now will feature champions from Delaware, New York, Maryland, West Virginia and New Jersey. Virginia will also move into the Mid-Atlantic Regional with Randolph County and the winner of Fuquay Varina and Wilmington.

With Randolph County's most recent success in the Southeast Region, it will be interesting to see how Post 45 and the North Carolina state champion fare against teams from up in the Northeast. There are intriguing matchups all over the board.

The tournament will run from Wednesday, August 7 through Sunday, August 11. Opening day games set for Wednesday are Delaware versus West Virginia at 9:30 a.m., Virginia versus New Jersey immediately afterwards, Maryland versus North Carolina at 4:30 p.m., and Randolph County versus New York immediately after.

One thing's for sure: you will see a lot of great baseball, a lot of the Marsh family in the crowd, and a whole lot of people from Chatham County in attendance.

Switching gears to softball, it certainly was disappointing that Chatham County didn't follow up in some form and fashion (to my knowledge) with a high school-aged team of some sorts after taking the World Series title in

the Dixie Youth last summer in Louisiana. Not to say that the players weren't playing somewhere, such as Mary Grace Murchison, Raynee Redington and Olivia Hudson competing for Region 3 in the State Games of North Carolina, but we have the talent to field a team year in and year out during the summer. You need to look no further than our local high school teams.

Viable options — Dixie Youth, Babe Ruth, and one that has flown under the radar, American Legion.

Yes, there is now American Legion softball in North Carolina, and its in its third summer of play.

Eastern Randolph, Southwestern Randolph, Orange County and Southern Alamance are already playing in a league representing Area III. Eastern Randolph and Southern Alamance were slated to settle the Area III playoff title on Tuesday, July 30 in Ramseur before an Area III All-Star Game for the Juniors at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 9 at Anderson Stadium in Chapel Hill, followed by a Senior Game at 8 p.m.

The North Carolina American Legion Softball State Tournament will get underway in Shelby on Monday, August 12.

So some good things are happening in the area for girls softball, and I think we need to make sure our Chatham County players have the opportunity to compete together in the future, if they in fact there are the numbers and interest to do so. I'm open to any and all suggestions to make sure it happens.



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Layla Worley, 11, takes a powerful swing in the baseball clinic at Bray Park. She was one of the two softball players who took advantage of the teaching experience.**



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Logan Ellis holds back Krue Updike July 24 at Bray Park as Benji Johnson offers tips on being better behind the plate. The band gave resistance to the front player as a tool to becoming a better catcher. Dallas Rambo, in back, works with another player.**



Staff photo by David Bradley

**During a break, Benji Johnson takes the students into the dugout for a snack and additional training on the best way to hit the ball.**

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to work on and focus on," Johnson said. "Then we did some drills when they were ready."

This is an area that sees a lot of improvement in his clinics, he said. But there are a wide variety of very specific things to work on to improve one's game, according to Johnson.

"Number one is game speed, getting used to the game as it gets faster. With catching specifically, I think it, the blocking part is hard because you have to overcome getting hit with a ball," Johnson said. "At this age they're getting comfortable with that, once they get over that hump, then they're ready for the

advanced stuff."

There are a lot of areas that are tough for students to be able to move up in the leagues, but he did have advice on this.

"I think for catchers, specifically, I think it's a very rewarding position," Johnson said. "If they're looking for something where they get to be in a leadership role, and be in charge and develop that part of themselves as a person, I think catching is a very good position for young guys to play. But again it's getting over that hump of getting hit by the ball. I would say give catching a shot because of the leadership part and life skills from it."

# Guilford eliminates Deep River in opening round of tourney

**BY DUCK DUCKSON**  
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**RAMSEUR** — Tyler Dellerman's two-out, two-run double in the top of the fifth snapped a 2-2 standoff and propelled the Guilford Blueticks past Deep River 4-2 in Thursday's quarterfinal nightcap of the Old North State League post-season tournament at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Fifth-seed Guilford improved to 12-14 for the year and will next face the Randolph Lumberkings, regular-season champions who drew a first-round bye, in semifinal action Friday night.

Meanwhile, the fourth-seed Muddogs saw their season come to an end as they concluded 14-13-1.

Blueticks' starter Logan Fisher went four innings on the hill and received credit for the win, giving up four hits and a pair of earned runs while issuing one base on balls and striking out three.

Guilford reliever Nick Berhalter threw one-third of an inning, yielding one hit with one walk, before Ian Asken came on to toss the final two and two-third innings to pick up a save while allowing one hit besides walking one and whiffing three.

Dellerman and Jose Vargas recorded two hits each for the Blueticks, as did Jordan Cassell and Easton Jones for Deep River.

"We came out with a lot of energy and competed early, then found the barrel again late in the game," remarked Guilford coach Sean

Stevens.

"I thought Fisher executed well on the mound, keeping his pitches in the zone, but after Berhalter struggled a bit we brought in Asken to bail us out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the fifth before he went on to preserve the victory."

Nathan Cockman opened on the mound for the Muddogs and absorbed the loss after surrendering six hits and four runs (two earned) in addition to issuing three free passes and fanning four over six innings.

Reliever Mike Williams then pitched a hitless seventh, striking out one.

"We had our chances to score more runs this evening but credit their pitchers for doing a great job when they needed outs," said Deep River coach Michael Milian.

"Cockman threw well tonight and deserved a better fate. He really improved his velocity as the season went on while his curve ball got a lot better."

"But in the game of baseball everything can change on one pitch, like Guilford's big double in the fifth on a 2-0 count that proved to be the difference."

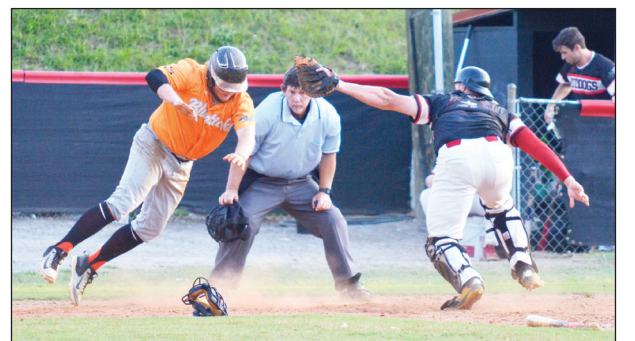
The Muddogs jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first as Parker Clayton led off with a four-pitch walk and moved to third when Jones doubled up the alley in left-center before both runners came home on Cassell's two-out single up the middle.

But the Blueticks answered right back, pulling even in the top of the second as



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Deep River Muddog's Easton Jones goes for the out as Guilford Bluetick's Aaron Harris makes it safely to first in the first inning of the playoff game last Thursday night. The Blueticks won in the sudden death elimination game, 4-2, at Ramseur's Craven Stadium.**



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Guilford Bluetick's Joshua Bonfield gets past Deep River Muddog's Jordan Cassell in Wednesday night's playoff game at Craven Stadium in Ramseur. With the loss of the game, 4-2, the season ended for the Muddogs.**

Dellerman notched a leadoff base hit to center and advanced to third when Davis Downey reached on a throwing error.

Following a full-count walk issued to Joshua Bonfield that loaded the bases, Cade Giles drove in Dellerman with a one-out single up the middle, and one out later Vargas scored Downey with an infield hit.

Guilford then executed its game-winning rally in the visitors' fifth when Vargas rapped an opposite-field single to left with one away and one out later Angelo Pahila coaxed a full-count free pass prior to Dellerman drilling a double up the gap in right-center to drive in both base runners and provide the margin of victory.

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the win led by McLawhorn who was 1-for-2 with a run, two RBI and a walk, and Jayden Gatling who was 1-for-2 with a run, an RBI and a walk.

Hunter Hill suffered the loss for Post 45 after going one inning and allowing four hits and three runs while Tatum Marsh hurled two innings and yielded two hits while striking out two.

In game one of the tournament on Friday night, Randolph County

opened with a hard-fought 7-3 triumph over Union County Post 535.

The come from behind win featured Post 45 rallying from a 3-0 hole in the fifth which saw Randolph County use a lead off double by Blake Marsh to go with an RBI-single from Kinney, a walk to Trevor Marsh, and a single by Lanier to tie the game. Curry added an RBI-single moments later to give RC a 4-3 advantage.

A two-run single by Jackson in the sixth sparked three runs to make the final 7-3.

Union County had taken a 1-0 lead in the third behind a single from Michael Neal, a bunt for a hit by Matt Dugan, a walk and a sacrifice fly from Steven Gonzales.

A Trevor Grant double coupled with an RBI-single from Neal added two more runs for Post 535 in the fourth to up the lead to 3-0.

Curry collected a pair of hits to pace the Randolph County offensive attack while Dawson Davis notched the win on the mound and Trevor Marsh took the save.

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Gaston Braves 10 Davidson County 6  
Cherryville 1 Union County 0  
Fuquay Varina 3 Wilmington 2

**SUNDAY, JULY 28 RESULTS**  
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Union County 9 Kinston 6

Wilmington 7 Davidson County 1  
Randolph County 5 Cherryville 4

**MONDAY, JULY 29 SCHEDULE**  
4:30 p.m. Randolph County versus Fuquay Varina  
7:30 p.m. Wilmington versus Cherryville



# Tribe captures 4-3 triumph over Blueticks to win Old North State Tournament crown

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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RAMSEUR — Henderson Lentz's one-out sacrifice fly in the bottom of the sixth brought in Casey Nichols with the deciding run before Andrew Tilley set Guilford down in order in the top of the seventh as the Triad Tribe captured the Old North State League post-season tournament championship with a 4-3 triumph over the Blueticks Saturday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Closing out the year with five straight victories, second-seed Triad finished with a record of 20-6, whereas fifth-seed Guilford wound up its season at 13-15.

Parker Strader went six innings on the mound to achieve the win, allowing six hits and three runs (two earned) while issuing four free passes

and fanning three prior to Tilley striking out the side in his one inning of work to pick up a save.

Lentz, Nichols and Kirby Smith led the victors at the plate with two hits apiece.

"It was a great effort by both teams tonight, and this was the way a championship game should be played," stated Tribe coach Ross Davis. "A number of guys stepped up big for us this evening, and it was a combination of good pitching along with timely hitting that pulled us through."

Logan Fisher, the Blueticks' third and final pitcher of the night, hurled four innings and took the loss after surrendering five hits and one earned run while whiffing three.

Guilford starter Nick Berhalter lasted just one-third of an inning, giving up two hits plus an earned

run in addition to walking two and striking out one, before Austin Brooks came on to toss one and two-third innings in relief, yielding a pair of hits and two earned runs while issuing one free pass.

"Fisher's leadership coming out of the bullpen and his confidence on the hill were big factors that kept us in the ball game," remarked Blueticks' coach Sean Stevens.

"While we failed to capitalize on some early scoring opportunities, we finally managed to string a few hits together to pull even in the fourth, but after that we only got one other hit the rest of the way. Triad made a big-time play to throw a runner out at the plate in the top of the sixth, but we couldn't make the throw from the outfield when they scored the winning run, and that turned out to be the difference in

the outcome."

The Tribe forged a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first as leadoff batter Luke Pegram drew a walk on four pitches, went to second on Clayton Smith's one-out opposite-field single to right and scored when Kirby Smith lined an opposite-field base hit to right.

Triad stretched its advantage to 3-0 in the home third as Lentz opened the frame with an opposite-field single to left and advanced to second when Clayton Smith received a full-count free pass.

One out later Kirby Smith's base hit to left drove in Lentz and sent Clayton Smith to third. Jake Glover then reached on a fielder's choice when Guilford botched a rundown between third and home, leaving the bases loaded prior to Grant Fulbright plating Clayton Smith with a fielder's choice.

The Blueticks battled to tie the score in the visitors' fourth as leadoff batter Angelo Pahila reached on an infield error and moved to third on consecutive base hits to left by Tyler Dellerman and Davis Downey.

Joshua Benfield then rapped a two-run single up the alley in right-center but was thrown out at second attempting to stretch his hit into a double as Downey went to third and tallied one out later when Cade Giles doubled to center.

After Guilford's Caleb Hager was nailed at the plate trying to score from second on Chayton Lukkes' two-out single to right in the top of the sixth, the Tribe began its game-winning rally in the bottom half of the frame when Nichols blooped an opposite-field base hit to right and was sacrificed to second.

Pegram then advanced Nichols to third with his bloop single down the right field line before Lentz lofted his sacrifice fly to left that allowed Nichols to score the go-ahead run.

Prior to the start of the contest, Old North State League President and General Manager Reggie Allred announced the league's Pitchers and Players of the Year from both the Western and Eastern Divisions.

For the West, Jacob Wright of the High Point Highlanders was named Pitcher of the Year, while Tyler Dellerman of the Guilford Blueticks was chosen Player of the Year.

For the East, Tyler Bryant of the Randolph Lumberkings was selected Pitcher of the Year, while Clay Richardson of the Deep River Muddogs was named Player of the Year.

# Lumberkings batter Deep River

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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RAMSEUR — Zeke Lecomte, Claytin Beaver and Tyler Shelton registered two hits apiece while combining to drive in six runs as the Randolph Lumberkings battered Deep River 8-1 in the Old North State League regular-season finale for both teams Wednesday night at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Winning its seventh outing in a row, Randolph claimed the regular-season title by finishing 20-6-1 in the league standings, while the Muddogs fell to fourth place with a record of 14-12-1. The Lumberkings will draw a first-round bye in the league's post-season tournament which begins Thursday, while Deep River will face the fifth-seed

Guilford Blueticks in its tourney opener.

Austin Thompson, a rising freshman at Wake Tech, went five innings on the mound to pick up the victory, allowing five hits and one earned run while issuing two free passes and fanning a pair.

Austin Wells tossed two innings of hitless relief for the winners, with one walk and one strikeout.

"Thompson is normally a reliever but got his first start this evening and did a great job," said Randolph coach Brandon Nelson. "Catcher Lino Figueroa deserves a lot of credit for Thompson's success with his framing of the ball and pitch calling behind the plate. We had good approaches at bat tonight and hit well with people on base. This team is having a lot of fun but knows we're not done yet. After wrapping up the regular-season title our mindset now is to stay locked in for the tournament and win out as the overall champions."

Muddogs' starter Clay Richardson hurled two hitless innings, striking out two, before Deep River turned to four relievers throwing an inning apiece

to finish out the contest. Parker Clayton suffered the loss after yielding four hits and four runs (three earned) while whiffing one prior to Jordan Moss allowing one hit with two walks and a pair of strikeouts.

Noah Handy surrendered five hits and four runs (three earned) while striking out one before Easton Jones pitched hitless ball in addition to fanning two.

Deep River coach Michael Milian was unavailable for comments following the game.

The Lumberkings forged a 4-0 advantage in the bottom of the third as Nate Steen was nicked by a pitch with one away and advanced to second on Tyler Bryant's infield hit.

After Nate Vargo singled to left to load the bases, Steen dashed home on a two-out passed ball that moved the other runners up a base before Lecomte lined a two-run single to left, went to second on the throw in from the outfield and scored when Beaver notched a base hit to center.

The Muddogs tallied their lone run in the top of the fourth as Cade Culberson rapped a leadoff



Staff photo by David Bradley

Randolph Lumberkings' Nate Roets misses the tag on Deep River Muddog's Rafy Ortega in their game July 24. The final regular season game for the two teams, at Craven Stadium in Ramseur, ended in an 8-1 loss for the Muddogs, and a bye for the Lumberkings in the playoffs.

opposite-field single to left and came home when Jordan Cassell slammed a double off the left field fence.

Randolph proceeded to put the contest out of reach by plating four runs in the home fifth as a result of opening the frame with five consecutive hits.

Following Lecomte's leadoff opposite-field base hit to right, Beaver launched a full-count fast ball from Handy over the left field fence for his third homer of the season.

Justin St. Amour then singled to left and raced all the way to third on a wild pitch before scoring

on Shelton's base hit to center.

After Figueroa blooped an opposite-field single to right that moved Shelton to second, both runners advanced on a double steal, with Shelton continuing home when an attempt to throw him out at third sailed into left field.

# Coyotes corralled by Carpenters

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Southpaw Grant Lohmeier limited Carolina to three hits over six innings, while Jacob Lott went three-for-three at the plate to spark Market

City's 11-hit attack, as the Carpenters blanked the Coyotes 4-0 in the tipoff quarterfinal game of the Old North State League post-season tournament Thursday afternoon at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

Third-seed Market City raised its season record to 15-11 and advanced to Friday's semifinal round to meet the winner of the Triad Tribe vs. Piedmont Whitetails quarterfinal matchup, while six-seed Carolina closed out the summer with a record of 10-15.

Picking up the win, Lohmeier walked one and fanned 10, including striking out the side in both the first and fourth innings. Cody Cline came on to toss one inning of hitless relief while issuing a pair of

walks and striking out two.

Cline, Rhett Lamoreaux and Saunders Joplin all contributed two hits apiece for the Carpenters.

"Lohmeier has a bulldog mentality on the mound and today he threw as hard as he could to his spots with great success," related Market City coach Eddie Blonski.

"We were able to move runners up this afternoon when we needed to, and Cline's two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth put the final nail in the coffin."

Coyotes' starter Adam Dossenbach hurled four-plus innings and sustained the loss after surrendering 10 hits and two runs (one earned) in addition to walking one and whiffing four.

Jackson Clark pitched the last two frames for Carolina and gave up one hit plus a pair of earned runs besides issuing one base on balls and striking out two.

"Their starter dominated us the entire time he was on the hill and we couldn't find a way to hit him," explained Coyotes' coach Riley Nelson. "This was a tough way to end the year, as I thought Dossenbach threw well and did a good job scattering hits, but we never give him any offensive support when he's on the mound as stringing hits together has been a problem for us the whole second half of the season."

The Carpenters seized a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first as Lott singled up the middle with one away and moved

to second on Connor McCormick's two-out base hit to left before coming in to score on Lamoreaux's single to center.

Market City increased its lead to 2-0 in the home third as Lamoreaux grounded a one-out base hit to left, went to second on Joplin's single to left and advanced to third when Jackson Leck reached on a fielder's choice prior to continuing home on a throwing error.

The Carpenters then added a pair of insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth when Lott was plunked with a pitch leading off the frame and Cline followed with a towering blast over the left field fence on an 0-1 offering from Clark for his second home run of the season.

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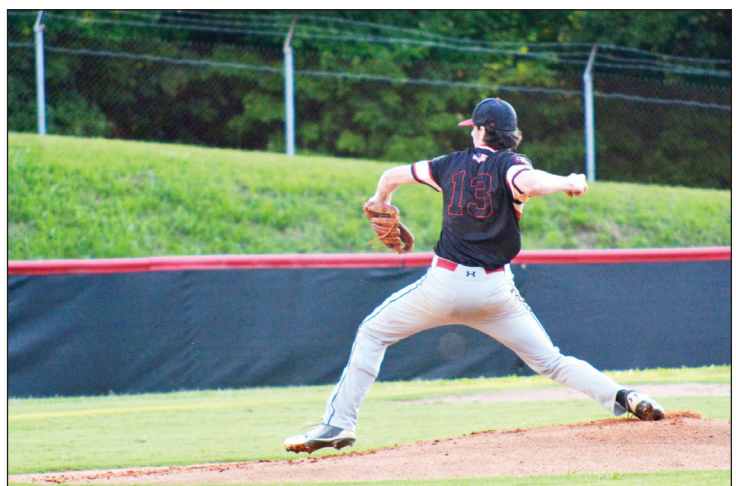


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## Diving for the play

Post 45's Harris Jackson dives for a line drive between first and second base in recent American League action at McCrary Park in Asheboro. Post 45 went to the semifinals in post-season tournament play before being defeated by Fuquay-Varina, 3-0, in Cherryville.





Staff photo by David Bradley  
**Deep River Muddog Clay Richardson delivers the pitch in recent Old North State League action. Monday's game against the Whitetails was a substantial victory for the Muddogs, winning 11-0 at Craven Stadium in Ramseur.**



Staff photo by David Bradley

# Muddogs run-rule Whitetails 11-0

**BY DUCK DUCKSON**  
 News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — The Deep River pitching triumvirate of Nathan Cockman, Mike Williams and Ryan Hill combined to toss a two-hit shutout, while Cade Culberson and Jordan Cassell collectively went six-for-seven at the plate and drove in eight runs between them, as the Muddogs run-ruled the Piedmont Whitetails 11-0 in six innings in Old North State League action July 22 at I. Fletcher Craven Stadium.

With one game left in the regular season, Deep River improved to 14-11-1, while last-place Piedmont dropped to 7-19.

Cockman opened on the mound for the Muddogs and allowed one hit in two innings of work before Williams came on to hurl three hitless frames and earn the win while issuing two free passes and fanning three.

Hill closed out the victory by throwing the final inning, giving up one hit in addition to whiffing two.

"We came out fired up and focused tonight, with hits coming early and often," remarked Deep River coach Michael Milian. "We wanted to give several of our pitchers some work this evening before the playoffs later

this week, and they all did a good job filling the zone and throwing strikes."

Whitetails' starter and loser Will White went four-plus innings on the hill and was saddled with the loss after surrendering seven hits and nine runs (seven earned) besides walking three and striking out five.

Reliever Hunter Collins tossed the last two frames and gave up three hits along with two unearned runs in addition to issuing one base on balls and fanning two.

"Deep River showed up to play and hit the ball well while we didn't play defense behind our pitchers," said Piedmont coach Christian Snider. "We had some hard hit balls but couldn't get them to drop in for hits, while we only managed to advance two runners as far as second base."

The Muddogs fashioned a 3-0 advantage in the top of the second as leadoff batter Easton Jones reached on a throwing error and moved to second on a passed ball prior to Hill receiving a full-count walk.

Culberson then blasted a two-run triple up the alley in right-center and scored when Cassell lofted a sacrifice to right.

Deep River picked up a solo run in the visitors' fourth when Cassell

stroked a double up the gap in left-center with one away and one-out later Rafy Ortega lined a run-scoring base hit up the middle.

The Muddogs increased their lead to 9-0 in the top of the fifth as leadoff batter Noah Handy reached on a throwing miscue and Clay Richardson followed by belting a 1-2 offering from White over the left field fence for his third round-tripper of the season.

Jones was then awarded first base on a catcher's interference call and went to second on Hill's infield single before both runners advanced a base on a throwing error.

Culberson proceeded to slap a two-run single to right, moved to second on a wild pitch and came in to score when Cassell smashed a double to left.

Deep River tallied its final two runs in the visitors' sixth as Richardson led off the frame by reaching on a throwing error and went to second when Jones punched a base hit to left.

Richardson then advanced to third when Hill hit into a double play and scored on Culberson's opposite-field single to left prior to Cassell driving in Culberson with his third double of the evening to left.

## Still in play

American Legion Post 45's Easton Morgan runs after a late toss to second in recent American Legion action at McCrary Park in Asheboro. Post 81 sent their team to the North Carolina State Tournament in Cherryville, where they advanced to the semi-final round before losing to Fuquay-Varina, 3-0.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### NCDOT wants public input on drones

RALEIGH — The N.C. Dept. of Transportation is seeking public feedback on the use of drones, which are quickly becoming an important part of the state's transportation landscape.

NCDOT's Division of Aviation launched an online survey this week to gather peoples' comments on drones, or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

"Public input has been an important part of our program from the beginning and will be even more important as we move forward," said Basil Yap, UAS program manager for NCDOT. "We want to make informed decisions based on what people in our state want and what they are concerned about."

NCDOT has been at the forefront of finding new and innovative ways to use emerging drone technology to benefit people. This includes using them to inspect bridges, monitor storm damage and deliver life-saving medical supplies.

The survey will ask peoples' thoughts and concerns about the current and future applications of drones. It will include questions on noise, privacy and safety issues, and the way drones can improve peoples' lives through the delivery of medical supplies, and assistance with search and rescue operations. The survey can be found online at [www.ncdot.gov/publicinput/3139](http://www.ncdot.gov/publicinput/3139) and takes only a few minutes to fill out. It can be answered by anyone, even someone who has never seen a drone.

— CN+R staff reports

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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Correnia Proffitt, 34, of Pittsboro, was charged July 19 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$5,000 bond with a July 30 court date in Hillsborough.

Anthony Peoples, 23, of Bear Creek, was charged July 20 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$300 bond with an August 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Frank Riggsbee, 55, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 21 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$400 bond with an August 19 court date in Hillsborough.

Noah Wright, 20, of Siler City, was charged July 21 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$150,000 bond with a September 10 court date in Boone.

Frederick Williams, 52, of Siler City, was charged July 22 with conspiracy to traffic opium/heroin. He was held under a \$500,000 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Jeremy Branch, 45, of Sanford, was charged July 22 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with an August 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Xavier Allison, 18, of Siler City, was charged July 22 with conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery and robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was held under a \$30,000 bond with

an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Terry Shoffner, 59, of Chapel Hill, was taken into custody July 22 on a true bill of indictment for habitual felony. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with an August 26 court date in Pittsboro.

Jeanna-Marie Tiller, 43, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 23 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a November 15 court date in Tabor City.

Chelsea Holland, 25, of Pittsboro, was charged July 24 with weapons law violations. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Lawrens Wasileski, 49, of Siler City, was charged July 24 with assault on a female and assault with a deadly weapon. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an August 14 court date in Pittsboro.

William Endres Jr., 73, of Hillsborough, was charged July 24 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an August 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Jeffery House, 40, of Moncure, was charged July 24 with misdemeanor larceny. He was released under a written promise with an August 7 court date in Raleigh.

Derk Luis, 29, of Asheboro, was charged July 24 with failure to comply

and obtaining property by false pretense. He was held under a \$15,000 bond with a July 26 court date in Asheboro.

Gaberial Harris, 26, of Durham, was charged July 24 with assault by strangulation, assault on a female, communicating threats, breaking and/or entering, larceny after breaking/entering and misdemeanor larceny. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Jravier Smith, 41, of Pittsboro, was charged July 24 with driving while impaired and possession of an open container. He was held under a \$3,000 bond with a July 24 court date in Pittsboro.

Robbie Knight, 43, of Sanford, was charged July 24 with felony larceny and held under a \$10,000 bond with an August 16 court date in Bolivia, North Carolina.

The next day, he was charged with felony possession of a Schedule I controlled substance, maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance, possession of stolen property, possession of a firearm by a felon and violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro. He was also charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property and larceny, on which he was held under a \$10,000 bond with an August 12 court date in

Pittsboro. He was also charged July 29 with possession of stolen goods/property and held under a \$2,500 bond on that charge, with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Ricky Oldham, 34, of Bear Creek, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, fictitious registration and driving while license revoked and was released under a written promise. He was also charged with failure to appear and held under a \$100 bond. He is scheduled to appear August 13 in Siler City.

Sydney Byrd, 24, of Ramseur, was charged July 25 with possession of methamphetamine, simple possession of a Schedule III controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held under a \$2,500 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Dean Jenkins, 57, of Siler City, was charged July 25 with possession of a firearm by a felon, prohibiting animals from running at large and failure to abate. He was released under a written promise with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Falan Ivey, 24, of Apex, was charged July 26 with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Ryan Morris, 31, of Greensboro, was charged July 26 with two counts of

failure to appear and probation violation. She was held under a \$12,000 bond with an August 5 court date in Asheboro and an August 19 court date in Greensboro.

Naomi Bringas, 38, of Siler City, was charged July 26 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$250 bond with an August 27 court date in Siler City.

Yeshaun Robinson, 24, of Siler City, was charged July 26 with probation violation. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with an August 23 court date in Asheboro.

John Jackson Jr., 26, of Bear Creek, was charged July 27 with soliciting a child by computer. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a July 29 court date in Graham.

Sarah Collins, 59, of Pittsboro, was charged July 27 with injury to personal property. She was released under a written promise with a July 31 court date in Pittsboro.

Justin Chapman, 27, of Sanford, was taken into custody July 29 on a true bill of indictment. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with an August 26 court date in Pittsboro.

Miguel Torres, 22, of Concord, was charged July 29 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$40,000 bond with an August 5 court date in Concord.

Joy Williams, 40, of Pittsboro, was charged July 29 with failure to appear. She was held

under a \$1,000 bond with an August 7 court date in Hillsborough.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Evelyn Cox, 82, of Siler City, was charged July 22 with simple assault. She was held under no bond with an August 20 court date in Siler City.

Wesley Harris Jr. of Siler City was cited July 23 for a safe movement violation on East Raleigh Street in Siler City.

Lorenzo Nettles of Siler City was cited July 27 for hit and run and failure to stop, driving while license revoked not impaired, failure to yield right of way in an intersection and having an expired registration card/tag on West Third Street in Siler City.

Antonia Siler Sr., 42, was taken into custody July 29 on a charge of assault on a female. He was held under no bond with an August 6 court date in Siler City.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Angela Duenas Ramirez of Staley was cited July 23 for failure to maintain lane control on Coleridge Road in Siler City.

Chris Mitchell of Carthage was cited July 23 for failure to maintain lane control on U.S. Highway 1 in Pittsboro.

Henrietta Holbrooks of Apex was cited July 24 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

### Sanford man charged with 248 protective order violations

Jeremy Branch, 45, of Sanford, is facing 248 counts of violation of a domestic violence protection order related to calls made from prison.



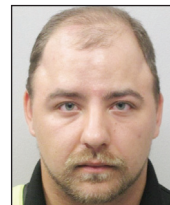
Branch

Branch was serving time for domestic violence-related incidents when he made repeated calls to the individual who had an active protection order against him. The calls led to the additional charges.

He was assigned a \$25,000 bond with an August 7 court date in Pittsboro.

### Pittsboro man arrested as suspect in statutory rape

A man has been charged with multiple felony counts in relation to a reported rape in Siler City.



Kundig

Daniel Kundig, 22, of Pittsboro, was linked to a statutory rape of an individual under age 16 after the Chatham County Sheriff's Office received a report on July 21. He was arrested and charged with two counts of felony statutory rape of an individual under age 16 and felony second-degree kidnapping.

He is being held under a \$420,000 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

### Search warrants lead to multiple felony charges for Sanford man

A Sanford man is suspected of stealing multiple items, along with other charges, based on a search conducted last week.



Knight

Robbie Knight, 43, of Sanford, has been charged with multiple felony counts in connection with a residential search on Chimney Rock Lane in Sanford last week, according to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies found stolen property, multiple firearms and methamphetamine in the residence. The items

were connected to Knight, the homeowner, and the investigation also linked Knight to a stolen Kubota sport utility vehicle reported missing on July 15.

The charges, handed down July 24, include felony larceny of a motor vehicle, felony possession of a Schedule I controlled substance, felony maintaining a dwelling for a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, domestic violence protective order violation, felony possession of stolen property, two counts of misdemeanor larceny and three counts of misdemeanor possession of stolen property. Already in custody on other charges, Knight was given an additional \$10,000 bond, bringing his total bond to \$235,100. He is scheduled to appear August 12 in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

## For mental illness help, does Chatham — or the state — provide enough?

BY ADRIANNE CLEVEN  
Our Chatham

Chatham County resident Ken Howard said he was at a loss: his 18-year-old son Jack — whose name, like his father's, has been changed for privacy — was soon to be released from his third stint at a psychiatric facility.

The challenges Jack faces — depression, social anxiety and bipolar behavior — leave his family feeling unsafe allowing him in their home. So Howard has embarked on an intensive one-man research project to help his son: he estimates that he's called 50 local resources looking for group homes, and he sent me some meticulous

notes of his contacts. His list includes phone numbers for health insurance attorneys, faith-based housing resources, at least one outpatient facility. But each at-bat led to strikeout after strikeout: "Wait of weeks or months." "No openings." "Left message, have not

heard back." "Never returned calls or emails." Hopeway Residential Mental Health Service, a Charlotte-based group home in Howard's notes, had a price tag that took our breath away: an "upfront cost base" of \$26,000 for a 30-day stay in the facility. Howard's goal seems straightforward. He wants Jack to "learn more responsibility, accountability; be in a situation where he could grow up." But the family has private health insurance through Howard's wife's employer, which leaves Jack ineligible for inclusion at Medicaid-only facilities. Howard is looking into government insurance solutions like Medicaid and Social Security, though he hasn't had luck yet.

Josh was murdered in 2008. She believes his "lifelong mental health issues" led him into a situation of victimization and violence. "We always felt that Josh was in the wrong place at the wrong time, because there were not programs to support his needs," Bailey said. "Through her work, she often hears of individuals being released from the county jail, hospitals and residential psychiatric facilities. She says those people are united by "the need to have something to fill their days or to go into some sort of supervised living."

tients often choose other facilities farther from Chatham County. "Your Medicaid patients have more choices," she said. "They can go to any provider that takes Medicaid. The people that are caught in this situation of having trouble finding facilities and services are the ones who are under-insured and uninsured." Henzey called the situation "very distressing" and suggested that North Carolina's General Assembly "provide more funding instead of cutting, cutting, cutting every year."

But Bailey has noticed a lack of "psychiatric beds" across the state for those suffering with mental illnesses. She says the problem is related to hospital closures and changing standards for group licenses. Debra Henzey is Chatham County's director of community relations. She says that North Carolina's "mental health reform" process, which has taken shape over the last 20 years, has reduced funding and availability of treatment facilities and housing for the mentally ill and developmentally-disabled.

Statewide plans to expand Medicaid have been stalled over the years at the U.S. federal court, North Carolina governor's office and the state General Assembly. Julie Bailey, the cofounder of a nonprofit called Josh's Hope, says that situation blocked many young people from coverage unless they were in an emergency. Bailey and her husband started Josh's Hope, a vocational skills program for young adults with mental illnesses and substance abuse, after their oldest son

Chatham County's primary walk-in mental health treatment clinic, Daymark Recovery Services, is located in Siler City. Though it receives some funding directly from the county, Henzey says the center has had difficulty surviving because Medicaid pa-

ward is all too familiar with the lack of resources. "I have had two social workers basically just tell me, 'A homeless shelter is the answer,'" he said. We asked him how he felt about that option. "That's what it might come down to," Howard said. "We're in that far. And I've actually had a therapist tell me that the best thing — he's actually been in jail — and that might be a better solution as well. To be back in jail."

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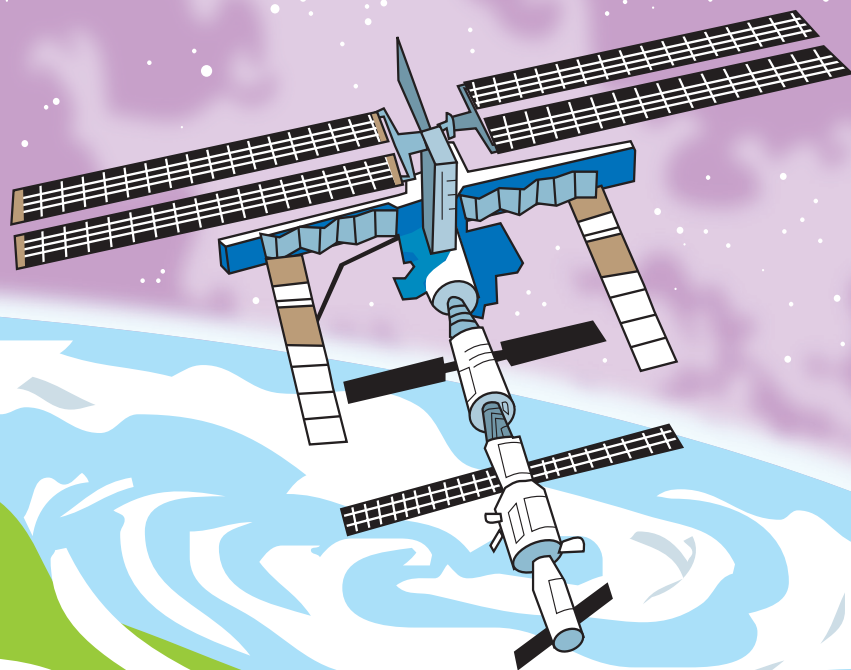
B F K L P O T ?

# Living in Space: International Space Station

**WHO** In 1984, the United States invited countries around the world to build an international space station. Now, with the participation of 18 countries, it has truly become a global cooperation project.

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**WHAT** When completed in 2010, the ISS was longer than an American football field, has a living and working space the size of a 747 jumbo-jet, and is able to house up to seven astronauts.

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**Standards Link:** Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly. Economics: Students understand the effect that increasing international interdependence may have on countries.

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When was it completed? \_\_\_\_\_

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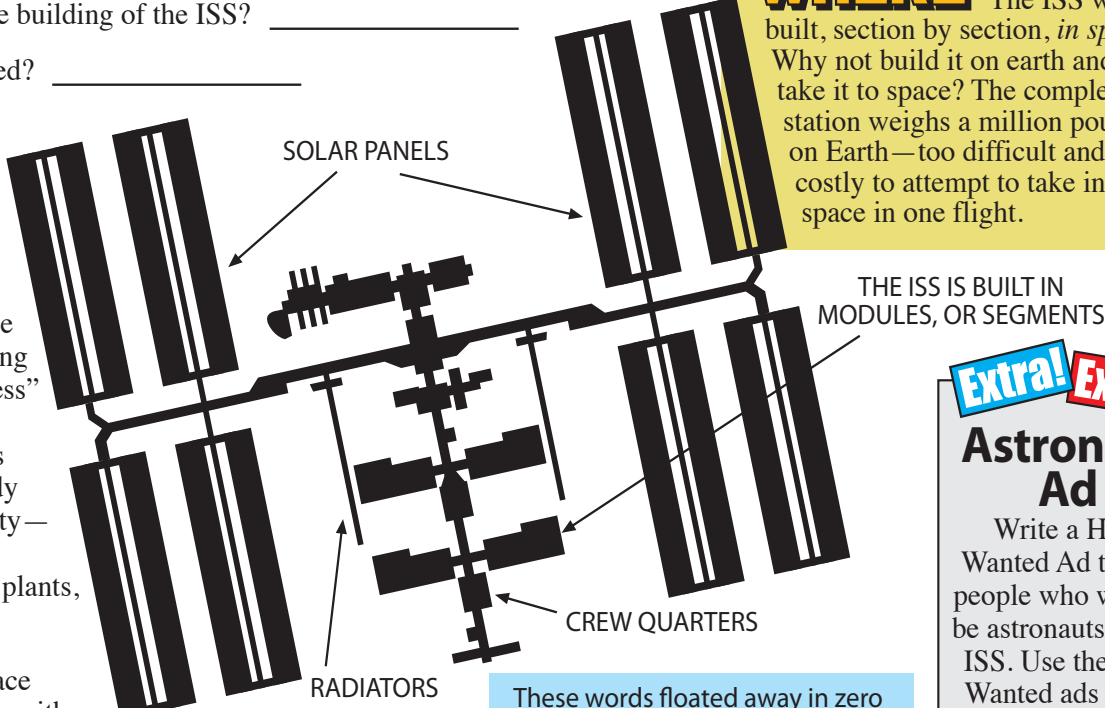
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The space station \_\_\_\_\_ humans to live and \_\_\_\_\_ for long periods in a "weightless" \_\_\_\_\_. The space station provides an opportunity to study a world without gravity—and better understand gravity's \_\_\_\_\_ on plants, animals, and humans.

Lessons from past space travel show that living with little or no gravity \_\_\_\_\_ bones and muscles. The space station allows scientists to understand these effects and find \_\_\_\_\_ for long-term space travel.

**Standards Link:** Science: Know ways in which technology has increased our understanding of the universe.

**WHERE** The ISS was built, section by section, *in space*. Why not build it on earth and then take it to space? The completed station weighs a million pounds on Earth—too difficult and costly to attempt to take into space in one flight.



These words floated away in zero gravity! Find where each one belongs.

STUDY WEAKENS SOLUTIONS  
 ALLOWS EFFECTS ENVIRONMENT

### Extra! Extra! Astronaut Ad

Write a Help Wanted Ad to find people who want to be astronauts on the ISS. Use the Help Wanted ads in the print or e-edition of your newspaper as examples.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Space Milestones

In which year did each of these events happen? Do the math to find out!

Astronaut Neil Armstrong walks on the moon.  

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ \underline{21 \times 3} + 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

U.S. sends four monkeys into the stratosphere.  

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ \underline{25 \times 2} + 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

U.S.S.R. launches Sputnik 1 satellite into space.  

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ \underline{25 \times 2} + 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

John Glenn becomes first American to orbit the earth.  

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ \underline{15 \times 4} + 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Use multiplication and addition to solve problems.

### Double Double Word Search

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

- SPACE
- STATION
- GRAVITY
- GLOBAL
- INVITE
- SOLAR
- WEAKENS
- WEIGH
- FLAGS
- LONG
- EARTH
- NEIL
- JET



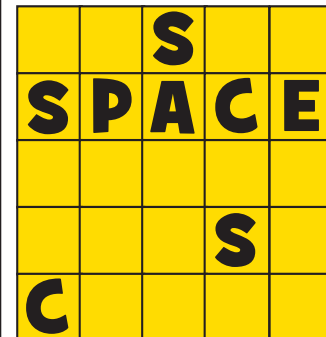
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### What a Character! Curiosity is ...

This page was fun! I wonder what books the library might have about space?  
 ... wondering about and exploring our world and beyond.

### Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SPACE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **INTERNATIONAL**  
 The adjective **international** means what happens between two or more countries.

The **International Space Station** has been visited by astronauts from 18 countries.

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

### Write On! Explorer's Journal

Pretend you are exploring a country you have never visited. Where would you go? Write a journal entry.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Average Age

Find 10 ages mentioned in the news. (For example: *Senator Smith, age 54*) Add them. Find the average age by dividing the total by 10. **Challenge:** Find the **mean** and the **mode**.

**Standards Link:** Data Analysis: Find the average, mean and mode.



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# Fan fiction ‘Hollywood’ is Tarantino’s story of comeuppance, friendship

It seems like Quentin Tarantino enjoys conceiving fake old entertainment as much as real new entertainment. Pastiche fills his films, from the fictional LA 70s radio station heard throughout “Reservoir Dogs” to the “Fox Force Five” TV pilot described by Uma Thurman in “Pulp Fiction.” There’s another Austin, Texas-based radio show and Tennessee-based movie shoot in “Death Proof,” and faux Nazi propaganda films in “Inglorious Basterds.”

**NEIL MORRIS**  
Film Critic

From that perspective, “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” is Tarantino’s cinematic playground, set in the 1969 Los Angeles of his childhood, a neon-lit world of both fulfilled and broken dreams. It’s dingy and grimy, where even the dirty movies have grand premieres. Homeless hippies fill the streets and dive into dumpsters in search of food, while the Hollywood elite and their hanger-ons retreat to the hills to live. The setting is both intoxicating and deflating, a confluence and dichotomy that tragically produced the likes of Charles Manson and his cult-like “family” in the late 1960s.

The film opens in early ‘69 with fictitious actor Rick Dalton (Leonardo DiCaprio) at a professional crossroads. Years before, Dalton starred in a successful Western TV show named “Bounty Law,” but he left it to pursue an ill-fated movie career. Now, Dalton bounces from role to role typecast as the “heavy,” a known but fading actor who’s the foil to the younger star in order to propel the star’s career. An agent (Al Pacino) suggests that Dalton consider resuscitating his career with spaghetti westerners in Italy, but to Dalton that’s waving the white flag surrendering his Hollywood ambitions.

Dalton’s longtime stuntman Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt) is also his best friend, manservant, drinking buddy, and counselor. Booth is avuncular and devoted to his BFF, running middling errands for Dalton and driving him everywhere since Dalton lost his driver’s license for driving drunk. But there’s a dark cloud behind Booth’s baby blues, beyond just the whispers about how his wife died years ago. Booth always seems like he’s straddling the line between kind and crazy, equally poised to help out an old friend or punch someone out.

Dalton lives in the cul-de-sac on Cielo Drive (yep, that Cielo Drive), next door and just below the hilltop rental home of director Roman Polanski and his wife, Sharon Tate (Margot Robbie). Dalton pines to one day climb that hill, too, literally and metaphorically. Meanwhile, Tate seemingly occupies another storyline, where the effervescent budding actress parties at the Playboy mansion, picks up and hugs hitchhikers, visits a bookstore

to buy her husband a copy of “Tess of the d’Urbervilles,” and then surreptitiously takes in a showing of “The Wrecking Crew,” the new Matt Helm picture in which she co-stars with Dean Martin. Bathed in the theater’s incandescent glow, Tate giddily enjoys seeing herself on the silver screen and hearing the audience’s positive feedback to her jokes and action scenes. It’s a portrait of youthful innocence, a stark contrast to the murderers who, in real life, would later snuff out the life of Tate and her unborn child.

Tarantino seemingly sets the stage for a clash along the class divide. On one side are the Hollywood privileged, celebrating or fretting about their otherwise successful careers while society changes beyond their gilted gates. On the other end are Hollywood’s discarded refuse, embodied by Manson (who barely appears in the film) and his mostly-female family, who came to California with their own hopes but are relegated to squatting at a derelict movie ranch (metaphor alert!) while fueled by a hatred of the haves. A collision seems inevitable.

Beyond the foot fetish that again crops up in “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood,” the common theme running throughout Tarantino’s oeuvre is the virtue of retribution, more specifically the celebration of good people standing up to bad people. It’s why Bruce Willis came back to kill Zed and Maynard instead of running away in “Pulp

Fiction.” It’s the core tenet in “Kill Bill.” Tarantino’s more recent films have seen women literally pummeling their abusers, Jews killing Hitler, and a black man blowing up a slave plantation. In speaking about his disdain for biopics, Tarantino says the one exception he might make is a movie about the violent black abolitionist John Brown.

If you watch “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” expecting to see Tarantino’s recreation of the Manson murders with Tinseltown as the mere backdrop, think again. The film rewrites history through the Tarantino prism. Like many of his recent scripts, this is a work of fan fiction, set in a milieu that’s part fact, part fantasy. Tarantino demythologizes the



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

**Leonardo DiCaprio (left) and Brad Pitt star in ‘Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood.’**

## Once Upon a Time in Hollywood

**GRADE:** B  
**DIRECTOR:** Quentin Tarantino  
**STARRING:** Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt, and Margo Robbie  
**MPAA RATING:** R  
**RUNNING TIME:** 2 hr. 41 min.

Manson family — as he did with Nazis in “Inglorious Basterds” and slaveholders in “Django Unchained” — depicting them as hapless misfits wallowing in squalor. There’s little regard for the cultural and societal origins for their existence. To Tarantino, they’re deprived parasites and a mindless cult unworthy of cult status. And, yes, there’s comeuppance in the works.

The film’s fulcrum is the relationship between Dalton and Booth, and how friendships can originate, evolve, and persist for reasons that aren’t always discernible or tangible. But as the film’s title portends, “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” is also a fairy tale where the party never ends, the pretend heroes become actual ones, and everyone lives happily ever after.

## NEWS BRIEFS

# Chatham Extension Agent Roos wins Governor’s Conservation Achievement Award

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation’s has announced that the list of winners of the 56th Annual Governor’s Conservation Achievement Awards includes Chatham County Extension Agent Debbie Roos, who will receive the statewide Wildlife Conservationist of the Year Award.



Submitted photo  
**Debbie Roos**

The award, which will be presented in September, recognizes Roos for her support of small farmers in the area and hosting educational seminars and field days on sustainable agriculture. The group added, “In her early work to support beekeepers, Roos became aware of the more than 500 native bee species in the state, changing her career trajectory. Her position has grown to include support for the wider audience of gardening and wildlife enthusiasts,

which culminated in the establishment of the Pollinator Paradise Garden in Chatham County.”

Roos serves as the Sustainable Agriculture and Organic Production Extension Agent for the

NC Cooperative Extension – Chatham County Center. Based in Pittsboro, Roos celebrated 20 years of service with N.C. State in May 2019.

According to the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, the 2019 winners are “exceedingly notable conservation devotees who work for wildlife, habitat, and those who cherish natural resources. They are land stewardship champions, water advocates, and leaders in the preservation of unique ecosystems. The award winners include agency professionals, elected officials, dedicated volunteers and organizations rising to the challenge.”

Award winners are nominated by the citizens of North Carolina and decided upon by a committee of scientists, environmental educa-

tors, and conservation activists.

The state’s Wildlife Federation first presented its conservation awards in 1958. “Each year we are amazed at the commitment and creativity of North Carolina citizens in protecting wildlife and wild places,” said Awards Committee Chairman T. Edward Nickens. “Many of our award winners tell us their Governor’s Conservation Achievement Award represents the high point of their career, whether they are full-time scientists or full-time volunteer conservationists.”

These awards are the highest natural resource honors given in the state, with the goal of inspiring all North Carolinians to take a more active role in protecting the natural resources of our state.

for any personal property they owned as of January 1, 2019. Real estate property taxes also are billed based on January 1 ownership. However, if the property is sold a few months later, the attorney handling the closing usually requires the seller to pay a prorated share of taxes, with the buyer paying the remaining balance.

The tax office offers several methods to pay taxes, including the chance to pay in installments. The public can pay taxes in partial payments by either mailing them to P.O. Box 697, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312 or by visiting the tax office in Pittsboro in the Courthouse Annex. If making a partial payment, please include your tax ID account number found on your tax bill on all payments.

For more information on tax payment options, including payment by credit card, e-check or bank draft, contact the Tax Collections Office at 919-542-8260 or visit: [www.chathamnc.org/TaxPaymentMethods](http://www.chathamnc.org/TaxPaymentMethods).

outcomes, such as getting them much-needed help for substance abuse and helping them avoid criminal charges if they complete requirements. However, Foxx noted that each program has other benefits for the community and taxpayers.

- **The programs include:**
- **Misdemeanor Diversion Program:** This program directs qualified youth ages 16 and 17 to programs related to their charges. If the MDP is completed, the charges can be dropped.
- **First-Time Offenders Program:** First-time drug offenders can have cases dismissed by seeking treatment ranging from six months for misdemeanor charges to 10-12 months for felony charges.
- **Pretrial Release Services:** This program assists the courts in making release-and-detention decisions, including screening defendants, completing a risk assessment and contacting resources the defendant needs.
- **Family Violence Prevention Services:** This program offers assistance with safety planning, protection orders, legal assistance and referrals for shelter and resources for families and individuals impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Child Victim Services:** This program provides outreach, education and case management to abused children and their non-offending family members impacted by felony crime. This includes crisis counseling, court support and referral to needed community resources.
- **Family Visitation Services:** This program provides a safe and comfortable environment for supervised visits and monitored exchanges of children by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking. No fee is charged for either parent if they are residents of Chatham County.

If residents are interested in more information on these programs, they can contact Chatham 360 at 919-642-1212.

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## Chatham property tax bills coming this month

Chatham County property owners can expect to receive their 2019 property tax bills by mid-August, according to Chatham County Tax Administrator Jenny Williams. The deadline to pay 2019 property taxes without penalty is January 6, 2020.

The fiscal year 2019-2020 county tax rate is \$0.67 per \$100 of value. Three fire districts (Central Chatham, North Chatham and Parkwood) did request and receive a small increase in their tax levies for properties located in and served by those fire districts.

Williams said that it is important for taxpayers to carefully review their tax bills after receiving them. If they identify problems or do not receive their tax bills by August 30, they should contact the Tax Office as soon as possible at 919-542-8250 or 919-542-8260. Taxpayers are billed

## Chatham County Court Programs offer array of services

In 2018, Chatham County took steps to consolidate several programs providing court-related services into one department, Chatham County Court Programs, to ensure better overall coordination. The programs cover such diverse areas as support for domestic violence victims, pretrial release, a safe place for family visitation, and special help for certain minor offenders.

“Many residents will never need our services, but we want folks to know they are available if the need arises,” said Renita Foxx, who leads the new Chatham County Court Programs Department. “Some programs serve those already involved with the court system, while others provide support for victims and family in crisis.”

The court-related programs offered through Chatham 360 help individuals have better



**CHATHAM@WORK | B DEMERS OF THE CHATHAM LITERACY COUNCIL**

**ABOUT B DEMERS:** *B — that's her real name, along with her "normal" middle name, Natalie — Demers was born "a long time ago, when Truman was president," she says, and "in a galaxy far, far away — south central Wisconsin." She wound up living in New Orleans and moved to Siler City after Hurricane Katrina.*

*Formally, she's retired. Informally, she's worked on staff for the Chatham Literacy Council for the past three years. In between she's been a respiratory therapist, crisis intervention counselor, EMS worker/educator, mediator, attorney, sleep technologist and income tax preparer. Along the way she's accumulated two undergraduate degrees, three master's degrees and a doctorate. She's one of 10 children. "After which," she says, "I was happy to have just one amazing daughter (who lives in Greensboro) and a grandson." She has six adopted cats, a number which may grow to seven, given that "another one that seems to have taken up residence a few weeks ago."*

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

Cleaning summer tourist cottages when I was 10 years old. I thought I was on my way to the top at \$1/hour.

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

I worked as an orthodontist assistant for one month shortly out of high school. It's very difficult to work for someone with OCD.

**What's the most unusual customer request or question you've ever had?**

While working in healthcare, I once had a patient who couldn't understand why he couldn't get a goodnight kiss.

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

No matter what the job is, if you don't like it, move on. Life is too short!

**Your standard order at a coffee shop?**

Anything but coffee.

**Your ultimate "happy place"?**

Always, my home, with my "stuff," no matter where I'm living.

**Coke or Pepsi?**

Pepsi, diet and preferably caffeine-free.

**Where is your dream location to retire?**

Not sure I fully grasp the whole concept of "retirement."

**Which do you like better: starting or finishing?**

Starting. I like the challenge of the unknown. Finishing is too often anti-climactic.

**Life on other planets? Yes or no?**

Sure hope so!

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

Get up early.

**Does the early bird really get the worm?**

No, because the worm's hours are not always predictable.

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

Don't have the capability nor the interest in binge-watching. I prefer patiently anticipated what's next.

**Dogs or cats?**

Cats — they're more independent.

**Ever danced in the rain?**

Hasn't everyone at some point?!

**What's the best use of a snow day?**

Making snow cream — then eating it with a cup of hot chocolate.

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

I can write backwards in cursive — not real marketable, but a talent nonetheless. Gotta learn to appreciate the little things :)

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

I always thought I didn't have a "bucket list," because when I wanted to do something, I just did it.

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

Prof. Karherine Lorio, from law school. She helped me be in the right place at the right time, to get ahead or reach a goal.

**The trait you most deplore in yourself:**

I interrupt people when they're talking.

**Your strongest trait:**

My sense of humor.

**What was the last thing you did that really made your boss proud of you?**

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

New Orleans Saints football, because they were such underdogs for so long. Also, any pro soccer team. I so admire the strength, strategy and stamina of those athletes.

**The book you're currently reading:**

"Abraham," by Bruce Feiler

**The TV program that's a "must-see" for you:**

This is Us

**Your favorite movie of all time:**

"Madam X," an old black & white Lana Turner tear jerker, which holds a close spot with the more modern "City of Angels."

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

15-20, for fun, not business.

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

be?

Always what it was at any given time in my life.

**What radio station do you listen to most frequently?**

NPR

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

Become fluent in Spanish

**What do you plan to do after retirement?**

Doing it now — work and volunteer

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

Ruffles

**Your strongest childhood ambition was:**

To get a job making \$5/hour!

**Your ideal dinner guest list (living or dead, up to six invitees) includes:**

Chrissy Teigen, Ellen DeGeneres, John F. Kennedy, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Adele and Pink

**A fear you haven't yet overcome is:**

The water.

**Something not many people know you collect is...?**

It took me a long time to stop being a collector.

**What's the best way you know to spend \$20?**

To anonymously pay it forward for someone else.

**The most famous person you've ever met:**

Joe Biden

**Favorite city in the whole world:**

The Hague (Netherlands)

**What you like best (or least) about where you live now:**

Totally love the friendliness and cultural diversity of Siler City — it's why I moved here.

**Favorite place to eat:**

Greek Kouzina in Pittsboro

**The credo or motto you like to try to live by:**

The cliché "Do unto others . . ."

**The best advice you ever got was:**

Always grab for the brass ring

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

Groups that help the disenfranchised.

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

Hurricane Katrina

**What is your favorite book?**

The Book Thief

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

Gardening and crafts

**Is there an item or collectible you hold dear?**

My grandmother's pendant watch that she received on her 16th birthday.

**What are some of your favorite things?**

Cats, plants, seashells



Staff photo by David Bradley

**B Demers, left, gives Aidee Orozco a lesson in the English language at the offices of the Chatham Literacy Council. Demers speaks English and Spanish, and helps her students with the difficulties acquiring the unfamiliar words.**

and Christmas trees!

**What would be your last meal?**

Pizza

**If you were given \$5,000 to donate to a non-profit organization, which would you pick - and why?**

Chatham Literacy, because I've always put a high value on education.

**Ever had a brush with celebrity?**

Lunch with Joe Biden (and five other people).

**Would you go bungee jumping or skydiving?**

Bungee jumping — my bones couldn't handle a skydiving landing anymore.

**Do you have a tattoo?**

Yes, two or three.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to tell someone?**

That a loved one had cancer.

**Would you consider plastic surgery if someone else paid for it?**

Not right now — ask me again in a few years.

**Biggest pet peeve?**

People who use the word "like" to start every sentence or phrase.

**What's your usual wake-up time in the morning?**

5:30 or 6 a.m.

**What talent do you wish you had?**

Anything musical

**Favorite band or musical artist?**

Prince

**Favorite dessert?**

Cheesecake

**If you could go back in time and change one historic event, what would it be?**

I don't think you can change one historic event without changing others.

**What's your favorite condiment?**

Black pepper

**Do you have bumper stickers of any kind on your car?**

Yes, "Families Belong Together" & Shakori Hills Music Festival: Preventing Droughts in Chatham County Since 2001

**If you could create one rule that all society had to live by, what would it be?**

Again, it sounds cliché, but "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

**How do you define success?**

By your level of happiness in any given endeavor.

**Describe your life philosophy in six words or less:**

What goes around, comes around.

**What advice would you give your younger self?**

I wouldn't, she needs the experiences to learn — both good & bad.

**Would you rather explore outer space or the ocean floor?**

Outer space - it's still so mysterious.

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

My jobs have always taught me to separate what you're doing from who's the boss when necessary.

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Perry-winkle's lovely eggplants are almost too beautiful to eat.



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### Scent of the season

There's a great diversity of flowers for sale at the local farmers market in Ferrington. This tuberose here smells divine.

## Siler City Lions Club Happenings



Submitted photo

Past District Governor Lee Harvey, left, inducts Julia Dowdy, with her sponsor Wade Paschal, into the Siler City Lions Club.



Submitted photo

Past District Governor Karl Ernst inducted new members to the Siler City Lions Club on July 8. The new members are (from left) Teresa Lee and her sponsor, Lion Susan Staley; and Jeremiah Blake and his sponsor, Lion Juanita Brown.



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President Juanita Brown presents Past District Governor Lee Harvey with a certificate of service for his 38 years as secretary and treasurer for the Siler City Lions Club.

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## LEGALS

**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 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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 306** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **ELVIRA**

**WHITE JENSEN**, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before October 11, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 11th day of July, 2019. Co-Executors: Lee Marvin Haislip 3431 Hassell Rd Oak City, NC 27857 Lisa Haislip Slimmer 136 Crimson Way Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **LEONEL M. PAVAO aka Lee M. Pavao aka Lee Maia Pavao aka Leonel Maia Pavao**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claim against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Guido De Maere, P.A. at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 160, P.O. Box 3591, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 on or before the 11th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 11th day of July, 2019. Mark H. Pavao, Executor of the Estate of Leonel M. Pavao aka Lee M. Pavao aka Lee Maia Pavao aka Leonel Maia Pavao Attorney for the Estate: Guido De Maere P.A. P.O. Box 3591, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3591 Jy11,Jy18,Jy25,Au1,4tc

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED** as Executrix of the Estate of **PAUL LEONARD POWELL, JR.** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons,

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 339** 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 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. 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 Executrix 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 Jy18,Jy25, Au1,Au8,4tc

**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

**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 PRO-CESS 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/ ANGENETTE 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 19 E 296** 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 Farrington 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 Rohrllich 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 Jennifer 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 at 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, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068 <https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com> Case No: 1277124 (FC.FAY) Jy25,Au1,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 354** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix 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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of **JEAN HOLDRIDGE REEVES**, Deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before November 1, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 1st day of August, 2019. First Citizens Bank & Trust Company Co-Executor Melissa Jane Reeves Raley Co-Executor c/o MATTHEW W. THOMPSON Ward and Smith, P.A. Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 7068 Wilmington, NC 28406-7068 Au1,Au8,Au15,Au22,4tc

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM FILE NO.: 16 JT 63 & 16 JT 53 IN RE: "J.S." & "J.S." DOB: 10/04/14 & 12/18/11** **NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PRO-CESS OF PUBLICATION** TO: Biological father/Father, Deshon Sabree McNeil of the above male child born on October 4, 2014 in Sanford, NC to Zada Shanta Scotton and the Biological father/Father, Antwon Williams of the above male child born December 18, 2011 to Zada Shanta Scotton. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from August 1, 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. Your parental rights to the juvenile may be terminated upon failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed. 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/ ANGENETTE STEPHENSON, Attorney for Petitioner CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 109 Conner Dr., Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 Telephone: (919) 869-7795 Au1,Au8,Au15,3tc

**TOWN OF SILER CITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLEANING SERVICES** The Town of Siler City is seeking Request for Quotes for Cleaning Services Siler City Facilities including Police Department, Ramsey Gym, Paul Braxton Gym, Fitt's Community Center, City Hall, and the Public Works Garage. It is the intent of this specification to secure a contract for professional cleaning services, which will provide necessary routine interior cleaning for Town of Siler City facilities. The contractor shall provide janitorial services Monday through Friday evenings, and some weekends depending of Town staff needs. For a copy of the full RFQ, please visit [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or contact Public Works Director Chris McCorquodale at 919-742-4732 or [cmccorquodale@silercity.org](mailto:cmccorquodale@silercity.org). Au1,Au8,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **WILLIAM A. SOMMERS**, late 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 the 3rd day of November, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 18th day of July, 2019. Linda Funke Johnson, Administrator CTA of the Estate of William A. Sommers Attorney at Law Senter, Stephenson & Johnson, P.A. P.O. Box 446 114 Raleigh Street Fuquay Varina, NC 27526 Au1,Au8,Au15,Au22,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 336** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **ISABELLE S. SILVIOUS**, 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 November 1, 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 29th day of July, 2019. Alice Lynn Silvious, Executor 612 Bloomsbury Pl. Cary, NC 27519 Au1,Au8,Au15,Au22,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 374** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **MARGARET E. CRIST**, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corpora-



tions having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before November 1, 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 29th day of July, 2019.  
Margaret Crist Clinton, Executor  
1621 Vineyard Mist Drive  
Cary, NC 27519  
Au1,Au8,Au15,A22,4tc

**NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**

Siler City Self Storage ("lien-or"), PO Box 143, Siler City, North Carolina, will hold this public sale of personal property at its storage facility on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Siler City, NC. The sale will start at 1407 E. 11th St., (Hwy 64 behind Sir Pizza),

then to our location 500 W. 2nd St (behind Maxway), and then to 1112 S. Chatham Ave.

The following persons and property at 1407 E. 11th St., Siler City, NC are subject to this lien sale:

**Unit #1085 & 1082,**  
Pamela A Alston, 908 MLK Blvd, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #1110**  
Martin Carrillo, 210 College Street, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #1119**  
Jerry Farrar, 1579 Moons Chapel Road, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #1120**  
Cecile Jordan, PO Box 896, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #1100**  
Rhonda Kinton, 1409 E 11th St, Apt 1-B, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #1034**  
Lucien E Maynard, 295 Webb Creek Rd, Fairview, NC 28730

**Unit #1125**  
Scott Murphy, 1002 Lake Drive, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #1074**

Kristie Rose, 908 MLK Blvd, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #1115**  
John Wayne Smith, 3616 Alledale Drive, Raleigh, NC 27604

**Unit #1002**  
Samantha Mae Stevenson, 65 Huss Beal Rd, Goldston, NC 27252

**Unit #1107**  
Nimfa Vittorio, 810B N Chatham Ave, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit # 1015**  
Anna Wall, 315 Millbrook Dr, Pittsboro, NC 27312

The following persons and property at 500 W 2nd St., Siler City, NC are subject to this lien sale:

**Unit #176**  
Marvin Barrett, PO Box 84, Ocklawaha, FL 32183

**Unit #106**  
Kristen Gordon, 2400 Bowers Store Rd, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #188**  
Kenneth D. Siler, 908 Tanglewood Drive, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #169**

Nimfa Vittorio, 810B N Chatham Ave, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #199**  
Robert Willett, 224 N East St, Raleigh, NC 27601

**Unit #149**  
Victoria Woods, 1011 16th St, Siler City, NC 27344

The following persons and property at 1112 S. Chatham Ave., Siler City NC are subject to this lien sale:

**Unit #299 & 298**  
Tonika A Cummings, 406 Kimrey St, Ramseur, NC 27316

**Unit #326**  
Cheryl Early, 1341 Glover Church Road, Bennett, NC 27208

**Unit #317 & 274**  
Barry Dale Edwards, 3476 Old US421N, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #266**  
Keasha Goldston, 110 Carolina Ave, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Unit #227**  
Lashanda Lane, 2301 Stockyard Rd, Staley, NC 27355

**Unit #206**

Timothy Lee, 220 N Richardson Rd, Siler City, NC 27344

**Unit #341**  
Billy Tysor, 107 Eugene St, Carrboro, NC 27510  
Au1,1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 352**  
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JESSIE HOLT GARDNER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at her address, 323 L & W Lane, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 1st day of November, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 25th day of July, 2019,  
Sybil G. Lutterloh  
323 L & W Lane  
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312  
GUNN & MESSICK, LLP  
P. O. Box 880  
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880  
Au1,Au8,Au15,Au22,4tc

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Chatharidge Self-Storage Pursuant to N.C. Statute 44A shall conduct a public sale of storage spaces #72 and 78, located at 222 Old Lystra Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, Chatham County. Sale will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of August, 2019. All successful bidders shall take possession and remove contents of space immediately. For information on submitting a bid, call (919) 932-6208.  
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# Animal sanctuary mourns loss of lion Sheba

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Staff and supporters of Carolina Tiger Rescue mourned the loss last week of one of the sanctuary's resident lions.

Sheba, who'd enjoyed a "posh life" at the local animal sanctuary — which provides lifelong care to rescued wild animals — for the past nine years succumbed to overheating after vomiting, said Michelle Myers, CTR's communications director.

"Unfortunately, it was mostly her age," Myers said in an interview with the Chatham News + Record.

On July 23, she shared the "sad news" on Facebook.

"Sheba got overheated this past week due to vomiting after she ate her meal, not that she just got too hot because of the weather," the Facebook post stated. "The animal care team saw her vomit and kept watch over her the entire time."

Staff intervened in an attempt to help the animal, calling for "additional help when it was clear that she was not able to recover on her own," Myers wrote.

Using a cooling IV and other techniques, staff attempted to save Sheba, but "unfortunately her age made her more susceptible to the increased temperatures," the Facebook post continued. "It is likely that her kidneys and liver were already not in the best of condition before this and simply couldn't handle the additional stress. At 17 plus years of age, most cats have some kidney issues or other health issues that make them more fragile."

Sheba joined the approximately 50 other animals residing at CTR after moving here from a sanctuary in Texas in 2010 when that sanctuary closed. Prior to that, Sheba had been employed at a beach in Cancun, Mexico,



Submitted photo

**Sheba, a resident lion at Carolina Tiger Rescue in Pittsboro since 2010, died after vomiting during a period of extreme heat last week.**

escorting beach-goers up and down the coastline, Myers said. Sheba was retired from servitude after she began to "get a little aggressive," Myers said.

"That's no life for a lion," said Myers.

Sheba's life in Pittsboro at the 55-acre sanctuary for wild cats was much better, Myers said.

"She had a real nice, sunny hill and she could lounge in the shade all day," Myers said. "She lived a very posh life."

The average lifespan for a lion in the wild, Myers said, is 8 to 10 years. In captivity, they can live between 15 and 18 years.

Sheba was 17. Brought to CTR along with two other lions — Sebastian and Tarzan, who'd both led similar lives of servitude prior to their rescue — Sheba "will forever be remembered as the matriarch of the pride of three that came to us from Texas," Myers wrote on Facebook.

"She always kept Sebastian and Tarzan in line and was the first to work out new enrichment items," Myers said. "Her confidence and leadership was seen the moment she



Submitted photo

**Sheba 'will forever be remembered as the matriarch of the pride of three that came to us from Texas,' Carolina Tiger Rescue posted on Facebook after the lion's death.**

stepped into Quarantine on her first day. Rather than being worried about the new people, she felt the need to walk around and check out everything about her new space. She walked the perimeter, stood on her hind feet and looked at the roof, and sniffed every corner. While Sebastian and Tarzan hold a special place in my heart as the more delicate members of the pride, Sheba will also stand out to me as the epitome of what it means to be a lion — strong,

confident, and smart."

Myers said Sheba's "presence will be greatly missed in the sanctuary," but also noted that life and death, just as in the wild, are a natural part of existence for the rescued animals who comprise CTR's menagerie. This year, the sanctuary has mourned the loss of 10 other animals, Myers said.

Sheba's death, however, captured a great deal of attention. Newspapers and television stations throughout the U.S. — the

## Carolina Tiger Rescue is accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

**CN + R STAFF REPORT**

The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Carolina Tiger Rescue as of July 17.

Carolina Tiger Rescue provides lifelong care to rescued wild cats at its forested, 55-acre sanctuary.

Achieving GFAS Accreditation means that Carolina Tiger Rescue meets the criteria of a true sanctuary and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals. To be awarded Accreditation status, an organization must meet GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards and also adhere to a demanding set of ethical and operational principles, CTR reported in a press release.

"The accreditation status provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors and grantors to recognize Carolina Tiger Rescue as an exceptional sanctuary," the press release stated.

"We are proud to announce the recent Accreditation of Carolina Tiger Rescue," said Kristin Leppert, GFAS Program Director-Wildlife. "This sanctuary has a highly dedicated staff and volunteer team" says Leppert, "and it is wonderful to see the animals living comfortable lives free from exploitation."

"Carolina Tiger Rescue has a 45-year history of caring for and protecting wild cats. We are excited to add this new chapter as a GFAS-accredited sanctuary and to continue to expand services to benefit wild cats in captivity and in the wild," said Pam Fulk, executive director of Carolina Tiger Rescue.

New York Post seized upon the story, and it was broadcast on news in Oregon — covered the story.

And though the news of Sheba's passing was "heartbreaking," Myers said the staff's efforts to save the animal offered her a moment "to reflect on the Carolina Tiger Rescue family."

On Facebook, Myers wrote, "I have always said that one of the reasons I have been here so long is the people. And it's true. The people that we have working here, both staff and volunteers, are incredible. Not only do I consider them friends,

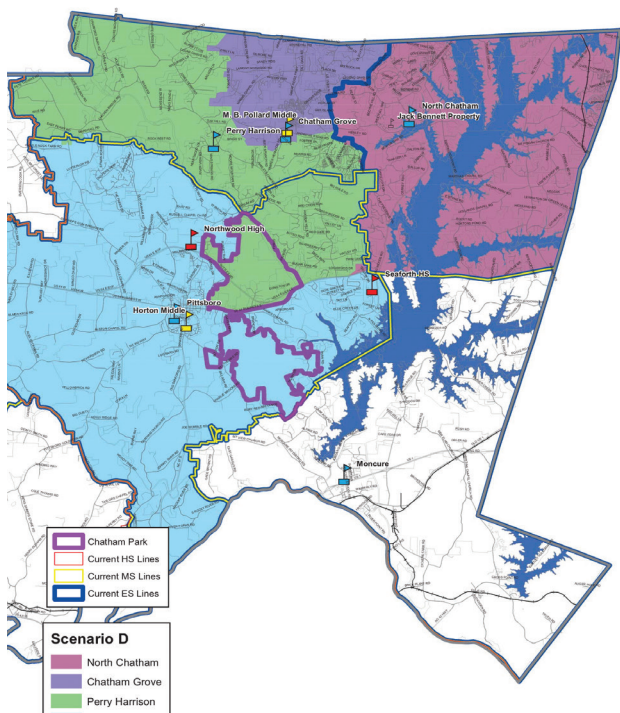
I'm always impressed with how they handle themselves. This crisis was no different. Not only did they respond quickly and professionally when things were critical, they kept going long after the sun had set and were back ready for more when things had not improved. ... There is no other team that I would rather have by my side. Thank you for all that you do every day, and even more for what you do when called upon in an emergency."

Randall Rigsbee can be reached at [rigsbee@chathamnr.com](mailto:rigsbee@chathamnr.com).

# Chatham Grove attendance zone approved, school board delays change order

Chatham County Schools  
Proposed Chatham Grove Attendance Boundary Scenario

Preliminary Scenario D



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

**The final attendance zones for Chatham Grove Elementary School, as well as surrounding schools, when Chatham Grove opens in August 2020. The map was chosen by the Chatham County Board of Education at its July 25 regular meeting.**

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — After nearly two years, the attendance zone for Chatham Grove Elementary School has been determined.

The Chatham County Board of Education approved the zone at its regular meeting July 25, along with rearranged areas for Pittsboro Elementary, Perry Harrison Elementary and North Chatham Elementary.

"We've been working on this for quite a while," said Chris Blice, Chatham County Schools' chief operations officer. "It has been a part of practically, but not quite, every board meeting since we've started. I think we've done a very thorough job."

The school board began discussing the new zones in September 2017 and ended the process with six options, narrowed down to two. The final choice, called "Scenario D," checked all the boxes of a benefits matrix with the board's priorities, including allowing all students from Chatham Park and Briar Chapel to attend the same school

and preventing overcrowding at Chatham Grove, which is scheduled to open August 2020, at the five-year mark.

"D looked like it fit all of our benefits that we talked about," said board Chairman Gary Leonard.

The board approved the zone unanimously.

The vote came after a somewhat-lengthy discussion, spurred by board member David Hamm, over a change order for Chatham Grove's construction. The change order, a list of increased or changed expenses for a construction project put together by an architect and contractor, listed several expenditures at a cost of \$189,627.99, well within the district's more than \$3 million allocated for contingency. But Hamm's qualms came over some of the expenses.

He pointed to several more fire extinguishers and cabinets (\$3,213.96), door hardware changes (\$9,240.09) and additional seal joints (\$65,416.69) for the roof are items he believed the architect should have known about before construction started.

"We've got to be good stewards of the money

we've got," Hamm said. "This is a drop in the bucket, but it looks like things they should have already taken care of. This isn't our money. This belongs to every taxpayer in Chatham County."

The change order had been signed off on by Randy Drumheller, the district's director of maintenance and construction, but Hamm said he had no problem with Drumheller or his recommendation.

"I'm coming over strong, I know," he said. "Here's a company that

we entrusted, and they are getting a lot of money from us. You can't count how many daggum fire extinguishers you need?"

The board agreed to table the item and take it back up, with further input from Drumheller and project architect David Taylor of CRA Associates at a board meeting August 1.

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