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UDC: Moving the Confederate statue 'illegal,' altering it 'inappropriate'

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — The Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy released a statement Monday saying that the Confederate monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse “should not be illegally moved or altered” and that it would be “inappropriate that we re-imagine the statue in any way.”

The statement is the latest in the saga surrounding the monument,

which has been the subject of multiple late-night Chatham County Board of Commissioners meetings and public debate over the last few months. The comments, addressed to Commissioners Chairman Mike Dasher, were shared with the News + Record by Barbara Pugh, president of the Winnie Davis Chapter.

According to Pugh, she and Dasher met July 17 regarding a memorandum of understanding between the board and the UDC in which both agreed “to meet, cooperate and work together in good faith” about “re-

imagining” the monument. After that meeting, it has become the position of the Winnie Davis Chapter — and that of the North Carolina United Daughters of the Confederacy — that the statue should stay where it has been since 1907.

Pugh wrote that the monument was “a gift to the county and is the property of the county,” and thus is covered under a state law that prohibits the removal, relocation or alteration “in any way” of “a monument, memorial

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10 things to know about paying your property taxes

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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Chatham County property tax bills have been mailed out, and payments become due in less than a month. But if you're a Chatham property owner, you may have questions, concerns or curiosities about said bills.

Fortunately for you, we sat down with Chatham County Tax Administrator Jenny Williams and asked her for some of the most important things to know about property taxes, how much you owe, where you should pay them and some specifics about ownership date, paying through escrow and more.

1. The amount you owe probably went up from last year.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a tax-rate increase in June as part of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget, upping the county's property tax rate from 0.6281 cents to 0.67 cents per \$100 of your property's tax value. A homeowner whose property is worth \$200,000 will pay \$1,340, up from \$1,256.20 last year, and property worth \$100,000 will incur tax bill of \$670, up from \$628.10 last year.

That decision is made each year by the commissioners, usually acting on direction and advice from the county manager. In this year's budget message, County Manager Dan LaMontagne cited new county expenses — including new schools, a radio system upgrade for public safety personnel and increased construction cost for the new animal shelter — and wrote that “current natural revenue growth can't absorb these additional costs.”

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Prepping for the new season



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Central High School football coach Sherman Howze, center, concludes a pep talk Monday during practice as teams across the county prepare for the Aug. 23 start of the 2019 season. For more on practice getting started, head to page B1 for a report on the Bears, Jordan-Matthews Jets and Northwood Chargers.

Chatham BOE debating 'no guns in schools' resolution

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — The first discussion about a potential resolution from the Chatham County Board of Education asking state and national legislators to increase school safety by barring guns from campuses happened a couple weeks ago.

But the discussion could take on an increased importance after the weekend's deadly shootings in Dayton, Ohio and El Paso, Texas.

The board discussed the possibility during its July 25 meeting after Blair Reeves, a resident of Briar Chapel, asked the board to consider similar resolutions from the Durham and Guilford County Boards of Education in light of proposed bills in the N.C. General Assembly.

The “School Self-Defense Act,” first filed Feb. 28, would allow faculty and staff at schools to serve as “a volunteer school faculty guardian” after meeting certain criteria and establish a program to “provide active shooting



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

A sticker on the door of the Chatham County Tax Office declares that no concealed handguns are allowed in the building. Chatham County Schools currently do not have any similar placards or notices on any of its school buildings.

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Data: Chatham middle of the pack in opioid use in central NC

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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Information from the N.C. Opioid Database shows that while the number of prescription pain pills in Chatham has dropped within the last four years, the county sits in the middle of its neighbors in use and near the top in use of higher doses of opioids.

Around 2.48 million opioid pills were distributed in Chatham County last year, a 16 percent drop from the decade high of 2.97 million in 2015. That trend follows a pattern within the surrounding counties — Alamance, Durham, Guilford, Lee, Moore, Orange, Randolph and Wake — with similar decreases within that same time period. Chatham is fifth out of the nine counties.

Within the same area, however, Chatham ranks second in the percentage of patients receiving more than an average daily dose of more than or equal to 90 morphine milligram equivalents, sitting at 6.87 percent.

That latter statistic, according to Casey Hilliard, policy analyst with the Chatham County Public Health Department, is of concern. She said the department is working to encourage doctors and physicians to not use higher doses and following guidelines set by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The guidelines, established in 2016, state that “clinicians should use caution when prescribing opioids at any dosage...”

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School district to offer free at-home Internet upgrade for students

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — Only 58.7 percent of Chatham County residents describe their Internet service as good, according to the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment.

Apparently that's affected Chatham County Schools' students, because the district is considering an internet

service free to students that will take nothing out of the school system's wallet.

Chatham County Schools is on the verge of finalizing a partnership with the 1 Million Project, an initiative led by Sprint CEO Marcelo Claure, to provide cellular data Internet hot spots for every high school student to take home and use for homework and other school projects. District Director

of Technology Keith Medlin presented the proposal to the school board last month.

“This is the real deal,” Medlin said. “Their goal is to put one million cellular data hot spots into the hands of students over the course of the next decade. There are a number of districts around us who are participating or are gearing up to participate.”

The 1 Million Project kicked off in 2016 by providing devices to 113,000 students in 31 states, according to the initiative's website. The program added more than 250,000 students to its rolls over last school year.

“Education is the foundation for our society to prosper, and the Internet is an incredibly powerful tool for

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

- 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.
- The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet for its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on August 19 at the Town Hall Courtroom at 311 N. Second Ave. in Siler City.
- The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will meet for its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on August 19 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro.
- The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet for its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on August 26 at Town Hall at 635 East St. in Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

- The **Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** will meet Thursday, August 15 at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill at 7 p.m. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments are welcome. For more information and/or directions, contact Shirley Ray at Shirley-Ray@aol.com or 919-929-5359.
- **Chatham Habitat for Humanity** will hold the second focus group to improve their faith relations efforts in the community - Thursday, at 6 p.m. August 15 at their Siler City office, 606 East Third Street. There will be 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, 950 Bynum Road, every Friday 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, johneichorn72@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**, NHAS will meet at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14 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 Vern Bothwell, vbothwell@bdlaw.com. Then Saturday, August 17, same time and location, contact Norm Budnitz at nbudnitz@gmail.com.

SUNDAY

- Triad-based acclaimed author and screenwriter, Timothy Reinhardt, will visit **McIntyre's Books** on Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. He will be reading from and discussing his new satire, Jesus' 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 ad-

aptation of Jesus' 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.

MONDAY

- UNC Hospice welcomes you to our weekly writing workshop, "**Writing Toward Resilience**." Facilitated by Carol Henderson, author and workshop leader, the group is provided at no charge for those who are grieving a loss or are a current caregiver. This is held every Monday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. For further information, contact Annie Ritter, UNC Hospice, ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu or at 984-215-2650.
- **Circle City Squares** is a square dance group in Pittsboro that usually dances on Monday afternoons, currently, from 2 to 5 p.m., but verify the exact time and place. The usual meeting space is the Old Agriculture Building Auditorium, 65 East Chatham Street, Pittsboro, located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify the time/place, email gunnhsd@embarqmail.com.
- **Big Band swing and jazz sounds** every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The dance floor is open and bands rotate. 1st Monday: NC Revelers Orchestra, \$10; 2nd Monday: David Quick Jazz Combo, \$5; 3rd Monday: Triangle Jazz Orchestra, \$10; 4th Monday: Gregg Gelb Orchestra, \$10; and 5th Monday: TBA. For more information, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

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 (August 12) at the SECU Jim and Betsy

Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one to death. Hospice staff and volunteers will facilitate the circle of support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to register! Just come! If you'd like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.

• 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!

ALSO HAPPENING

- In addition to permanent museum displays at the Chatham Historical Museum, see the new temporary exhibit: "**Ethnobotanical Heritage in Chatham County**." This 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 Chatham County natives (born and raised in Chatham) who have lived in Chatham for most of their lives to interview.

These will be recorded and the team will conduct analyses to look at the question of how language is changing in Chatham as it becomes less rural and more urban. The study will preserve the rich language heritage of Chatham County and our language changes. If you are a native of Chatham who has spent most of your life in the county and might be willing to participate in the project, contact WaltWolfram@ncsu.edu or call 919-218-5374.

• **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.

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

• **Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Chatham County.** Regular and substitute drivers are needed. We are looking for individuals or teams to deliver meals as a regular driver for our routes. Meals are deliv-

ered 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Scout News**
 • Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information.
 • Pack 924 of Siler City First 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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Liberty soldier in Indonesia

Steelworker 3rd Class James Georgevich, a native of Liberty, who is assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, plays a game of 'rock, paper, scissors' with children at the SDN Duduk Sampeyan Elementary School project site during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training in Indonesia. CARAT, the U.S. Navy's longest running regional exercise in South and Southeast Asia, strengthens partnerships between regional navies and enhances maritime security cooperation throughout the Indo-Pacific.

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Chatham Grove change order approved by school board

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PITTSBORO — With clarification received, the Chatham County Board of Education approved a \$189,627.99 change order for Chatham Grove Elementary School.

The board had delayed approving the document, first presented at its July 25 meeting, as board member David Hamm in particular had several questions about some of the items. But at a special called meeting on August 1, those questions were answered.

Several individuals related to the construction of the school — district Chief Operations Officer Chris Blice, district Director of Maintenance & Construction Randy Drumheller and Project Architect David Taylor with CRA Associates among them — were present for the meeting and walked through a couple of the items.

One of Hamm's concerns was the requirement of additional fire extinguishers and cabinets. The original contract allowed for \$2,450 for those items, but the change order increased the cost to \$3,312.96. Taylor said the county fire marshal wanted more sets than initially specified and didn't return his comments to the architects until after bidding was completed.

Drumheller said it was "not uncommon" for documents to go to bid before getting back full information, but Hamm expressed frustration with the situation. Chatham County has been in the process of changing fire marshals, which he acknowledged.

"Here's the right hand of Chatham County not helping the left hand of Chatham County. Chatham County didn't help us in this situation," he said. "Regardless of transition of power and whatever. That should have been avoided."

Another item covered was tape used to seal drywall joints on the roof. Most

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DAVID TAYLOR, project architect of Maintenance & Construction

of the \$65,416.69 would be directed toward labor, and the addition would add two days to the project schedule.

Taylor said a construction consultant recommended adding tape to the roof "to create a more impenetrable air barrier."

"I felt that that was well worth it in the savings of energy that it would produce down the road," he said. "It's not the expense of the tape itself. All this is drywall tape on the seams to fill any cracks and voids on the drywall. The labor is the biggest deal."

Hamm said near the end of the meeting that it was his expectation that all of these things would be taken into account in the original drawings.

"I'm getting educated," he said. "This is something that I would have an expectation that it would already be there. I'm learning."

Drumheller said Hamm's questions were "well-taken" and added that there are no "100 percent complete drawings."

"A lot of times the contractor catches things in the field that are not caught in the drawings," he said. "Because of that, the industry standard is to provide contingency money. It picks up things that were left off the drawings or the owner says, 'Hey, by the way I'd like to have this.'"

The board — which was missing member Melissa Hlavac — voted unanimously to approve the change order. The district has more than \$3 million set aside for contingency on construction of the school, which is now slated to be occupant-ready on Dec. 29 of this year.

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and should avoid increasing dosage to (more than or equal to) 90 MME/day."

"Benefits of high-dose opioids for chronic pain are not established," the report stated. The clinical evidence review found only one study addressing effectiveness of dose titration [adjustment] for outcomes related to pain control, function, and quality of life. This randomized trial found no difference in pain or function between a more liberal opioid dose escalation strategy and maintenance of current dosage."

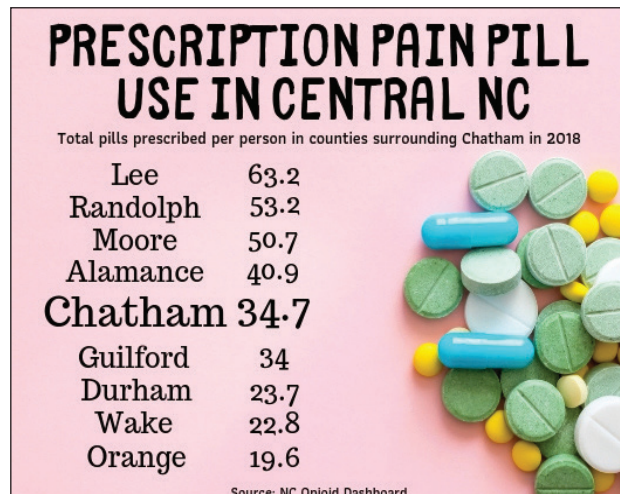
Each of the surrounding counties had at least 11 percent of patients on more than or equal to 90 MMEs/day in 2010, when data for all counties is available, but other counties have seen sharper decreases than Chatham. In the region, Lee County led the pack at 15 percent in 2010, but is now third-to-last at 5.5 percent, while Wake County dropped from 12.5 percent nine years ago to 4.6 percent last year, bottom of the list.

Orange County is the only county in the area with a higher percentage of patients taking higher dosages, sitting at 7.1 percent.

Lee County topped the area in opioid pills per person per year in 2018 with 63.1 pills, followed by Randolph (53.1), Moore (50.7) and Alamance (40.8). Orange was last in the region at 19.6 per person per year.

Hilliard and Public Health Director Layton Long acknowledged that Chatham's middling status in the area might not seem like a cause for concern, but both said the opioid epidemic needs public attention.

"Yes, we have a prob-



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

lem," Long said. "Has it been as bad as some of the communities around us? No, but we don't want to wait until it gets to that point. You don't want to wait until the house is on fire trying to put it out. You want to try to do preventative work as much as you can."

Hilliard said that even the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership, a collaborative effort designed to fight the opioid epidemic, has discussed how the lack of opioid-related deaths in the county might keep awareness low. Compared to neighboring counties, Chatham, which had 11 opioid-related deaths from 2014-2017, is lower than even smaller counties like Lee, which had 37 in that same time period.

"But there's anticipation that it's coming," Hilliard said. "As we see these prescribing numbers fall off, the complexity is that whac-a-mole, the possibility that people will turn to illicit drugs to deal with their pain. While these trends are promising, we shouldn't look away."

To that point, the health department and Sheriff's Prevention Partnership are continuing their efforts to support Drug Take Back events and are

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LAYTON LONG, director, Chatham County Public Health Department

planning a Recovery Rally in September. The event, likely to take place in Siler City, will focus on celebrating those who have recovered from addiction and continuing to raise awareness of the problem.

"It truly is a public health issue," Hilliard said. "I think we all recognize it, especially within the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership, while this is the crisis of the moment, substance abuse and addiction and real and ongoing challenges. This is an opportunity to improve our system for whatever the next crisis is."

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The Confederate monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse is shadowed by clouds on August 5.

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or work of art owned by the State."

Pugh told the News + Record Monday that the UDC determined the statue belonged to the county via "old historical records, organization records, as well as newspaper accounts, notwithstanding the statement on the south side of the statue carved in granite." The monument's ownership has been a central point of contention in recent months.

"We understand that each person has their personal opinion and position on the future of the statue," she wrote in the statement to Dasher. "It is our hope that the County Commissioners will publicly state that the statue is protected by law and that any unlawful action toward it will not be tolerated. For many citizens of the county, this would be the ultimate conclusion of our civil discourse to make the statue respected and secure."

She closed the statement by saying the UDC would "seek legal opinion from a judge" if the

commissioners did not make that public statement.

Reached by email, Dasher said he was "disappointed" by the UDC's decision.

"I had hoped we could work together and do something unique, particularly at this time when people are so divided," Dasher told the News + Record. "I saw this as an opportunity to demonstrate that here in Chatham County we could do it differently. We've heard from so many folks insisting the monument is about honoring their veteran ancestors. How then do you oppose making it a more inclusive monument that would honor all veterans? Obviously it's about a lot more than that to some, but that's just not a conversation everyone is ready to have."

The UDC's conclusion was surprising to Howard Fifer, a Chatham resident who has been a leading voice for Chatham for All. The group has repeatedly asked the commissioners in the last few months to return the monument to the UDC.

"From what I understand, in order for there to be a gift, there has to

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MIKE DASHER, Commissioners chairman

be donative intent and acceptance," Fifer said Monday. "We've seen neither of those things in this instance. That doesn't mean those things don't exist. I don't really understand what if any factual basis there might be for their statement."

Dasher added that there would be more conversation around the monument at the commissioners' August 19 meeting, the next regular meeting for the board. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. in the courthouse, next to where the monument stands.

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VIEWPOINTS

THE CN+R EDITORIAL

Style over substance in politics? We'd rather not

The early Democratic primary debates for the 2020 presidential election are usually described afterward by major news outlets as battlegrounds for “winners” and “losers.”

It's not necessarily incorrect to do that. The very nature of debate lends itself to winners and losers, and the events do allow for candidates to promote themselves or attack their opponents in the early stages of the grandest and most expensive horserace in the world.

But unfortunately, the American people are the losers because that format and the way politics are covered at-large in America focus more on style than substance.

We hope to avoid that here in Chatham County.

The 2019 elections are coming up and there are three contested local municipal races. Incumbent John Grimes and challengers Jackie Adams and Albert Reddick are squaring off to be the mayor of Siler City. Mike Constantino is facing a challenge from Curtis Brown and Timothy “Cookie” Brown for the Siler City Commissioner seat in District 3. And seven candidates — incumbents John Bonitz and J.A. Farrell III and challengers Pam Cash-Roper, Heather Johnson, Bridget Perry, Kyle Shipp and Lonnie West — are angling for three seats on the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners.

We certainly hope they don't lean into style over substance. One of the sad realities of America's governing process is that style is more often praised than substance, at the very least on the way to office. The term “electability” is thrown around, and it usually refers to whether or not a candidate has the “it

factor” that can get them elected or defeat their opponent. What usually gets lost in the scuffle is whether or not said candidate is “right” for the job in front of them, and whether they can pull off the tasks that face them.

We saw that clearly when Donald Trump was elected president. Say what you will about his policies, but many were drawn to him because of his demeanor, attitude and personality. He had no previous experience in government, but his business acumen and “tells it like it is” rhetoric were drawing factors. How well he's executing is sometimes hard to decipher owing to the distractions he tends to create.

We hope to avoid that kind of discussion here in Pittsboro or Siler City. As we move forward into election season and kick up our coverage of the 2019 elections, we pledge to you that we will

hone in on the substance of these candidates and what their policy positions are for these towns, the twin hubs of Chatham County.

Commissioners need to be well-versed in the issues and the policies that they will be discussing, considering and voting on in the next four years. They are like their respective towns' congressmen — making decisions on behalf of their constituents with taxpayer money. The new or re-elected members of respective boards will serve as the legislators of their town. How will they do it, and why will they do what they do?

The mayor of Siler City, whomever it will be, has a dual task. First, he or she will serve as the non-voting chairman of the board, guiding and directing agendas and working to represent the town. What do they think is important to pursue

policy-wise? Why should Siler City citizens place their trust in them as the town's governmental figurehead? Second, he or she will be a representative of the town at ribbon-cuttings, government conferences and to us, the media and the people. How will they carry themselves as a representative? Will they embarrass us or make us proud?

These are the questions that we plan to ask and get the answers to. We promise that we won't let political platitudes slide, but seek the honest answer. If a candidate doesn't have an answer or doesn't know the answer, we'll report that too. We don't want people representing us that are uninformed or doing this for the attention.

We want people who will put themselves second and their respective towns first. That's what government is really all about.

Long weekend was study in contrasts

I love contrasts, and in this I'm in good company because don't we all?



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

Contrasts — black and white, peace and war, negative and positive, salt and pepper, fire and ice, good and bad, yin and yang — abound around us.

Contrast is also essential; it's what makes and keeps life interesting, saving us from the predictable, the homogeneous, the boring, the routine.

Opposites attract, they say. As the French put it: *Vive la difference.*

Contrast was front and center over the past weekend, which I made a long one by skipping town Wednesday afternoon for adventures in Florida, though I wasn't thinking about that as we motored south at sunset on I-95, our car pointed toward the Sunshine State. I was just trying to avoid a collision.

But a theme of contrasts began to emerge.

After spending Wednesday night in Savannah, we crossed the Georgia/Florida line early Thursday morning, dark rain clouds on the facing horizon to the south, bright sun at our rear to the north. But this was Florida weather, apt to turn on a dime; by the time we arrived at our first destination — Blue Spring State Park, near Orange City — we'd passed through the brief thunderstorm and emerged from it beneath sunny skies.

Arriving at the state park for the first leg of our Florida experience, we submerged our travel-tired bodies into the soothing 73-degree water at the spring, which feeds into the wildlife-rich St. Johns River.

In the crystal-clear waters of Blue Spring, we swam among manatees (the park is a refuge for the vulnerable marine mammals, one of which I saw bore the yellow scars of an encounter with a propeller), saw carp and gar and alligators. And though the state park is a popular destination for tourists like myself and, on this day, the parking lot was packed, the sultry setting remained quiet and peaceful. We spent the afternoon swimming and walking through the park and, from the boardwalk that spans a portion of the spring and river, safely observed the wildlife. It was perfect.

Our plans for Day Two were much different: my first-ever visit to the Most Magical Place on Earth. My wife, raised near Orlando, knows Florida well and is a seasoned Disney World visitor. Prior to last Thursday, I'd only heard the hype.

We spent the day walking the Disney grounds, first at Epcot, then at the Magic Kingdom. We rode rides; hopped aboard the monorail; saw the impressive animatronic creations the theme park is famous for, including the famed Pirates of the Caribbean attraction; visited a couple of the many gift shops but parted with no cash there, deeming \$27.99 too much to pay for a pair of Mickey Mouse ears. Naturally, we took a selfie with Cinderella's Castle as a backdrop.

I'm relieved to check the perennially-popular Disney World off my bucket list, but admittedly I'm maybe too old for the thrills Disney offers. It didn't impress me much. As for real magic, I'd rate the natural beauty of Blue Springs — from which 102 million gallons of fresh water serenely flow daily — much higher than the ever-present commercialism of Disney.

Contrast. From Disney, which opened 47 years ago, we traveled northward again for Day Three in St. Augustine, the oldest city in the country.

St. Augustine is a place rich in history and pleasing Spanish colonial architecture. Like Disney, there are plenty of opportunities to buy souvenirs and t-shirts, but if you ignore all that there are quiet, simple pleasures to be had, too, like standing at the site in downtown St. Augustine where Frederick Douglas addressed a crowd of about 200 on April 7, 1889, speaking about the continuing struggle of African-Americans to achieve civil rights.

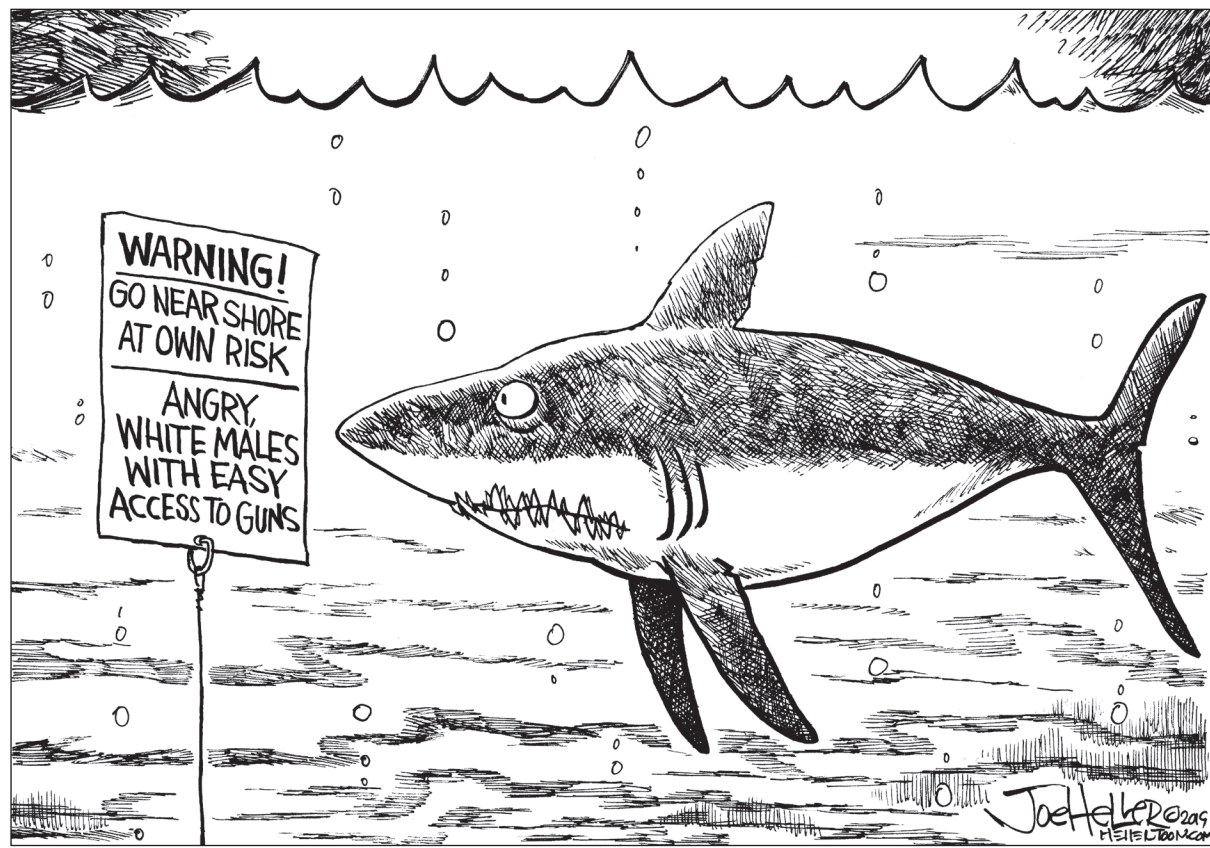
We woke up Sunday morning to a blazing St. Augustine sun and after a day of retracing our path north on I-95 on our return home, we fell asleep, tired from all our activity and driving, underneath the temperate North Carolina moon.

The contrast — in weather and location — was like night and day.

While away, we'd not once turned on a television and had barely checked our smartphones. Social media could wait for that Cinderella Castle selfie. We'd spent our time south largely sheltered from the news, save for what we picked up from hotel lobby televisions, which was mostly Orlando's Channel 9 covering local stuff, particularly back-to-school news.

Once back home and back in the loop, we learned that while we were visiting the Most Magical Place on Earth and its surroundings, there'd been some very real, very un-magical events occurring, particularly two more mass shootings of unsuspecting, innocent victims, this time in Texas and Ohio.

It's not the kind of news any of us want to hear. And though we all love, and need, contrast, this news was more proof, though we've had enough, of the contrasting existence of good and evil.



Time spent thinking about pondering can be helpful

At the risk of losing any more of my regular readers (assuming there still are some) or at the very least annoying them, I'd like to make one more reference to my recent operation.



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

Granted, I know I'm not the only person in the world who has ever had a visit in the operating room with a surgeon and his or her tools of the trade. But I am aware that in the last 20 years, I've had about a dozen or so of those events with most, if not all, chalked up to what Willie Mays (I think) said, “You play ball with the uniform you're issued.” If it wasn't the immortal Mr. Mays who said that, it should have been for he surely used his uniform well. Mine hasn't been all that bad, but I am aware that my folks gave me some lousy arthritis genes, hence the opportunity for joint repair and replacement.

The good news for me — and I am grateful — is that only one of those times was potentially life-threatening and it and the overwhelming majority of the others turned out well. There are many among us who struggle daily, hourly

even, with major issues and it behooves us all to remember and be as helpful to them as we can.

So, please believe two things just now. Number one, I plan to drop the subject after this week and, secondly, in addition to the healing, there are some good things that can come out the event and subsequent healing time. I know I have mentioned that before and theologically speaking, it reminds me of the truth that in hard and difficult times, if we are in tune, God can reveal good and helpful understanding to us.

For instance, early on I gave up on even trying to find anything remotely helpful on television, even with a hundred channels, when I'd awaken at 2 a.m. because I'd slept four hours in the late afternoon before bedtime. So, that time became dedicated to devotional and Bible reading, dropping long-overdue notes, even reading through some of the 87 books scattered around the floor in my study until at about 5 o'clock when I'd get sleepy and crawl back into the bed or recliner.

That quiet personal time also became a period to think, ponder even. Being flat on your back literally and figuratively can lead you to such an activity. But here's the deal and what I want to point out. I'm convinced there is a vast difference between “thinking” and “ponder-

ing.” You can “think” about lots of things: why my Cardinals can't hold onto first place in the National League Central, is there any pie left, and where did I leave my walking stick?

You can then, if you choose, move on to pondering — those topics or others. Why is church attendance and participation like a roller coaster, up and down?; why do cows walk the same well-worn path through the pasture when they move from one place to the next?; and why am I a “packrat”?; just to name a few.

Then, if you're really willing, you can go deeply into the mind and heart and really ponder. Who am I? Why am I here? Where is “here”? Why do I do the things I shouldn't and leave undone those things I should do? Ditto for things I say or think. What kind of legacy am I leaving for my children and grands? And the rest of the world? Will it make any difference I passed this way?

While all three of those levels can be interesting and enlightening, I find I can't do but so much really pondering before I need a break back to the simple “think” process. If you've never ventured down any of these roads, I encourage you to try it sometime. I don't suggest you have hip replacement surgery to get some down time; there are better options. But I

believe the process and the exercise can be helpful.

And if you try it and run out of things to think about, I have come across two for your consideration. One is, although much of today's television programming is garbage, from time to time there will be something worthwhile and even more rarely there will be a second offering just as good being shown at the same time on another channel. When that happens and you are trying to watch them both by flipping back and forth, why is it that lengthy disgusting commercials will air at the same time on both networks, thus preventing your attempt to watch them both.

And secondly, what is it in human nature that makes folks park their vehicles right next to yours when there are no other cars in the parking lot? You can park in space 47, be the only car there and when you come out of the store, Joe Shmoo has nestled his ride four inches from your door in space 46 preventing you from opening the door and there are still no other vehicles present. I used to keep up with how many times each of those happened but have since run out of fingers and toes.

When you think on those things — or even ponder — please let the rest of the world know. I'd like for some of my questions to have answers.

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VIEWPOINTS

Airbnb, staying in the woods and not fitting the millennial mold

I stayed in an Airbnb last week for the first time in my life.



ZACHARY HORNER
Intentionally
Verbose

I'm only 26, so maybe it's not that long a life to live that I should have stayed in an Airbnb by now. But there I was, sitting in what amounted to a cabin in the woods in the backwoods of

Chatham County.

All for a story in this very newspaper.

Bugs flew around me, a rooster wandered the property and the shower was decidedly outdoors.

It's not what I'm used to. Other than a summer working at a youth camp in which almost all activities were outdoors, I've lived my entire life more or less indoors. I like being clean, I like my own bed, I like air

conditioning and I like walking around barefoot knowing I'm not going to step on any sticks, stones or insects. I hate insects, camping and getting dirty.

Millennials, my generation, are known for being risk-takers and adventurers. I'd wager that we spend the most on Airbnb, Uber, Grubhub, Amazon and Craigslist of any generation in America. We're risk takers and we want things easy and fast. That's what makes Airbnb appealing for many, I believe, along with some of the unique places the proprietors have to offer.

I wrote in my Airbnb story last week about the Cozy Log Cabin where I stayed, so I won't repeat the general description here, but I'll admit readily that it was a whole different world, as I said, than what I'm used to. But it got me thinking about my generation, the world and myself.

My generation, for the most part, grew up with the Internet and graduated college with smartphones, so we are imminently more aware than past

generations of what's around us. We can hit up Google Earth and see the Eiffel Tower on our computer screens, FaceTime a friend across the country and livestream our friend's birthday party on Instagram. Some say we millennials like to be "woke" — which basically means you're aware of anything and everything — and I think for the most part it's a fair description.

But we're not content just to see it — we want to experience it. A friend of mine drove across the country and stayed in many places over a three-month period just to experience it. A friend of my wife's lives in Switzerland with her husband, and both of them are Americans. And I stayed in a treehouse in the woods for a newspaper story.

The world is different than it used to be, even when I was younger. I'm of the age that I remember dial-up Internet and car phones and movie theaters with two screens and buying CD singles in stores and Tivo as a brand. Now, we have high-speed

Internet on our phones, with which we can watch movies, buy music and stream shows we recorded on our home televisions. Isn't that crazy?

With those same phones and Internet, you can rent a stranger's cabin for a night. Of course, you still meet the person and talk to them on the phone working out the details, and there's other communication.

I said to Mark, who owns the Airbnb where I stayed, that when he started building the house in the 1970s he probably never thought he'd rent it to strangers over the Internet.

"We didn't even have the Internet," he replied.

I knew that, of course, but as I reflected on that brief exchange, it reminded me of something else. I am not your typical millennial. I don't like the outside, I'm not a risk-taker and I've never taken an Uber (I have taken a Lyft, but my younger sister is the one who called for it on her iPhone's Lyft app). I don't like big cities

(except for Washington, D.C., but that's 'cause I'm an American history nerd), I've turned off almost every notification on my phone and I can't use an e-reader like a Nook or Kindle.

But every once in a while, like my fellow millennials, I don't mind trying something new. I don't mind stepping out, seeing what's out there, enjoying nature, sleeping in a house built around a tree, climbing up a ladder to the master bedroom, worrying whether or not I would be bitten by a bug or, even worse...well, let's just say I've seen one too many horror movies.

Barney Stinson from the hit TV show "How I Met Your Mother" said his "one rule" (out of many) was that "new is always better." I won't go that far, but I'll say that sometimes new ain't too bad.

P.S. The house wasn't really that bad. There were window A/C units, the outdoor shower was nice and it was a nice evening with my wife.

School funds should follow the child

RALEIGH — North Carolina Democrats and Republicans have sparred for years about the level of state funding for public schools. Democrats argue the GOP-led legislature has the wrong priorities, that it ought to have cut taxes less and boosted school funding more. Republicans argue that the big drop in inflation-adjusted funding occurred during the recessionary years of 2009 to 2011 when Democrats were in charge, that recent years have brought substantial increases, and that fostering economic growth

will produce higher and more stable funding for education and other services in the long run.

The parties will restate their cases in 2020. Voters will have to weigh the evidence for themselves. Quite apart from the level of education funding, however, North Carolina needs to change how those dollars are distributed. The system is clunky, murky, inflexible and unfair.

That's what a consultant to the General Assembly concluded in 2009. It was also the conclusion of the legislature's Program Evaluation Division in 2016. Now, a new study jointly issued by the California-based Reason Foundation and the John Locke Foundation, where I serve as board chairman, has updated and extended the analysis.

Because North Carolina funds positions rather than students and uses problematic calculations for low-wealth, small-county, limited English proficiency, and disability funding, some schools and districts get less money than they should. Other jurisdictions get more money than policymakers intended.

Furthermore, by lacing school dollars into dozens of regulatory straight-jackets, our current formula keeps superintendents, principals and teachers from deploying funds in the most cost-effective way. While general state oversight is appropriate in an education system that is, unlike those elsewhere, mostly funded by state rather than local tax dollars, North Carolina doesn't give educators the flexibility they need to serve students well.

The Reason/JLF report proposed student-centered funding as an alternative. It rests on four foundational principles: fairness (per-pupil funding should be based on student needs), transparency (funding systems should be simple and easy to understand), portability (funding should follow children to their schools of choice), and autonomy (funding should arrive at districts and schools as real dollars that can be spent flexibly, in exchange for accountability for outcomes).

Essentially, the state would attach a minimum amount of school funding to the backpack of each student. The state would then increase the amount for some students based on the challenges they face and the higher costs they may present to their schools.

In Hawaii, for example, the per-pupil allotment is higher for students who are poor, transient, learning English as a second language, in the earliest three grades, or have special educational needs. Texas follows a similar model, while also adjusting the allotment for pregnancy-related services and advanced career and technical education.

In other ways, Hawaii and Texas are vastly different — in the structure and funding of public education, in geography and settlement patterns, in political culture. Still, both have adopted systems that more closely align education funding to varying needs and enrollment patterns. Both make it easy for practitioners and the general public to know what gets funded and why.

Once North Carolina reforms its state funding formula, the Reason/JLF report recommends that school districts then devolve more budgetary authority to individual schools. The precise division of labor should be up to local communities and may depend on the qualities and preparation of school principals. But the core concept is unassailable: one-size-fits-all thinking is ill-suited to the complex and critical enterprise of educating young people.

Now is the time to make this change. Districts that stand to lose under a new formula are less likely to block reform if overall education funding goes up. North Carolina has had solid revenue growth for the past few years, finishing the 2018-19 fiscal year with a nearly \$1 billion surplus.

Public schools are likely again to be a funding priority during the 2020 and 2021 legislative sessions. Lawmakers should couple the new dollars with fundamental reform of the funding system. North Carolinians across the political spectrum should welcome it.

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Are they all really running for president — or what?

They have no chance to win. So, why are they running?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Biden, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, and maybe a few others.

Most of the rest have a better chance of winning the lottery than winning the nomination, but in their minds there are still good reasons to be running.

For some it is a simple matter of building their brands. Take Marianne Williamson, for instance. She is the popular author of more than 20 new age books. Her recent appearance on the debate stage got her renewed attention and a boost in book sales. Think what every other author would give to get the attention she has earned as a candidate.

Andrew Yang is a respected business leader in a narrow field. As a result of his candidacy and his good performance, he will not need an introduction when he puts together his next business deal. People like Warren Buffet will return his calls.

Others are in the brand building business too. But they have some-

thing else in mind — a new job.

It is different for U.S. senators (Warren, Sanders, Harris, Kirsten Gillibrand, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar and Michael Bennet) who would be reluctant to give up their current high status positions for any other job.

Most of the others will be job seekers in November 2020. They know that should a Democrat win next year's election, there will be hundreds of positions the new president will have to fill. Some of the current candidates will have an edge. They will know the new president. They have been on the stage together.

The new president, having observed his debate opponents will have an idea about what kind of people they are, how they react to pressure, whether they are trustworthy, and what kind of diplomatic skills they have. All this the new president, if a Democrat, will have learned about the other presidential contenders.

Similarly, today's presidential contenders, by getting to know the eventual nominee and president, will know how best to frame a winning pitch to get a job in the new administration. Take for instance Pete Buttigieg. Most of us had never heard of him until a few months ago. But we have learned that he is smart, quick on his feet, articulate, trustworthy, speaks several foreign languages, and has been a Rhodes Scholar and a soldier. He is cool and persuasive. He could be secretary of state or ambassador to the United

Nations.

Julian Castro served as secretary of housing and urban development for President Obama. The new president may ask him to take that position again.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee may have staked a claim for the top job at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Here are other possibilities: Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, secretary of agriculture; Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan, secretary of labor; Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, secretary of veterans affairs; former Maryland Rep. John Delaney, administrator of the Small Business Administration; former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, secretary of interior; and New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, secretary of housing and urban development if Castro turns it down.

"What about former Rep. Beto O'Rourke?" I asked North Carolina native and Washington insider, Walter Dellinger. He responded, "I'd tell O'Rourke to get back to Texas and run for the Senate again, and if he didn't, he'd not get any job in my administration."

When you ask again why there are so many candidates for president, just remember that most of them are really auditioning for some other job.

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How different are local economies?

My wife and I just returned from a short vacation to Buffalo.



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

love North Carolina's mountains and beaches, as well as many fun places in-between. My wife was born near Buffalo, and Buffalo also has the largest home garden tour in the country — with more than 400 gardens available for admiring. This year marked the tour's 25th anniversary, and since my wife is an avid gardener, we just had to go.

Incidentally, my work in the garden is to do the heavy lifting. One weekend my wife surprised me by having 2,000 pounds of pavers delivered to our home. Guess who spent the weekend moving them? Good thing I regularly go to the gym!

Of course, Buffalo is one of those older cities in the country whose time of prominence has passed. Buffalo's glory days were in the 19th century when it served as the western point of the Erie Canal. Later it developed a significant manufacturing sector. But with the downsizing of manufacturing employment since the 1970s, Buffalo's population is half of what it was 50 years ago.

Indeed, a new report

from the McKinsey Global Institute, a private business management firm, includes Buffalo among cities experiencing only a modest recovery since the Great Recession. McKinsey says that cities like Buffalo are at a tipping point, where their future direction could be either up or down.

McKinsey reached this conclusion by analyzing reams of data for some 300 cities and more than 3,000 counties in the country. They used their findings to classify the geographic areas into 13 individual types.

There's one immediate take-away from the McKinsey report. It is that economic geography is complicated. For example, we frequently hear the term "urban-rural" divide. The term is generally meant to imply a large economic division between urban areas (cities) and rural towns and regions, with the urban areas prospering and the rural areas struggling.

The McKinsey study suggests the urban versus rural dichotomy is too simplistic. Their geographic classification suggests there are degrees of prosperity and challenges in both cities and rural localities.

In fact, let's take a look at what McKinsey says about North Carolina's localities. First, let's start with easy calls. One of McKinsey's categories is high-growth cities. It should be no surprise that Charlotte and Raleigh are among this group. Also in this group from other states are Austin, Denver,

Minneapolis, Nashville, Orlando, San Antonio and Tampa. Interestingly, many of these cities are precisely the ones both Charlotte and Raleigh frequently compete with for new businesses.

It also should be no surprise that McKinsey included Asheville in the category of localities where retirees and affiliated industries — like health care — drive the economy. What may be surprising is McKinsey did not list Wilmington in this group. Instead, Wilmington is put in a category of cities with modest, but uncertain growth. One reason may be Wilmington has a significant durable manufacturing sector that is vulnerable to recessions. A second is the threat of unpredictable hurricanes to the local economy, something we clearly saw last year.

Another surprise is Greensboro and Winston-Salem are not classified in the same group. Greensboro is listed as a city with an important manufacturing sector that drives its economy. This is accurate because manufacturing output in Greensboro accounts for over one-quarter of all the region's total economic production, twice the national contribution. McKinsey says the future of Greensboro and the other cities in this category will be tied to the outlook for their manufacturing companies. Hickory is also in this category.

In contrast, Winston-Salem is in the same grouping as Wilmington — an area that is slowly

improving but with many questions for the future. Leading the uncertainty are the losses Winston-Salem has faced in its financial sector.

McKinsey put two North Carolina regions into their distressed category. They are the Fayetteville and New Bern areas. Fayetteville has had six straight years of declining aggregate economic output, and output has fallen in five of the last seven years in New Bern. However, both of these regions have made investments for the future. Still, with their significant military presence, the Fayetteville and New Bern areas face the challenge of uncertain federal budgets.

I think the new McKinsey report on economic regions gives us valuable insights into the diversity of our local economies as well as in the policies for improvement. Clearly one-size-fits-all programs to improve all localities won't work. Even the next door neighbors of Greensboro and Winston-Salem are different economies and therefore face different outlooks.

The challenge for us and our leaders will be to craft customized policies for each of our individualized localities. Can we do it? You decide.

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County committee hopes sales tax will go to affordable housing

BY CASEY MANN
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The county's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee continues to drive Chatham's efforts in development for affordable, workforce housing — a commodity that very much in need.

As Chatham County grows, housing costs have risen dramatically. Home prices increased by 10.5 percent from 2017-2018, according to Metrostudy Raleigh-Durham. Supplies of affordable homes are in short supply compared to demand with a good portion of that affordable housing stock considered of poor quality, according to the Affordable Rental Housing Report produced by the Triangle J Council of Governments for Chatham County. What this means is that residents of Chatham County who make less than 80 percent of the area median income, which is about \$58,000 a year, are finding it more and more difficult to find housing in the county.

Last year the Chatham County Board of Commissioners created the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, prompted by the recommendation of the temporary Affordable Housing Task Force that was created to review affordable housing specific to rental properties. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee's mission is to review and make recommendations for the enactment of recommendations made in the task force's final report as well as consider future concerns in affordable housing. The group meets monthly at the Chatham County

Agriculture and Conference Center, and met last Thursday to discuss progress and future goals.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners created a \$200,000 housing trust fund in the budget and the committee was tasked to develop guidelines and recommendations for how that money could be used. In addition, they worked on a location policy for affordable housing to ensure that residences are not concentrated in specific areas and are not far from resources such as stores, schools, and transportation. They are now working to finalize the guidelines for the board's approval for the housing trust fund's first full year.

At Thursday's meeting, the committee also brainstormed for an upcoming presentation to the board of commissioners with regard to the sales tax proposal. For several months, the commission board has been discussing potentially adding a 1/4-cent sales tax referendum to next year's county ballot. In their deliberations, the board has asked for more information on affordable housing, education expenses, land banking, broadband and agriculture as possible categories for any funds the sales tax may generate.

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, along with its staff liaison Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, policy analyst for Chatham County, have been working to create a presentation that they hope will convince the board to appropriate those funds, if passed by voters, to affordable housing. Watkins-Cruz noted during the meeting that the committee has set a goal of 100 new affordable housing units per year. She notes that the

housing trust fund, when initially created, only had enough financial support for one project, the Henry Siler School renovation in Siler City.

That project was approved late last year by the board of commissioners. The land was owned by the county, which it gave to the developer Third Wave LLC, a company that specializes in developing affordable housing. The remaining funds were used to pay application fees and third party costs for the application for the Low Income Tax Housing Credits which is estimated to be around \$15,000. Third Wave was also awarded a \$120,000 loan from the county if the project is approved for the credits. That project is estimated to create 34 units of one and two bedrooms each with a target market for residents who make at least 30 percent of the area median income.

In order to reach the goal of 100 new units as well as support other affordable housing programs such as emergency housing assistance and a temporary housing shelter, the group believes that the potential \$1.6 million in revenue the sales tax may generate would be paramount. Watkins-Cruz notes that, based on the investment for the Henry Siler School project, the housing trust fund would need to be a little over \$1 million each year. In addition, the dedicated revenue source would ensure stability in the fund.

The anticipated date for the presentation will be September 16 at the Chatham County Board of Commissioners regular board meeting.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Momentum on display one year into process

GREENSBORO — Carolina Core's leaders are speaking positively about the momentum created by the regional economic development's partnership one year into the process.

Speaking at the Wyndham Champions Breakfast in Greensboro, the collaborative's partners last week shared that the area — a corridor which stretches along U.S. 421 from Winston-Salem to Fayetteville in central North Carolina — has announced more than 10,000 new jobs and pursued multiple new job creation opportunities within the last year.

"One year into our long-term, 20-year Carolina Core strategy we are seeing momentum, collaboration and regionalism like never before," said Stan Kelly, president and CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership. "While we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of adding 50,000 new jobs, the Carolina Core is headed in the right direction. In the coming months and years, we will continue to double down on our strategies around the megasites, aerospace and our talent alignment initiative."

BB&T Chairman and CEO Kelly King spoke highly of the work that Carolina Core has done in the last year.

"I am so impressed with the progress that this region has made under the leadership of folks like Bobby Long and Stan Kelly," King said. "I am proud to have played a part in it and know that more success is to come."

— CN+R staff reports

CORA receives grant from Duke Energy for child summer meals

PITTSBORO — Last month, a Chatham County nonprofit received a helping hand in its mission to feed the hungry.

CORA was the recipient of a \$4,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to support its SNACK! (Summer Nutritional Assistance for Chatham Kids) program that provides seven breakfasts, lunches and dinners, as well as healthy snacks, to children living in poverty in the county.

"We at CORA are so grateful for the ongoing support of the Duke Energy Foundation," said Melissa Driver Beard, the executive director of CORA. Their dedication to our partnership — and to working with us to realize a community without hunger — is remarkable. It's this kind of commitment to the cause that gives us hope that we will one day end hunger."

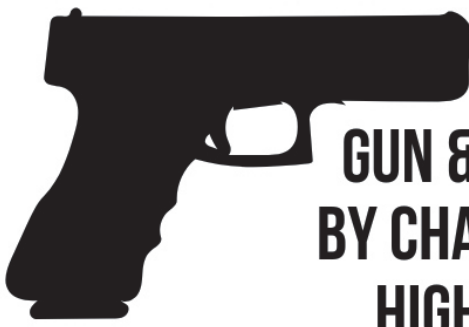
According to a CORA, SNACK!'s goal is to provide nutritious meals for students who may not receive adequate meals during the summer months they are not in school. Around 50 percent of public school children receive free or reduced-cost meals during the school year because their family income is at or near the poverty level.

The Duke Energy Foundation has supported CORA many times in the past, including a food drive in Chatham County in May that led to 400 pounds of food collected.

"Duke Energy is committed to serving our communities," said Indira Everett, a district manager with Duke Energy. "We understand that many food pantries run low after the holiday season and we wanted to re-stock CORA's shelves this spring."



Submitted photo
Melissa Driver Beard, left, CORA's executive director, receives a check from Indira Everett, district manager with Duke Energy, for a \$4,000 grant for CORA's summer child meals program SMART!.



GUN & WEAPON USE BY CHATHAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLERS

- 18.1% Carried a weapon (gun, club, knife, etc.) in past 30 days
- 4.8% Carried a weapon on school property in past 30 days
- 7.6% Carried a gun not for hunting or sport in the past 12 months

All higher than national percentages
Source: 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

GUNS: 'Lead with safety in mind'

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training" to such individuals. The "School Security Act of 2019," filed on March 7, would pay "a significant salary differential" to teachers who become sworn law enforcement officers.

Neither bill has advanced beyond introduction, but Reeves said he's concerned about the future of the issue.

"Policies like these would horrify most North Carolina parents if they knew about them," Reeves said. "We need to think about these issues and engage them."

The idea was supported by board member Melissa Hlavac, who said a potential resolution would "talk about how safety is paramount for us here in Chatham County." Board Chairman Gary Leonard, a former Chatham County Schools educator, agreed.

"As a former teacher, I'm not sure that I would have been comfortable with Gary carrying a gun to school," Leonard said. "I'm not sure that sits real well with me anyway. I would be happy to look at more."

The Guilford resolution included the board "asking for effective and comprehensive action from the federal government and the State of North Carolina to protect schoolchildren" and expressing its opposition to "legislative proposals to arm teachers or other school personnel," among other items. Chatham's school board members didn't say what details they wanted to include, but uniformly expressed an interest in crafting a similar one.

"One thing we can all agree on is about keeping our schools safe," Hlavac said. "They turned this into a Second Amendment issue. I want to make sure we continue to lead with safety in mind across all avenues."

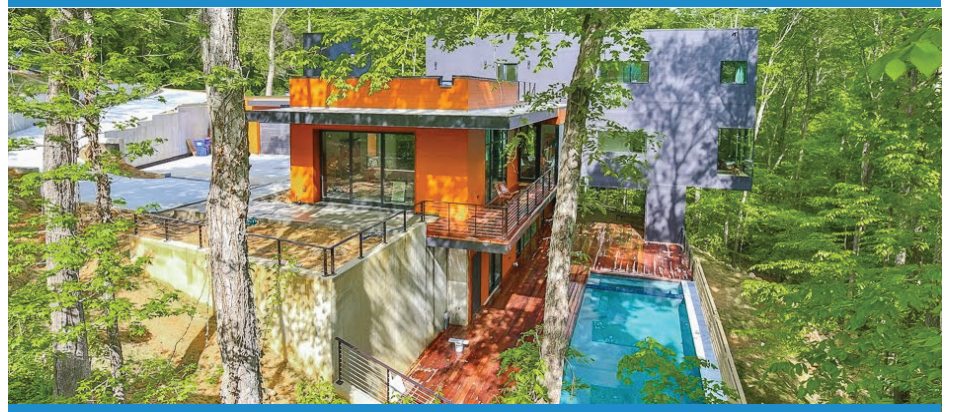
Current school board policy prohibits students, employees, visitors or others from bringing weapons and weapon-like items — ranging from loaded and unloaded firearms to leaded canes and icepecks — on school property. Students found with a firearm or destructive device on

school property or at a school-sponsored event must be suspended for a full year, according to law, unless the superintendent determines the possession came about as part of reporting the infraction or the student "had no intent to use the firearm or destructive device in a harmful or threatening way."

According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 7.6 percent of Chatham high school students reported carrying a gun not for hunting or sport in the past 12 months, 18.1 percent reported carrying a weapon within the last month and 4.8 percent said they carried a weapon on school property in the last 30 days. Additionally, 8.5 percent said they were "threatened or injured with a weapon on school property in the past 12 months." All of those percentages were higher than the national average and comparable to their state counterparts.

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CH@T | JACKIE GREEN, CHATHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

Is Chatham County ready to become a 'Dementia Friendly' community?

Is Chatham County "dementia-friendly"? Technically, no, but Jackie Green would like to see that change.

Green, the exercise instructor and activity coordinator for the Chatham County Council on Aging, has embarked on an effort to introduce the concept to Chatham County and its businesses.

Green was born and grew up in a small town outside of Albany, New York. She came from a family of five children living on a small farm with horses, dogs, ducks, cats, and an occasional cow and pig.

She started her professional career as an electrical and computer engineer with IBM in Endicott, where she met her husband, Jim, while playing co-ed soccer. The moved to North Carolina when their children, Jason and Angelica, were 3 and 1, respectively. At that time, Jackie became a small business owner to allow her to also be a stay-at-home-mom. When her children were teens, she became a personal caregiver for her parents and in-laws, being thrown into the world of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. After her parents' deaths, she worked nearly five years in activities and resident care in a senior living community in Cary in the secure dementia unit.

She enjoyed working with the residents and supporting the families and today loves enriching the lives of the seniors in Chatham County. Jackie was involved from the beginning with Dementia Capable Cary and is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and Dementia Capable Education Liaison. Their children are grown and out on their own but thankfully close by. When Angelica graduated from high school, Jackie and Jim moved to Sanford and started Priority Farm, raising Alpacas with the mission to mentor children from single-parent families. They now have 10 alpacas, a livestock guardian dog (a Great Pyrenees names Levi), chickens, and an angora rabbit named Violet.

Why are you interested in helping those with dementia?

My interest in dementia started when I became a caregiver for my father-in-law and then my mother. My father-in-law was an active, very physically fit retiree who loved to volunteer. One day while doing his volunteer driving route that he had done many times before, he got lost and had to call to have someone come pick him up. This resulted in a doctor visit and he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

My husband, Jim, and I were the only family in the area for his parents and we knew that we were going to have to help in any way we could, so we started researching the disease and what we were facing. Eventually his diagnosis was changed to terminal brain cancer, Glioblastoma Multiforme, with associated dementia. I took on the role of patient advocate and personal caregiver for my father-in-law to the point of assisting him with his activities of daily living and was on a steep learning curve. His battle with his cancer lasted about 18 months and this directly overlapped with my mom's experience living with dementia.

When Jim and I started researching Alzheimer's disease to help his parents, we realized that my mom had similar symptoms. My mom showed signs of dementia for years before a formal diagnosis. At first our family did not recognize her symptoms: labeled light switches in a house she had lived in for 25+ years; little notes to remind herself of things that should have been automatic.

Her primary care doctor of over 20 years didn't address the issue either.



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Jackie Green, who works for the Chatham County Council on Aging, would like the county to become more dementia-friendly.

Perhaps it was because mom's social graces were still in place for so long. This is common for people in beginning stages of dementia. Perhaps we all saw the signs but were so busy with our own lives that we didn't want to interfere or maybe we were scared of the truth knowing both my mom's parents had died with dementia. We didn't want to face the unknown so maybe if we ignored it, it wouldn't be reality.

But at some point it becomes unavoidable. Although my parents lived states away, my immediate family would spend extended amounts of time with my parents when we visited and we could see mom's mental changes easier than some family members who lived closer geographically and had shorter visits with mom. Her social graces could cover for shorter interactions.

I remember when my dad shared with my husband and me his frustration about mom and the fact they fought all the time. They were two of the most "in love" people you could find. Throughout their lives they had worked successfully as a team, raising a family and running a family business. So when my dad shared his frustration, we told my dad we believed that the reason they were fighting all the time was because mom was showing the symptoms of dementia. This broke dad's heart but it also fostered more understanding in their lives and dad talked to the doctor about mom's symptoms.

Unfortunately, dad died about six weeks after we told him about what we thought mom's symptoms meant. I believe he died of a broken heart and didn't want to see the love of his life go through this disease progression. With the death of my dad and all the changes that caused, mom's formal diagnosis of Mild Cognitive Impairment didn't happen until at least a year later.

Mom spent the next several years bouncing from my brother's home in upstate New York to my home in North Carolina, to my sisters' homes in either New York or New Jersey. Her symptoms were getting significantly worse and finally I got her into Duke to be evaluated again and this time we were told that she had mild to moderate dementia. The professionals at Duke told me that it was extremely important to have consistency in her life and one of the worse things we could do for her was to bounce her from home to home. My mom and dad were both very clear that they never wanted to go into a nursing home. So what were we to do?

Eventually we had to place mom in a secured assisted living community in upstate New York in order to keep her safe, get her the care she needed but also for the sanity and health of our families.

She had gotten physical and hit one grandson and was no longer welcome

at my brother's home. My daughter was dealing with health issues that when we look back we realize that her Celiac disease, which is an auto-immune disease, may have been triggered by the stress of having my mom living with us. My mom eventually moved to a skilled nursing home and passed away with me by her side.

When she died in 2013, I felt that I could re-enter the work force after having left it just prior to when my father-in-law was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2006. So for seven years I had lived and breathed caring for those living with dementia. My husband suggested that I should work with seniors because I seemed to have a gift for it. I spent a year of private caregiving for friends and family members of friends until I stumbled upon a job planning and running activities in a secure dementia unit in Cary. I loved the 4½ years working with the residents and their families before I came to the Chatham County Council on Aging.

What is a "Dementia Friendly Community"?

According to Dementia Friendly America, a Dementia Friendly Community ("DFC") is a village, town, city or county taking action to ensure people living with dementia can live independently for as long as possible. It's a place where people living with dementia and their care partners will be able to engage in a variety of activities, be supported in these activities and feel accepted and not marginalized. It's also a place where every part of the community plays a role and works together to create a dementia friendly culture.

As an example, many restaurants and businesses are children-friendly. When a family goes to a restaurant, they are given a "kid's menu;" they may be given a booster seat to use; there may be a special area of the restaurant for families to sit; and there may be a diaper changing station in at least one of the rest rooms. Or when the family goes to the bank, church or other business, there may be a selection of toys or coloring activities for the children.

On the other hand when someone living with dementia goes into a restaurant, they can get indecisive or overwhelmed by the many options on the menu, even if they have been to the same restaurant many times. The wrong response from the servers could make the person living with dementia upset, more confused or even angry.

What if this happened in a Dementia Friendly business which has trained its staff in dementia friendly skills? The servers would know to smile, look at the person at eye level, be patient and narrow down the choices to two or three at a time until as a team they could find what

the guest wanted to eat. Maybe the restaurant has a menu with pictures of the entrees that is easier to understand. If the person living with dementia needs caregiver assistance in the bathroom, it is more customer-friendly if the restaurant has a "family restroom" that is available for the caregiver to assist the person living with dementia.

When you compare the special skills to handle these two types of group, the cultural disconnect becomes obvious. When the child and the parent go into these places in the community, they feel welcome, supported and understood. There is now a cultural norm at these public places that help make the interaction between families with small children and the public place successful. Don't people living with dementia and their caregivers deserve the same effective type of support? The difference is awareness and training on skills and tools for successful interactions with people living with dementia in our community. That's where a Dementia Friendly initiative helps fill the void.

What different sectors of the community can play a role in the DFC?

Every part of the community plays a role in supporting people living with dementia and their family and care partners. Dementia Friendly America identifies the following sectors as all having a vital role: businesses, banks and financial services, neighbors and community members, emergency planners and first responders, transportation, housing and public spaces, legal and advanced planning services, memory loss supports and services, independent living communities and care throughout the continuum.

In other words, all the people and places that any senior interacts with in normal life are people and entities that could play a role in a Dementia Friendly Community. This includes healthcare facilities, grocery stores, government offices, banks, legal offices, restaurants, merchandise stores and the list goes on.

We are blessed that some businesses in Chatham County are already doing things in a Dementia Friendly manner. For instance, for the last four years, Virlie's Grill has hosted the Chatham County Council on Aging Caregiver Appreciation Annual Dinner in February. On this night, they provide a staff and an environment that makes the person living with dementia and their caregiver feel welcome, understood and accepted. It is clear that the staff makes the extra effort to engage the person living with dementia in conversation and feel like they are a special guest. This past year the Donaldson Funeral Home sponsored this event financially so that the caregivers who already feel so much stress didn't have to worry about the

cost of the meal.

In late June, I spoke at the Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn program and devoted my presentation to dementia. I discussed how a Dementia Friendly Community could benefit the residents and businesses of Chatham County, and how to go forward.

How would Chatham County benefit from being designated "Dementia Friendly"?

First and foremost when someone develops dementia, the disease affects not just them. It affects everyone with whom they come in contact. So family, friends and all the professionals with whom they deal day in and day out are affected.

A person living with dementia usually realizes something isn't right but can't figure out what is going on and this can make them feel anxious. People around them also notice that the person is not acting like themselves and may not understand the cause. They start treating the person living with dementia differently, and this can cause more anxiety for everyone. If family relationships are strained, the family member may think that the person living with dementia-like symptoms is intentionally trying to irritate them, when in reality the person is just very confused and frustrated because their brain is not working the way it used to. Thought processes and being able to verbalize complete thoughts become increasingly difficult for people living with dementia. It may take years for this person to be properly diagnosed and this delay prevents them from receiving the support they need to thrive.

Relationships with family and friends can suffer even more if people don't realize that there is a medical reason for their behavior. Family members can become "embarrassed" by their loved one's behavior. This is one of the reasons why the person living with dementia and their caregiver can become isolated. Isolation can cause dementia to progress faster and can lead to emotional and physical decline not just for the person living with dementia but also for their caregiver. Caregiver burnout is a big issue in our society.

In contrast to this situation, imagine if my mom had lived in a Dementia Friendly Community in the early stages of dementia.

Here are some of the characteristics of this type of community and the positive effect it can have.

• In a Dementia Friendly Community, there is broad awareness and recognition of the signs of dementia and how to communicate with people living with dementia.

Consider my mom's example. My extended family and mom's friends may not have had any experience with dementia. But in a Dementia Friendly Community, much effort is put into creating awareness and educating people about the disease and its symptoms and how to successfully support someone living with dementia and their caregiver. In this scenario, someone in the Dementia Friendly Community could have recognized the signs and symptoms and could have helped my mom and family understand the situation and what resources were available in the community. They could have encouraged mom and dad to go to the doctor to have her symptoms evaluated. When my mom couldn't order from a menu any longer, the server may also have been trained with the skills to successfully communicate with my mom in a manner to maintain her dignity. Maybe the server would remember what mom usually ordered or gave her only a two

or three choices until mom could choose. Or if mom got frustrated when they brought her meal to the table and she didn't remember ordering it, the staff could remember the training and stay calm, apologize that they misunderstood the order, step away from the table with the meal and re-approach with her meal in a couple of minutes.

• The Dementia Friendly Community would allow people living with dementia to go about their daily activities, have a voice and make decisions, and contribute to community life for as long as possible with understanding, respect and support from their care partners and other community members. Don't we all want to be in charge of our own lives for as long as possible and make our own decisions? Many people living with dementia resent losing control of their lives and having someone else take over making decisions for them. Losing independence can bring anger out of a person who has never shown anger with a loved one before. As the disease progresses, the disease robs them of their ability to communicate clearly and they no longer have some of their filters that would stop them from saying something they were thinking. Knowing when to step in to assist someone or preventing them from doing something that is dangerous is not easy. After mom had a car accident while she was staying at my home, I had to be the one to tell her that she couldn't drive anymore. This resulted in a string of profanities sent my way that mom would have never said to me before she had the disease. I understand that it was the disease talking and while it hurt, I knew this was the right decision for her.

• A Dementia Friendly Community would promote an environment where people living with dementia can live safely and be as independent as possible. This setting would be one that promotes physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual wellness. This can be significantly cheaper and more comforting in their own home as long as they get the right support structure. As the disease progresses, access to affordable home care or adult day care can keep someone living at home longer and can be more cost effective than assisted living. Still, it is important to realize that placement in a facility that is dementia friendly as well may sometimes be necessary.

• A Dementia Friendly Community could provide people living with dementia-like symptoms accurate and timely assessment and diagnosis followed by optimal treatment, support and care. In my mom's case, an earlier, accurate diagnosis could have helped my mom and dad face this disease better together. Also, not all dementia-like symptoms are caused by dementia and a medical professional in a Dementia Friendly Community would be able to distinguish the difference between dementia and other conditions that can cause dementia-like symptoms. Urinary tract infections (UTIs) and thyroid disorders are two examples of diagnoses that can exhibit dementia-like symptoms. UTIs can cause confusion and mood changes. Thyroid disorders can cause problems with recall and the ability to concentrate. So recognizing the symptoms and getting an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan are crucial.

• A Dementia Friendly Community would provide people living with dementia and their families, friends, and care partners easy access to supportive options, information and resources, such as education on disease process, self-care, and providing care. Chatham County

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OBITUARIES

DAIMON F. WHITEHEAD



Daimon Franklin Whitehead, 78, of Staley, passed away Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Chatham Hospital in Siler City.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at Ramseur Wesleyan Church, Ramseur, with Rev. Tim Butcher and Rev. Gary Waisner officiating. Burial followed at Kildee Wesleyan Church Cemetery in Ramseur.

Daimon was a native of Chatham County, a graduate of Liberty High School and longtime resident of

Staley. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Daimon enjoyed hunting, fishing, the beach, horses, and boating. Most of all he loved spending time with his "girls", Faye and Wendy, even shopping. He was formerly the parts manager with Ferree Trailer and the retired owner of S & W Paving. He served in the Army National Guard for eight years and was a faithful member of Ramseur Wesleyan Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Elsie Fogleman Whitehead, brothers, Charles Whitehead, Carr Lee Whitehead, William Coy Whitehead, and sisters, Juanita W. Allen and Obriata W. Wilson.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Faye Williams Whitehead of the home; daughter, Wendy Spoloric and husband Joe of Charlotte, and granddaughter, Tyson Spoloric of Virginia.

The family wishes to thank the staff and nurses of Universal Health Care, Chatham Hospital, and Dr. James Davis for their kindness and care he received from them. Also thank you to his friends and family for their frequent visits, prayers and support during his illness.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Loflin Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Ramseur and other times, at the residence.

Condolences may be made online at: www.loflinfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements by Loflin Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Ramseur.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ramseur Wesleyan Church, PO Box 501, Ramseur, NC 27316 or to Kildee Wesleyan Church, c/o Harvey Chriscoe, 7317 Burgess Kivett Road, Ramseur, NC 27316.

PHEOBIA ELLEN BRAXTON MANN



Pheobia Ellen Braxton Mann, age 91, of Pittsboro, died Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at the Jim & Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice Home.

Pheobia was born in Alamance County, North Carolina, on March 21, 1928 to the late William Algie Braxton and Ida Lindley Braxton. She was also preceded in death by her husband Horace Mann and brothers, Wilson Braxton, Grady Braxton, and Charm Braxton.

Surviving relatives include her daughter, Ellen Allen and husband

Tom of Cary; son, Lynn Mann and Betty Jo Oldham of Pittsboro; four grandchildren, Patrick Allen (Lauren), Amanda Thomas (Jon), Jonathan Allen (Haley), Jesse Mann (Brittany), and seven great grandchildren.

The family received friends Friday, August 2, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation Griffin Chapel.

The funeral service was held Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Hickory Mountain United Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Gooch presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Pheobia's memory to the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice House, 100 Roundtree Way Pittsboro, NC 27312 or Hickory Mountain United Methodist Church, 201 Hadley Mill Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Following the service the family was at the home place. Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Mann family.

RUTH ELIZABETH CHAPPELL JONES

Ruth Elizabeth Chappell Jones, age 91, of New Hill, died Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at the Laurels of Chatham.

Ruth was born in Durham County on July 14, 1928 to the late Lonnie Pinkney Chappell and Myrtle Easter Chappell. She was also preceded in death by her husband Carey Jones, brother Billy Chappell, and sisters Annie Belle and Fannie Marie.

Surviving relatives include three daughters, Libby Eubanks and husband Charlie of Pittsboro, Cathy Whitaker of Pittsboro, Rhonda Jones of Surf City; five grandchildren, Clint Eubanks, Jason Eubanks and wife Julia, Kain Whitaker and wife Ashley, Kurt Whitaker, Andrew Sirls, six great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Chappell and wife Pat of Winston Salem; and two sisters, Margaret Allen and husband Donald of Burlington, and Doris Shears and husband Jim of Florida.

The family received friends Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation, Griffin Chapel. The funeral service was held Friday, August 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. at New Elam Christian Church with Rev. Ed Earp presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Ruth's memory to New Elam Christian Church, 3290 Pea Ridge Road, New Hill, NC 27562.

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

Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation was honored to serve the Jones family.

JAMES B. (JIM) SMITH

December 23, 1945 - July 4, 2019

Jim Smith, son of Dorothy and James Smith of Raleigh, died July 4th with his wife Susan Kelemen Smith by his side.

A 1962 graduate of Broughton High School, Jim studied drafting at Louisburg College and later became a talented Japanese wood worker, having apprenticed himself to a master Japanese carpenter in the San Francisco Bay area during the 1970's and 1980's. He designed his and Susan's Japanese style house in the Saralyn Community of Chatham County, using salvaged roof tiles from the old Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh. He also designed and built the frame for a tea house memorial constructed by members of his Saralyn neighborhood.

Like many in his mother's Brown family, Jim was an avid reader, especially enjoying contemporary Southern and other regional writers.

In 1970 Jim trained mine-sniffing dogs for US troops in the Vietnam War at a Wake County facility.

He is missed and will be remembered by many.

MARK LEE MOODY

February 10, 1961 - May 20, 2019

A graveside memorial service will be held for Mark Lee Moody on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Mark always loved to wear Western/Cowboy clothes and accessories. In tribute to Mark, if you have this kind of clothing or accessories, you can wear them. Any type attire is acceptable.

CLARENCE RICHARD ANDERSON

Clarence Richard Anderson, 85, of Sanford died Monday, August 5, 2019 at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 18, 1934, to the late Clarence Anderson and Zylthia Arnold Anderson.

No services are planned at this time.

MELANIE J. GRAY

Ms. Melanie J. Gray, 60, of Siler City, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at UNC Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

SHANE LOGAN CREECH

Shane Logan Creech, 31, of Cameron, passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

No services will be held at this time.

Born in Moore County, Shane was the son of Mike and Lonnie Creech. He graduated from Union Pines High School and was furthering his education at Sandhills Community College.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Sharon Martin and paternal grandmother, Norma Creech.

Shane is survived by his parents. Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

JANIE JANETTE JOHNSON SUTTLES

Janie Janette Johnson Suttles, 85, of Chapel Hill, died Monday, August 5, 2019 at her home.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Bynum United Methodist Church cemetery with Pastor Wesley Thomas and Pastor Cory Oliver presiding.

Janie was born in Chatham County on September 5, 1933 to the late Hobert Johnson and Trannie McDuffie Johnson. She was also preceded in death by her husband Ralph Suttles, daughter, Donna Suttles Elkins, brother, James Allen Johnson, and sister, Cubie Wrenn.

Survivors include a son, Frankie Suttles of Chapel Hill; daughter, Michelle Suttles Brown of Chapel Hill; nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation Griffin Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Janie's memory to UNC Hospice, P.O. Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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

ROGER SMITH BUTLER

Roger Butler, 76, passed away at home in Fearrington Village.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Roger was born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of William Henry Butler and Florence Sauer Butler. He attended Ridgewood High School, Berwick Academy in Maine and later studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. Roger worked with his father in the printing business, and later became the president of Graphics Illustrated in Riviera Beach, FL. He served in the U.S. Army.

Roger is survived by his wife Jerrelyn "Jeri"; children, Kristin and Erik; brother, Glen; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions to be made in Roger's memory to the Danny Butler Memorial Fund, 38 Stratford Road, Harrison, NY 10528 or Alcoholics Anonymous.

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LINTON LEMAR MCNEILL

Linton Lemar McNeill, Jr., 73, of Sanford, passed away at his home on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

A celebration of life service was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Crossroads Ministries in Broadway with Pastor Paul Backlund officiating. The family received friends from 5 to 6 p.m. prior to the service.

He was born on May 20, 1946 to the late Linton Lemar McNeill, Sr. and Myrtle Irene McConnell McNeill. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Regina McNeill and several brothers and sisters. Linton retired from Kelly Springfield and was an active member of Crossroads Ministries.

Linton is survived by his son, Timothy McNeill of Broadway; daughter, Tracy McNeill Jones of Sanford; sister, Alma Jean Gaster; and six grandchildren.

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MRS. LOUISE BEVERLY NEAL MCBRYDE

Mrs. Louise Beverly Neal McBryde, 97, of Sanford passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at her home.

The funeral was held Sunday, August 4, 2019, at 3 p.m. at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Fallon Melvin officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. McBryde was born in Lee County on July 13, 1922, to the late William Henry Neal and Eudora Brown Neal. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon McBryde, a sister, Odessa Oldham, and brothers, Roy Neal and Lincoln Neal. She worked at W. Koury Company for a number of years.

Surviving are sons, Larry McBryde of Broadway, Jeffery McBryde of Sanford, Russell McBryde of Olivia; daughters, Carolyn White of Broadway, Donna Bogan of Sanford; brothers, Herman Neal, Clarence Neal, and Foster Neal, all of Sanford; Vance Neal of Fayetteville; two sisters, Helen Patnode of S.C. and Frances Carter of Sanford; eleven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Triad-based screenwriter visiting McIntyre's Books

PITTSBORO — Triad-based author and screenwriter Timothy Reinhardt will be doing a book reading and discussion about his new book, "Jesus' Brother James," starting at 2 p.m. on August 18.

The book is the follow-up to Reinhardt's "Crackers," which was made into a feature film starring Vincent D'Onofrio and Brenda Vaccaro. According to a press release, "Jesus' Brother James" is a satire in which fate seems to pull four people together

through their hilarious struggles to find meaning in a chaotic world." The free event will also include conversation about how to adapt a novel into a feature film. McIntyre's Books is located in Fearrington Village.

— CN+R staff reports

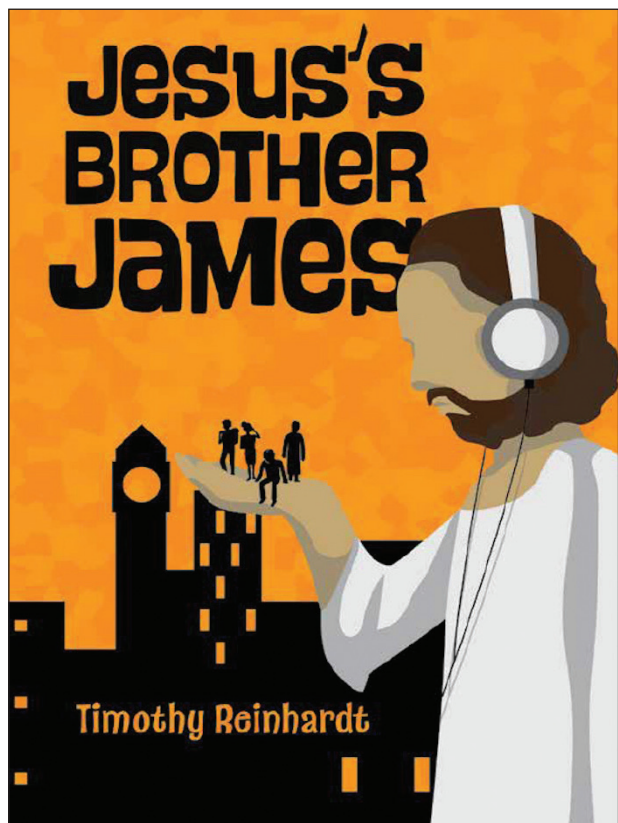
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ENGAGEMENT

Russell-Jones

Rachel Marie Russell of Peoria, Illinois and Matthew Ryan Jones of Metamora, Illinois announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Lori A. Stiles of Goldston and James F. Russell of Carthage. A graduate of Chatham Central High School, she attended the US Army Warrant Officer Career College and the US Army School of Aviation.

The groom-elect is the son of Marla M. Jones and Don T. Jones of Metamora, Illinois and the grandson of Carolyn and Don Jones of East Peoria, Illinois. He is a graduate of Metamora High School and the University of Las Vegas, Nevada.



Jones and Russell

Their wedding is planned for 4 p.m., November 9, 2019 in Peoria, Illinois.

CHURCH NEWS

The September 14 Clothes Closet will be open.

HOLLAND CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

The Holland Chapel Ensemble Anniversary celebration will be held during morning worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 11.

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry of Holland Chapel will sponsor a worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 17 in the church assembly room. Rev. Linda McCrimmon will be the guest preacher. The theme will be: Receiving Excellence in Christ Jesus through Prayer. Attire is casual. The public is invited.

The church is located at 360 Burgess Road, Apex.

EVANS CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Revival services will begin in the 11 a.m. service at Evans Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church on Sunday, August 11 with the pastor, Rev. Lorinzer Johnson bringing the message. Dinner will be served after that service. At 2:30 p.m., Rev. Barry Gray of the First Missionary Baptist Church will open the service. He will be joined by his ushers, choir and congregation.

Monday night, Rev. Wanda Howell, pastor

of Clapps Chapel in Whitsett will speak; and Tuesday, Elder Joseph L. Robertson, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, will be the speaker; Wednesday, the speaker will be Rev. Stanley Burnett, pastor of Wards Memorial of Sanford.

Everyone is welcome to come out and be a part of these services.

BEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

“Back to School” bells will be ringing soon, bringing with them a need for daily supplies for students and teachers alike.

With that in mind, a local church is sponsoring an event where both groups can find some of the items they may need for the upcoming school year.

From 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, August 17, Bear Creek Baptist Church will donate school supplies to teachers and students in the parking lot of the Goldston Library. Among the items available free of charge are folders, dry erase markers, glue sticks, pens, Lysol/Clorox wipes, child-safe scissors and more.

And by the way, even though it’s almost back to school time, there’s still plenty of summer hot weather around so there will be free drinks and snacks that day, as well.

NEW BEGINNING MINISTRIES

New Beginnings Ministries will celebrate their annual Women’s Day at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 11. The speaker will be First Lady Elder Renee Powell, from Alston’s Chapel Church in Pittsboro. Our colors are red and white if you would like to dress along with us.

We would like to invite the men to come and fellowship with us.

The public is welcome to attend. We are located at 155 Pondarosa Road, Siler City.

MOUNT CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

A rainbow tea sponsored by the youth department will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 10 at Mount Calvary Holy Church.

The theme is “Keep Reaching”. The youth will speak on the importance of math, reading, history and language. We welcome you to attend.

The church is located at 578 Stockyard Road, Siler City.

LYSTRA BAPTIST CHURCH

Lystra Church Take and Wear Clothes Closet has canceled the August 17 opening due to work being done in the Fellowship Hall.

BURGESS HONORED BY LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Hannah Burgess of Pittsboro was among the Lawrence University students honored recently in the Honors Award Ceremony and the Honors

Convocation. She was presented with the Phi Beta Kappa Downer Freshman Prize. The University is located at Appleton, Wisconsin.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chatham Charter kicks off new school year

SILER CITY — More than 560 students will start their school year this week when Chatham Charter School starts its 2019-2020 classes Thursday.

The Siler City-based public charter school saw staff return on Monday and an open house held Tuesday. A school press release said elementary school teachers will begin implementing additional reading strategies from the Orton-Gillingham Approach this year, and the school will begin a “campus-wide focus” on volunteerism and service. The music program has also expanded into middle and high school.

Chatham Charter will also continue its partnership with Central Carolina Community College and the Career and College Promise program, a state initiative that gives high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn more than 40 college transfer credits while still in secondary education. Those classes will also fulfill high school requirements.

The school’s more than 30 sports teams for middle and high schoolers will also continue competing in the Central Tarheel Conference for high school and Mid-State Conference for middle school. Admission fees are \$3 for middle school games and \$5 for high school sports. All fall sports will soon be played on campus with the addition of two soccer fields and one softball field.

Last chance for public input on Park Shopping Center Study

The Love Creek Watershed Stewards will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. August 15 at the Peppercorn located at 138 N. Chatham Ave. in Siler City. The meeting will be the public’s last opportunity to provide public input on the Park Shopping Center Restoration Study.

The Park Shopping Center has been subject to flooding for years but

heavy rains from Hurricane Matthew in 2016 left the parking lot severely damaged. In addition, a stream that comes from Boling Lane Park is funneled underneath the lot. Since mid-July, the owners of the shopping center, SMA Enterprises LLC, in Alexandria, Virginia, have assessed a civil penalty of \$100 a day for town code violations.

The Loves Creek Watershed Stewards have been conducting a study of the watershed including the Park Shopping Center to identify implementation

projects to help reduce flooding.

Several other items will be up for discussion at the meeting including maintenance at Boling Lane Park, stormwater controls around the Piggly Wiggly, and a restoration project on land between Chatham Avenue and Cedar Lane.

Two Chatham roads to close for pipe replacements

SILER CITY — Two roads in Chatham County have been closed to replace pipes running under the road, the N.C. Dept. of Transportation announced.

Hamlets Chapel Road, located a half-mile west of U.S. Highway 15-501, and Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, off of Silk Hope Road, will be closed to through traffic until Aug. 23. Drainage pipes damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael will be replaced with upgraded culverts that, according to DOT, will be capable of better handling future floodwaters.

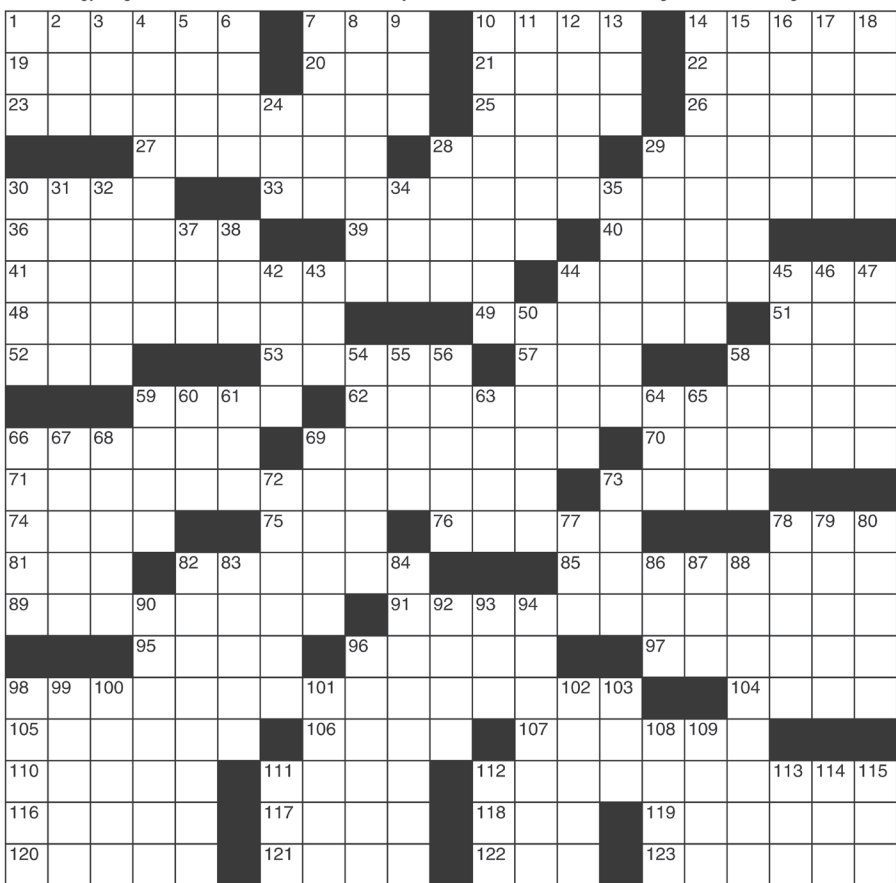
A detour for Hamlets Chapel Road will send drivers onto Moore Mountain Road. And traffic will use Silk Hope Lindley Mill Road, Epps Clark Road and White Smith Road to go around the closure on Silk Hope Gum Springs Road. Drivers using these routes should expect delays and watch for detour signs.

— CN+R staff reports

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Hindu monks</p> <p>7 Gorilla or gibbon</p> <p>10 Baby doll call</p> <p>14 Ignominy</p> <p>19 Wound antiseptic</p> <p>20 Nothing</p> <p>21 Chilled</p> <p>22 Tabloid VIP</p> <p>23 Long poems in which animals speak and act like humans</p> <p>25 Figure skater’s jump</p> <p>26 Drizzles, e.g.</p> <p>27 Beethoven specialty</p> <p>28 Much-shared GIF, maybe</p> <p>29 Murmur continuously</p> <p>30 Bodega, e.g.</p> <p>33 Detecting of sweetness, flavor, etc.</p> <p>36 Spiny-crested lizard</p> <p>39 Place atop</p> <p>40 Not busy</p> <p>41 Installments of TV series that were not preserved</p> <p>44 Biology and ecology, e.g.</p> | <p>48 It may be loose-leaf</p> <p>49 Clan carvings</p> <p>51 “— found it”</p> <p>52 Pub. houses hire them</p> <p>53 One of the Judds</p> <p>57 Cannes’ Palme —</p> <p>58 Actress Lena</p> <p>59 Iris’ place in the eye</p> <p>62 Hindu social classes as they relate to government affairs</p> <p>66 Cherishes</p> <p>69 Taverns</p> <p>70 Lord’s home</p> <p>71 1 Peter and 1 Timothy, in the Bible</p> <p>73 Armory stuff</p> <p>74 Sister of Luke, in sci-fi</p> <p>75 Seville cheer</p> <p>76 Masterful</p> <p>78 Fan noise</p> <p>81 In time past</p> <p>82 Dry gully</p> <p>85 Road part for cyclists</p> <p>89 “Huzzah!”</p> <p>91 Crusty, cheesy brand in the frozen food aisle</p> | <p>95 Salinger’s “love and squalor” girl</p> <p>96 Philosopher with a logical “razor”</p> <p>97 Surrendered</p> <p>98 It may result in landfills</p> <p>104 Get a look at</p> <p>105 ET and such</p> <p>106 Dried out</p> <p>107 Sea demigod</p> <p>110 Future pupa</p> <p>111 Pre-’91 world power</p> <p>112 Enter ... or what each of seven long answers in this puzzle has</p> <p>116 Prepare to pray, say</p> <p>117 Go higher</p> <p>118 Old Olds</p> <p>119 Conductor of impulses</p> <p>120 Composer Camille</p> <p>121 Direct</p> <p>122 Age-verifying docs.</p> <p>123 Trees that tremble</p> | <p>3 Org. for a periodontist</p> <p>4 Say wrongly</p> <p>5 Gung-ho on</p> <p>6 In view</p> <p>7 Ekberg of Hollywood</p> <p>8 Blue Period artist Pablo</p> <p>9 Overhead</p> <p>10 Highway distance marker</p> <p>11 Keen insight</p> <p>12 Rhythm</p> <p>13 Lumber tool</p> <p>14 High ethical standards</p> <p>15 Encourage</p> <p>16 Court excuse</p> <p>17 — Park (Edison’s lab site)</p> <p>18 Jed Clampett player Buddy</p> <p>24 Singer Benatar</p> <p>28 Parcel (out)</p> <p>29 Make obscure</p> <p>30 Pooh creator</p> <p>31 Put up — fight</p> <p>32 Undergoes oxidation</p> <p>34 TV’s Turner</p> <p>35 Orator of old Rome</p> | <p>37 Neighbor of Colo.</p> <p>38 GI address</p> <p>42 Scottish isle</p> <p>43 Pop music of Jamaica</p> <p>44 Quits</p> <p>45 Eyelashes, anatomically</p> <p>46 Give the boot</p> <p>47 Awareness</p> <p>50 Danish port</p> <p>54 Irish playwright Sean</p> <p>55 Ale grain</p> <p>56 Capri, e.g., to a Capriote</p> <p>58 Filmmaker Preminger</p> <p>59 Stellar bear</p> <p>60 Dog healer</p> <p>61 Ending for journal</p> <p>63 Three- — sloth</p> <p>64 NASA moon lander</p> <p>65 Ending for journal</p> <p>66 Insurer with a duck mascot</p> <p>67 San — Bay</p> <p>68 Stellar hunter</p> <p>69 Grain storer</p> <p>72 Redcap, e.g.</p> <p>73 On the job</p> <p>77 “POV” airtel</p> <p>78 Fogs</p> | <p>79 Open, as some jackets</p> <p>80 John Irving’s “A Prayer for Owen —”</p> <p>82 Armories</p> <p>83 Freeway exit inclines</p> <p>84 Came to pass</p> <p>86 Tavern cask</p> <p>87 Green gp.</p> <p>88 Adds pep to</p> <p>90 Take revenge</p> <p>92 “Behold!” to Brutus</p> <p>93 Brutus’ lang.</p> <p>94 Sent forth</p> <p>96 Ukraine city</p> <p>98 Goes on foot</p> <p>99 “George & —” (1990s talk show)</p> <p>100 “Yes, —!” (“For sure!”)</p> <p>101 Actor Davis in many Spike Lee films</p> <p>102 Creme-filled cookies</p> <p>103 Puppy bite</p> <p>108 Funny Fey</p> <p>109 Wallet slings</p> <p>111 Internet ID</p> <p>112 — Lankan</p> <p>113 Fury</p> <p>114 Comedian</p> <p>115 USNA grad.</p> |
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NATIONAL DISC GOLF DAY

Disc golf: more than a sport, it's a culture

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Editor's note: CN+R Reporter Casey Mann, an avid disc golfer, spent her weekend with fellow enthusiasts celebrating Saturday's National Disc Golf Day. Here's her take on the growing sport and her experience.

Three private disc golf courses in Chatham County in two days — that's how we celebrated National Disc Golf Day.

Did any of us really care about National Disc Golf Day? Probably not, but it was a good excuse to play some disc golf.

Not like we needed an excuse. The sport is growing so quickly that it would be easy to find a course to play in North Carolina any day of the week. In just about every county in the state there are public parks, small community tournaments, and "doubles" events — where you get paired with another golfer and take the best of both shots per hole.

Disc golf is a sport similar to ball golf, but played with flying discs. Some in the disc golf community don't really like calling ball golf "traditional" — it gets under their skin like a micro-aggression, especially since many disc golf players also play ball golf and view both sports equally. Courses are typically 18 holes and players throw discs at baskets with chains, akin to the "holes" on a golf course, aiming for the fewest strokes possible. Like ball golf with fairways and greens, players hope for birdies, eagles, and the elusive hole in one.

Its origins can be drawn to the 1970s where the first patent for a disc golf basket was issued and the sport has grown ever since. The Professional Disc Golf Association created National Disc Golf Day, celebrated the first Saturday in August, to "celebrate one of the fastest-growing sports in the world."

Here in Chatham, there are several public courses including Rock Ridge Park in Pittsboro, which the Pittsboro Parks and Recreation notes is the top-ranked public disc golf course in the Triangle and Triad areas. Rock Ridge was designed by John Houck of Texas, who has designed more championship disc golf courses than anyone living today. But for the dedicated disc golfer, building your own course on your private land is the ultimate reward.

Professional disc golf play involves tournaments, sponsorships and player rankings. But in casual play, it's usually only first names or nicknames, small payouts, and the game centers around a community of people who love the game, the outdoors, and spending time with each other. Nicknames are part of the culture of the disc golf community — they allow the players to define themselves and their place in the community. Since the community and courses are on private property, typically someone's home, the News + Record is limiting personal information to protect the owners' and the players' privacy.

As someone whose disc golf skills are, at best, in the developmental stage, I appreciate the options and affordability of the sport. True, it costs you some for your startup discs, but you really only need one or two when you're starting — a putter and a mid-range. Public parks are free and you don't need to pay green fees, rent a golf cart, or spend much other than for water and snacks. And it gets you out in nature. It's a lovely sightseeing walk where you get to be mildly (or significantly) competitive and you might even see some amazing athleticism.

But it really boils down to the community.

First Round

On Saturday morning I joined at least two



Submitted photo

Ultimately, it comes down to the game. Here L'Awesome prepares to drive as Jefferson and Garden Gnome wait for their turn.



Submitted photo

Sometimes you'll see multiple generations of disc golfers on the course. Here Double-A and her daughter, A-Squared are discussing the finer points of an anhyzer throw which is on where you force your disc to go right when using a backhand throw.



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The 'King of Kentwood' (center with disc) is one of the winningest disc golfers in North Carolina, though many were won outside of the Professional Disc Golf Association. Here he's joined by T-Baby, Sethro and Jefferson as they finish up another amazing round.

dozen disc golfers on a private course on a disc golfer's farmland just off an unassuming gravel path west of Pittsboro. As the mid-morning sun removed the chill from the air, the players gathered their bags full of discs and coolers waiting for the tournament director to yell "bring it in."

"We're outside so obviously there are ticks, chiggers, snakes, and holes," said Noah, who ran the event. "We have bug spray."

A quick guide to the course was given, teams and cards assigned, and the players began their walk to their first holes. The course was arduous, with several long par-4 holes. At each hole, the team with the lowest score gets to go first on the next one, or "take the box." The highest scoring team on the card is "BOB," or "bottom of the box." I tend to spend a lot of time as BOB. We trudged up and down hills, powering through long drives of more than 250 feet, desperate to avoid trees, and hoping to make those putts take the box.

As the morning wore on, the heat of the day began to wear on the players. Fortunately, to celebrate National Disc Golf Day, smoked pork butts, homemade coleslaw, and the most delicious cornbread ever created awaited us when we finished our round. Though

there were winners and losers, the scores were less important than the camaraderie.

The elders of the game have been playing for decades — growing a burgeoning sport. They continue to play not just for the love of sport, but for the community connections. Plus, as aging joints begin to wear and slow the body down, disc golf is low-impact though still exercise. Some courses are miles long. That's part of the reason why disc golf attracts me. I have titanium bars and pins in my lower back from an accident I had more than 25 years ago. Playing the game keeps me active and healthy.

"In 1982 we started throwing Frisbees to targets (signs/trees etc) because we were bored," recalled Taka, a disc golfer from Davie County. "We thought that we had invented Frisbee golf."

"I was tossing wham-o discs back in the late 80s and then one day I went to Kentwood Park in Raleigh to toss my wham-O at a disc golf basket," a player who calls herself Double-A of Wake County said. "A man walks up to me (Joe Who) and hands me a cobra disc [a type of disc golf disc made by Innova] and says, 'Here, snap it out in front between 11-1 o'clock.' I thought to myself, 'This thing looks like a Corelle plate. It's



Submitted photo

Many disc golfers build courses on their private land. Here a group of disc golfers are 'bringing it in' to learn their partners, starting holes, and get a quick run-through of the course.

not going to fly worth a damn.' Well, I was wrong. It flew so much farther and was more accurate. I played voraciously from that day on, deciding I would do what I could to promote the sport and even have my own course one day on my land in Raleigh."

Double-A opened her course, Sunshine Acres, in 1994 and over the years has designed stamps for discs, artwork for t-shirt designs for tournaments, tie-dyed everything she could get her hands on and helped to "piggyback on the notion that disc golf builds great community."

Sometimes you'll see two generations of disc golfers on the course. Double A's daughter, A-Squared, has been on a disc golf course most of her life. She doesn't play competitively like her mother has, but she comes to enjoy the company and the disc golf family. And then there's "The Real McCoy" who has two sons who play the game; the elder is on tour and sponsored by a disc company. And Chris Brown's daughter, "the young Hope Brown" continues to smash on the professional juniors tour.

Second Round

After the first round, we made our way to the next private course at the home of another disc golfer outside of Pittsboro. Most of the players made their way to the course and were joined by other players who hadn't made it in the morning, bringing the player count to about 30 for the day. I didn't have the stamina for the second round. Heat and lack of skill

got the best of me. Then again, there are worse things to do than sit on an old porch surrounded by nature while watching folks with mad skills hit their mark and bang those chains.

Some players have an arm that gives them a massive drive while others have the finesse to land every ridiculous putt around a mass of trees. Some are blessed to have both those skills. Those are the athletes that are the most fun to watch. Even when they're bad, they're good.

The second course was a combination of wide open field holes with rolling hills and tight wooded holes. There were amazing long drives and crazy long putts. As the heat of the day began to subside, the players settled deep into their second round. The drives were long and it takes strength and skill to get that "snap" on the disc for it to fly the distance and the direction the player intends. Backhand throws, flicks, and jump putts were just some of the techniques on display on the course that day. As the round ended, the players were greeted with yet another delicious meal, stuffing their bellies as they lounged on the porch, recovering from the long day.

Disc golfers are young and old, men and women, experienced and novice and yet we are one community.

"I play because I love it," LizLime of Durham said. "It's the best people on earth. And I still haven't gotten an ace so there's always something to shoot for. Disc golf is incredibly accessible. All shapes, sizes, ages, abilities can play. Low impact

on your body AND the environment."

"The good shots obviously [keep me playing]," The Dactyl from Mecklenburg County said. "And the community of friends I've made. There are some amazing people I might have never met if it weren't for the game of disc golf."

Final Round

Sunday morning brought another course and different disc golfers. We traveled to Bear Creek to meet another 25 disc golfers. This private course is terrifically shaded with a creek running through it keeping the temperatures at bay. The creek also means there are holes that have "OB," or out of bounds, adding a new challenge for the player.

First Sunday doubles — a tradition in itself — is a favorite among the community. The course is beautiful. It "plays well" and is an equalizer as it's not dependent on powerful drives. The course is a lot of finesse which allows both men and women to compete against each other. I may not be able to do a 350 foot drive with my upper body strength, but I might be able to make a killer up shot when your "power drive" hits a tree.

The opening hole's tee pad sits atop of stone cliff, with players having to throw a long drive off the edge and over the creek to land in the green. The front nine holes are tight and technical holes through the woods, which have been painstakingly cared for. The back nine is longer, but still wooded, with challenging topography to consider when throwing your shots.

As morning settled into early afternoon, the players began to finish their rounds, welcomed by another meal. The winners, who shot nine under par, received the top honors. Sunday's course also included rewards for "CTP" or "closest to the pin." CTP's are usually items players have donated — on Sunday there were discs and insect repellent towelettes. As the final round of the weekend came to a close, those who completed all three courses were fairly wiped out, myself included.

"Disc golf is more than just a sport — it is a culture," said Rando Lando, of Franklin County.

"When you start playing with the right vibe, it is like seeing the ocean for the first time," said Detroit Drew, of Wake County.

There's something about family — the culture — something that brings all these random folks together beyond the sport. We diverge on politics, occupations, religions, perspectives, but we put up with each other. We come together at times of need. Like when Bear was suddenly diagnosed with terminal cancer. The community came together to hold raffles, create commemorative disc, and more to raise money for his family to pay medical bills and funeral costs.

We feed each other, spend time with each other, compete against each other. It's more than the "good stops" at the tee box, the tough shots, the long putts, the par saves. It's the sounds of laughter, the "woots," and "aw's" of the close calls that carry through the woods. The camaraderie of the people that have developed with friends old and new.

"It's still fun, especially with real discs and baskets," Taka said. "Add some good friends, a sweet course, and you've got yourself a good time. Disc golf is like the Grateful Dead. Not everyone gets it but the people who do are a higher life form."

We brave the elements — heat, rain, cold, ticks and chiggers — and it's all worth it. We have taken the box.

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SILER CITY COMMISSIONERS

Town considering ban on public property smoking

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners is considering enacting a policy prohibiting use of tobacco products on public property.

The subject was discussed at the board's meeting on Monday when Joseph Keel, the town's Parks and Recreation Director, requested a similar policy for all parks facilities. Keel noted the department has received numerous complaints, particularly at Bray Park, about park visitors smoking in bleachers and in parking lots during tournaments.

"Smoking is not typical for the tournament environment," Keel said. "Currently our parks have no policy."

Keel presented to commissioners a proposed parks facilities tobacco ban, based on the Chatham County tobacco policy adopted in 2016. With the request on the agenda, the town's interim town manager, Roy Lynch, noted that he had included a discussion point about a policy for all town property to ascertain if the board wanted to move in that direction rather than simply ban tobacco products in parks alone.

Town Attorney William Morgan said that if the board is considering a more comprehensive ban, it would make sense to do only one policy rather than a separate one for parks to prevent confusion.

The board was provided with several documents to use as they consider what to do moving forward,



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Town of Siler City currently prohibits smoking inside town-owned property, as shown on this door to town offices.

including the state's Health and Human Services model ordinance, Chatham County's policy, and a policy for Canton and Haywood County for comparison.

Commissioner Lewis Fadely said he believes the town should consider a policy similar to Chatham County's, for consistency. When asked, Morgan said he believes, based on the language, that the Chatham County policy was modeled on the HHS model ordinance.

He also noted that the Chatham County policy would also apply to park facilities.

The board was in general consensus that it would prefer to have a policy that covers all town property, directing the staff to return with an ordinance similar to Chatham County's and determine where in the town's code the ordinance should be written. Keel said Parks and Recreation staff was hoping to have a policy in place "more immediate-



Staff photo by David Bradley

Smoking on the grounds of the Siler City Town Hall is allowed currently in the front of the building.

ly" so that it could begin ordering signage and begin educating residents about the policy, but he was assured that the measure would be ready for a vote at the board's next regular meeting on August 19.

The Chatham County smoking policy covers all tobacco products including cigarettes, snuff, and vapes. Use of tobacco products are prohibited in any county building, in any county vehicle, and

on any county grounds, including the park system.

If the town passes an ordinance similar to Chatham County's it would need to remove all ash trays, create signage in English and Spanish and post at all entrances. Employees would need to be informed of the change as well. Visitors who are seen using tobacco products will be asked to stop and if they don't can be escorted from the premises.

Employees who violate the policy would be dealt with in accordance with personnel policies, which may include a verbal or written warning.

The tobacco policy is anticipated to be on the agenda of the next Siler City Board of Commissioners regular meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on August 19.

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CHAT: Providing opportunity

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has started to embrace this issue as part of the 2018-2023 Chatham County Aging Plan. The Council on Aging is spearheading a free respite program by joining with the faith community so services are spread throughout Chatham County. There's also a group of 18 Chatham County volunteers who have begun training to become Community Ambassadors who are to help the Chatham County Council on Aging and partners spread the word about services, programs, and other vital news.

Last but not least, in a Dementia Friendly Community, resources and support are available and accessible to all people regardless of where they live, their cultural background, or their economic status. A big emphasis of the Chatham County Aging Plan is a focus on equity of available services regardless of which part of the county someone lives in, their cultural background or their economic status.

What are other communities nearby that have earned the distinction of "Dementia Friendly" or are in the process?

North Carolina communities that have been recognized as "Dementia Friendly" include Orange County, Wake Forest, The Outer Banks and Cary. Each of these communities have businesses which have completed "Dementia Friendly" training and have demonstrated their desire and ability to treat the community in Dementia Friendly way and these businesses display a dementia friendly logo. This helps community members know which establishments can support them in their dementia journey. In our area, UNC Hospital is using the Outer Banks Hospital dementia friendly model toward making UNC hospitals "Dementia Friendly".

What has to happen in order for Chatham to get the Dementia Friendly Community designation? What steps, what changes, how much time will it take?

To build on the existing dementia friendly activities already in place in Chatham County, Dementia Friendly America ("DFA")



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Jackie Green leads Activities & Wellness programs at the Chatham County Council on Aging.

suggests convening a team of community leaders and members, called champions, to understand dementia and its implications for Chatham County.

The champions would determine community readiness to proceed and build an Action Team. The Action Team would drive the efforts toward becoming Dementia Friendly Chatham. Action Team Members are key community leaders and stakeholders who represent a variety of sectors and are interested in leading the community to become dementia friendly. Action Team members may include people living with dementia, their family and care partners. Further community involvement is suggested through creating a Community Engagement Team. This team would help complete the actual assessment of current strengths and gaps in Chatham County. The Action Team would then look at the results from this assessment and determine what Dementia Friendly Chatham County really looks like and what steps need to be taken to get there.

The Dementia Friendly action plan that includes these steps looks different for every community because of the uniqueness of each community. Thus the amount of time it takes to earn the Dementia Friendly distinction depends on the approach that the team determines is best for Chatham County and its residents.

The purpose of this viewpoint and the sharing of my personal experience are to create greater awareness of this import-

ant issue within our community. It is one that will surely grow in importance with the aging of our population. If you might be interested in becoming a "Champion" for this issue, please contact me at Jackie.Green@chathamcoa.org or call me at 919-542-4512. We need people within our community to drive this initiative to support those living with dementia and their caregivers.

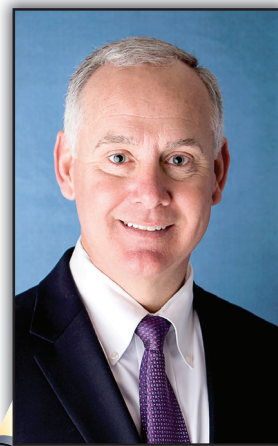
In the meantime, what can someone do to support someone living with dementia?

You can be a friend to someone living with dementia by staying in touch with your friends who may be developing dementia, be aware of their needs and offer assistance to them. Go ahead and smile and say hello instead of avoiding a person living with dementia. Don't be afraid to start a conversation with a person living with dementia.

Lastly, provide opportunity for people living with dementia to be included in your community. Please don't ignore them. Help find a meaningful way to include them. Someday it may be you or your loved one who may need someone to extend this kind of kindness and understanding. I love meeting those living with dementia where they are. They may only have this moment because they can't remember what came before and they may not be able to ponder what is to come. But a smile in this moment goes a long way to help them realize that they are not invisible — they are loved and valued.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE INTERSECTION AT U.S. 421 AND N.C. 902 IN CHATHAM COUNTY

STIP Project No. W-5517

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to upgrade intersection at U.S. 421 and N.C. 902 in Chatham County to improve traffic flow and safety.

A public meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 20** at **Sandy Branch Baptist Church** at 715 Sandy Branch Church Road in Bear Creek.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the project and gather input on the proposed design. As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT public meeting webpage:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>

or the project website:

<https://Publicinput.com/US421andNC902-bearcreek>

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours, as no formal presentation will be made. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops.

The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or can be done by phone, email, or mail by **Sept. 3, 2019**.

For additional information, please contact NCDOT Capital Region Traffic Engineer John Grant, PE, at 1561 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1561, (919) 814-4952 or jhgrant@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, (919) 707-6069 or magallagher@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

NEWS BRIEFS

Next Household Hazardous Waste event set for Aug. 17

Residents of Chatham County will have another opportunity this month to dispose of hazardous household materials in a safe manner.

Scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 17, the Household Hazardous Waste event is a monthly opportunity for county resident to dispose of items such as paints, stains, bleach, cleaners, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs and more at the county's Solid Waste & Recycling Main Facility, 28 County Services Road, in Pittsboro.

The events are usually held on the third Saturday of each month from March through November. For a complete list of eligible items, visit the Chatham County Household Hazardous Waste webpage or contact the Solid Waste & Recycling Division at 919-542-5516.

Latex paint can be safely dried out and

put in with your regular trash instead of bringing it to the Household Hazardous Waste collection. When dried and solid, latex paint can be taken to any of the 12 Collection Centers (decal required) or put in with your curbside trash. To dry it out, take off the lid and let it sit outside in a covered area. Add kitty litter or sawdust to speed up the drying process. Approximately 60 percent of the material brought to the HHW collection is liquid latex paint. It is the most costly item we collect. To save our budget for handling the more hazardous wastes, we encourage residents to dry it up for disposal.

Chatham near the top in Senior Games participation state-wide

According to the Chatham County Council on Aging, Chatham seniors show up when it comes time to compete.

The county was second in percentage growth among North Carolina's 52 Senior Games competitions between 2016-2019, with a 65 percent increase in participation in that time period. This past spring, 255 individuals participated in the various Senior Games and SilverArts competitions, with 54 registered for this fall's State Finals.

"As a participant and long-time supporter of Senior Games, I am very proud of Chatham's ranking as a leader," said Dennis Streets, director of the Council on Aging. "Still, I challenge all of us in Chatham who are eligible to engage in this program. This year's 255 participants is but a drop in the bucket of those who are '50 and better' as we like to call it."

Chatham has also had residents participate on the national level. In the National Senior Games this past June, Ronald Bousquest was 7th in Archery Barebow Recurve and Steve Barrett's six swimming competitions earned him

two third-place, fourth-place and fifth-place finishes each.

The competitions are open to any individual 50 years or older.

"I welcome the opportunity to talk with any individual or group who wants to find out how to participate," said Liz Lahti, the program's local coordinator. "For some it may be just competing on one day in one event to show prowess in tennis, pickleball, cornhole, bowling, cycling, running or the many sports that are offered. Others are engaged in our year-round fitness and wellness activities. Still others enjoy the opportunity to express themselves through the many categories of SilverArts."

Interested individuals can contact either of the Council's centers at (919) 542-4512 in Pittsboro and (919) 742-3975 in Siler City. For more information about North Carolina Senior Games, visit ncseniorgames.org.

— CN+R staff reports

INTERNET: 'Reliable Internet access is a must' in campuses, communities

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learning," Claire said in a 2016 press release. "But it's a huge problem in America that we have 5 million households with children that lack Internet connections. Those kids have a huge disadvantage and we are failing them. All of us at Sprint are committed to changing this by providing 1 million students in need with free devices and free wireless connections."

Already, 16 of North Carolina's school districts and public charter schools are taking advantage of the program, including Chatham's neighbors Guilford County. Medlin said Moore and Wake counties are also in the process of participating in the program.

The devices will be offered to every high schooler in Chatham

County's public high schools. Medlin said a survey will be deployed when school starts later this month to gather interest.

The hotspots will provide 10 free gigabytes of data per month, which Medlin said accounts for 900 emails, 900 webpage visits and 10 hours of instructional videos — "a pretty substantial amount of data." The Internet provided will be filtered, meaning websites promoting alcohol, tobacco, hate speech and pornography will be blocked, just like Internet connection on school campuses. Medlin added that it's enough data to allow for schoolwork, but non-educational websites that provide streaming services will deplete the available data quickly.

"If they decide they're going to binge-watch some Netflix, they're

going to burn through their data pretty quickly," he said. "So they'll find out that as their teachers ask them to do things, they'll need that data."

Every student in Chatham County already has access to laptops as part of the district's 1-to-1 program. John McCann, the district's public information director, said upgrading available technology is necessary to meet the district's demands of its students.

"Digital teaching and digital learning are ingrained in our instructional approach," McCann said. "Our high schoolers and most of our middle schoolers are allowed to take home those devices for more learning. So constant, reliable Internet access is a must both on our campuses and in our communities."



Courtesy of 1 Million Project Foundation

Chatham County Schools is on the verge of agreeing a deal with the 1 Million Project Foundation to bring free wi-fi hotspot devices to the county for high school students in need of better internet connection. The district would join hundreds of other counties in the country in participating in the program.

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JOHN MCCANN, the district's public information director

TAXES: 'The first due date for your property tax payment is Sept. 1'

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2. This money will be used for schools, safety and social services.

The total anticipated property tax revenue for this fiscal year is \$78,051,165, which makes up more than 61 percent of the county's annual budget. Thirty-nine cents of each dollar spent on tax payments goes to schools, like Chatham County Schools and Central Carolina Community College, while 18 cents goes toward public safety like the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. Thirteen cents is used for debt payments and transfers to other funds, while 11 cents each goes toward human services like the Health Department and Social Services and Administration.

3. It's due September 1, but you have more than four months to pay it.

The first due date for your property tax payment is September 1, and you can pay the bill without interest until January 6. Both of those dates are set by state statute. The window closes on January 5 every year unless that day falls on a weekend — Jan. 5, 2020 is a Sunday.

You can also pre-pay on your taxes. Williams said some people begin making payments toward their property taxes in January of that year.

4. You can pay by mail, in-person or by phone.

The Chatham County Tax Office is located in the Courthouse Annex building, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, on the main floor. You can bring your payment to the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or drop off the payment in a secure lockbox in the parking lot behind the building.

Residents can also pay by mail, sending the payment to Chatham County Tax Collector, P.O. Box 697, Pittsboro, N.C. 2731. You can also pay by phone by calling (919) 542-8260, but credit card payments are subject to a fee.

5. There's a new way to pay this year: coupons.

Payment coupons have been introduced for the first time this year, and according to Williams, they serve as a "payment plan." The tax office has split up the payments four ways and residents can pay that way.

"Some people don't know you don't have to pay the full amount at once," she said. "You can make payments. We went ahead and decided it into fourths to simplify it for the public. Some people ask for payment plans — that's a payment plan."

6. Don't worry if you received a bill but you pay your property taxes through escrow with your mortgage company.

The statement you receive is only for your records — you don't owe anything else. Williams said mortgage companies request that date for their accounts and will pay the bills prior to the end of the calendar year.

7. If you owned the property on January 1, you still pay the taxes on it, even if you sold it in the meantime.

Under state law, property taxes are billed annually under the name of the owner on record as of January 1, so you are responsible for those taxes. Each property owner is required to file a personal property tax listing form in the new county for the upcoming year and notified the property has changed hands.

For real property, state law relieves the seller of liability for property taxes assessed on when the seller transfers the property before the taxes become past due. This law authorizes the Tax Collector to enforce payment by all legal means against the owner of the property (and any subsequent owner) as of the date taxes become past due.

8. You can appeal, but you'll probably be among a small number.

Like any year, the appeals process is avail-

able for those who think their bill is not reflective of their property's value, but Williams said there will likely be very few appeals this year since it is not a revaluation year.

If you would like to appeal, you must submit the appeal before the Chatham County Board of Equalization and Review adjourns for the year. Appeal forms are located at the Tax Office or online at chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/tax-office. Hearings take place in the spring.

9. Unlike previous years, there is now just one Solid Waste Fee.

Another change to the tax bill this year is the Solid Waste Fee, applicable to all landowners with dwellings in unincorporated areas of the county. Previous bills had two fees totalling \$125 per dwelling, but this year's bills combine the fees into one \$125 payment. In the past, residents who had curbside trash or recycling service were exempt from \$34 of that fee, but that has changed.

"With so many different private haulers offering these services throughout the county, there is no efficient system to ensure that all of the correct dwellings were exempt each year," Williams said. "Chatham County residents who pay the solid waste fee through their property tax bill, by the deadline, should receive decals in the mail. Any resident with a current decal is able to use the collection centers to dispose of trash, bulky items, recyclables and many other items."

10. The Solid Waste Fee funds various programs and the county's Collection Centers.

The Solid Waste Fee change is projected to bring the county an additional \$210,000 to the Solid Waste & Recycling Enterprise Fund this year. The funds will support the county's 12 collection centers, household hazardous waste events, tire disposal, curbing illegal dumping, hosting litter clean-ups and putting




on educational program-

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New 4-H Shooting Sports Club in Chatham County

BY LAURA ANN WALTERS
4-H Club Reporter

Chatham County has a new 4-H Club to teach kids ages 8 to 18 how to safely use and become competitive in the shooting sports of archery, rifle, shotgun, and hunter skills.

The Chatham County Shooting Sports 4-H Club began in April of this year and currently has 23 children on its roster. Club member practice is on Saturday mornings, and emphasizes learning safe gun and bow handling procedures, equipment maintenance and proper techniques for accurate shooting.

Parents attend all

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Submitted photo

The view from a competitor's perspective is always intriguing. In this photo, members of the Chatham County 4-H Club's Shooting Skills team shoot for the bullseye.

Combines benefit high school football prospects

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

CHARLOTTE — It's no coincidence that the rise of high school football in the state of North Carolina has mirrored the formation of the Carolina Panthers National Football League franchise which now enters its 25th season. The presence of the Panthers has turned a once basketball-dominated state into one that's equally rabid about football.

With that has come increased emphasis on football at every level, including the high school ranks which now even has spring practice.

It's been huge for the sport of football, according to former Jordan-Matthews star and current Barton University Defensive Coordinator Treiston Burnette.

"I think North Carolina has always had the talent. I have been recruiting the state of North Carolina for nine years," said Burnette.

"It's crazy to see how football has evolved. People have always looked at North Carolina as a basketball state but kids are now beginning to get the same opportunities to prepare themselves in football just like they do in basketball, whether it's spring ball or 7-on-7 leagues. Not to mention the training facilities these kids workout at in which kids are setup to be able to get better all year. I know we may not have the same training facilities and 7-on-7 leagues in Siler City but they definitely have them 30 minutes away in Greensboro."

One budding addition in the last 10 years has been the explosion of combines and camps for prospects in N.C., as well as nationally, to showcase their talents. One such event took place at Mallard Creek High School at the VTO Sports All-American Challenge over the weekend with nearly 200 partici-

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County football teams hit the gridiron to prep for the 2019 season



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Central's Micah Gurley catches a pass from Michael Moore Monday afternoon at a pre-season practice for the Bears while Malachi Moore, center, watches on. Chatham Central kicks off its 2019 campaign August 23 against Eastern Randolph.

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

The 2019 high school football season is already upon us for what promises to be an intriguing fall.

Gone at Jordan-Matthews and Northwood are head coaches Marty Scotten and Brian Harrington, both alumnus of their respective schools.

Scotten stepped down after 23 years at the helm of the Jets, moving on to take the offensive coordinator job at Orange High in Hillsborough, a 3A program in the Big Eight Conference with Northwood.

Harrington, meanwhile, was the head coach at Northwood for four seasons after 22 years as an assistant for his alma mater. Harrington resigned

last spring and immediately took an assistant coaching job in football and track and 4A Fuquay-Varina High.

Sam Spencer, a Durham native and Jordan High graduate, was chosen to take over the Jordan-Matthews program while Cullen Homolka, a Clafin, Kansas native, was hired to guide the Northwood program at the end of February.

Sam Howze, in his fourth season at Chatham Central, is now the veteran gridiron coach in the county.

As far as numbers go in the early stages of practice, all three area coaches have been pleased.

In Siler City, Spencer and his staff deserve a great deal of credit thus far with 45 players turning out when it

appeared that the Jets would even struggle to field a team back in the spring. Spencer made it a point to visit the feeder schools and to field a jayvee team this fall and his efforts have paid dividends with 20 freshmen out after three days in the books.

"We promised our freshmen kids that they would have a jayvee team at Jordan-Matthews this fall and we are going to follow through with that," said Spencer. "We are excited about the turnout so far and expect more. Our seniors are having fun and have been very positive. We want to get better every day and continue to build."

In Pittsboro, Homolka was also pleased with the turn-

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' practice late Monday included instruction by Coach Trazon Mason. Using a model line of scrimmage, players honed their skills in fast action after the snap of the ball.

NCHSAA live broadcasts of football and basketball state championships to continue through 2022

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) announced some exciting news last week about continued live coverage of state championship events.

The NCHSAA and Sinclair Broadcasting Group renewed their agreement to produce and broadcast the NCHSAA Football and Basketball State Championship games across

North Carolina through 2022.

"After a successful two-year contract, we are pleased to continue our partnership with Sinclair and their local stations," said Commissioner Que Tucker. "Sinclair has been a wonderful friend to the Association and our member schools. We are excited to be able to continue bringing the passion and intensity of the NCHSAA State Championships to fans across the state who are unable to attend the games in person. Over the

next three years, we look forward to this continued working relationship as we showcase our football and basketball championships."

The broadcasts have become an increasingly popular venue across the Tar Heel state.

"We are very excited to continue our relationship with the NCHSAA for another three years," said Steve Mann, Executive Director for Sinclair's High School Sports Division. "We take great pride in highlighting these

outstanding student athletes as they work towards being crowned North Carolina state champions!"

The NCHSAA Football and Basketball State Championships will air on selected Sinclair stations and affiliates across North Carolina. Game schedules and affiliates will be announced the week leading up to the championships through the NCHSAA Website and local game affiliates.

Last year, Sinclair's High School Sports Division

provided 517 live high school event broadcasts, spanning more than 1,400 hours of programming. In addition to North Carolina, the company broadcast state championship games in Maryland, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee and Utah.

The NCHSAA partnership with the NFHS Network continues for other playoff and championship events across the state. More information about these events can be found at NFHSNetwork.com/NCHSAA.

American Legion Mid-Atlantic Regional set to begin in Asheboro

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

ASHEBORO — Area baseball fans are in for quite the treat this week at the 2019 American Legion Mid-Atlantic Regional will take place at McCray Park in Asheboro.

Randolph County Post 45, which has played host to the Southeast Regional for the previous six seasons, will now be the host squad for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The state of Virginia will also shift from the Southeast to the Mid-Atlantic.

Opening day action begins on Wednesday, August 7 when Middletown, DE Post 25 (13-8) battles Morgantown, WV Post 2 (33-8) at 9:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes after the completion of that contest Vienna, VA Post 180 (32-2) and Brooklawn, NJ Post 72 (30-9) will square off in the second game of the day.

Game three on Wednesday will pit Funkstown, MD Post 211 (25-6) against North Carolina state champion Wilmington Post 10 (23-2) at 4:30 p.m. The nightcap contest will

see Hamburg, NY Post 527 (21-4) battle Randolph County Post 45 (32-9) thirty minutes following the third game of the day.

Action will resume on Thursday, August 8 with the loser of game one taking on the loser of game three at 9:30 a.m. in game five of the event before the loser of game two and the loser of game four will do battle thirty minutes after in game six.

At 4:30 p.m., the winner of game one and the winner of game three will tangle in game seven of the tournament before the winner of game two and the winner of game four get after it thirty minutes later in the nightcap in game eight.

On Friday, August 9, the winner of game six and the loser of game seven will go at it at 12:30 p.m. before the winner of game five and the loser of game eight tangle at 4:30 p.m. The final contest on Friday will feature the winner of game seven versus the winner of game eight.

Game 12 will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 10 with game 13 set for 30 min-



Staff photo by David Bradley

Post 45's Harris Jackson slides face first into second as Post 53's Adam Weber stretches to make the out in recent American Legion action at McCray Park in Asheboro. Second baseman Cody Donnell backs the play.

utes after its conclusion. On Sunday, August 11, Game 14 is set for 4:30 p.m. with an if-necessary game slated for 30 minutes after its conclusion if the Mid-Atlantic Regional hasn't been decided. A tournament pass good for all the games is \$40 while

tickets for each two game session are \$12, and a ticket for a single game at 12:30 p.m. on Friday is \$6. Randolph County Post 45 has won the previous two Southeast Regionals and advanced to the American Legion World Series in Shelby.

2019 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 7	
Game 1: 9:30	Middletown, DE vs Morgantown, WV
Game 2: (dh)	Vienna, VA vs Brooklawn, NJ
Game 3: 4:30	Funkstown, MD vs Wilmington, NC
Game 4: (dh)	Hamburg, NY vs Randolph, NC
Thursday, August 8	
Game 5: 9:30	L 1 vs. L 3
Game 6: (dh)	L 2 vs. L 4
Game 7: 4:30	W 1 vs. W 3
Game 8: (dh)	W 2 vs. W 4
Friday, August 9	
Game 9: 12:30	W 6 vs. L 7
Game 10: 4:30	W 5 vs. L 8
Game 11: (dh)	W 7 vs. W 8
Saturday, August 10	
Game 12: 4:30	
Game 13: 7:30	
Sunday, August 11	
Game 14: 1:30	
Game 15: 4:30	if necessary

NCPreps releases Preseason All-State Football Team

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

Deanna King and NCPreps released its 2019 Preseason All-State Football Team sponsored by VTO Sports on Monday, August 5 for the rapidly approaching fall season.

The squad is loaded with talent as high school football continues to produce more and more Division I prospects on an annual basis.

Desmond Evans of Lee County heads the team. The 6'6, 245 defensive end is ranked as the top player in the state of North Carolina this fall and is being recruited by every one in the nation. Area fans can see the Yellow Jacket senior up close and personal later this month when Northwood plays host to Lee County on Friday, August 30 in Pittsboro.

Another area product is Kaemen Marley of East-

ern Randolph. The 6'2, 190 junior was selected as a member of the squad as an athlete as the Wildcat star is expected to line up at wr, rb and safety in the upcoming season. Area fans will also get to see Marley during the opening week of the season when Eastern Randolph travels down to Bear Creek on Friday, August 23. The Wildcats will also take on Jordan-Matthews on Friday, October 4 in Siler City.

OFFENSE

- QB - Drake Maye - Myers Park HS
- RB - Elijah Burris - Mountain Island Charter
- RB - Ahmani Marshall - East Forsyth HS
- WR - Muhsin Muhammad - Myers Park HS
- WR - Porter Rooks - Myers Park HS
- WR - Michael Wyman - Dudley HS
- WR - Ray Grier - South Point HS
- OL - Jonathan Adorno - Rolesville HS
- OL - Mitchell Mayes - Leesville Road HS
- OL - Malik McGowan - Charlotte Catholic HS
- OL - Anthony Carter - Butler HS
- OL - Youself Mugharbil - Murphy HS

DEFENSE

- DL - Jacobbe Cowan - Providence Day School
- DL - Desmond Evans - Lee County HS
- DL - Myles Murphy - Dudley HS
- DL - Kedric Bingley-Jones - Providence Day School

- DL - Payton Page - Dudley HS
- LB - Trenton Simpson - Mallard Creek HS
- LB - Mohamad Kaba - Clinton HS
- LB - Power Echols - Vance HS
- DB - Cameron Roseman-Sinclair - Myers Park HS
- DB - Ja'Qurious Conley - Northside-Jacksonville HS
- DB - Aydan White - Christ School
- DB - Dontavious Nash - Huss HS

SPECIAL TEAMS/ATHLETES

- ATH - Will Shipley - Weddington HS
- ATH - Caleb Hood - Richmond County HS
- ATH - Kaemen Marley - Eastern Randolph HS
- ATH - Jahari Patterson - AC Reynolds HS
- ATH - DeAndre Boykins - Central Cabarrus HS
- K - Ian Williams - Weddington HS
- P - Jajaun Boykin - Byrd HS
- KR/PR - Mekhi Wall - Dudley HS
- LS - Spencer Triplett - Shelby HS

Newspaper archives hold the historical key

I've always fancied myself a Chatham County historian of sorts when it comes to the sports history of our area.

Over the week-

end I felt like I was doused with a bucket of cold-watered reality.

I say that because I had the pleasure of meeting the famous Himi Headen and his wife, Jaqueline, a wonderful couple who look as if they should be walking down a Red Carpet aisle in Hollywood.

Born and raised in Siler City, I had always heard of Himi Headen, but I never remembered meeting him, and more disappointingly on my end, I failed to try to find out more about his athletic prowess. In our almost 30-minute discussion, we talked families, friends, sports, work, and Siler City, but little about him specifically as far as the athletic circles go. Fortunately, his wife Jaqueline filled me in some about her humble husband, and how he was the Athlete of the Year in 1969, the final year of Chatham High School. A three-sport star, Headen, at the age of 70, still looks like he could suit up and do some damage today. Headen played football and basketball, and ran track for the Rams.

As I was lying in bed Sunday night thinking of all the work that lay ahead on Monday, it dawned on me that I may not be the sports historian that I felt I was.

Sure, you get into the 1970s, I know quite a bit, especially the famous points such as Jerry Siler, Northwood's famed Green Machine defense, Chatham Central winning the 1976 state title in baseball behind Mike Brewer, the plethora of talented basketball players that came through in the mid to late 70s such as Mike and Sherman Bowden, Chuck Snipes, Tony Hayes, Angelita Horton and Kelly Marshall to name a few, and the 1979 Jordan-Matthews football team, still the MMFOE, and regarded as the top gridiron team ever in Chatham County.

It continues into my era of the 80s with teammates Robert Siler and George Edwards in football, two-sport Northwood stars Kenny

Alston and Amp Craven, and Adina Kidd and Tracy Burnett leading the Chatham Central girls to the 1986 1A State Title in Basketball. I could go on and on about the players, teams, coaches, and all the titles and success during the 1970's through the present time.

But that's just it — during my time.

I think back to some interesting conversations I've had about sports in Chatham County through the years with the likes of Ronald Scott, Ronald Horton, John Phillips, David Hart, and the late Parker Price, among others, and I realize I've missed out by not dedicating more time to learning more in the years preceding my time.

The Himi Headens of our county should be remembered, honored and talked about more, and those stories passed down to younger generations.

The most disappointing fact staring me in the face is that I have all these historical archives here right in front of me at the Chatham News + Record, at my disposal, to read and learn more at any time.

Don't get me wrong, I have done my share of research and could spend hours and hours reading the back issues; its an incredible experience doing so and provides one with a wealth of knowledge about our history. But the everyday rigors

of life often take over and you put off for tomorrow what you could easily set aside a small amount of time for each day.

As a sports editor in Chatham County I owe it to the readers to learn more and discuss more about all of our rich past athletic history, and I plan to do just that.

I think as a community and county we should all take the time to do so to make sure the generations after us understand the rich athletic tradition of players and teams that they are now representing.

4-H

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practices and it is a very family-oriented club.

On July 13 the club hosted a parent versus kid scrimmage to prepare the 4-H members for the 4-H Central District Competition to be held on August 17 in Ellerbe. Club coaches wanted families to participate in the shooting sport together and for the parents to teach the kids or vice versa.

Even though it was a scorching day, everyone showed up and gave all they had. The parents won the overall competition as their years of experience proved to their benefit. Many kids posted their best scores to date, however, showing the progress the event created. First, second, and third place awards were given out



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Members of the newly formed Chatham County 4-H Club's Shooting and Hunter Skills team check how successful they were on the targets in archery.

at the end of the rifle, shotgun, and archery competitions.

This is the first event the club has hosted and there are plans for more as many families were brought together to share some

beautiful experiences.

For more information about this new shooting sports 4-H club, contact Robbie Walters at 919-548-0400 and check out <http://www.nc4-hshooting-sports.org/>.



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Taking careful aim at the target, Chatham County 4-H Shooting and Hunter Skills team members prepare for the upcoming district championships on August 17 in Ellerbe.

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Warriors place in Nationals

The Greensboro Warriors 12U AAU basketball team finished 11th overall in the Division 2 Nationals in Hampton, Virginia recently. Compiling a 27-14 record overall for the season, the Warriors captured second overall in the North Carolina state championships. Team members include Julian Brooks, Ayden Johnson, Mike Webster, Zayon Heggie, Ryan Debow, Cale Lloyd, Kadyn Tuner-Scott, Eric Gladney, Zaylan Nesmith, Zion Nichols, and Matthew Frisco. Coaches are Terrence Johnson and Brian Debow.

FOOTBALL

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over and what he's seen from his squad so far. The biggest school in the county, by far, with almost 1,600 students, numbers are not an issue as 80 players are out for the Chargers.

"Everything is going great so far," said an upbeat Homolka. "The numbers are awesome on jayvee and varsity. The kids are working hard and having fun."

In Bear Creek, Howze is expecting big things from his squad that has 40 players out thus far.

"We feel like the kids are working hard. Our motto is no excuses this year, and we feel like we could have a great season," Howze said. "We've got good size and the leadership has been really good so far."

Chatham Central will be the first team to scrimmage as the Bears will travel to Southwest Randolph on Saturday, August 10 before competing at Northwood's Jack Shaner Jamboree on Friday, August 16.

Jordan-Matthews will also host Granville Central on Wednesday, August 14 in Siler City before taking part in the Jack Shaner Jamboree at Northwood, the Chargers lone scrimmage date set.

The 2019 season officially gets underway on Friday, August 23 with a full slate of games with Jordan-Matthews hosting Bartlett-Yancey, Chatham Central entertaining Eastern Randolph, and Northwood traveling to Apex Friendship.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Xavier Woods stretches out during practice late Monday afternoon in Siler City. Woods, a junior, plays quarterback and wide receiver for the Jets, who open the 2019 campaign August 23 against Bartlett Yancey.

COMBINES

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pants from all over the country attending the event, which resembles an NFL combine coupled with a college camp-style atmosphere.

Combines measure the height and weight of competitors as well as 40 times, shuttle times, vertical and the bench press, among other things.

On into the day the competitions really heat up with one-on-one drills with defensive linemen and offensive linemen going at it while the remaining offensive and defensive positions compete in 7-on-7 passing drills. Many of the drills are often handled by former college and NFL players.

Burnette says these combines are a valuable

asset to players in getting their names out there to college coaches.

"I think combines are a good opportunity for all kids. It puts you directly in front of coaches from all different levels," said Burnette. "The information you gain from different collegiate coaches is one of the most valuable things you can do. Not only is it about recruiting but it's also about perfecting your craft, and you can no longer blame your high school coach for not putting you out because the camp circuit is open to the public."

The well-coordinated schedule allows each kid the chance to exhibit his talent in a variety of ways, and some excel more than others and come to the combines with a big reputation like 2021 quarterback Drake Maye of Meyers Park, already committed to the

University of Alabama, or Desmond Evans of Lee County, the later of which is the top ranked recruit in the state of North Carolina for the 2020 class.

"Some kids are just God-gifted and can just show up and be the perfect height and run the fastest times," noted Burnette. "From a coaching standpoint combines and camps are big for networking and it's the time of the year for you as a coach to get better. You have to put yourself in front of different coaches so you can see how they are teaching different things. How can you hold your players to a standard if you are not trying to get better yourself. It also puts you in the situation to let other coaches see how you coach and interact with the kids. If it were not for camps I would have never met

my former Head Coach at Averett University or my current Head Coach at Barton College."

Burnette says the highest-ranked players are more of the exceptions to the rule, and that most players must work hard to garner attention, and the combines offer that opportunity.

"If you hit a good time and compete at a high level it can put you on their radar quickly," Burnette pointed out. "I always tell people to pick your dream school your first year and then pick 3 more schools camp to attend throughout the summer. Everybody has the dream of going "D1". But if you are not putting in the work everyday it will not work. You have to be willing to get up everyday and do the same thing over and over again to reach your goals. Another good thing about camps is it can be

a reality check. You will see how you stack up against the best talent from different states.

Most kids who show up to camps and are serious about it have some form of personal trainers. Whether it's a sped coach or if it's someone that works on position specific training. It is tough for a kid when you show up not knowing what drills you are going to see as well as not knowing how to properly perform them to put forth the best version of yourself."

Making your high school years count with dedication and hard work just some of the advice Burnette gives to high school players aspiring to play at the collegiate level.

"You only get to be in high school once. It's about how much are you willing to sacrifice," closed Burnette. "The

crazy thing is if you can't afford to travel to these different places to train the internet when used the right way has all of the information you need on how to prepare. It's just as you are willing to take advantage of it. Tons of coaches put drills and teach tape online. Use your resources to perfect your craft."

The VTO Sports All-American Challenge did just that for a trio of players of note locally who posted Top 10 performances according to the combine staff. Senior tight end Kevin Cruz of Randleman, senior defensive lineman Justin Rhodes of Northern Durham, junior linebacker Anthony Freeman of Northern Durham, and senior defensive back Tanoah Lockley of Southern Lee were tabbed at the top performers from North Carolina at the event.

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Boling Lane Park — Aesthetics vs. Environment

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department has been fielding complaints about Boling Lane Park and the department's director Joseph Keel is concerned about the perception that staff is not keeping the park well-maintained.

The dilemma between perception and reality rests in the fact that the park's creek and its riparian buffer — a vegetated area designed to help protect the waterway from impact from adjacent uses — was created using a Community Conservation Assistance Program grant, which inhibits the tools and scope of what department staff can do to maintain the area, according to Keel, who addressed the matter Monday with the Siler City Board of Commissioners.

The wetlands and riparian buffer were installed at Boling Lane Park for several purposes — to slow flooding during major rain events in the park and the parking lots across the street from the park, to help clean and filter the storm runoff before it made its way into Love's Creek, an impaired waterway, and to create a habitat for dragonflies and other insects that will reduce the mosquito and fly populations in the park and surrounding areas.

The grant that funded installation of the riparian buffer includes a stipulation that maintenance on the area can be completed using hand tools alone in order to ensure that the specialty plants placed there — including water filtering grasses, red buds, and



Staff photo by David Bradley

The wetlands and riparian buffer at Boling Lane Park were constructed to slow flooding, to help clean and filter the storm runoff and to create a habitat for dragonflies that reduce mosquito populations.

berry varieties — aren't damaged during the maintenance process.

Keel said he believes the complaints aren't an accurate portrayal of the work his department is doing at Boling Lane and the town's other parks, and says the grant stipulation has "handcuffed" the department.

Keel asked the Siler City Board of Commissioners on Monday for guidance, requesting the town consider returning the grant money and allowing his department to use weed-eating equipment and commercial mowers to mow down the grasses and plants that make up the riparian buffer.

Keel noted that the grasses could qualify as a "noxious plant" under town code; however, it was noted by both board members and the town's planning director, Jack Meadows, that the code

also includes protections for riparian buffers and therefore may not actually qualify as a "noxious plant" because it "serves a purpose."

The board was sympathetic to the challenges the department is facing with Boling Lane Park but were hesitant to rescind the efforts of the project when the plant growth has not yet completed its second year. Mayor John Grimes said the town undertook the project to improve water quality and noted that he had seen a marked reduction in mosquito and fly activity in the area.

Commissioner Chip Price also noted that he had done a similar project on his farm to prevent livestock from entering the creek on his farm and impairing the waterway, comparing the seemingly unkempt riparian buffer to the first couple of years

of his project.

"I'm concerned we're trying to do too much too quick," Price said in regard to mowing down the vegetation. "Especially when the growing season will end in a month."

Commissioner Lewis Fadely echoed that sentiment, stating that he would like to wait to let the specialty plants grow more and see if the grasses subside in the fall.

Price also provided some insight into the typical life-cycle of the grasses stating that as the frost hits the grasses would brown, weaken and fall over. Those plants would then make a "mulch" for the specialty plants. He also noted that as the specialty plants grew taller, the undergrowth would be smaller.

Commissioner Cindy Bray said she believed the town should give the grant money back and



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department has been fielding complaints about Boling Lane Park and the department's director Joseph Keel is concerned about the perception that staff is not keeping the park well-maintained, but staff is doing what it is allowed to do based on a conservation grant.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Residents have been complaining about the riparian buffer along the creek at Boling Lane Park. Because of the grant used to build the buffer, town staff is only allowed to use hand-tools.

"unchain" the department.

"Commissioner Price makes a lot of sense," Fadely said. "It's almost the end of the season. Maybe we can do both — put the money aside and wait to trim."

Commissioner Bill Haiges agreed. "Let's see what that gets us and set the money aside just in case," he said.

The board was in gener-

al consent of the compromise and will set aside the \$2,788 grant funds and wait until the growing season has ended before re-evaluating the status of the riparian buffer.

"What's a noxious plant to you is a pretty weed to me," Price said.

"I agree," Keel responded. Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey-Mann@Chathamnr.com.

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Shannon Burke, 22, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 31 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with an August 20 court date in Pittsboro.

David Mashburn, 43, of Staley, was charged July 31 with failure to appear and failure to appear/child support. He was held under a combined \$22,250 bond with August 6 and August 9 court dates in Siler City and Pittsboro, respectively.

Michael Hicks Jr., 21, of Sanford, was charged July 31 with possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce and possessing unsealed wine/liquor in passenger area. He was held under a \$1,000 bond

with an August 12 court date in Raleigh.

Chelsea Holland, 25, of Pittsboro, was charged July 31 with possession of a stolen firearm. She was held under a \$5,000 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Gregory Ward, 48, of Sanford, was charged July 31 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$300 bond with an August 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Kansas Philbrick, 24, of Broadway, was charged July 31 with larceny of a firearm, obtaining property by false pretense and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She was released under a written promise with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Dylan Fleming, 25, of

Siler City, was charged July 31 with illegally carrying a concealed gun and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released under a written promise with an August 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Quamane Matthews, 29, of Bear Creek, was charged August 2 with possession of a firearm by a felon, obtaining property by false pretenses, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, assault by pointing a gun and communicating threats. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Roger Clark, 34, of Bear Creek, was charged August 2 with violation of pre-trial release. He was held under a \$30,000 bond with an August 12 court

date in Pittsboro.

John Small, 27, of Carrboro, was charged August 4 with failure to appear, followed by charges of possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under a combined \$1,800 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro and August 26 court date in Hillsborough.

Nicklaus Rogers, 41, of Sanford, was charged August 4 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$350 bond with a September 12 court date in Graham.

Celton Mitchell, 27, of Chapel Hill, was charged August 3 with assault by strangulation and assault on a female. He was placed under a 48-hour hold with an August 12

court date in Pittsboro.

Jeanette Ragland, 44, of Pittsboro, was charged August 3 with simple assault. She was placed under a 48-hour hold with a September 11 court date in Pittsboro.

James Hysong, 46, of Pittsboro, was charged August 4 with assault on a female. He was placed under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a September 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Ryan Quinn, 38, of Siler City, was charged August 4 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was placed under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an August 27 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jamie Foxx, 49, of Siler

City, was charged July 29 with felony obtaining property by false pretense/fraud, possession of stolen goods and four counts of misdemeanor larceny. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with an August 12 court date in Pittsboro.

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Sharing the memories



Staff photo by David Bradley

Barb Fritschel, a resident at Galloway Ridge, gets a thank-you note from Jaysa Luna, one of the children participating in the camp experience at the senior center. 'I loved having them out there,' said Fritschel, a retired piano teacher from California. 'I hope they come again next year.'



Staff photo by David Bradley

Galloway Ridge invited children from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina to take part in a special camp experience. The 30 children in the program spent time on Jordan Lake, learned basket weaving, and spent time with baby animals at Fearington Village. The children were given certificates on July 30 to commemorate their camp and learning experiences.

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Scott Richardson of Galloway Ridge assists Karla Monroy in getting her rocket off the launchpad at the Wren Family Center in Siler City. John Stell and David Klapper, part of the launch crew, stand by to assist.



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Scott Richardson, a senior director at Galloway Ridge, assists Dayami Mejia, 10, in launching the rocket she made during the Galloway Ridge camp for Boys & Girls Club members. 'It feels amazing,' she said. 'It's my first time to do this. I really appreciate doing this.'



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David Klapper attaches electric leads to a rocket built by one of the participants in the Galloway Ridge event. Once the firing mechanism is in place, the operator will walk a safe distance away before pressing the ignition key.

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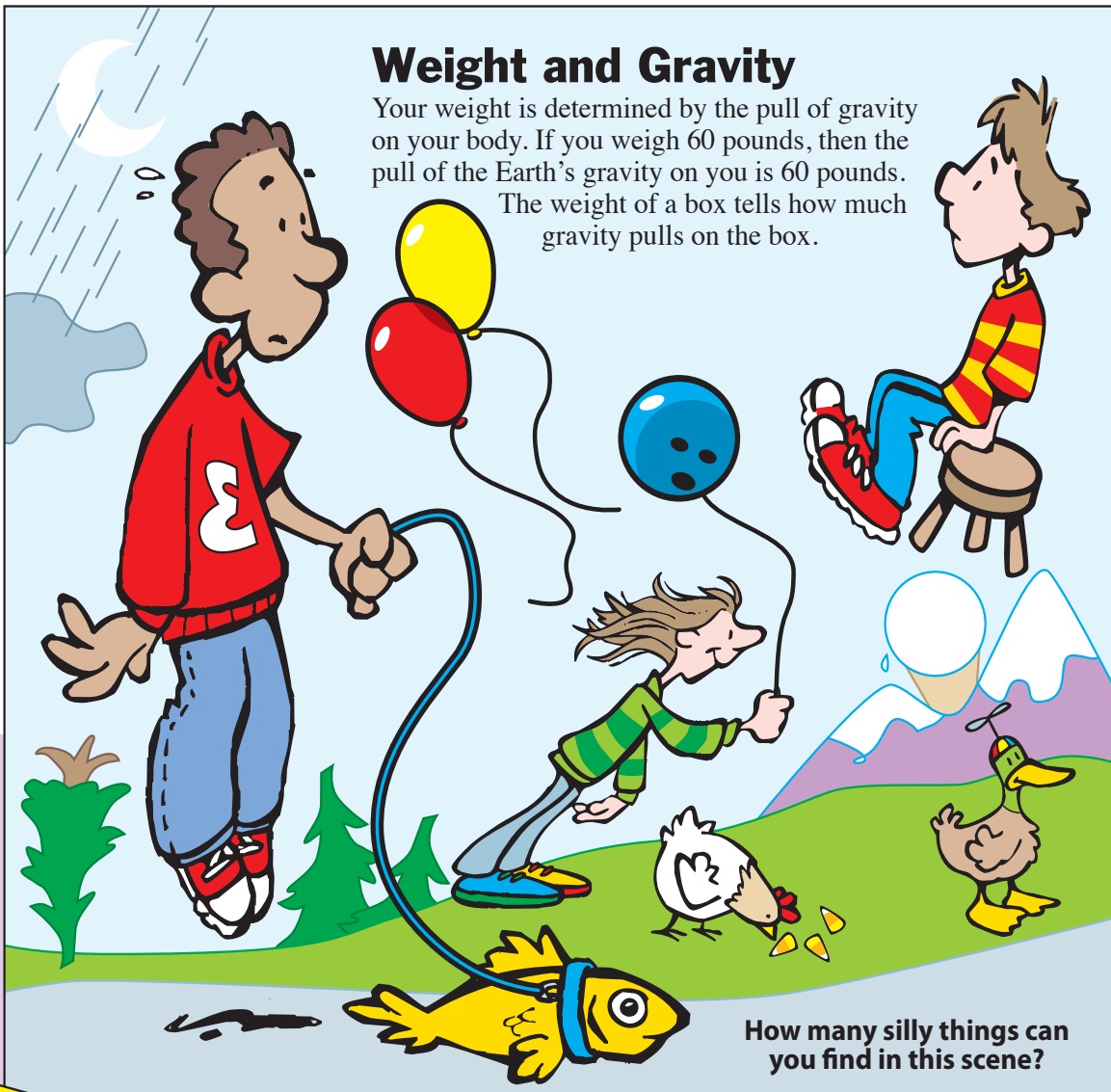
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Newton's Apple

One day, according to a _____ story, a man named Sir Isaac Newton was _____ under an apple tree. An apple _____ on his head, and he suddenly _____ of the law of gravity.

It is most likely that years of _____ things falling to the ground were what led to the _____ insight he called **Newton's Law of Gravity**.

Whoops! Gravity has made some of the words in this article fall to the ground. Can you find where each word belongs?



Weight and Gravity

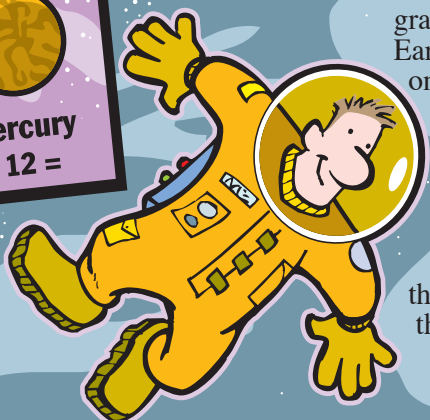
Your weight is determined by the pull of gravity on your body. If you weigh 60 pounds, then the pull of the Earth's gravity on you is 60 pounds. The weight of a box tells how much gravity pulls on the box.

How many silly things can you find in this scene?

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students understand forces and know that gravity is not a physical object, but affects physical objects.

Weight Around the Solar System

Mercury
33 - 12 =



The moon and the planets all have gravity. The moon has less gravity than Earth. That means you would weigh less on the moon, because less gravity pulls on you. If you weigh 60 pounds on Earth, you would weigh 10 pounds on the moon.

How many pounds would a 60-pound person weigh on each of these planets? Do the math to discover the answer.

Sun
8,370 + 8,370 =

Venus
29 + 23 =

Mars
18 + 5 =

Jupiter
93 + 65 =

Neptune
45 + 40 =

Uranus
18 + 46 =

Saturn
97 - 29 =

Extra! Extra!

I Before E or E Before I?

Look through news articles for words that have the letters **i** and **e** next to each other. In the table below, list the words spelled with the **i** before the **e** in the left column. In the right column, list the words spelled with the **e** before the **i**.

i before e	e before i
niece	either

Standards Link: Spelling: Recognize spelling patterns and know exceptions to spelling rules.

What a Character!

Brilliance is ...

... lighting up when you learn something new!

Kid Scoop-doku™

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

L		R
S	O	L
	A	
A		
	S	A

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DETERMINE**
The verb **determine** means to fix exactly and with certainty.

NASA was **determined** to land someone on the moon.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many new words can you make using the letters in the words:

THE LAW OF GRAVITY

SCORE YOURSELF!

1 - 5 words: Language Lightweight
6 - 12 words: Rising Reader
13 or more words: Gravitational Greatness

SCORE YOURSELF!

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

- DRIFTING
- GRAVITY
- PLANETS
- WEIGHT
- NEWTON
- SATURN
- BEFORE
- VENUS
- SPACE
- APPLE
- SOLAR
- SAND
- BODY
- MARS
- LAW

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

S	D	N	U	O	P	G	R	D	G
P	B	A	R	E	V	I	R	R	T
A	Y	E	L	U	D	P	A	I	U
C	L	P	F	N	T	V	L	F	T
E	P	L	A	O	I	A	O	T	H
A	L	S	A	T	R	S	S	I	G
B	O	D	Y	W	D	E	R	N	I
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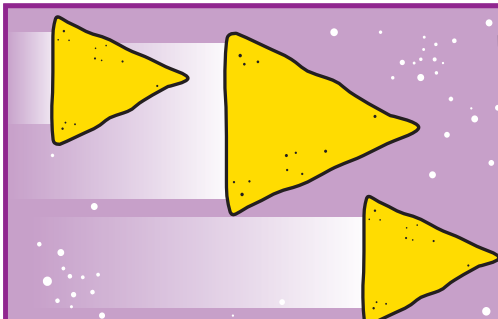
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Who likes gravity?

Look through the newspaper for examples of gravity being a good thing. Then look for examples where less gravity would be useful. Make a list of what you would miss about gravity if you were on the moon.

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



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ANSWER: A rocket chip.

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CHATHAM@WORK | KEITH MEDLIN, CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

Keith Medlin, the Chief Information & Technology Officer for Chatham County Schools, was born in the late 70s in Detroit, where he attended Michigan State University and earned undergraduate and master's degrees. He and his wife Allison — they were high school sweethearts — and son now call Apex home. "I've been lucky enough to be a proud member of this amazing school system for nine years as of September," he said.

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

I worked for my future father-in-law at his department store. It was an incredible job that taught me so many things about customer service and critically, "If you can't be on time, be early," which is something that's stuck with me ever since.

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

I had a horrendous job working for a golf course where one of my duties included picking up golf balls off the driving range...by hand...wearing a helmet...while golfers were actively using it. Thankfully, I was never injured with more than a bad bruise.

What part of your job would most surprise people?

How much we agonize about school schedule changes as a result of inclement weather. We exhaust every opportunity to drive the roads, consult with experts, and local advisement resources before

making a call to try to get it right. Safety for everyone who interacts with our school system as a parent, student, employee or guest is taken into consideration. It's even more complex when the county is as geographically large as ours and considering how many employees must make their way to work from surrounding communities.

Who is your personal hero?

Fred Rogers. His thoughtful dedication to everyone around him was something truly special. I love how much he elevated what television could be and how he always saw children as fully formed humans with thoughts and emotions that deserved respect.

Favorite weekend getaway:

Charleston, South Carolina, because it's a very walkable city with some of the best food in the southeast.

What's your favorite athletic team, and why?

The Carolina Hurricanes because our family loves hockey.

How many hours per week do you spend online?

There are times I'm offline?

What radio station do you listen to most frequently?

I almost exclusively listen to podcasts and audiobooks so I don't even know the local radio stations.

Your strongest childhood ambition was:

I wanted to be a stand-up



Photo submitted

Keith Medlin is the Chief Information & Technology Officer of Chatham County Schools.

comedian from the time I was in second grade.

One food you'll never be caught eating:

I'm like Mikey. I will eat anything.

Something not many people know you collect is?

Board wargames.

What's the best way you know to spend \$20?

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Schools. There are so many ways to give and so many great organizations, I won't single one out, but you can absolutely find a match between an issue you care about and a local organization that addresses that need in our schools.

Favorite place to eat:

Tienda Loma Bonita in Siler City. Everything is fresh and delicious. Supporting our local businesses is something I enjoy as part of my work

in the community.

What is your favorite book?

"Hyperion," by Dan Simmons.

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

Asleep. I work hard and sleep hard. There's rarely time for fun.

Favorite dessert?

Apple pie. It has been my birthday dessert since I was 6.

Who's your best friend and why?

Without question, my wife. We were friends before we dated and every year together is better than the last. That's rare and I don't take it for granted.

If you could create one rule that all society had to live by, what would it be?

I wouldn't add any rules, I'd just kindly remind folks of The Golden Rule.

New hotline adds 'vital' piece to services for Chatham domestic violence victims

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault, advocates say, usually face barriers in getting out of dangerous situations, ranging from stigma to financial difficulties.

Chatham Family Violence Prevention Services and Second Bloom of Chatham have teamed up to kickstart what one person called a "vital" service for those victims.

The Chatham Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Help Line is a new 24/7 service set-up for people to call and receive anything from a kind ear to next steps in escaping bad situations. Now in place for just more than a month, the line — (919) 545-STOP, or (919) 545-7867 — is part of CFVPS and Second Bloom's efforts to re-establish a presence for domestic violence and sexual assault services in the county.

Both Renita Foxx, director of Chatham County Court Programs, and Tamsey Hill, who works with Second Bloom, said helplines like this new one are among the first ways nonprofits and other organizations can be available to victims in need.

"This is something that is vital to most communities," Foxx said. "You cannot provide domestic violence and sexual assault services and not have a hotline for crisis or some way for survivors or people that are currently in a crisis to reach out for resources and assistance."

Organizations in surrounding counties serving victims — HAVEN in Lee County, InterAct of Wake County and Family Services of the Piedmont in Guilford County among them — all have crisis lines, and Chatham is joining their ranks. Second Bloom has picked up the mantle left by the Family Violence Rape Crisis Center, which closed last October, and this is the first of what they hope are more services to come.

Hill said the helpline is the "first service that comes to mind" for victims, and oftentimes the person on the other

end can be a voice of relief or even an ear to listen in difficult situations.

"For many and most, finally they're talking to someone who hears them, believes them and sees them as a person of value and worth," she said. "Sometimes the connection may just be the fact that there's somebody willing to listen on the other end of the phone. In the best of worlds, we're helping everybody get to a safe place. But the reality of it is that sometimes it's about being that listening ear."

Statistics on domestic violence and sexual assault in Chatham County are spotty at best. The 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment stated the latest available data is from 2015. In that year, according to the report, 427 domestic violence clients and 45 sexual violence clients received services in the county, and the shelter that served clients was full 317 days, or about 87 percent of the year.

Foxx said the need for services can be best illustrated by the District Attorney's office recently instituting two days a month for domestic violence court, where DV-related cases are the only items on the docket.

Beyond being there to listen to callers, trained volunteers help victims make a safety plan or point them to resources available in the community for financial help, lodging and transportation.

"We try our best to meet the survivor where they are," Foxx said. "Sometimes people want to leave their situation immediately. Sometimes they just want to talk. Sometimes they just need for us

to help them think out loud as to what things they need to put in a bag beside a door that if trouble arises or something occurs."

Since putting out a call for volunteers to man the line earlier this

year, the organizations have recruited 15 and have already scheduled another training session for September.

If you're interested in being a volunteer, you can call Second Bloom at (919) 545-0055 or CFVPS at (919)

'For many and most, finally they're talking to someone who hears them, believes them and sees them as a person of value and worth.'

TAMSEY HILL, *Second Bloom of Chatham*

542-1792. Both organizations also have Facebook pages where updates are posted regularly.

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HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE

Historic battle gets dramatic recreation

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record Staff

Loud gunfire and a demand for surrender were orders given to the rain-soaked defenders on the battlefield Sunday. Shots rang out, and a wagon filled with burning straw rolled towards the house that was under siege before a white flag of truce was displayed.

Temperance Alston saved her family. The scene was a re-enactment of the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe, which occurred on July 29, 1781, when soldiers of the crown of King George III attacked the Alston House in retaliation for the death of a friend of their commanding officer.

During the battle, as bullets were flying through her home, Temperance saw a burning wagon coming towards the house. Boldly, she took out a white handkerchief and waved it about as she walked down the steps of her home to meet the enemy, David Fanning, to negotiate a truce.

Because of her actions, the battle ended, and the family of six children and their home were saved.

Last weekend saw the 238th anniversary of the historic battle at the House in the Horseshoe, which is in Moore County near Cummock, as a crowd of spectators estimated between 1,200 to 1,500 watched the re-enactment on a rain-soaked afternoon. Re-enactors and historians came together to bring history to life.

Frank Voelker, a historic interpreter for the House in the Horseshoe historic site, raved about Ms. Alston.

"Phillip Alston owes his life to his wife Temperance," Voelker said, "because she went out first."

Julie Herczeg, who played the role of Temperance, is a historian with acting experience, but also in teaching the background of the period in college classes. For her, creating the role was a result of her studying of historic documents of the story, and learning a lot about the woman she portrayed.

"In order to understand history, you need to understand the psychology of the past," Herczeg said. "It's different from today. You need full historical context."

Temperance's choice, when lying in her bed and watching bullets fly through the wall, Herczeg said, was to say "Enough!" Then she did



Staff photo by David Bradley

After the skirmish at the House in the Horseshoe had been going on for more than an hour, the Loyalist militia saw a nearby wagon filled with straw. Troops set it on fire, and drove it to the house, planning to burn it down.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Scott Douglas smokes an authentic-styled pipe of the era he portrays as a Loyalist militiaman at the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe Sunday. A historian, Douglas is interested in the Tories, and their ideas about the war. 'Their perspective is overlooked,' he said. 'I want to learn about the other side, other Americans that wanted to stay in the empire.'

something about it. The danger to herself and her six children, and her husband, made her action necessary. In that time, if her husband had been killed in battle, she and her remaining family would most likely have lost the farm. Instead, she walked out under fire, not knowing the result of that action, to ask for a truce. It worked.

Jeremiah DeGennaro played the role of Phillip Alston, landowner, during the conflict. As such, he said he felt a responsibility to depict the gravity of the situation.

"I play the role in a

way that does good service to history and the event," DeGennaro said. "The event is serious. We show the gravity of what happened. It's a very high emotion scenario, involving imminent danger for himself and family. If they had made different decisions, everyone could have been killed."

His opponent in the skirmish 238 years ago was David Fanning, a loyalist, or Tory. His role was revived by Tyler Mink.

"He was intensely frustrated because Alston wasn't coming out," Mink said. "He wanted to solve



Staff photo by David Bradley

In Sunday's re-enactment of the battle, the loyalist militiamen came from the fields to confront Phillip Alston at his home.

the problem, and he outnumbered him."

Today, Mink said, we can learn from this interpretation about protecting one's home in the back country war of those times. This was a side conflict between Fanning, who represented the Tories, and the Whigs, or patriots, who Alston represents.

Jason Melius also played a loyalist officer, and he said he enjoys the experience as a learning tool.

"It's one of the better events ever put on, and we make it as accurate as possible," Melius

said. "It's a teaching experience, talking about history and how it shapes today's events."

Scott Douglas studies the loyalist side of the war, and helped command the attacking force in the re-enactment on Sunday.

"It's really overlooked," Douglas said. "I like to learn about the other side, other Americans that wanted to stay in the empire."

The house was built in 1772, and some historic events have been lost over time, but the historians with the North Carolina Historic Sites group bring history to life at the

House in the Horseshoe each year. And there is a purpose.

"It's nice to remember what it took to win independence," said Amanda Brantley, site manager at the House in the Horseshoe. "Wars are not just fought on battlefields; sometimes just in homes with kids in the house. It brings it home. It's not just that simple."

"It's a unique experience. There's not many places to see real Revolutionary War bullet holes you can touch," Voelker said. "You can see the scars of the American Revolution."



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The crowd of viewers for this year's re-enactment of the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe was estimated by staff to beat last year's two-day total of 3,000 people. Sunday's crowd for the 238th anniversary of the battle scattered quickly as the rain poured down.



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As the rain poured onto the scene, three re-enactors in the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe fire and reload their weapons in the skirmish near Sanford. The men were portraying historical battle scenes of brave militiamen and family members Saturday and Sunday afternoon. This was the 238th anniversary of the original battle.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Ava Brown, 7, gets a piggy-back view with her dad, Jonathan Brown, and prepares for the gunfire as they wait for the beginning of the battle to start at the House in the Horseshoe. The re-enactment battle only lasts for about 15 minutes, but the actual battle took more than two hours.

Hijinks and fisticuffs, but no fresh air in cartoonish 'Hobbs'



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

With the Vin Diesel-starring "The Fast & Furious" franchise having mostly run out of fuel, it seemed natural and wise to spin off the two newest and popular side characters.

Appearing in the previous four "Fast & Furious" films, Dwayne Johnson's Luke Hobbs is a wise-cracking, muscle-bound behemoth, tatted up and practically sweating testosterone. Basically, he's the Rock. Meanwhile, Jason Statham played British military man turned mercenary turned good guy again Deckard Shaw as, well, another Jason Statham action character, snide and snarling with little regard for friends and foes alike.

The entire "Fast & Furious" ethos is predicated on the premise of enemies eventually becoming friends. And so it is with frenemies Hobbs and Shaw, who don't like or trust each other, even after grappling for two films and then teaming up in "The Fast of the Furious." Now, this modern action movie incarnation of Abbott and Costello get their own eponymous show. However, any hopes of blowing a breath of fresh air into the franchise quickly evaporate.

When a group of MI6 agents try to retrieve a stolen virus that could cause a worldwide pandemic, they're nearly

wiped out by terrorists led by Brixton Lore (Idris Elba), a former British operative gone rogue who is now a cyber-genetic superhuman. The last surviving MI6 agent, Hattie (Vanessa Kirby), injects herself with the virus and escapes, becoming a carrier until the capsule dissolves in 72 hours, killing herself and unleashing the pathogen. Yes, it's basically the plot to "Mission: Impossible 2."

Hattie, who is framed for murder and theft of the virus, is also Shaw's little sister, so naturally he and Hobbs are recruited to bring her in and recover the contagion. Hijinks naturally ensue, primarily cookie-cutter car-motorcycle chases, shootouts and fisticuffs. There's a lazy attempt at flirtations between Hobbs and Hattie, if only to further irk Shaw. There are jailhouse visits with Shaw's naughty mum (Helen Mirren), for no real reason. And on it goes.

The bickering bromance between Johnson and Statham is the only reason to endure this illogical, temporally-challenged, cartoonish CGI fest. After Hattie injects herself, Hobbs somehow manages to receive his mission assignment from a CIA handler, travel to Las Vegas, then skirmish in London, then skirmish in the Ukraine, and finally take a last stand in Samoa, all supposedly inside a 72-hour window. Oh, he also makes time to Facetime repeatedly with his daughter, because he's a family man, see? Johnson and Statham



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Dwayne Johnson, left, and Jason Statham star in 'Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw.'

teeter on the edge of self-parody — heck, the entire "Fast & Furious" series is guilty of that — without any of the genuine emotional payoff that salvaged the Diesel vehicles. Meanwhile, we never really learn why or how Brixton became a cyborg, or who made him this way (his handler remains a disembodied voice that only appears as a sort of Winamp equalizer). Nor do we find out where the killer virus came from. Even welcome cameos from Ryan Reynolds and Kevin Hart drift too long, as director David Leitch lets them ad-lib their way to weariness.

By the time an attack helicopter is chained to four roadsters, all

Fast & Furious Present: Hobbs & Shaw

GRADE: C-

DIRECTOR: David Leitch

STARRING: Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Vanessa Kirby and Idris Elba

MPAA RATING: PG-13

RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 16 min.

careening down a dirt road along seaside cliffs, you might not care about linear fidelity, or at least the filmmakers hope so. And when Hobbs decides that the only person to repair the only high-tech gizmo that can extract the virus from Hattie is his estranged Samoan brother, who owns a chop-shop, you'll just stop caring.

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RUSSELL ORCHARDS, CLEAR-BROOK, VA needs 32 temporary workers 9/3/2019 to 10/26/2019, work tools, supplies, equipment provided without cost to worker. Housing will be available without cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the workday. Transportation reimbursement and subsistence is provided upon completion of 15 days or 50% of the work contract. Work is guaranteed for 3/4 of the workdays during the contract period. \$12.25 per. hour or applicable piece rate. Applicants to apply contact the nearest local office of the SWA or VA Employment commission, 419 Cameron St., Winchester, VA 22601, 540-722-3415. **Job Order #1708175**. Pick fruit from trees and when necessary use a ladder. The average length of a ladder runs from 16 ft to 24 ft. average weight is 50 pounds. Fruit picked must be placed in picking bags or buckets, which attach to the body with a shoulder harness and weigh between 30-50 lbs when full. When filled with fruit the bags or buckets are to be emptied into field bins by an opening at the bottom of the bag or bucket. Workers may be required to pick the entire tree or to spot pick the fruit. When using ladders the worker will place the ladder firmly against or within the tree in a secure position so as not to break limbs or knock off fruit and to prevent slipping and falling. Each worker's trees will be picked according to instructions given each day by the employer or supervisor. May also operate equipment and other orchard related work. One month experience required in duties listed. Harvest apples at a rate of 10 bx/hr with no more than 10% bruising. Au8,1tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **MICHAEL GLENN TROGDON** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 12th day of July, 2019. Angela G. Spainhour, Executor 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 Executor of the Estate of **PAUL LEONARD POWELL, JR.** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 10th day of July, 2019. Sherlynn Dixon Powell, Executor of The Estate of Paul Leonard Powell, Jr. Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW P.O. BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 Jy18,Jy25,Au1,Au8,4tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor 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 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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 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 RU-**

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

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 ROHRICH LEAVITT, late of 159 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina 27312, the undersigned does hereby notify 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 Rohrich Leavitt Attorney: Jean Gordon Carter McGuireWoods LLP P.O. Box 27507 Raleigh, NC 27611 Jy25,Au1,Au8,Au15,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 354 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the estate of JOANNA MCCULLOUGH, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before October 25, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 25th day of July, 2019. Timothy Harold Schwantes,

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 ROHRICH LEAVITT, late of 159 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina 27312, the undersigned does hereby notify 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 Rohrich Leavitt Attorney: Jean Gordon Carter McGuireWoods LLP P.O. Box 27507 Raleigh, NC 27611 Jy25,Au1,Au8,Au15,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 354 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the estate of JOANNA MCCULLOUGH, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before October 25, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 25th day of July, 2019. Timothy Harold Schwantes,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 354 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 346 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the estate of MARGARET E. CRIST, 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. Margaret Crist Clinto, Executor 1621 Vineyard Mist Drive Cary, NC 27519 Au1,Au8,Au15,A22,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 352 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 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 decedent 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

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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 PROCESS 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.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 346 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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, August 19, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in

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 or contact Public Works Director Chris McCormacquodale at 919-742-4732 or cmccorquodale@silercity.org. Au1,Au8,2tc

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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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 352 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 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 decedent 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. Au1,Au8,2tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, August 19, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in

the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:

Legislative Request: - 1. A Legislative Public Hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to consider rezoning the following properties: 0.5 acres of Parcel 3416, at 734 Jerry Frye Rd. from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 0.848 acres of Parcel 3238, at 3895 Chatham St. from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 0.110 acres of Parcel 3111, at 55 W Raleigh Street, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 0.115 acres of Parcel 3242, at Bennett Siler City Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 0.115 acres of Parcel 3243, at 3814 Chatham St, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 1.0 acres of Parcel 8378, at 15 Oren Gaines

Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 1.440 acres of Parcel 4794, at 82 Bonlee Bennett Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 15.27 acres of Parcel 60305, at 94 Bonlee Bennett Rd, from R-1 to Light Industrial, 5.0 acres of Parcel 18446, at 1005 Chatham Church Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 1.174 acres of Parcel 65032, at 1660 Ed Clapp Rd, from R-5 to Heavy Industrial, 8.40 acres of Parcel 10670, at 1898 Henderson Tanyard Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 9.410 acres of Parcel 73009, at 1898 Henderson Tanyard Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 1.056 acres of Parcel 78275, at 1939 Henderson Tanyard Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business, 1.20 acres of Parcel 14836, at 178 Rufus Brewer Rd, from R-1 to Neighborhood Business.

Testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item:

Quasi-Judicial Request: - 1. A Quasi-Judicial public hearing request by Andrea Snyder for a conditional use permit revision to add multiple uses permitted in B-1, located on Parcel No. 82736, 587 Old Farrington Rd., Williams Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions.

Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.

Au8,Au15,2tc

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY
 All persons having claims against the estate of **MARK BURNHAM** of Chatham County, NC, who died on July 8, 2019, are notified to present them on or before November 6, 2019 to Camilla C. Schupp, Executrix, c/o Alexander, Miller, Schupp & Hamilton, P.L.L.C., P. O. Box 3200, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3200, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This the 8th day of August, 2019

Alexander, Miller, Schupp & Hamilton, PLLC
 1526 E. Franklin Street, Suite 202
 PO Box 3200
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514
 Au8,Au15,Au22,Au29,4tc

CESS BY PUBLICATION
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY
 OneMain Financial Group, LLC successor by merger to OneMain Financial of America, Inc. as servicer for Wilmington Trust, N.A., as issuer loan trustee for OneMain Financial Issuance Trust 2018-2, Plaintiff
 Vs.
 Stephanie McGonigle, Defendant
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 19 CV D 0332
 TO: ALL PARTIES
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: money owed and court costs. You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than 40 days after the first date of the publication of this notice yielding a deadline of September 17, 2019 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.
 Dated: July 23, 2019
 THE GREEN LAW FIRM, P.C.
 Jay B. Green
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 908 E. Edenton Street
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
 Telephone: 919-829-0797
 Au8,Au15,Au22,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 295
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **HAZEL W. PUCKETT**, 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 his address, 346 West Salisbury Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 8th 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 2nd day of August, 2019.
 Daniel C. Puckett, Executor
 346 West Salisbury Street
 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
 GUNN & MESSICK, LLP
 P. O. Box 880
 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880
 Au 8,Au15,Au22,Au29,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 387
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **GARY ALBERT JAKEWAY**, 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 8, 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 8th day of August, 2019.
 Heather Jakeway Hensley, Administrator
 4526 Bradbury Dr
 Charlotte, NC 28209
 Au8,Au15,A22,A29,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 382
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **BETTY R. HOWARD**, 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 8, 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 8th day of August, 2019.
 Barbara Howard Hueske, Executrix
 351 Dark Forest Drive
 Chapel Hill, NC 27516
 Au8,Au15,A22,Au29,4tc

Pet of the Week: Blueberry



Submitted photos

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office wants you to meet Blueberry! Blueberry is a 2-year-old gray shorthair who was brought in as a stray, but quickly (and happily) adapted to indoor life. The only thing Blueberry loves more than a rainy afternoon nap is a nice head rub. Blueberry never meets a stranger and is friendly, observant, and relaxed around people and other cats. Blueberry is calm when lounging around the playroom or greeting visitors with a gentle brush against the leg. If you want a chill companion to keep you company while you read a book or binge-watch the latest season of your favorite show, pick this sweet Blueberry! For more information on how to meet or adopt Blueberry, swing by our office at 725 Renaissance Drive or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an Animal Resource Officer.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Reaching for the stars

Stargazer Lilies are very fragrant. They are called stargazer because the flowers look upwards towards the sky.



The 2019 Chatham 411 cover features the oil painting "Summer Gold," by Chatham County artist Beth Goldston.

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