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Schools see improvement in performance grades

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part story about the recently released school performance grades. Next week, the News + Record will explore what schools do with the grades, as well as why several educators believe the way scores are developed should change.

Performance grades for Chatham County's public

and public charter schools were released last week, and it was good news for most of them.

Ten of the county's 18 scored public schools received an A or B, with the Chatham School of Science & Engineering leading the way with an overall score of 87. Nine schools, including Chatham Central and Northwood High Schools, finished with a B. Six schools received a C, with Chatham Middle School the county's lone D.

Along with evaluating proficiency on state tests, the grades take into account whether or not the school

met, did not meet or exceeded expected growth from the previous year.

Ten of the public schools improved their grades from the 2017-2018 school year, with Horton Middle School, Virginia Cross Elementary School and the Chatham School of Science & Engineering increasing their respective grade by six points each, while Perry Harrison Elementary's score jumped by four points.

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A CONVENIENT LIMB | PART 1

Is Chatham County ready to memorialize its six lynching victims?



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Mary Nettles, the president of the Chatham Community (East) Branch of the NAACP, brushes debris off the tombstone of Eugene Daniel at New Hope Church Cemetery. Daniel was the last of Chatham County's six lynching victims. The date on his tombstone — Sept. 20, 1919 — is actually incorrect. Daniel was lynched by a group of about 50 men on Sept. 18, 1921. A group of Chatham residents is working to memorialize those lynched.

Or does this 'hidden history' need to remain hidden?

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

Note to readers: This is the first of a two-part story about the legacy of Chatham County's lynching victims and an effort by some local residents to memorialize them.

1: The last lynching

Late in the evening of Sept. 16, 1921, a Friday in the waning days of a long North Carolina summer, a young Chatham County woman by the name of Gertrude Stone awakened to see a man standing over her bed.

Gertrude, 17, lived at home with her parents on Farrington Road in New Hope Township, a few miles outside of Pittsboro. Her father, Walter, was away from home that night, hunting with friends, and at first Gertrude thought the person in her bedroom might be her 12-year-old brother, Ernest.

Upon realizing it wasn't, she screamed. The sound startled the intruder — a black man who happened to live with his family on the same road as the Stones, on a farm, ironically, the young man's father purchased from Walter Stone's brother.

The black man fled. "Miss Stone and her mother immediately gave the alarm, but the negro had disappeared, and no trace of him could be found," read an account of the incident in the Sept. 19, 1921, edition of *The Charlotte Observer*.

"Are we supposed to continue to pretend this history didn't happen because an extremist will defend it?"

W. ROBERT PEARSON

Various newspaper reports eventually spelled out the timeline of what transpired: upon Walter Stone's return home early Saturday morning, Pittsboro police were alerted. Bloodhounds from Raeford and handlers were summoned, tracking Eugene from the Stone home to a hiding place. He was captured, and in short order was said to have readily confessed to the crimes for which he was charged: trespassing and attempted rape.

He was taken to the Pittsboro jail and placed in a locked cell. Sometime that night, or very early Sunday morning — accounts differ — some 50 men from New Hope Township, an area which Jordan Lake, not in existence at the time, now bisects, stormed the jail. After three failed attempts, one or more of the men were able to wrest the jail's keys from jailer H.W. Taylor; one news account says Taylor simply laid the keys down on a window sill and walked away.

In any event, Eugene's cell was unlocked and the prisoner was hustled outside. He was taken some five miles east of Pittsboro to an area near

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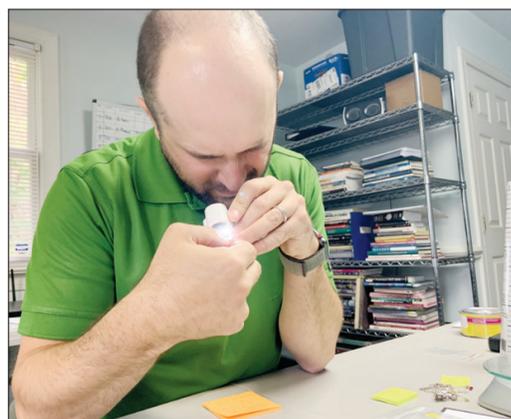
eBay, people's stuff, and a Pittsboro man's effort to link the two

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chris DiGiovanna's office is a bit scattered. There are pieces of jewelry in a table in the middle, bagged and tagged. Computers line the walls. A

makeshift mini-photo studio sits on another wall. In a back room, shelves contain items ranging from busts of Winston Churchill to a bootleg Mickey Mouse faux-fur jacket.

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Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Chris DiGiovanna, owner of Trader Chris Consignments in Pittsboro, examines a piece of jewelry he's preparing to sell on eBay. Open since 2011, Trader Chris Consignments has sold quite a few interesting items with fascinating backstories.

N.C. poet laureate to speak at Chatham Literacy fundraiser

BY ADRIANNE CLEVEN
News + Record Correspondent

"Two for a penny oat milk cookies. Converse PF Flyers. Ten pieces of Mary Janes. Saw a white boy run from a black man."

SILER CITY — That's the first poem that Jaki Shelton Green, a celebrated writer and North Carolina's current

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• **The Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will be Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the conference room in the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting. To confirm the meeting or for additional information, call the office at 919-542-8240 or Brenda at 919-545-8440.

• **The Siler City Board of Commissioners** will have its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16 at Siler City Town Hall Courtroom located at 311 N Second Avenue in Siler City.

• **The Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will have its regular monthly meeting and work session on Sept. 16 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse at 9 East Street in Pittsboro. The regular meeting will start at 6 p.m., while the time for the work session is TBA.

• **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will have its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 23 at Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

• A free **Shred It Event** will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 at Chatham Homes Realty, 490 West St., Pittsboro. The event aims to raise awareness of identity theft and fraud by reminding residents of the importance of securely destroying person documents. Paper documents will be shredded on-site by shredding trucks.

• **The 5th annual Critter Carnival** will be held at Southern Community Park in Chapel Hill from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 to raise funds and awareness for a large variety of local animal rescue and rehabilitation charities who bring animals for people to meet. There will be live rock, folk and country music performances from Emily Musolino, John Saylor and Anita Lorraine Moore, plus vendors, snack trucks, a kids area and silent auction. Admission is free. More information is available at: www.CritterCarnival.org. The park is located at 1000 Sumac Road, northern entrance, next to the playground.

• A **NHAs Bird Walk** will meet at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14, in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Shopping Center in Chapel Hill for about a 3 hour walk. Contact Kent Fiala at: kent.fiala@gmail.com. (Applies to all walks: 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.) Also on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m., John Kent will lead a volunteer team conducting Stream Watch monthly water quality monitoring at several sites on New Hope Creek. If interested in participating, contact John at jnkent25@gmail.com. New participants should send John an email by Wednesday, Sept. 11.

MONDAY

• **Project Child Find in Chatham County Schools (CCS)** runs from Sept. 9 through 20 to identify youths between the ages of 3 and 21 who have disabilities and require special education and other related services. Those knowing of such youths who are not in school or not receiving assistance are encouraged to contact the principal in your area. The following organizations have more information: Public Schools of North Carolina Exceptional Children Division, 919-807-3996; N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, 800-662-7030; and the Family Support Network at 1-852-TLC-0042.

• 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, located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify the time/place, email: gunnhsd@embarq-mail.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

Chatham County Partnership for Children will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

• The Chatham County Historical Association invites you to a reenactment of **The Life of Harriet Tubman** on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro. The program—The Spirit of Harriet Tubman—is appropriate for adults and school-aged children. Everyone is invited to the free performance. Diane Faison began reenacting the life of Harriet Tubman when she was

a teacher. She does not use a script, preferring to base her performances on the "true method of story-sharing by African Americans of yesteryear. They didn't write their stories; they told their stories", she says. "I am a traditional storyteller." More info: https://chathamhistory.org or history@chathamhistory.org. While the north entrance is blocked, please use the east and west entrances.

• **The Chatham Historical Museum** is open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 until 4 p.m. Admission is free and there's something for kids and adults. The Museum will also be open Sunday, Sept. 22 from 3 to 6 for Pittsboro's Pepper Fest.

• **EAGLES OF THE HAW AND JORDAN LAKE** - All are invited to the Friends of Lower Haw River SNA Annual Meeting on Thursday Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bynum Ruritan Club. Ranger Steve McMurray and "Doc Ellen" Dr. Margaret Tinsley, will present "Eagles of the Haw and Jordan Lake." Come to learn more about these majestic birds and see fabulous images of them around the river and lake. Refreshments and check-in begin at 6:15 p.m. A short business session will be followed by guest speakers. Friends, members, volunteers, and the general public are invited to attend. -- Whack Attack, join the Friends of Lower Haw on Saturday Sept. 21 for an invasive species removal work day. Meet at the Bynum Access to the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Work will start at 8 a.m. Tools and equipment will be provided, but bring your own work gloves, water, and insect repellent. For questions or to volunteer, send an email to lowerhawevents@gmail.com with "Whack-Attack" in the subject line.

• **The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** meet the third Thursday of each month, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments are welcome. For more information and/or directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-5359.

• **Swift Night Out with NHAS** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 at the bar on the rooftop at the Durham Hotel to watch the Chimney swifts come in to roost. Information will be shared on this interesting bird and the spectacle they create when they gather in the evenings as part of their preparation for migration. Heavy rain will result in cancellation. For questions, contact Barbara Driscoll at btdriscoll@bellsouth.net. Binoculars and spotting scopes will be on hand to enhance your viewing experience.

• **Caregiver Support Group** Sponsored by UNC Hospice -This group offers support for those currently providing care to a loved one. Hear information about effective caregiving and share experiences in comfortable surroundings. The facilitator has led Caregiver Support Groups for over 30 years. No registration necessary. Just Come! Every Monday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sunroom at SECU Jim and Betsy Brian Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, 984.215.2675. For more information, contact Annie Ritter: 984.215.2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu.

• **The Circle of Support** for

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

ALSO HAPPENING

• **The League of Women Voters** of Orange, Durham and Chatham counties (LWVODC) announces the availability of VOTE411.org, a comprehensive website providing local election and candidate information. Available now, the online information hub for the local 2019 Municipal Elections includes candidate questionnaires, sample ballots, polling locations and early and regular voting dates, locations and times. All candidates in Orange, Durham and Chatham races were invited to participate in VOTE411.org. Voters simply enter their address to get a sample ballot that lists all races and candidates that will appear on their ballot, as well as read all participating candidates' unedited and unabridged answers to questions on important issues.

• 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 delivered between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Routes take about an hour. Substitutes will likely deliver

1 to 2 times per month. Contact Allison Andrews with Chatham Council on Aging, phone: 919-542-4512, ext. 226. Allison. andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

• **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 CCC. 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.

Congratulations



Straight Up Realty would like to congratulate Allison Blanks and welcome her to our office. She has obtained her full Real Estate Broker's license and is ready to help you with your real estate needs. A native of North Carolina, Allison has always loved exploring the state's landscapes, history, and culture. Also a licensed architect, she brings a unique perspective to real estate practice, with an eye for detail, construction, and opportunity. In her spare time she enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors with her husband and son, and is happy to call Pittsboro and Chatham County home.

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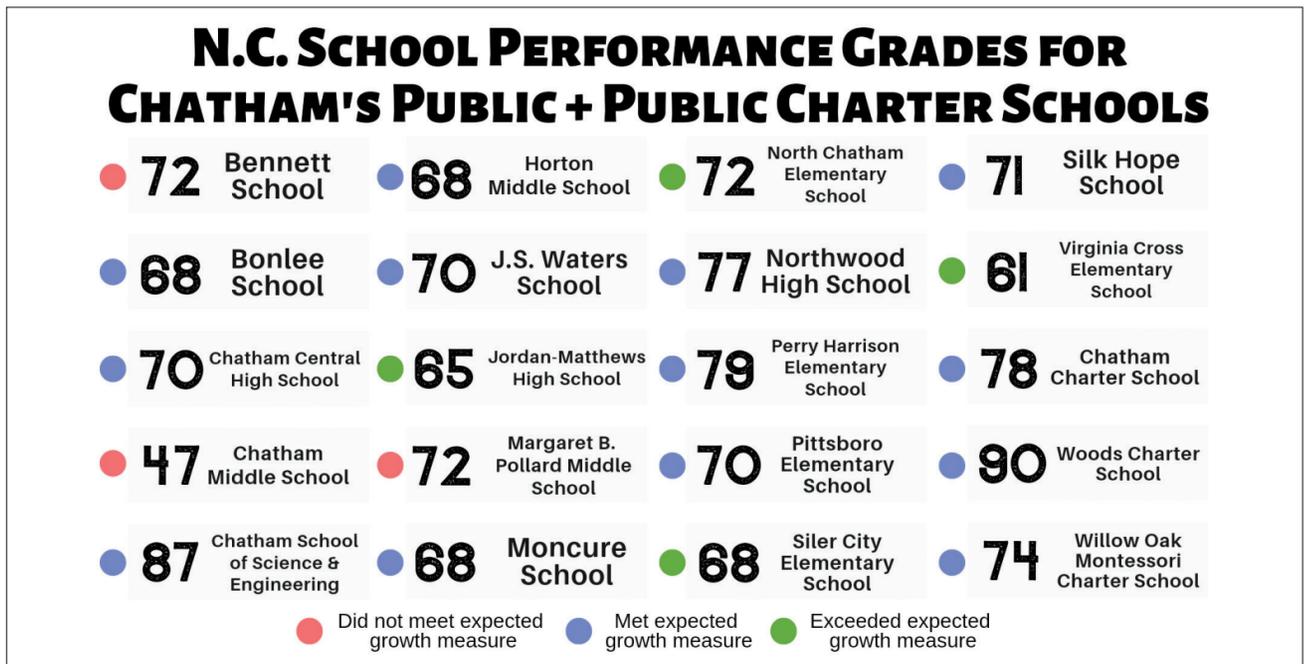
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Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central High Schools, Bonlee and Moncure Schools and Siler City Elementary School all saw their scores improve as well.

Bennett School and Margaret B. Pollard Middle School's scores each dropped by four points, while Chatham Middle School, J.S. Waters School and Pittsboro Elementary School each saw slight decreases. Northwood High School and Silk Hope School's scores remained the same as the previous year.

Chatham County Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan said the district was "pleased with the results."

"As I say pretty frequently, we want to celebrate the pieces that were solid and the opportunities for improvement, we want to wrap around those and identify ways to continue pushing us higher," he said. "There generally is going to be something to celebrate and there must be an opportunity for improvement. Any district that does not latch onto those two notions, I don't know how they can expect to grow and stretch."



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

Three schools — North Chatham, Siler City and Virginia Cross Elementary — each exceeded their expected growth measures, while Bennett, Chatham Middle and Pollard did not meet expected growth. The rest met their expected growth target.

Jordan credited not just the educators but all the work done by the district as part of the growth.

"We believe that the improvements that we're seeing are indicative of the work that's going into the instruction in the classroom and the wraparound services that we're trying to provide," he said.

The county's three public charter schools each had scores of 74 or better, with Woods Charter at the top with a 90, two points

better than 2017-2018. Chatham Charter scored a 78, a drop of three points from last year, while Willow Oak Montessori's 74 pushed it five points higher than last year.

According to the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction, nearly 75 percent of the state's public schools met or exceeded growth goals last school year, and the percentage of schools earn-

ing As and Bs grew from 35.6 percent in 2017-2018 to 37.3 percent last year.

State Superintendent Mark Johnson credited educators for the improvements.

"Teachers across the state are working hard to ensure that students learn and achieve," Johnson said. "We are making changes in Raleigh to help our students and teachers

— with less time spent on testing and more time for instruction, getting money out of Raleigh and into classrooms where it belongs, and a regional support system better tailored to support schools."

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TRADER

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begins coming in and they get to work about the business of labeling and shipping, posting and monitoring and waiting and hoping.

Just a day in the life for Trader Chris.

DiGiovanna runs Trader Chris Consignments, and while his office doesn't reek of someone who handles often-expensive items for a living, he's sold things through his eBay platform for thousands of dollars right from his nondescript headquarters off Sanford

Road near downtown Pittsboro.

Consignment sales aren't abnormal. You take your stuff to someone who puts a price on it and includes it as part of a larger sale. You get most of the profits while the seller gets a percentage. DiGiovanna does just that, but through the online auction site eBay.

Here's how it works: someone with something to sell contacts DiGiovanna and talks about the item which has to fit on a list of valuable collectibles, ranging from jewelry, watches, coins, silver and other things typically small enough to fit on a shelf. He won't

sell modern collectibles like Beanie Babies and most books and china, but if you're curious, just ask.

After a consultation with DiGiovanna, the item goes online (after minor cleaning if needed) and professional photographs and a write-up. According to the Trader Chris website, most items are listed 1-2 weeks after drop off and sold a week or two after that. Payment is mailed 30 days after the sale. Trader Chris' commission depends on how much the item sells for — 50 percent for items under \$500, 40 percent for items between \$500 and \$1,000

and 30 percent for everything \$1,000 or more.

In business since 2011, the former Navy man and financial advisor dumped the latter life — it was "very competitive and a very high rate of rejection," he said — to "have an online business where I sell stuff."

eBay — which began as AuctionWeb in 1995, one day and 24 years before DiGiovanna spoke to the News + Record about his own business — currently has approximately 1.3 billion live listings, and sellers generated \$2.2 billion in revenue in the second quarter of 2019. A visit to the Trader Chris page shows a smattering of items with varying values and backgrounds. The latest set he's got in is a smorgasboard of Winston Churchill items. There are a couple porcelain figures, some books and even mugs.

When he first started, DiGiovanna said, he would sell anything, including used running shoes, self-help books and furniture. He's now progressed to some higher-end items, most of them with interesting stories.

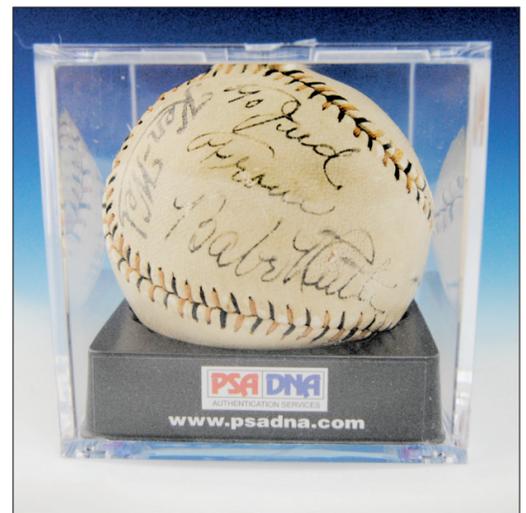
There was the Babe Ruth signed baseball for \$7,200. According to DiGiovanna, the original owner played hooky from school one day and went to a Yankees game in the 1930s. After the game, the boy went down to the field and Ruth — known for his love of kids born out of his orphan background — parted the sea of men surrounding him to speak to the boy and sign his baseball.

There's the piece of china from the Ruth-erford B. Hayes White House. Hayes, America's 19th president from 1877-1881, and his wife ordered unique china featuring animals and the great outdoors, and DiGiovanna sold a single plate from the set for \$3,189 to someone in Iowa.

While not his most expensive item ever sold, he helped sell a \$14,000 train collection to a man in Missouri. The "room-sized" custom set was originally housed in Fearington Village. The buyer drove "the biggest U-Haul truck he could get," DiGiovanna said, to the area, where the pair disassembled and loaded the set for two straight days. They even had to use a reciprocating saw to tear apart some of it to make it fit.

He's learned over the years that, while some things might sell for a lot more than he might think, an old adage proves appropriate.

"You know the saying, 'One man's trash is another man's treasure?' That's absolutely true," he said. "Things that most people look at and think it's not worth more than a few dollars — other people, it has a lot more meaning and value to them."



Submitted photo

Trader Chris Consignments sold this Babe Ruth-autographed baseball for \$7,200 to a buyer in Colorado.



Submitted photo

Chris DiGiovanna's father bought this Barbie doll at a garage sale for a few bucks. After getting it cleaned and buying a few accessories, the item sold for nearly \$4,000 on eBay. DiGiovanna said the experience taught him a lesson, saying, 'I would look at that doll and say, 'That's probably a couple-dollar doll.' Someone else, where it has significant meaning to them, it's worth much, much more.'

That was evident in one of his favorite stories. DiGiovanna's dad — who he said was his inspiration for the business — bought an old Barbie doll at a garage sale for a few bucks. The pair got the doll cleaned and dressed up with some accessories they found on eBay. When DiGiovanna put the item up for auction, interest soared.

"On the last day, she was at \$3,000, and in the closing six seconds, she got three more bids and sold for \$3,938," he said, "and my dad had paid maybe \$4 for her in the garage sale."

The buyer wrote DiGiovanna a note, saying she had set up a special

savings account for the doll. She had played with one as a child and wanted to have one as an adult.

"That's when it dawned on me," he said. "I would look at that doll and say, 'That's probably a couple-dollar doll.' Someone else, where it has significant meaning to them, it's worth much, much more."

To check out DiGiovanna's store, visit traderchris.biz or head to ebay.com/str/traderchrisconsignments if you're in the bidding mood.

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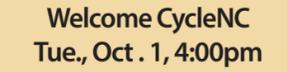


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VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | TONY COPELAND, N.C. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Job growth is strong, but communities must maintain focus on readiness

BY TONY COPELAND

North Carolina is now entering its 10th year of post-recession economic growth — with our job creation pipeline back to where it was in 2006, record-low unemployment and wage increases that are outpacing those of the nation.

While times are good for most North Carolina communities, current economic conditions do not offer us the luxury of being complacent about our future. Sustained prosperity requires ongoing attention to workforce readiness, infrastructure and industrial product.

In Dept. of Commerce surveys of North Carolina businesses, an alarming number of rural employers report receiving no applications for open positions. But the problem isn't a lack of people needing jobs; many rural counties have unemployment rates higher than the state as a whole. Instead, the skills sets of local workers simply do not align with the needs of local companies.

It seems ironic that as advanced technologies take on more and more functions once performed by people, skilled

workers have never been more critical. While our community colleges stand ready to provide the training employers ask for, many North Carolina workers lack the academic foundation to successfully adopt advanced skills. More attention is needed at the secondary school level — ideally the middle-school years — in setting students on a path to the high-demand careers that have real staying power.

N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper's budget proposal included funding for programs that boost educational attainment in North Carolina in a way that is smart. One of them is RAMP-East ("Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership"), a collaboration among eight community colleges designed to prepare young workers in eastern North Carolina for the 2,500 new jobs being created by arriving employers in growing parts of the region. Once we prove the strategy successful, the RAMP-East model can be replicated in other rural economies. Although the program hasn't received state funding as hoped, we're moving forward with a revised version of the program.

These efforts complement other programs designed to enhance

North Carolina's human capital. Finish Line grants, for example, help community college students overcome unforeseen obstacles in their education and complete coursework for their degrees. We recently announced the first round of recipients of our NC Works Local Innovation Fund, a \$2 million program to support pilot programs in communities as they identify and implement creative solutions for local workforce challenges.

Hard assets also remain a key to our ongoing readiness for emerging investment and job-creation opportunities. Transportation infrastructure is the most visible evidence that an economy is prepared for the future. It's equally obvious to site consultants and future-minded businesses when communities or states haven't upgraded highways and industry-ready roads.

In fact, research gathered by the corporate real estate firm JLL found that half of a company's operating costs are now driven by transportation expenses. The trend is set to continue as e-commerce becomes the primary (and potentially only) conduit for busi-

ness. Consultants at McKinsey & Company now anticipate a 40 percent increase in urban freight volumes by 2050.

Energy and data resources are also critical. Some North Carolina communities lack access to a natural gas pipeline, leaving them with little chance to participate in the U.S. manufacturing renaissance. The absence of affordable high-speed Internet service similarly holds communities, businesses and residents back. Broadband service is vital in 21st century business, education and society, and our public policies should encourage the necessary investments in a gap-free digital infrastructure.

The state is helping communities expand their inventory of business-ready sites and spaces. In 2018, the Rural Division at Commerce funded \$43 million in local product development requests — project funds that are helping create more than 2,500 new jobs and tapping more than \$1 billion in private capital.

Funding is important, but leadership is the initial building block for a community's success. Take for an example Corning's plans for building an \$86 million warehouse facility in

Edgecombe County. While state and local economic developers worked with the company for nearly a year to iron out details for the project, county officials began assembling and equipping the 1,449-acre Kingsboro Megastore some 25 years ago. EGGER Wood Products' massive new campus in Davidson County is another case where local vision, patience and leadership paid off big, decades later.

Discussions of the state's "recruitment" pipeline are often misplaced. Even the most diligent, well-crafted corporate attraction strategy will fail if we lack the capacity to accommodate the changing needs of growing businesses. Commerce is working to align our conversions with companies in accordance with today's economic realities. At the local level, county commissioners, town councils and government officials must be proactive in taking the appropriate steps to prepare their communities for success in the modern marketplace.

Now more than ever, there's no substitute for leadership.

Tony Copeland is North Carolina's Secretary of Commerce.

Nothing fake or funny about Dorian's destruction



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

One of the highlight moments, for me, of the 2016 election wasn't even real. It was a video clip — comprised of doctored footage — that emerged online after

one of the debates between opposing candidates for president Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

The short segment depicted the future president and the rival Democrat bounding energetically onto the debate stage as if they were a well-practiced act seeking audience approval on "America's Got Talent" instead of vying to be, as the post was once called, the leader of the free world.

Exchanging no words, just choice moves, the candidates — neither renowned in real life for being fleet of foot, but in this clip both dazzling dancers — then trip the light fantastic in madcap fashion while "debate" moderator Lester Holt watches from the sidelines unamused.

Clearly a joke, the video is memorable to me, even now, as one of very few sunny moments — even if the footage wasn't real — to emerge from a political period that was mostly dark, heavy and humorless.

I say "clearly a joke" because only someone born not only at night, but specifically last night could have watched the outlandish segment and deemed it authentic, even if the cleverly- and heavily-doctored clip looked "real." Of course Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton didn't sweep aside their differences to dance, and no one, I believe, was trying to proffer the video joke as authentic evidence they had.

There's an old bit of wisdom that maintains that "seeing is believing," but it's not always so simple. And I'm not talking about politicians channeling "Saturday Night Fever"-era John Travolta in a silly viral video which anyone can tell is fake.

Three years after I got a hearty laugh from that dance clip, altered video and images aren't always so funny and for many people, the phenomenon — actual fake news — is worrisome.

One fresh example: some of the most-shared images of the wildfires now burning in the Amazon, including one shared on social media by actor Leonardo DiCaprio, are old. Other viral images of the Amazon fires don't even

depict fires burning in the Amazon.

Viewers need be wary; and many are.

A Pew Research Center survey conducted earlier this year revealed that 63 percent of adults said "made-up or altered videos or images" create a "great deal of confusion." Twenty-seven percent reported "some confusion" over altered video/images while the remaining 10 percent reported "not much" or "no confusion at all."

I came across that survey result in the September issue of Editor & Publisher, which covers the newspaper industry and is naturally interested in how we, the people, consume news.

The same issue of Editor & Publisher offers this: 41 percent of Americans are "actively trying to avoid the news these days," according to the "Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2019," released in June.

No additional details were offered, but reading between the lines I think the avoidance of news referenced in the latter poll is a result, at least in part, of confusion by the unreliable news referenced in the former.

Adding to the confusion, sometimes riddles get wrapped inside enigmas, which is the best way I can think to describe last week's Sharplegate incident in which we were asked by the president to believe our unbelieving eyes.

In a saga of many twists and turns, President Trump warned as Hurricane Dorian threatened the East Coast early last week that the storm, already deadly in the Bahamas, potentially had Alabama in its sights. This grave announcement by the president was soon followed by a correction from the National Weather Service that Alabama was in the clear and, the NWS Tweeted would "NOT see any impacts from Dorian." The president, adding to the confusion, later produced a map showing the storm's then-projected path, with a laughably inauthentic extension of that path hand-drawn, presumably with a Sharpie, to include Alabama.

The map was every bit as absurd as footage of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton dancing, except for a key difference: We were asked to believe one of these absurdities and not the other.

The other key difference: One was funny and one wasn't.

The funny one did not involve a rising death toll and miles of storm destruction in the Bahamas.



'Have a nice day' has different meanings depending on folks



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

Ever notice how sometimes we just sort of say things without really thinking much about what we say?

Take "Have a nice day," for instance. How do you "have" a nice day? Does it mean you get to do everything you want when you want to do it? Or does it mean making the most of the day into lemonade out of lemons if that's what you wind up with?

One of my favorites is when folks say something like "I'd like to thank so and so" or "I'd like to take this opportunity to whatever." I always want to say, "Well, why don't you?" or to finish their sentence by adding "but I can't."

Those sayings — and more — put me to thinking about what we do with our lives and how fast they fly by, especially in light now of having experienced the death of the four parents my better half and I had. Not so terribly long ago as I did a modest bit of clean-up in my study, I came across a note from I-can't-remember-who that touched on that. I'd like to share it with you.

She said, "Too many people put off something that brings them joy because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine."

"I got to thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible."

"How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you?"

"How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television?"

"I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, 'How about going to lunch in a half hour?' She would stammer, 'I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday. I had a late breakfast. It looks like rain.' And my personal favorite: 'It's Monday.' She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together."

"Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect."

"We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Stevie toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college."

"Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning we awaken and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of 'I'm going to,' 'I plan on,' and 'Someday, when things are settled down a bit . . .'"

"When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with here for five minutes and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord."

"My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream; it's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The

other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy."

"Now...go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to do, not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?"

"Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask someone, 'How are you?' do you hear the reply?"

"When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow' and in your haste not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just called to say, 'Hi'?"

"Life may not be the party we hoped for but while we're here we might as well dance." And, oh yeah...have a nice day.

'Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer.'

BOB WACHS NOTE

VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

After Dorian, it's a good time to reach out to one another

BY ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

Here we are in the wake of Hurricane Dorian, grieving the destruction it caused, fearing the havoc it might have caused in our own state. If so moved, you can donate resources to recovery, including your own volunteer time.

Maybe you also need to reflect on the nature of a natural disaster.

Let me first say that we humans do not understand tragedy. This is not something to wrap our minds around.

Or our hearts. We know that people suffer who did nothing to deserve it, people who have lost land and life because of Dorian's random path. As poet Nikki Giovanni reminds us, they are not alone. Victims of typhoons half a world away and a child in Africa dying of AIDS do not deserve their tragedies; neither do the millions of children in sex trafficking; neither does the polar bear watching the ice melt or the tree aflame in the rain forest or the loggerhead turtle asphyxiating on a plastic grocery bag; neither does a widow in Pittsboro

whose husband was killed by a drunk driver or the Mexican child held in a cage in the land of liberty. No one deserves a tragedy.

"The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places." Maybe so; but that's not in the Bible. The author, Hemingway, then added that the world "kills the very good and the very gentle and the very brave impartially," which is not nearly as inspiring for a bumper sticker.

The shortest verse in the Bible could easily fit on a bumper sticker: "Jesus wept."

But why? He cried, first, at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, and then beholding the inhabitants of Jerusalem whom He longed to gather like chicks under His mother hen wings. Jesus wept because life can be so unfair. Weep, for no one deserves a tragedy.

In the face of this grief, the Bible offers no clear-cut explanations for disasters. And neither can I. Only metaphors for comfort and endurance: God is a rock, a refuge in times of trouble. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to wel-

come the prodigal home, God is faithful still. The poetry of the Bible does not give the explanation, but rather the hope — hope that, though we weep for the night in the storm, there shall be joy in the morning.

The gift of tearful hope might inspire heartfelt prayers, then the unclasping of our narrow hands to reach out to one another.

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Going the last mile for high-speed internet service



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

High-speed broadband internet service is no longer a luxury. It is a necessity for students to research and do homework, for businesses to conduct commerce, for telemedicine in underserved areas and for citizens to enjoy the amenities so commonplace in today's culture. Sadly, too many North Carolinians don't have affordable high-speed broadband internet access, a problem that deserves our attention and action.

Why doesn't everyone have this service? There are many obstacles, but the simple explanation is that it isn't economical or profitable for the private sector to provide at prices most can afford to pay. In more urban and developed areas service is generally delivered through fiber optic cable, but fiber is prohibitively expensive in sparsely populated areas and, while new technologies are being developed, they aren't coming quickly enough, aren't reliable enough or aren't affordable.

This situation is not unlike the problem our nation encountered in providing electricity to rural areas. By the 1930s, 90 percent of residents in cities and towns had electricity available to their homes. But 90 percent of residents in rural areas had no service. In 1936 Congress passed the Rural Electrification Act, authorizing low interest loans to service providers, followed later by the Electric Cooperative Corporation Act that spawned the many regional electric co-ops that have been so vital to life in our state.

North Carolina's Broadband Internet Office has set a goal for every citizen to have access — not just to the internet but to affordable higher speed service — by 2021. Senator Harry Brown has spearheaded legislation that established a grants program of \$10 million for less affluent, less populated areas. It's called GREAT, Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology, and 11 counties have contracts to expand high-speed broadband access to more than 10,000 homes, businesses, libraries, schools and hospitals through a variety of distribution channels.

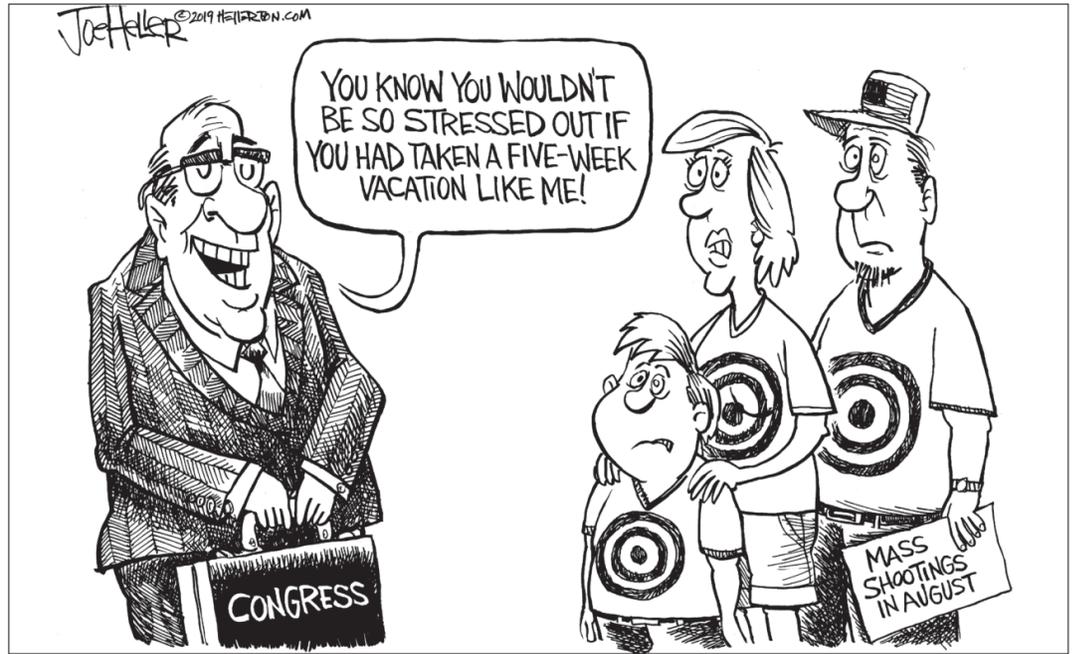
GREAT is a highly commendable effort, but is neither large enough in scope nor sufficiently funded to reach the 2021 goal.

A measure being considered by the legislature would allow municipal governments to use tax dollars to build high-speed internet networks in underserved areas, but the proposal would then require the government to lease out the network to private service providers. To be sure the government entity would require lease fees sufficient enough to help amortize their initial investment, so we question whether the private sector — which maintains it can't profitably construct, maintain and provide high-speed internet infrastructure — could be profitable when having to pay reasonable lease fees on top of operating expenses?

We certainly understand, and at some level agree with, the precept that government not compete with the private sector, however it seems to be forgotten that for many years in most communities the town owned and operated the power plant that either generated and/or distributed power. North Carolina's electricities still own and maintain power distribution lines, even though they purchase power from public utilities.

We think it is time to re-think this situation. Perhaps we should copy the playbook from the 1930s. We could partner GREAT with co-ops, either new or existing, using grants, low-interest loans or other assistance to get high-speed broadband access to everyone. North Carolina needs to go the last mile.

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The Pharisee, tax collector and racism



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

"Dear Lord, thank goodness I am not a racist like some of our top political leaders."

Is this how you open your public prayers?

Or do you just blast out the racism charge whenever somebody makes a remark, tells a story, or argues for a different position from yours on public policy?

I have wondered about my own "quick on the draw" condemnations of others when their statements and actions seemed to show racist tendencies. On the other hand, when I hear someone proudly assert, "I don't have a racist bone in my body" or "Some of my best friends are black," I roll my eyes with thorough skepticism.

These thoughts came roaring back a couple of Sundays ago when Rev. Pat Rabun, minister at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach, preached a sermon on The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector from Luke 18:9-14.

The New International Version of the words spoken by Jesus:

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

When I heard Rev. Rabun read the text and then preach on it, I thought, "When it comes to racism, I am like the Pharisee. I am giving thanks that I am not a racist, rather than hum-

bly accepting responsibility for the racism that is still embedded in me and for accepting without reservation a comfortable place in a society still unpurged from its racist roots."

Just what are we talking about when we, like the Pharisee, accuse others of racism, or when we, like the tax collector, accept responsibility for our own racist condition?

In the August 19 edition of The New Yorker, Kelefa Sanneh, reviewing "How to Be an Antiracist," by Ibram X. Kendi and "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism," by Robin DiAngelo, wrote: "In modern American political discourse, racism connotes hatred, and just about everyone claims to oppose it. But many on the contemporary left have pursued a more active opposition, galvanized by the rise of Donald Trump, who has been eager to denounce black politicians but reluctant to denounce white racists. In many liberal circles, a movement has gathered force: a crusade against racism and other isms.

"It is," Sanneh writes, "a fierce movement, and sometimes a frivolous one, aiming the power of its outrage at excessive prison sentences, tasteless Halloween costumes, and many offenses in between."

Sanneh writes that Kendi is convinced that racism, not just race, has been the central force in American history infecting not only the white preachers who justified slavery with racist arguments but also black hero W. E. B. Du Bois who used racist ideas in 1897, when he condemned "the immorality, crime, and laziness among the Negroes" or Barack Obama in 2008, when he talked about "the erosion of black families."

These insights are important, but not so helpful in defining the term. Neither can I give a satisfactory definition of racism. But I recognize it in myself, and like the tax collector, I beat my breast and ask God to have mercy on me.

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LETTERS

Gen. Lee was a slaveowner

TO THE EDITOR:

In a recent letter to this newspaper ("Fight against present-day slavery," Aug. 29-Sept. 4), Dan Barton wrote that General Robert E. Lee hated slavery and owned no slaves.

Um, no, not exactly. The full truth isn't so pretty, and wishing it was doesn't make it so.

According to the American Civil War Museum, which takes its information from primary sources, Lee inherited a handful of slaves from his mother. He also married into an aristocratic Virginia family that owned several dozen slaves. That plantation, Arlington House, was his home base for many years, in between his military postings.

In 1857, Lee's father-in-law died and Lee took over the management of Arlington. He turned out to be a more stringent taskmaster than his predecessor. The museum's account shows that when three slaves escaped, he had them captured, soundly whipped — 50 lashes for the two men and 20 for the woman — and ordered brine poured on their wounds.

The Union Army occupied the plantation for much of the war, and toward the end, it converted Arlington House into Arlington National Cemetery, to give soldiers who had made the ultimate sacrifice for their country an honorable resting place. The move also ensured that Lee would never go home again.

Leda Hartman
Pittsboro

Let us all be overcomers

TO THE EDITOR:

Not really wanting to write, my heart is burdened to share. I love life and I love getting up every morning, yet all around us are people hurting and people hurting people. So much to overcome. We pick up the papers, turn on the TV, cut on the radios and more everyday is there for us to overcome.

This brings me to the reason for writing. Although I am not much of a movie goer, I recently attended a movie in our surrounding area — the movie is called "The Overcomer." One of the stars of the movie is a young lady from Sanford.

When I left the theater after seeing the movie, all I could think was how the world could overcome today if we would grasp the message.

So may I challenge you, the editor, the staff, your readers and from the President of the United States to all local representatives to "GO" see this movie. With hearts opened, let us be the overcomers.

Connie Lineberry
Siler City

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VIEWPOINTS

How is North Carolina's economy doing? Here's a 'deep dive'



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

There's been plenty of uncertainty recently swirling around the national economy. Trade tensions, stock market ups and downs and movements in interest rates have all captured headlines and editorials.

But let's get closer to home and talk about the North Carolina economy. I constantly watch our state economy. For example, I release a monthly leading economic indicator for North Carolina. Also, twice a year I do a "deep dive" into the state's economic statistics to expand my understanding of what's happening to our companies, workers, households and regions.

I just finished my mid-year dive and will report on the major results here. I'll talk about trends in North Carolina's economy over the past year and well as give you my crystal-ball forecasts for where we're headed in the next year.

First and foremost, North Carolina's economy has continued to expand. In the past year — measured from July 2018 to July 2019 — the state added more than 75,000 jobs, and the pace of job growth was slightly faster than the nation.

And here's another good trend in our jobs. One issue in North Carolina — indeed, an issue in most states — has been sparse growth in jobs in the middle of the wage distribution. For most of the last decade job growth has occurred in high-paying jobs and in low-paying jobs, with little growth in middle-paying jobs, such as in manufacturing, construction, transportation and health care support. This has contributed to the issue of widening income inequality.

The good news is in the last year, increases in the three pay categories of jobs in North Carolina have been relatively balanced. This is important for several reasons, not the least of which is the addition of middle-paying job rungs on the income ladder is essential for the income mobility of workers.

The average wage rate (pay per hour) of North Carolina workers also continued to increase in 2019, and the gain exceeded the average increase in the prices of products and services workers buy. In other words, improvements in worker pay outpaced inflation, meaning the average standard of living improved.

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Carolina compared to the country. Studies show our state's prices are between five percent and 10 percent lower than in the nation. Second is lower educational attainment in the state compared to the country. There is a strong correlation between educational attainment and worker wages.

Of course, job growth rates are not even across all regions of the state. During the year including the second half of 2018 and the first half of 2019, the Asheville, Charlotte and Winston-Salem regions experienced the strongest growth in jobs. At the other end of the spectrum, Jacksonville, Burlington, Greensboro, Greenville and New Bern lost jobs.

Interestingly, rural areas — defined as those counties outside of metropolitan regions — had a job growth rate comparable to the state total.

As most people know, technology continues to be a growth sector in the economy.

North Carolina already has a significant tech sector. Happily, for the most recent year that data are available, our state's tech sector grew significantly faster than at the national level.

Unfortunately, there are some worrying aspects of the recent state economy. Farm output in North Carolina has suffered a large reduction in production. While there can be many reasons for this, clearly one is the on-going trade tensions with China. China's tactics in this dispute have resulted in fewer key North Carolina farm products being sold to that important country.

Another concern is construction. Residential building permits are on track to decline in the state in 2019. If it's any comfort, the same trend is occurring in the nation. Perhaps lower interest rates later this year will turn around this decline.

where North Carolina has been. But where is the state economy going in the future?

Of course, recognize that forecasts are just an educated guess, and no forecast is guaranteed. To add to the uncertainty, economists often disagree about the future. (PS: Economists are much better at predicting the past!!)

Here's my views about the future economy. North Carolina will continue to grow and add production and jobs. However, the pace of growth, while positive, will slow. Rather than expanding at close to a three percent annual rate, growth will be closer to two percent.

Note this doesn't imply a recession. A recession means the growth rate is negative and the economy is contracting — that is, getting smaller. My headlights don't show this yet. Certainly, however, if conditions change, I can change my forecast.

Any state's economy is a complex mix of many factors. You decide if these factors have moved — and will continue to move — in a positive direction for North Carolina.

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It's time to make voter ID work in N.C.



JOHN HOOD
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RALEIGH — Most North Carolinians think it is reasonable for voters to show identification before casting a ballot. A solid, although not overwhelming, majority voted last fall to place a voter-ID requirement in the state constitution, although a vocal minority continues to see it as dangerous and discriminatory.

I've long argued that both sides of the voter-ID dispute tend to exaggerate the consequences. Most studies of actual elections held under voter-ID requirements find little effect on the number of votes cast.

One reason may be that the number of people who both intend to cast ballots and lack ID is minuscule. Consider a recent study by Mark Hoekstra of Texas A&M and Vijetha Koppa of Dubai's Institute of Management Technology. It examined election results for more than 2,000 races in Florida and Michigan. Hoekstra and Koppa chose those states because they allow ballots to be cast without IDs and then track those ballots separately.

The researchers found that at most the share of votes cast without IDs were in the range of .10 percent to .33 percent. "Thus, even under the extreme assumption that all voters without IDs were either fraudulent or would be disenfranchised by a strict law," they wrote, "the enactment of such a law would have only a very small effect on turnout."

The effect was so small, in fact, that it would have been highly unlikely to flip races. "Even if the worst fears of proponents or critics were true," Hoekstra and Koppa wrote, "strict identification laws are unlikely to have a meaningful impact on turnout or election outcomes."

The empirical evidence undercuts claims made by both sides. If turnout isn't much affected by an ID requirement, its usefulness as a "voter-suppression" device is rather unimpressive. On the other hand, if requiring ID doesn't significantly reduce turnout, there must not be that much illegal voting going on.

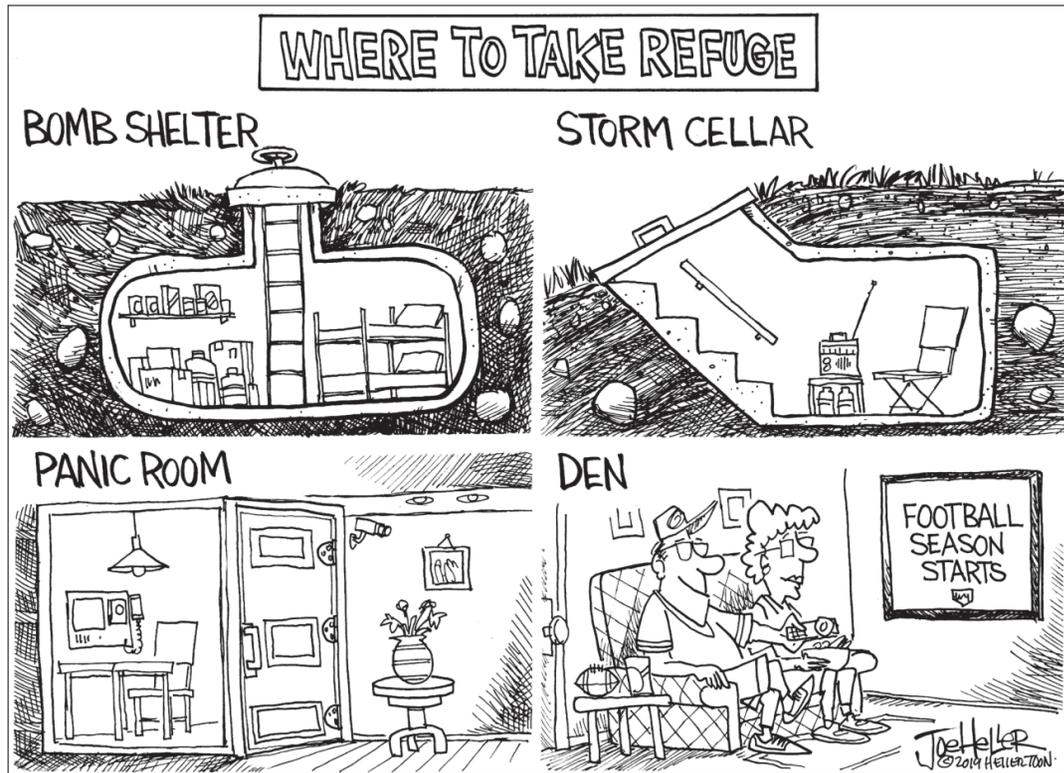
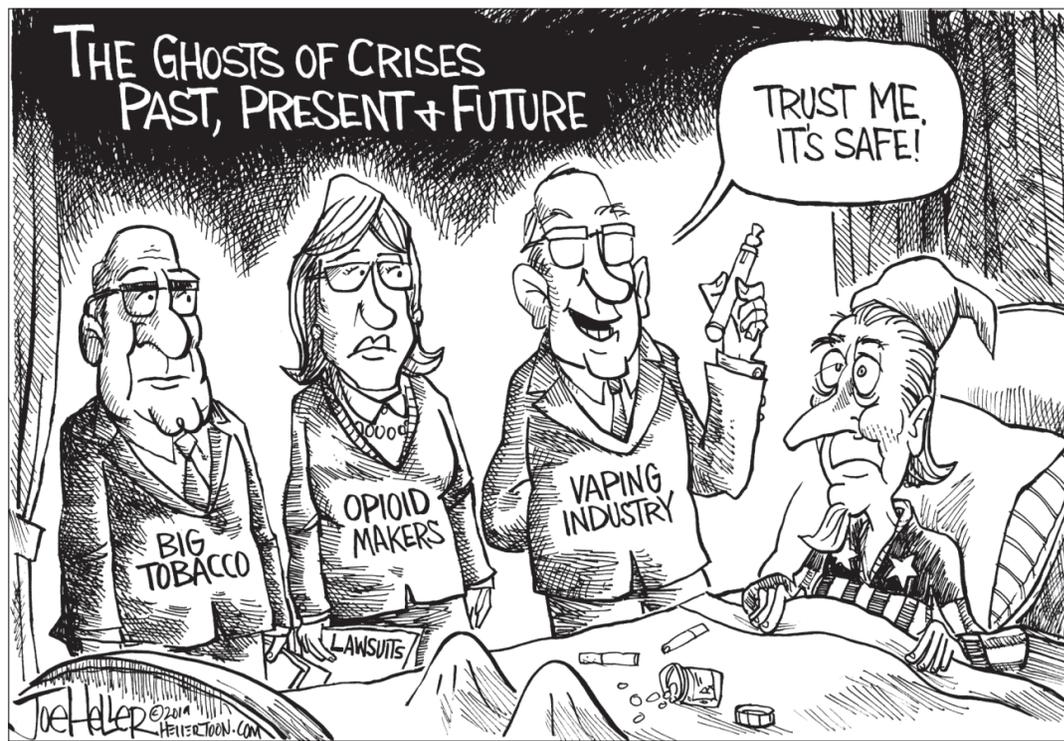
To my way of thinking, there are three reasons why an apparently low-stakes ID requirement for voting remains a reasonable policy. The first is that it will at least modestly increase public confidence in elections, even if the public is mistaken about the prevalence of voter fraud.

The second is that "minuscule" is not "zero." Occasionally we see races settled by dozens of votes or fewer. Could preventable voter fraud tip the balance in such races? It's a low-probability scenario, to be sure. But as long as the net cost is also low, why not take out insurance against it? (A similar argument applies to absentee-ballot fraud, which North Carolina is now taking more seriously, as it should.)

The third argument is, indeed, that the net cost is low — because implementing the ID rule has ancillary benefits. Those who lack photo IDs face other impediments in modern society. It may not be impossible for them to use financial services, public buildings, and certain forms of transportation, but it is certainly more cumbersome than it needs to be.

Voter ID is the law of the land. Now it's time to make it work, and to move on to more productive public-policy debates.

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poet laureate, remembers writing. She supposes she was in fifth grade at the time.

Since then, Green never stopped writing. She has released eight print poetry collections, was inducted into the N.C. Literary Hall of Fame in 2014, and now teaches at the Duke University Center for Documentary Studies. But she says that being named North Carolina's poet laureate — an honor bestowed upon her by Gov. Cooper earlier this year — is her proudest accomplishment.

On Oct. 12, Chatham residents will have a chance to hear Green discuss "Celebrating the Power of Our Stories" at Chatham Literacy Council's 3rd annual fall fundraising luncheon.

Chatham Literacy Council pairs adult learners throughout the county with volunteer tutors, who help teach reading and writing skills and encourage career success. All proceeds from the fall luncheon, which will be held at the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City, will directly fund that work.

Vicki Newell, the executive director of Chatham Literacy Council, is excited for the perspective Green will bring to the event. Newell says Green is her own personal "(s)hero" and a "dynamic individual."

"She's going to stand up for what she believes in, and she's not going to be pushed around," Newell says. "... I think that comes through in her poetry."

Though Green says she hasn't spent a lot of time in Chatham, she has long been a "huge supporter and champion of literacy" in both Orange and Chatham counties and across the state, even serving on the Orange County literacy board. A longtime advocate for equality, she describes art as a "sort of bridge" between people.

"I have always considered myself a cultural social political activist," Green says, "because I truly believe that the arts should be accessible to every citizen, regardless of any demographic: any racial, any ethnic, any income or community demographic."

Between daily rhythms of music, laughter and sharing food, Green travels around the state sharing about community and literacy. In fact, the two of us found some time to talk between her recent Charlotte visit with the National Institute for the Humanities and a writing festival in Burnsville.

Still, her experience as a poet laureate hasn't shielded her from injustice. It may, in fact, have made it more evident.

"The book that I really should write at the end of the residency is 'Poet Laureate-ing While Black,'" Green says. "I'm having fabulous, wonderful experiences. And yet, I continually also experience racism, classism, ageism and gender



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North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green will be the guest author for the Fall Literacy Luncheon in Siler City at the Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 12.

bias. Because it's a real world I live in. If these things are happening to me as Jaki Shelton Green, why would they not happen to me as Jaki Shelton Green, poet laureate? My color didn't change. My age didn't change, my gender didn't change. My race didn't change."

Green's own writing heroes include Mary Oliver, Carolyn Forché and Toni Morrison. But she's served as a literary hero to others, as well. She even completed a writing residency with first grade students at the same elementary school she attended while growing up.

"It's been very heartfelt for me to experience the excitement ... when I show up in their communities," she says. "And when I tell young people, 'Oh, I grew up just like you, just a rural little country girl who has some dreams. And there's nothing magical about what I do. You can do this too.'"

Both Newell and Larry Hicks, treasurer and vice chairman of the board for Chatham Literacy, hope that Green

will include some Siler City flavor in her future writing.

"I hope that [during] Jaki's visit to Siler City," Hicks says, "she can see the diversity that's in this community and the culture that's in this community."

Green also has high hopes for the event.

"I would want the newly literate constituents who might be there to ... really think about how they might celebrate and expand their appreciation of their own stories and value them very differently," she says.

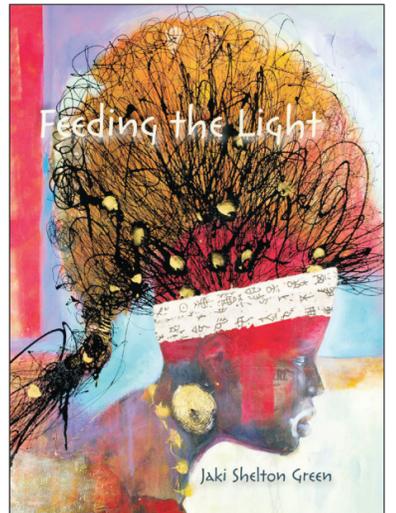
Newell, too, hopes the luncheon will be an "awesome cultural mix of people." She encourages those interested in attending the event to consider purchasing two tickets: one for themselves and one as a donation to help someone else attend. She thinks the gathering may even serve to inspire future volunteer tutors.

"I think at first, tutors think, 'Oh, I'm coming in to help somebody,'" Newell says. "But that person helps them just as much, because ... they form this bond



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'I Want To Undie You' by Jaki Shelton Green.



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'Feeding The Light' by Jaki Shelton Green

and relationship that I don't think anybody ever anticipated. It really is cool." Green has had her own experiences leading others to love literacy, and her own journey toward that end. For instance, she says she "never liked rhyming poems as a kid." In fact, she "hated" them.

But she says of her fifth-grade masterpiece, "I still like that poem." Chatham Literacy Council's Fall Luncheon will take place Oct. 12 at the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City. Tickets are \$60 per person (\$45 of which is tax deductible), and raffle tickets for a "mountain cabin giveaway" will be available. Learn more at www.chathamliteracy.org.

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what was then called Moore's Bridge, along the old Raleigh road. Walter Stone, according to reports, was among those who made that trip.

It was there, at a site now submerged under the waters of Jordan Lake, that punishment to Eugene was meted out: the perpetrators threw a tire chain over what was described in one newspaper account as "a convenient limb," then wrapped it around Eugene's neck, and hoisted him into the air.

As Eugene began to suffocate, his legs thrashing as his body instinctively fought for life, some of the men there made his justice complete, pulling out rifles and revolvers and firing at him.

The battered, bleeding body hung from that convenient limb until after sunrise. By mid-Sunday morning, as the day began to warm and news of the hanging spread, more than 1,000 people had made the trek to the scene to catch a view.

Finally, sometime before noon, Chatham County's coroner, George H. Brooks, arrived to claim the body. Later that day, on Eugene's death certificate, Brooks scrawled in the official cause of the young man's demise on the paper.

"Hanging and Gun Shot wound," he wrote. "Lynched by mob."

Eugene Daniel was eight days past his 16th birthday.

The date of death was listed as Sept. 18, 1921. Eugene was the sixth — and last — lynching victim recorded in Chatham County history. The very first recorded in North Carolina — in early 1865, of an "unknown black male" — also occurred in Chatham County, according to an appendix of lynchings published in historian Vann Newkirk's 2009 book, *Lynching in North Carolina: A History, 1865-1941*.

The state's last, Robert Melker of Wilkes County, was hanged on April 13, 1941.

His crime? "Arguing with a white man," according to Newkirk's book.

Across North Carolina, only one other county had more lynchings than Chatham County did — New Hanover, with 22, many associated with race riots there in 1898 — and only two counties, Granville and Rowan, had as many.

All told, in the years between 1865 and 1941, by most accounts, there were 168 victims of lynching in North Carolina. A significant majority of victims were black men, and most were lynched without the benefit of a trial — killed, typically, by vigilante groups of white men after real or perceived crimes, and usually by hanging. Twenty of the lynching victims were white — 19 men and a single woman, Ella May Wiggins of Gaston County, a union organizer who was shot and killed in 1929 while leading a strike of the Loray Mill in Gastonia.

In Chatham County, Eugene Daniel — mistakenly called "Ernest" or "Ernest Daniels" in some records — was the state's 157th victim.

Today, few of the 168 are remembered or memorialized or recognized in any official way, relegated instead to a stain on the legacy of their home counties and of the state, a part of history that many people would prefer to forget.

Bob Pearson, though, isn't like most people.

Pearson, who retired to Chatham County in 2015 after a long career in the American Foreign Service — where he worked mostly overseas as an attorney and diplomat, followed by six years with an international humanitarian group involved in reconciliation and negotiation work — is leading the effort here to memorialize the six victims: Daniel, Richard Cotton, Harriet Finch, Jerry Finch, John Pattisall and Lee Tyson. He's been joined in the effort by a growing group of supporters — white and black alike, and including members of both of Chatham's NAACP branches — and what he's sparked is taking root in Chatham, just like similar efforts around the region of the state and the south. What the memorial might consist of, exactly, is still being discussed; a 10-page proposal Pearson drafted outlines several options, but it would certainly involve telling the stories of those lynchings.

It's in the telling of those stories that he and other community leaders hope healing will take place.

2: 'The consequences of history'

W. Robert Pearson is 76 years old. He bears the upright demeanor and thoughtful countenance you might expect from a Southern-bred attorney whose career has taken him all over the world. Pearson has lived



Staff photo by David Bradley

Members of Chatham County's two NAACP chapters who are involved in an effort to memorialize the six victims of racial terror lynching in Chatham stand on the steps of the Pittsboro courthouse. Front row, from left: Armentha Davis, Mary Harris, Larry Brooks and Mary Nettles. Middle row, from left: Vickie Shea, Cledia Holland and Linda Batley. Back row, from left: Glenn Fox, Wayne Holland, Carl Thompson and Bob Pearson. Pearson, a retired attorney and diplomat who lives in Fearington Village, was responsible for getting the effort started.

and worked in five different states and six countries outside the U.S., and he served under six presidents and 11 secretaries of state. His work has taken him to more than 50 countries, but retirement brought him to Chatham County.

Today he lives in Fearington Village with his wife of 44 years, Maggie, a Pennsylvania native whose family roots are in New Orleans. It's a far cry from some of the other places he's lived — Japan, China, New Zealand, Belgium, France, Turkey — but not that different from where he grew up, on a family farm in western Tennessee.

Pearson describes his childhood as "a traditional Southern upbringing." His formative years on the farm and in college in the South coincided with those of the Civil Rights struggle, making him a witness to change.

"I was affected by it," he states plainly.

In the spring of 1968, Pearson was in law school at the University of Virginia when Martin Luther King Jr. was gunned down by an assassin in Memphis. That event, he says, triggered a simple notion in his mind: there has to be a way to solve problems without violence.

Throughout his career, that belief continued to be reinforced — as were his views on the pain inflicted by the mindset that grew out of white supremacy.

"As a U.S. diplomat I was constantly reminded how the race issue damaged my country overseas and helped our enemies," he says. "I also knew from my work on reconciliation how hiding truth blocks understanding; when we know the truth, it does set us free to see things in a different light."

Truth, and history, are clearly important to him. Pearson traces his Southern lineage back more than 300 years; two great-grandfathers were there at Bennett Place in Durham on April 26, 1865, part of the last surrender of a major Confederate army in the Civil War.

And it was truth and history that stirred something inside him when he began working on an international service curriculum with N.C. Central University faculty members after his retirement. As part of his research, he came across Civil Rights attorney Bryan Stevenson's best-selling book, "Just Mercy" — which chronicles Stevenson's landmark work on behalf of wrongly condemned people of color and a broken judicial system, and is the focus of a movie adaptation releasing on Christmas Day this year — and learned about the work he was doing through the Equal Justice Initiative.

The EJI, a nonprofit organization based in Montgomery, Alabama, challenges poverty and racial injustice and advocates for equal treatment in the U.S. criminal justice system. It, and its supporters, also spearheaded the creation of The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice — both in Montgomery. The museum addresses the post-slavery treatment of African-Americans by whites, while the memorial serves to call attention to the more than 4,000 victims of terror lynchings of blacks in the U.S.

In reading about the memo-

THE EFFORT IN CHATHAM COUNTY: A PRIMER

What's the story?
Chatham County is one of some 300 counties around the U.S. considering placing a historical marker — or some other form of memorial or remembrance — to remember victims of racial terror lynching between the years of 1865 and 1950.

What's a lynching?
The term lynching generally applies to hangings and other mob violence resulting in death. Racial terror lynchings — directed at racial minorities — are usually defined as violent and public acts of torture, and typically occurred without the perpetrators being held accountable.

Why did lynching have such an impact?

"Nothing in this era was more harrowing and traumatizing than lynching. The lynchings of African Americans was racial terrorism. It forced six million black people to flee the American South as refugees to the North and West. It is this lethal violence that shaped the demographic geography of our nation today. Lynching was that violent tactic that enforced Jim Crow in the South and, as the great Ida B. Wells argued, it became our national crime..."

"(It) created a legacy of violent resistance to racial equality that still infects our nation today and poses a continuing threat to equality and opportunity for millions of people of color. That the terrifying violence of lynching would sometimes happen on the courthouse lawn with law enforcement and state and federal governments watching silently is a critical part of the story..." — Bryan Stevenson in the foreword to Sherrilyn A. Ifill's 2009 book, *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the 21st Century*.

How many lynchings were there in Chatham?

There were six that have been documented with names and dates:

- Richard Cotton (Sept. 1, 1865)
- Harriet Finch, Jerry Finch, John Pattisall and Lee Tyson (Sept. 28, 1885)
- Eugene Daniel (Sept. 18, 1921)

How many in North Carolina?

Different sources vary, but estimates range between 123 and 148 lynchings of blacks in the state. Among Southern states, North Carolina ranked among the lowest for numbers of lynchings.

The top five southern states with the most lynchings, according to the Equal Justice Initiative:

- Mississippi, 654
- Georgia, 589

- Louisiana, 549
 - Arkansas, 492
 - Alabama, 361
- Among non-Southern states, Oklahoma (76), Missouri (60) and Illinois (56) had the most racial terror lynchings.

What's the timeline for the effort in Chatham County?
Organizers — a coalition made up of life-long Chatham residents and led by Bob Pearson — have proposed October 2020 as an installation date, but the work is very much in the early stages.

What kinds of opportunities will there be to provide public education about the project?

- Retrieval of soil from lynching sites
- Student outreach
- High school essay writing contest
- Classes and curricula
- Public education and events, including art exhibits, historian panels, book discussions, films and trips to the The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Birmingham, Alabama.

Why undertake this effort?

"We can only see eye-to-eye when we all share the same history. In the South, many people attach importance to what happened between 1860 and 1865. Is it not important also to know and understand what happened afterwards and how events then affect our society today? Those events were a nearly impossible barrier to social and economic progress for nearly 40 percent of the South's 1860 population until segregation ended almost a 100 years later. With a great deal of progress in recent decades, supported in very large part by white citizens, we can now examine what actually happened. Reconciliation doesn't require that everyone completely agree, but it lets everyone understand what happened and think about its effects down through the years. In my experience, it always leads to progress based on a shared knowledge." — Bob Pearson

Is there a specific goal for the effort besides creating a memorial?

"In Chatham County our mission is fourfold: to tell the history of these events so that we also understand the truth about our past; to recognize the courage and achievements of the black community in the county in the continuing push for equal rights; to acknowledge the progress made by local government officials, white citizens and leaders of the county to encourage full exercise of civil rights by all residents; and use this collective history to encourage tolerance, acceptance and respect

for democratic values." — Bob Pearson

Where can other resources and information be found?

- The Legacy Museum: <https://eji.org/legacy-museum>
- The Community Remembrance process: <https://eji.org/community-remembrance-project>
- List of lynchings by state: <https://eji.org/sites/default/files/lynching-in-america-second-edition-supplement-by-county.pdf>

What is 'A Red Record'?
<http://lynching.web.unc.edu>

A Red Record documents lynchings in the American South, starting with North Carolina. The title, A Red Record, is drawn from Ida B. Wells-Barnett's work by the same name and is intended, in a small way, to recognize Wells-Barnett's remarkable courage and commitment to justice. The research also corroborates Wells-Barnett's core argument — that lynching was much more than just a response to crime. It was part of a narrative of white supremacy that sought to write out Black success, Black families, and Black personhood.

Started in February of 2015, A Red Record aims to:

- identify and mark the locations of lynchings in the former Confederacy, and over time, all the states in the former Confederacy
- provide access to relevant manuscript material about lynching events
- remember the targets of lynchings as whole persons with families, jobs, and identities beyond that of victims
- offer users both broad and specific information about lynching for research, teaching, and other uses
- create a space for one facet of an important conversation about race, violence, and power in the United States.

This project, according to its website, seeks to address the irony that despite the fact that members of lynch mobs documented their activities deliberately and prolifically, the physical spaces where lynchings took place by and large remain unmarked. This project visualizes lynchings in new ways, to the extent possible privileging images of modern sites of historic lynchings over the mob-produced images of bodies that were intended to terrorize African Americans.

Future iterations of the project will seek to engage community partners in diverse styles of documentation; integrate lynching and death penalty data; address the politics of press coverage; and include attempted lynchings, not just those that resulted in a death.

rial, Pearson learned that part of it consists of more than 800 corten steel monuments, one for each county in the United States where a racial terror lynching took place. Engraved on columns are the names of victims, but in an adjacent field are identical monuments

— waiting to be claimed and installed in the counties they represent. So far, more than 300 counties have launched efforts to create local memorials and claim one of the monuments.

Curious, Pearson researched his new home county and learned about the Eugene Dan-

iel lynching — and Chatham's five others — and the idea fomented in his mind: why not have a memorial to those six victims?

A lifetime member of the NAACP in Maryland, Pearson

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reached out in Chatham — to the county's historical association and museum and to its two NAACP branches and to others he thought might have an interest.

"I told them what I had in mind," he says, "and got the OK to pursue it."

3: '...a history that shouldn't be hidden'

That's the "how" of the genesis of Pearson's work. The bigger question, of course, is: why?

To him, it's hidden history. "It's history that has consequences down to today," he said, "and therefore a history that should be told. It's a history that shouldn't be hidden. I'm not trying to blame anyone for it, but I'm interested in it because people don't know about it. Knowing will cause them to think differently."

As he reflects, thoughtfully, on the experiences he had growing up in the South, and the experiences of people he knew, he speaks about what he calls two self-evident truths.

First, that people who have little or no influence — those with few resources or little in the way of status — are more likely to be victims in society. And second: people who dominate the political system are more likely to be the ones who get to write history.

Which is why, he believes, so much of the history of lynchings in the years between Reconstruction and Jim Crow has been forgotten.

So why start talking now? It's not just about the act and the crime of lynching, he says, but the predilections of the era of lynching that are still prevalent. Support for federal anti-lynching legislation and progress in the Civil Rights-era struggle largely ended the public spectacle of lynching in the early 1950s, but certain things, Pearson says, haven't changed.

Lynching, he said, is "the graphic image of white supremacy and white domination of the Jim Crow period. It's that giant rock that rolled down the hill and crushed everything in terms of rights for African Americans, and it left a legacy."

That legacy, he explains, isn't just an ugly, tarnished past. Lynching, he says, created a culture that made it normal and acceptable not to give blacks equal rights.

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For decades, Stevenson writes, "black people were hanged, tortured, drowned, shot, mutilated, and burned at the stake. The perpetrators of this violence took pride in their terrorism. These American terrorists were celebrated by their communities, who frequently came out with their children to cheer them on. They created a legacy of violent resistance to racial equality that still infects our nation today and poses a continuing threat to equality and opportunity for millions of people of color. That the terrifying violence of lynching would sometimes happen on the courthouse lawn with law enforcement and state and federal governments watching silently is a critical part of the story..."

Asked to explain from his own perspective, Pearson — who is white — launches into a soliloquy about the aftermath, the resultant effects and the "raw deal" people of color got in the lynching and post-lynching era. The Housing Act of 1934. The Social Security Act of 1935. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. The GI Bill of Rights of 1944. The war on drugs, which was launched in 1971. Pearson can detail, and cites from memory, how each had an unintended — or in some cases, intended — consequence, consequences which, combined, created an "unlevel playing field" and benefited whites in ways that specifically worked against blacks.

Today, he'll remind you, we're living in a nation where blacks are arrested and incarcerated at rates five times those of whites, and where the average net worth of white households in the U.S. is 13 times the average of blacks. African Americans and whites use drugs at similar rates, but the imprisonment rate of African Americans for drug charges is almost 6 times that of whites. So who does Pearson blame?

No one. "I'm not trying to place blame here," he says again, "but history has to be told so people can appreciate it."

And what can they learn? Recognition. Acceptance, he says. A new basis for moving forward. Reconciliation.

Pearson sees Chatham County as "a special place with a bright future of growth coming." Its major assets, he says, include a "very respected" county government, superb law enforcement and organizations "interested in having the county go forward." And if Chatham residents want a county of which they can be proud — one that will attract business and people from other parts of the country — "we need to be able to say that we have no problem embracing our history."

If you know it, he says, it makes you think differently.

Photo from Cemetery Census

The death certificate of Eugene Daniel, who was died from 'Hanging and gun shot wound — lynched by mob' on Sept. 18, 1921.



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Mary Nettles (from left), the Rev. Norman T. Davis and Bob Pearson examine the tombstone and gravesite of Eugene Daniel in the New Hope Church Cemetery. Nettles is the president of the east branch of the Chatham County NAACP; Pearson serves on the branch's education committee.

4: 'Don't rock the boat'

But the effort hasn't been without its doubters. Some tell Pearson to forget it, that lynchings are "old history," and that there's no need to bring up the subject. No one alive today in Chatham County lynched anyone, he acknowledges, and he understands the reluctance to re-tell stories that are hard to hear.

"Don't rock the boat," they say," he says "Time will cure all. We're all doing OK now." Quite honestly, this is the kind of argument heard at every stage of the Civil Rights era. That just doesn't stand up as any kind of reason."

Another truth, he says, is this: the more complicated a situation, the longer it takes to resolve — "and more effort goes into resolving it." Thus his work to gather groups to put in the time and effort, with patience and persistence, to "take this step."

"It's not designed to produce conflict," he explains. "It's designed to recognize history and truths and to move forward."

The work, he believes, would broaden the process of understanding in the county about our common history. It would also foster a broader spirit of reconciliation within the county as its citizens work hard for a brighter future.

"With much new growth anticipated and many new residents coming to the county," he said, "it is a good time to add momentum."

And how would a memorial help reconciliation?

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experience, it always leads to progress based on a shared knowledge."

And it's not about blaming those who did the lynching, but about explaining the aftermath.

"This effort is not aimed against the white community or white citizens, who, as I have said, have been very supportive of progress in the South and in this county," he says. "It is for something, not against something. Chatham County has a bright future. Reconciliation will help us focus on how to make the most of the potential of our young people, not 'export' them to other cities and states, create the new jobs we need, and the business opportunities we want to see."

But for some, while reconciliation is a worthy goal, the answer about memorializing lynching victims isn't quite so clear. Jim Crawford, a Chatham County commissioner and former history professor — and part of the majority on the county's board who just recently voted, in essence, to remove the "Our Confederate Heroes" monument from the Historic Courthouse lawn in Pittsboro — says it must come with a discussion about reconciliation.

"I am not comfortable with the only representation being their victimhood," he says of a potential memorial. "In other words, we're putting up another monument to white supremacy, except it's just our attempt to stand it up on its head and then negate it. And personally, I'm not terribly comfortable with that. Do you know what I mean?"

Crawford thinks that by trying to teach a broader lesson about the horrors and the legacy of lynching, "really all we're doing is reminding everyone of white supremacy's power." In doing so, he says, a day might come where white supremacists visit the memorial and see it as "a triumph."

True reconciliation, Crawford says, is a "discussion between the aggrieved parties," similar to the Truth in Reconciliation Commission work that occurred in apartheid-era South Africa — an ideal solution to what ails the psyche and the wounds created by lynching and white supremacy.

Despite these events, Pearson points out, the black community in Chatham County kept rising and kept succeeding. They founded churches, schools, civic organizations, saved their earnings,

bought land, built homes, kept their children in school and sent them to college when they could.

"Theirs is a history of triumph over difficult odds for nearly 100 years — between 1865 and the Civil Rights Voting Act of 1965," Pearson said. "African Americans have risen to prominence and leadership in our community. In the last half-century, white citizens of Chatham County as well have worked hard and generously to support the black community in many important ways."

Still, Pearson, and Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry — who, like Pearson, is an attorney and has also worked in the field of reconciliation — agree with Crawford that there's still room for more progress on the question of reconciliation.

Reconciliation, Perry says, "is a beautiful idea." But she's adamant that it won't come "just from putting up a plaque or a symbol of the dirt that was accumulated from where people were lynched."

"What it's going to take is a real series of communication," she says, "where we sit at the same table. It's going to take a real serious sitting down together and listening to each other. My gosh, that's important."

Pearson, who's done hard work in reconciliation during his career, thinks some kind of a memorial will open the door for it in Chatham County.

He raises the obvious question: "Are we supposed to continue to pretend this history didn't happen because an extremist will defend it?" he asks.

Then answers: "If so, then we seem to be doing exactly what the extremists want done — hide it and act like it never happened," he says. "That will just continue the damage that has already been done. If life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness mean anything, they mean that every citizen is entitled to these unalienable rights. It's a good thing to be on that side of history, and I believe the overwhelming majority of the Chatham County community agrees."

Next week, in part 2, a closer look at the Eugene Daniel case, more on the legacy of lynching, and a discussion with the leadership of Chatham County's NAACP chapters and others about this effort — and where in this discussion the Confederate statue in Pittsboro comes into play.

OBITUARIES

JEAN RITCH BAIRD



Jeanette "Jean" Elizabeth Ritch Lunsford Baird, 78, of Siler City died Thursday, September 5, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Jean was born in Cherokee County on May 15, 1941, the daughter of James and Mamie Ruth Smith Ritch. Jean was a business owner, heavily involved in her community and charitable organizations. She was a member of Community Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and served on several other committees. Jean was dedicated to her church and her family. They were the

most important things in her life. Jean was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Geraldine Gibson.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Jesse Baird; children, Jeannie Lee Duncan of Chester, VA, William Theodore Lunsford, Jr. and wife Angel of Hopewell, VA, Teresa Hill Clark and husband Eric of Siler City, Larry Wayne Baird of Siler City, and Jacquelyn K. Loyd of Siler City; sisters, Annie Ruth Deal of Blacksburg, SC and Jimmie Nell Williams of Marion, NC; grandchildren, David Duncan, Lisa Gerard (Justin), Jessica Duncan, Bud Jones, Angela Hill, Jewel Hill, Stephanie Smith, Jake Loyd and twelve great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler Cit

The funeral was held Monday, September 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church, 2575 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City with Rev. Mark Agan officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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

RUTH BRANDENBURG HIX



Ruth Brandenburg Hix, 92, of Winston-Salem died Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home.

She was born in Lee County, Kentucky to Conley Brandenburg and Lena Damrel. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, James Howard Hix. They met in Norwood, Ohio. She was a military wife who followed her husband to numerous assignments. Ruth was a lifelong member of the Baptist church wherever she lived. She taught Sunday school to infants and toddlers. She was an active member of College Park Baptist Church as long as she was able.

She was survived by her children, James and Gary Hix, and Jeannie Myer; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and four step-siblings.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 14 at 11 a.m. at Salem Funeral Home, Reynolda Road Chapel. Interment will follow at Forsyth Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 4 until 6 p.m. at Salem Funeral Home, 2951 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.

Those wishing to send memorials may donate to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be sent to: www.salemfh.com.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Harry. Anita worked for many years as Town Clerk for the town of Broadway.

She is survived by her mother, Vivian Douglas; daughter, Amanda Douglas of Sanford; brother, Brian Douglas of Sanford; and one grandson.

Please consider donations to assist the family with her funeral expenses at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, 600 W. Main Street, Sanford, NC 27332 or online at: www.funeraldonationapp.com.

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

ELIZABETH NAN MOSER

Elizabeth Nan Moser, 33, of Fayetteville, passed away on Friday, August 30, 2019 at her home.

The funeral service was held at Calvary Missionary Methodist Church Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2 p.m., with Rev. Curtis Norris presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Elizabeth was born in Lee County on February 6, 1986 to Hubert Moser and Tammy Suitt Watkins. She was preceded in death by brothers Wesley Ray and Justin Lee Moser; grandparents, Peggy and Nelson Suitt and grandfather, Eugene Moser.

She is survived by her mother Tammy Suitt Watkins and step-father Rodney Watkins of Fayetteville; her father, Hubert Moser and step-mother, Donna

Kaye White Moser of Cameron; son, Chase Nathaniel Mann, Justus Thomas Atkins of Fayetteville; brothers, Specialist Evan Thomas Watkins, US Army, Fort Hood, Texas, Daniel James Moser of Sanford; step-brother, Ethen Dylan Watkins of Colorado; grandparents, Darlene Watkins of Fayetteville, Nancy and Dan Uthof of Sanford, Mary Agnes and James Ray Mackey.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: www.funeraldonationapp.com to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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

RUDOLPH COPELAND MULLIS, JR.

Rudolph Copeland Mullis, Jr, 65, of Sanford, passed away Sunday, September 1, 2019 at UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro.

The memorial service will be held at noon, Saturday, September 14, 2019, in the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Jones presiding.

Mr. Mullis was born in Lee County on September 26, 1953, to the late Rudolph Mullis and Oberia Suggs Mullis. He was a co-founder of Broadway Hemp Company.

Rusty is survived by his son, Jordan Mullis of Raleigh; a daughter, Grayson Mullis of Sanford; and a brother, Reggie Mullis of Washington State.

The family will receive

friends two hours prior to the service from 10 a.m. until the funeral hour at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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

RICHARD ERVIN CLARK

Richard Ervin Clark, 64, of Sanford, died September 6, 2019 at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Services will be held at a later date in Augusta, GA for immediate family with Pastor Terry Pleasants officiating.

He was born in Lee County on January 31, 1955, to the late Vinson Clark and Ruth Phillips Clark. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Dale Clark.

Surviving relatives include his sisters, Jean Baker of Augusta, GA, Cecelia Macko, and Cathy Pleasants, both of Sanford.

The family request no flowers but donations to Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, 600 W. Main Sreet, Sanford, NC 27332 are welcomed, to assist with funeral expenses.

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

JAMES DANIEL GUNTER "JIMMY"

James Daniel Gunter "Jimmy," 80, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2019.

The funeral service and burial were private.

He was born in Durham County on September 22, 1938 to the late Curtis Glenn Gunter and Katherine Ann Kelly Gunter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, C. G. Gunter. Jimmy was a self-employed building contractor for over 50 years.

In addition to his wife of 60+ years, Edith, he is survived by a son, Danny Gunter of Sanford; daughters, Debbie Gunter Causey of Carabonton and Vicky Gunter Daniels of Sanford; sister, Sylvia Jean Crutchfield of Burlington; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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

MRS. BETTY STALEY

Mrs. Betty Staley, 90, of Siler City, passed away Thursday, September 05, 2019 at the Siler City Center.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home. www.loflinff

MICHAEL TRAVIS KIDD

Michael Travis Kidd, 32, of Pittsboro, went home to be with Jesus on Friday, September 6, 2019.

An avid outdoorsman, he was truly at home in the woods or on the water. When he wasn't hunting or fishing, you could find him working at the family business, Gum Springs Garage. While he could fix or service your Stihl equipment, he was also sure to greet you with his contagious smile, and a joke, as he never met a stranger. Anyone leaving the shop was typically bid farewell with a "take it easy" from the workbench where he spent his days. Never one to take it easy himself, he also operated his own lawn care business in the evenings and on the weekends.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Claude and Clara Douglas Sealey.

He is survived by his mother, Wanda Sealey Kidd of Pittsboro; father, Mike Kidd of Pittsboro; sister, Rebecca Kidd Punch and husband Joshua; as well as three nieces, Cheyenne, Makenzie, and Catherynne; and one nephew, Montgomery, of Clayton. He is also survived by his paternal grandparents, Roy and Alice Kidd of Pittsboro.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church, Pittsboro, with Pastor Steve Moore presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends immediately following in the church fellowship hall.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com. Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Kidd Family.

ANITA HARRY

Anita Harry, 56, of Sanford, passed away Sunday, September 1, 2019 at her home.

A graveside service was held on Friday, September 6, 2019, at

2 p.m. at Moore Union Christian Church cemetery with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating.

She was born on October 30, 1962, to Vivian Smith Douglas and the late William Douglas.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pittsboro child care home first in state to achieve 'breastfeeding friendly' designation

PITTSBORO — Little Sweet Potatoes, a family child care home in Pittsboro, was the first in North Carolina to receive a special designation.

The home was designated a "Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Environment" in July by the North Carolina Division of Public Health. Breastfeeding provides health benefits for both infants and mothers, including a reduced risk for asthma, obesity, SIDS and ear infections for infants and a reduced risk for high blood pressure, type II diabetes, ovarian and breast cancers for mothers.

Little Sweet Potatoes is owned and operated by Carly Pedrotty, who has supported parents with their children's feeding plans for over five years. Pedrotty's program earned the highest level within the designation by achieving all five standards, which include implementing a policy that reflects a commitment to promoting and supporting breastfeeding, offering community resources and information about continued breastfeeding in the child care setting, receiving training on skills for promoting breastfeeding and supporting family feeding choices, providing a breastfeeding friendly environment and providing interactive and developmentally appropriate learning opportunities that normalize breastfeeding for children in the program.

Wilder Horner, a parent of two children who attend Little Sweet Potatoes said, "Carly makes this daycare a really comfortable environment for all parents and their different feeding choices. I think it's important that she receive

this official designation for work she has already been doing for years."

Commenting on Pedrotty's designation, Jessica Bridgman, Coordinator of the NC Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation program at the Nutrition Branch said, "Family Child Care Homes have a unique opportunity to support the families they serve in a most familiar setting, the home environment. Achievement of the North Carolina Breastfeeding-Friendly Child Care Designation (NC BFCCD) exhibits a superior dedication and commitment from Early Care Educators to support their community and the feeding goals of all families. This type of support can have a life-long impact for families, which Early Care Educators recognize. Achievement of the NC BFCCD also aligns with statewide strategies outlined in the North Carolina Early Childhood Action Plan to encourage breastfeeding-friendly policies across all communities."

Any licensed child care facility in the state can apply to receive the designation through the North Carolina Nutrition Branch's Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care program. Parents and child care staff who would like to learn more about how to support breastfeeding in child care environments in Chatham County can contact Dorothy Rawleigh, the Child Care Health Consultant at the Chatham County Public Health Department at dorothy.rawleigh@chathamnc.org.

New Taco Bell coming to Siler City

SILER CITY — Construction on a new Taco Bell in the SuperWalmart Shopping Center in Siler City is set to begin. A representative for L4 Carolina Properties, which pur-

chased the outparcel in the SuperWalmart Center for the project, requested a voluntary annexation of the property to Siler City as per requirements in the Siler City Unified Development Ordinance.

The owners of the proposed Taco Bell are also the owners of the Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell combination establishment on U.S. Hwy. 64 in Siler City. It was noted to the Siler City Board of Commissioners that the Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell location would also be remodeled and become a standalone Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The next step for the annexation request is for the town to request additional information from the owners about the project and set a public hearing date which is anticipated to be in November. Construction on the new Taco Bell can progress prior to the public hearing and annexation. The Taco Bell is anticipated to be complete in December. No date for the completion of the Kentucky Fried Chicken remodeling was given.

Sheriff's office hosting 4th annual Community Appreciation Night Friday

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office will host its 4th Annual Community Appreciation Night from 5-8 p.m. Friday.

The event will be held on the Sheriff's Office lawn at 295 West Street, Pittsboro, and will give residents the opportunity to get to know the Sheriff's Office team in a fun, family-friendly environment. In previous years, the event has attracted an average crowd of 1,500 visitors. Deputies say they expect this number to continue to grow.

"This event is about celebrating our community," says Sheriff Mike Roberson. "The people we serve aren't just ordinary residents, they're family—and we want visitors to

feel welcome at our office."

Roberson dreamed for years of organizing a Community Appreciation Night for residents after seeing them routinely send food, flowers, and cards thanking deputies and showing their support for law enforcement. He also noted how local churches invited deputies to worship services and prayer vigils, children delivered handmade artwork and community members regularly stopped by to share their thanks.

Roberson says these acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated by members of his office. One of his first acts as sheriff was to set his vision of a Community Appreciation Night into motion.

"You've shown your support and gratitude. Now it's our turn," Roberson said. "We owe everything to our citizens, and this special event is our way of saying thanks to community members for their support."

Everyone is invited to join the Sheriff's Office for a fun-filled night of games, food and fellowship. All meals, activities, prizes and services are free while supplies last. For more information, or if you would like to get involved or help sponsor the event, visit the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at facebook.com/CCSONC for more details or call Lt. Jessica Norton at 919-545-8127.

Fall book sale at Chatham Community Library set for Sept. 26-28

The Friends of the Chatham Community Library will hold its Fall Book Sale Sept. 26, 27 and 28 at the library on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro. Hours of the sale are Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the book sale, more than 18,000 hardbound and softbound books, audio books and more will be available for purchase, plus audio-visual items such as DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, LPs and audio books. Each sale offers a completely new assortment of titles in very good to excellent condition, and all are organized by category, subject or format.

Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking, plus volunteers to assist with carrying out and loading books.

On Thursday, the first day of the sale, purchases of \$200 or more are

entitled to a 20 per cent discount; on Friday, all books and materials are half price; and on Saturday, customers may fill grocery bags (or their own totes) with books and other materials for \$5 each, with no limit to the number of bags they fill. Bags are available free, compliments of local food stores.

Cash, checks and major credit cards are accepted at the book sale. Members of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library receive discount cards worth \$3 each, including all those who join at the book sale. This discount may be used on any day of the sale.

Proceeds from the book sale are used to benefit the library for underwriting various programs; purchasing needed books, materials and equipment; and improving its technology and services.

The Chatham Community Library is located at 197 NC Highway 87 in Pittsboro, about a half mile north of US Highway 64 Business (West Street).

More information about the book sale, including membership in the Friends and volunteer opportunities, may be found on the Friends Website at www.friendscl.org.

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CCCC ranked first in Niche's 2020 Best Community Colleges in N.C. rankings

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SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College has been ranked first in the Niche 2020 Best Community Colleges in North Carolina rankings. There are 58 public community colleges in the North Carolina Community College System. Unlike traditional college rankings, which rely almost exclusively on test scores and academic performance, Niche's rankings provide a real-life view of what it's like to attend a specific school. The platform combines rigorous analysis of U.S. Department of Education data, user input — reviews from current

students, alumni, and parents — and a multifaceted analysis of factors for all aspects of college life, including academics, campus, professors, and value for the financial investment. "Navigating the college admissions process is daunting for both students and their families," said Luke Skurman, CEO at Niche. "I started Niche because of my own challenges deciding on the best place for me because other sources available don't really help most families and students understand the rich and complex landscape of higher education. Our goal with our 2020 College Rankings is to cut

through the confusion of the process, and serve as the ultimate guide to help students discover what campus life is really like." CCCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman is proud of the ranking. "CCCC understands our responsibility in helping our students successfully navigate our systems so they can effectively and efficiently achieve their career goals," Chapman said. "I am honored to work everyday with a great team that consistently strives to improve how we serve our students and our communities and I appreciate the recognition of their good work." "Central Carolina is

a world class leader in community college education," said Dr. Brian S. Merritt, CCCC Vice President of Learning & Workforce Development and Chief Academic Officer. "Our faculty and staff truly care about the success of our students, and our strong focus on improving student learning helps strengthen our local workforce. This is truly a special place." Central Carolina Community College offers a wide variety of programs at its three campus locations and multiple instructional locations throughout Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties. Within



Submitted photo

Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) has been ranked first among all 58 public community colleges in the North Carolina Community College System in the Niche 2020 Best Community Colleges in North Carolina rankings.

these programs, students can earn associate degrees or college transfer credits, diplomas, or certificates. Some programs are offered entirely, or in part, via online distance education. CCCC also offers courses in such areas as Short-term Job Train-

ing, College & Career Readiness, Personal Interests, Business & Industry, and Emergency Services Training. For a list of the Niche rankings, visit the website <https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-community-colleges/s/north-carolina/>.

CCS provides updates on 3 major construction projects

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Schools district staff said Monday that all major school construction projects are currently within budget. Randy Drumheller, the district's director of maintenance and construction, gave a quarterly update on three projects Monday to the Chatham County Board of Education during the board's regular meeting.

Chatham Grove Elementary School

The school is on track for a February 3, 2020, completion date to be ready for students that fall. Located at 1301 Andrews Store Rd., Chatham Grove is the county's newest elementary school and designed to relieve current and future overcrowding at Pittsboro and Perry Harrison Elementary Schools.

According to update documents from Monday's agenda, the \$27.5 million project is 15 days behind schedule, but construction personnel have increased working hours to recover time. The district has spent just under 59 percent of the total contracted funds, and about 60 percent of the project is complete.

A new part of the project, approved early last month, is the addition of one traffic lane and a stoplight to Andrews Store Road. Drumheller said Monday the addition was made under guidance from the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. The street will soon be home to four schools all



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

This is the current view of the front entrance of the future Seaforth High School in northeast Chatham County. This photo, along with others, was presented to the Chatham County Board of Education Monday night.

in close proximity, with Margaret B. Pollard Middle School across the road from Chatham Grove and Woods Charter School and the future Willow Oak Montessori Charter School campuses nearby. The lane, according to documents, will cost \$487,063.

Seaforth High School

The county's fourth high

school is scheduled for completion on April 6, 2021. The \$61.8 million project is located at 444 Seaforth Rd. in Pittsboro, near Jordan Lake in the northeastern side of Chatham County.

Documents indicate that the school is 41 percent complete with 35.35 percent of the contracted funds spent on the project.

"This is not as far along as

the other one but certainly a lot of stuff going on," Drumheller said Monday. "Geothermal wells are going in. They've actually got about 80 of those done already."

Construction crews are currently working on excavation for the school's baseball and softball fields as well as structural fill and storm drainage structures at and around the football

stadium.

New Central Services Building

The district is in the process of designing a new Central Services building to provide increased space for all the school systems' administrative personnel. Some personnel currently work at Horton Middle School. Initial estimates place the total cost of the project at around \$11.1 million

The new building is not yet fully designed, and thus not under construction, but will be located in front of the existing building on West Street, next to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office's headquarters. According to an update document from Chapel Hill-based architects CRA Associates, the "early phase of design work" has been completed, which includes "building program verification and the development and space allocation and adjacency diagrams."

A site plan review package has been submitted to the Town of Pittsboro for review, which CRA Associates said is "the first step in a multi-phase review process required by the town."

CRA added that the project is on schedule "at this time" with construction bids to be opened April 2020 and the building to be completed by October 2021.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @Zach-HornerCNR.

NEWS BRIEFS

Haw River Assembly, Sierra Club host forum

PITTSBORO — A forum for candidates in the upcoming Town of Pittsboro elections will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Central Carolina Community College.

All seven candidates running for the Pitts-

boro Board of Commissioners have been invited. Candidates will respond to questions about our environment, development, water quality and other important town issues. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions as well.

The forum will be held in the multi-purpose Room, Building 2, in Pitts-

boro and is being hosted by the Orange-Chatham Group of Sierra Club and the Haw River Assembly.

For more information contact Elaine Chiosso, executive director, Haw River Assembly, at 919-542-5790 or info@hawriver.org, or Judith Ferster of the Orange Chatham Group of the Sierra Club at (919) 929-6648 or jferster@ncsu.edu.

Next Household Hazardous Waste event scheduled for Sept. 21

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 Sept. 21, 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 Cooperative Extension hosting pollinator event on Sept. 23

Chatham County Agriculture Agent Debbie Roos will be giving a tour of the N.C. Cooperative Extension's Pollinator Paradise Demonstration Garden at Chatham Mills later this month.

The tour, which starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, is free with no registration required. The garden was designed to provide forage habitat for pollinators such as honey bees, native bees, butterflies and hummingbirds, plus other pollinators and beneficial insects. It features over 215 unique species of plants, 85 percent of which are native to North Carolina. These plants were all procured from local nurseries.

Attendees are asked to meet on the lawn in front of Chatham Marketplace a few minutes before the start of the tour, rain or shine.

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CHURCH NEWS

LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone is invited to join us at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 15 for the Homecoming/Memorial Day observance at Loves Creek Baptist Church. Join Pastor Kenny Black, and the congregation when "Fishers of Men" lead in a Celebration of Song. There will not be any Sunday School. A love offering will be taken for the guest group. Luncheon on the grounds will be observed after that service. (Inclement weather will move that into the fellowship hall.)

Would love to see you there! The church is located at 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City.

SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival will be held at Solid Rock Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, September 16-18. Dr. Sammy Kay, pastor from SC will be the evangelist. Everyone is invited.

HOLLAND CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

Family Fun Day will be held from 10 a.m. until... on Sunday, September 15. The guest speaker for the morning service will be Rev. Dr. Otis T. McMillian, Executive Director of the Church Growth & Development of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Afternoon activities will include food, face painting, Gospel DJ, bounce houses, water slide, games and more.

The annual revival services will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 17-19 at Holland Chapel AME Zion Church. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Kenneth Q. James, pastor of Walls Memo-

rial AME Zion Church, Charlotte.

The public is invited to be part of these services. The church is located at 360 Burgess Road, Apex.

BUCKHORN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Buckhorn UMC will hold its annual revival services at 7 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, September 15-17.

Guest ministers will be Rev. Kiki Barnes on Sunday, Dr. Daran Mitchell on Monday and Rev. Laure Kalau on Tuesday. Special music will be provided by The Hill Family Band on Sunday, Mrs. Lisa Luxton Martin on Monday and New Elam Christian Church choir on Tuesday. Please join us for this special time of praise and worship.

The church is located at NC Hwy. 42, Moncure.

HARRIS GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 15 at Harris Grove Missionary Baptist Church with the new pastor, Rev. Cicero Summers. There will be an afternoon service at 3 p.m. with Rev. Cecil Wilson ministering. Revival services will continue at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

STAUNTON MEMORIAL CME CHURCH

Homecoming service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 15 at Staunton Memorial CME Church, with Rev. George Headen of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Moncure bringing the message. Join Pastor Keith Wooten and the church family for this service.

A three-night revival will be held Wednesday through Friday, Septem-

ber 18-20 with Evangelist, Elder Clifton Harris of Prince Chapel CME Church in Corinth. Come be part of any or all of these services.

MONCURE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Moncure United Methodist Church will celebrate Homecoming in the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 15, followed by a covered dish luncheon at the Spratt Center. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 16 Post Office Road (corner of Post Office Road and Old US 1) in Moncure.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Homecoming worship and memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 15 at Asbury United Methodist Church, with guest speaker Rev. Jack Phillips. Lunch will follow that service.

Revival will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, September 16-19. The guest speaker will be Terry Pleasants with guest singers: Monday - Salt Creek Bluegrass Gospel Band; Tuesday - Zion Church Quartet; Wednesday - Redeemed Harmony; and Thursday - Eddie Oldham Band.

MT. CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

A Women Luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, September 14 at Mt. Calvary Holy Church. The theme is "Surviving the Storm and Now the Aftermath." The keynote speaker will be Elder Kimberly Butler of Greensboro, with others sharing. Donation: \$10. We welcome you to attend.

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

CHATHAM COUNTY ELEMENTARY AND K-8 SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL MENUS

Served at Elementary and K-8 Schools
** Middle and High School Menus

Monday, September 16

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Round, Pineapples (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza, Macaroni & Cheese w/Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Tropical Fruit Mix (**Same)

Tuesday, September 17

BREAKFAST: Strawberry Parfait w/French Toast Sticks, Fruit Cocktail (**Breakfast Griddle Sandwich, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Chicken & Waffles, BBQ Pork w/Corn Muffin, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Fries, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit (**Same, Add Chilled Applesauce)

Wednesday, September 18

BREAKFAST: Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Zesty Garlic French Bread, Build a Pizza Combo, Baked Potato, Carrot Souffle, Rainbow Dessert Cup (**Popcorn Chicken

w/Roll, Hawaiian Ham & Cheese w/Chz Stick, Mozzarella Sticks Combo, Baked Potato, Carrot Souffle, Rainbow Dessert Cup, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, September 19

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Griddle Sandwich, Peaches (**Strawberry Parfait w/Fr Toast Stx, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: TexMex Beef w/Chips & Cheese, Fruit & Yogurt Combo, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Black Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears (**Walking Taco w/Beef & Cheese, Zesty Garlic French Bread, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Black Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

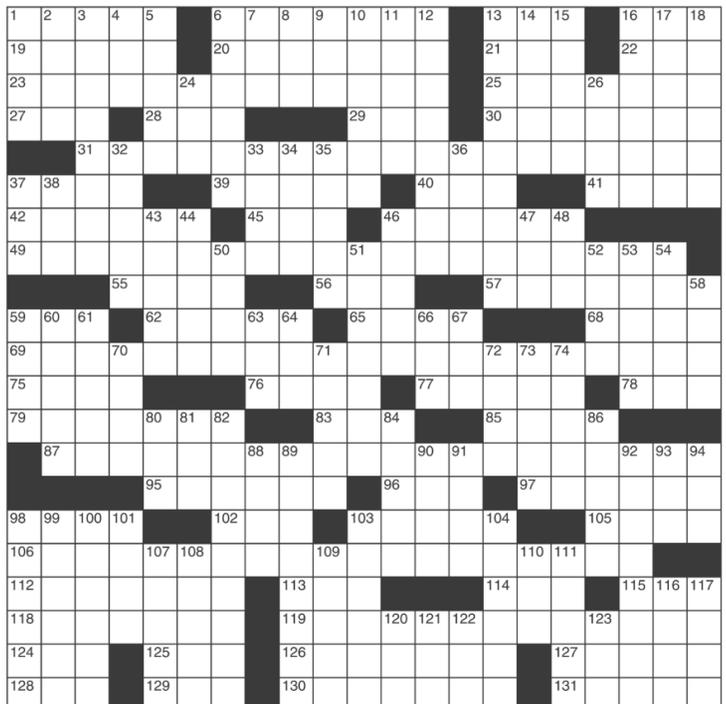
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BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Same)
LUNCH: Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara, Fish & Shrimp Basket w/Hushpuppies, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baked Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fruit Explosion (**Bacon Cheeseburger on Bun, Fish & Shrimp Basket w/Hushpuppies, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baked Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fruit Explosion, Fresh Fruit, Lettuce & Tomato)

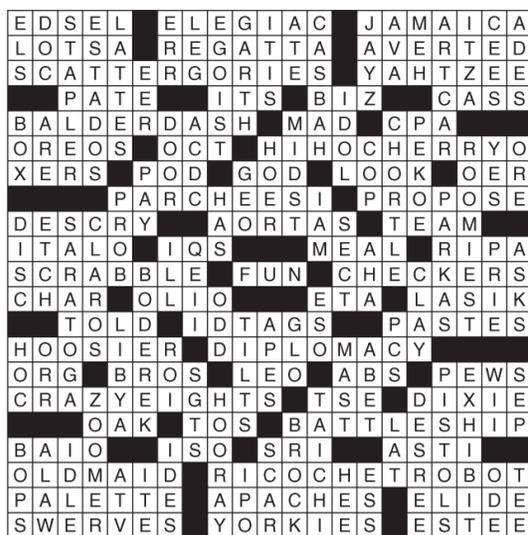
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.



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LETT REUNION SCHEDULED

The descendants of John Wesley and Arnettie Thomas Lett, who married in 1873 and lived near Buckhorn Falls on the Cape Fear River, are gathering this Sunday, September 15 at Moore Union Christian Church, 4294 Buckhorn Road, Sanford. A potluck luncheon will start at 12:30 p.m.

The couple had ten children from 1875 to 1897: Puzie, Raymond "Buck," Eddie "Edd," Ronie, Endia, Lummitt, Myrtle, Blanche, Janie, and Dora. For more information contact family historian AlexSandra "Sandy Lynn" Lett, daughter of Bud and Ruby Knight Lett, at 919-499-8880 and/or LettsSetaSpell@aol.com.

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The annual Purvis Reunion will be held Saturday, September 21 at 6 p.m. at Beulah Baptist Recreation Park, 6546 Beulah Church Road, Bennett.

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CHATHAM CH@T | DINA REYNOLDS, UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY

Campaign for United Way, Chatham's largest fund provider, kicks off

The United Way of Chatham County is the largest annual provider of funds to Chatham's nonprofit entities. This week, we speak with its executive director, Dina Reynolds, about the United Way's annual fundraising campaign, which kicked off last week. In Chatham County, the United Way has a 30-year commitment to supporting community organizations that provide a variety of services to individuals and families in Chatham who need help. Reynolds has called Chatham County home for more than 25 years. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, she holds a B.A. in journalism, as well as a certificate in nonprofit management from Duke's Continuing Education Program. She has worked in nonprofit fundraising and administration for 22 years — the first eight years as the director of development for the Chatham County Council on Aging and the last 14 years at United Way.

Let's start with the obvious question: Why is important for those who live and work in Chatham to make a financial gift to the United Way here?

All funds raised in Chatham stay in Chatham and are directed toward programs addressing the most critical needs in our community. The United Way of Chatham County (UWCC) has informed knowledge of the changing needs of our residents. Through partnerships with local and statewide projects like the Chatham County Community Assessment and NC 2-1-1, UWCC is able to make data-informed funding decisions to solve

community problems. Utilizing community data and assessments, United Way ensures that funds are invested responsibly in high-performing programs that are monitored for financial and legal stability. United Way donors serve as program evaluators in United Way's funding process, which reduces administrative costs and results in more than 86 cents of every donor dollar being directed to those in need.

To fulfill its mission, United Way recognizes that one consolidated fundraising campaign is the most efficient way to raise money for its partner agencies. United Way also recognizes its responsibility to allocate funds to its participating agencies to meet the community needs of the county in a cost efficient and effective manner. Recognizing the dignity and importance of every resident of Chatham County, we envision a community that is committed to improving the quality of life for all. United Way is the largest annual funder to Chatham nonprofits.

Community impact areas of focus include: Assisting with Basic Needs, Nurturing Youth & Family and Strengthening the Community. United Way funded programs help thousands of Chatham County residents with services like daycare, after-school activities, assistance with utility bills, crisis intervention, transportation, emergency food assistance, safe housing, senior services and literacy programs. As a matter of fact, one in every three Chatham County residents has received services from one

of United Way's member agencies.

United Way support ensures that the 45 percent of Chatham's students who are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches are fed during the weekends and summer months. It ensures that the nearly 2,500 residents in need of emergency assistance this year will have a place to turn. And it ensures that the 14 percent of Chatham's residents living in poverty will have opportunities to improve their circumstances.

Poverty, many agree, is among the most pressing challenges facing Chatham County. Can you talk about how our United Way-funded programs address that, and how the United Way itself is utilizing a "two-generation" approach to fight poverty?

UWCC fights poverty in Chatham by funding programs that meet residents' need in moments of crisis, as well as provide long-term solutions to solve the root of these problems. For example, if a resident has an immediate food or housing need, a United Way funded program will be able to meet their urgent need. Additionally, there may be another funded program that can help solve the root cause of this crisis, like acquiring a job or completing home repairs. In this way, we can directly tackle poverty and help lift residents to self-sufficiency.

UWCC knows that poverty often traps families for generations. Studies have shown that a child born into poverty is at greater risk to raise their own children in poverty. For this reason, UWCC uses a two-generation ap-

proach to end that cycle. We do this by recognizing that there are separate, but linked needs within a family. For example, a parent who wants to increase their earning potential through additional job training or education may be limited by access to quality, affordable after-school care for their children. UWCC recognizes these types of barriers and focuses on removing them, while also embedding quality early childhood education, thus increasing the likelihood of the child succeeding later in life.

For a non-profit, becoming formally affiliated and designated a "United Way agency" isn't easy. What are the eligibility requirements for local agencies?

The agencies that operate United Way funded programs go through an extensive review process every year. In order to be considered for program funding, an organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency delivering human service programs in Chatham County. Each agency's annual application package goes through a 31-point certification checklist covering financial, legal, governance and human resources issues. Documentation must be provided to demonstrate legal compliance and financial viability. They include an annual audit, IRS 990 tax form, NC Solicitation License and Articles of Incorporation filed with the state.

United Way invites campaign donors to review agency funding applications, conduct site visits and meet with agency representatives.



Dina Reynolds is the executive director of the United Way of Chatham County. The United Way provides funding to various non-profits in ensure food security, safe housing and emergency assistance.

Submitted photo

The Program Review Panels analyze each agency's funding request, annual budget and programs. They distribute funds by reviewing the need of the agency, the need for the programs, the impact on those served and the effectiveness of the agency to provide the programs. Approximately 600 hours per year are spent by community volunteers who serve as stewards to ensure every donor's dollars are directed where they will have the most impact and make a difference.

In addition to assisting financially, United Way agency volunteers donate their time in the community — at last count, about 80,000 hours a year. That in itself has a value of more than \$2 million. Why are those numbers important?

Those numbers are important because without volunteers, the non-profit community in

Chatham County would have spent more than \$2 million in salaries to pay staff members to fill those roles. More realistically, that means that our non-profit partners would be able to do much less for our friends, family and neighbors in need. The value of volunteer time cannot be overstated in Chatham County. This is a community that cares for one another. A community that works together to improve lives of their neighbors. That is powerful. That is the Power of "U."

What's the best way to give to the United Way?

Joining us in fighting poverty in Chatham County is easy. You can mail a check payable to the United Way of Chatham County to PO Box 1066, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or visit our website at www.UnitedWayof-ChathamCounty.org and make a donation online.

School district makes weather decisions with lots of caution

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — "Dorian and its rain bands have exited central North Carolina."

The voice on the National Weather Service's late Friday morning webinar was music to Derrick Jordan's ears.

"Hallelujah," he said. "It's a beautiful day."

The webinar closed the NWS' regular updates on Hurricane Dorian, and with it, Chatham County Schools no longer had to worry about the storm affecting the district's operating schedule.

A school district's choices when inclement weather hits are pretty simple: a delay, closing or early release. But how that decision is made is far from simple, and for Chatham County Schools, Dorian provided a perfect example.

Early on, Jordan said, the district was hearing comparisons

made between Dorian and 1996's Hurricane Fran, which dropped up to 16 inches of rain in North Carolina, killed at least six people and left 1.3 million people without power. Couple that with early images from Dorian's rampage in the Bahamas, where at least 43 people have died, and there was concern.

"You hear and see what a storm like Dorian did elsewhere," Jordan said. "In the back of your head you're wondering, 'Is that potentially going to be us?' There's always the potential. That's the most concerning piece of it. None of us have training in meteorology, so we have to rely on those experts."

Those experts include the folks at the NWS, the N.C. Dept. of Transportation and local law enforcement and emergency management officials.

Last Thursday, when the district ended classes two hours early, Jordan said the forecast

made it appear that students possibly could have been in class the whole day.

"What scared everybody was the statement that, 'If it shifts, then things could deteriorate,'" he said. "We thought that it was prudent to simply identify the earliest point that they thought something could happen and try to get everybody off the road ahead of that."

The superintendent said officials also communicate with other districts, like nearby Lee, Durham and Wake counties.

Dorian presented a challenge with its uncertainty. For a while, it looked like it was going to slam Florida, but ended up just scraping by the state. That uncertainty is not foreign to North Carolina, Jordan said.

"Those of us who have been in North Carolina for a while, we know that it can go from zero to 100 in 2.3 seconds," he said. "And it's scary."

So on Thursday at 3:28

p.m., the district posted on its Facebook page that it was going to call for a two-hour delay on Friday.

"This will allow drivers the benefit of daylight to identify any potential road obstructions," a post on the district's website said. "It will also provide extra time for the inspection of campuses and to verify projected power restoration at schools with Duke Energy as needed. Should the storm's track, intensity or impact necessitate a different decision, we will communicate accordingly. Please stay safe."

Chatham did get some wind and rain. According to Friday's webinar, the county received 1-2 inches of rain, and Siler City saw the quickest wind gusts at up to 28 miles per hour — notable, but not the kind of weather that causes much damage.

Whether it's snow or a hurricane, the district does have a routine for making the

decision. But each is taken on a case-by-case basis.

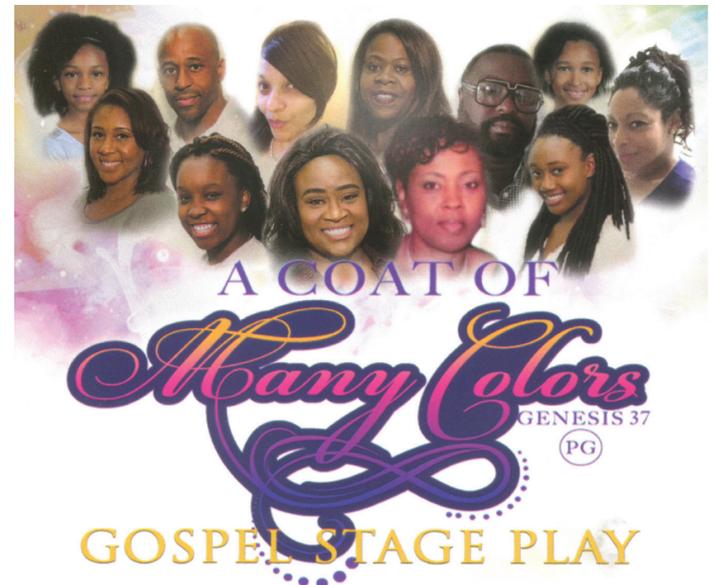
"There are no two situations that are the same," said Keith Medlin, the district's chief information and technology officer. "It doesn't matter if we've already seen this snow shower before or this is what a Category 2 hurricane looks like. They're always different."

The district might not have much time to wait for another evaluation. The NWS webinar closed with a look ahead at more storms. Gabrielle is sitting in the middle of the Atlantic, and another storm has just formed off the western coast of Africa.

There were grumbles emanating from the conference room of Chatham County Schools' central services building.

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Popular dove hunting season returns for limited window

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Dove hunting returned to North Carolina Sept. 2 with many local hunters taking to area fields over Labor Day weekend for the popular pastime.

"I told my wife, this is like my Christmas," said Justin Sanders, 32, a lifelong outdoor sportsman from Siler City. "I hunt all kinds of things: deer, squirrels, turkey. But for me and my family, dove hunting is the big one."

Sanders said his father, from whom he inherited a love of hunting, and his uncle join him each year on opening day. Even the non-hunters in his family enjoy the day, which culminates with a cook-out.

"It's a whole big thing for us," he said. Sanders isn't alone in anticipating and enjoying the late-summer season. The mourning dove is the most hunted bird in North America, according to the N.C. Wildlife

Resources Commission.

In North Carolina, dove hunting season is broken up into three periods — Sept. 2 through Oct. 5, followed by two shorter periods, Nov. 16 to Nov. 30 and Dec. 9 to Jan. 31 — but opening day is likely the single most popular for those hunters, like Sanders, awaiting its arrival.

"Our biggest day is the first day," said Officer B.C. Smith of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Law Enforcement Division. "A lot of people get out and hunt."

Smith and other area officers were in the field opening day, ensuring hunters were following the rules. They'll be doing so for the duration of the season, checking for hunting licenses and ensuring bag limits (15 doves per day, per hunter) are observed, as well as checking to ensure that shotguns used in the sport hold no more than three shells.

There are other rules dove hunters must

follow. It is illegal to kill migratory game birds with the aid of baiting; outside the hours of half-an-hour before sunrise to sunset; while exceeding the daily limit; on Sundays; and from or with the use of a motorized conveyance.

Sanders said Wildlife officers do make visits. "They'll come by and check your license and make sure you only have three shells in your gun," Sanders said.

Smith advised hunters, in addition to following regulations, should also keep in mind a few other important practices.

"The main thing is if you're holding a firearm, be careful where its pointed," Smith said. "Don't shoot at low-flying birds. And just be a good sportsman and a good steward. Pick up shell casings and don't leave them behind. Just be a good sportsman and be safe with firearms."

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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Why Chatham's low unemployment rate is misleading



ZACHARY HORNER
Zach's Corner Store

No one is going to complain about a low unemployment rate. No one wants to complain about it.

A relatively low rate can mean a lot of things, but mainly this: the vast

majority of people wanting to work are working. Chatham is no different. In the most recent data from the N.C. Dept. of Commerce, 34,614 Chatham residents have some form of employment, the highest number in the last five years. That accounts for 3.8 percent unemployment, lower than the state rate (4.4 percent), tied for the sixth-lowest in the state and matching Wake for the lowest in the central North Carolina area.

But as people involved in Chatham's economy on a day-to-day basis will tell you, and the numbers indicate, that doesn't mean Chatham is necessarily in good shape when it comes to jobs — and for several reasons.

First of all, more than 60 percent of Chatham's employed leave the county to go to work, according to the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment (CCCA), with an average drive time of 27 minutes. The assessment also said 8.6 percent of residents travel an hour or more to work.

This means that, while these people are employed, some of the fruits of their labor doesn't directly come back into the county. While property taxes and a lot of expenses like home and rental payments are made in the county, both fiscal and social capital get spent elsewhere. This is a concern for Alyssa Byrd, president of the

Chatham Economic Development Corporation.

"They lose an element of their social infrastructure from not working here," she said, referencing participation in civic clubs and shopping at local grocery stores and filling their cars at local gas stations.

Secondly, even the people that do work here don't necessarily make enough to make a good living. According to the Department of Commerce, the average hourly wage in Chatham last year was \$18.75. According to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's living wage calculator, an adult with one child in Chatham must earn a living wage of \$24.84 per hour to support their family. That's a more than six-dollar difference.

But what about the median household income being so high? Yes, Chatham has one of the highest in the state at \$59,684 a year, and 29.3 percent of households make \$100,000 or more per year. But 10.7 percent earn less than \$15,000 every 12 months. The CCCA referenced focus group participation in its assessment of the data.

"Residents in both the CCCS [Chatham County Community Survey] and focus groups raised concerns over the availability of local jobs and good wages," the assessment stated. "Low income/poverty was the most frequently cited issue affecting community well-being in the CCCS. In focus groups, lack of jobs, livable wages and poverty were common concerns of residents."

Rosalind Cross, director of workforce development at Central Carolina Community College, said low wages affect both workers and employers.

"It is often harder to improve employee moral when



JOBS IN CHATHAM COUNTY

3.8% unemployed in Chatham (July 2019)

>60% of employed Chatham residents leave the county to work

10.7% of Chatham households earn less than \$15,000/year

29.3% of Chatham households earn more than \$100,000/year

\$18.75 average hourly wage in Chatham, \$6.09 less than wage needed to support adult and child

Sources: N.C. Department of Commerce; Chatham County Community Assessment, 2018

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

the wages are low," Cross said. "Longevity, dedication, and commitment may be sacrificed as a result and this creates a perpetual revolving door of employment needs for the company."

Third, businesses in Chatham are having a hard time finding the necessary workers, considering the low unemployment rate, and that affects a county's ability to keep current industries and attract new companies.

"It does make it a little more difficult for the businesses that are growing to recruit new employees, and for any new businesses looking in, their first question is where are my workers, what's the talent, what's the labor force look like," Byrd said. "When you have really low unemployment, employees are an ongoing cost. It's a big consideration of what the wages are what's available in a labor shed."

At the recent Chatham Development Briefing, an event hosted last month by

the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, Cross told the assembled business leaders that there are "severe shortages" in jobs like nursing and welding, and other companies are looking for help in a swath of areas, like mechanical technicians, truck drivers, chefs and cooks, certified nursing assistants, manufacturing and throughout the school system.

Additionally, Cross said, those without jobs are having a hard time meeting requirements for experience and skills.

"Finding jobs that provide competitive wages and benefits that lead to true self-sufficiency," she said. "They're having trouble with stringent experience requirements. They're not able to overcome that barrier of getting into a position because of those stringent job requirements."

So what does this all mean? It means that there are still a lot of people in Chatham County that don't have a job

or have a job that's going to adequately provide them housing, healthcare, childcare, transportation and other necessities, and until that changes, we're still going to see poverty as a primary concern, despite the low unemployment rate.

But there's hope, according to Byrd.

"I'm OK with crossing county lines for employment for everyone, but you should at least have the opportunity to work where you live, and that's what we don't have right now," she said. "We have very skilled and educated people, and the jobs are elsewhere. It's coming. We've clearly got all the talent here because they're going elsewhere. Let's show those figures to people, to businesses, and let them make the decision. We're getting there."

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Powerlifting provides gold for Andrews, Jordan

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

WINSTON SALEM — Two local power lifters had success recently (Saturday, August 31)

at the USAPL Winston-Salem Classic.

Erik Andrews of Bear Creek and Michelle Jordan of Siler City both medaled multiple times in the event to bring some hard-

ware back to Chatham County.

At the competition, lifters competed in the squat, bench press and deadlift.

Jordan received a gold medal in her weight class with her

three best totals and while also capturing the gold for Bench.

Andrews, meanwhile, won the gold in the Bench Press, silver in his weight class with his three best totals, and a silver in

the Masters Division.

"It was a good day and a well run meet," said Jordan. "I am happy that I improved."

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"I was feeling good and our receivers were catching it. It was awesome."

THOMAS HARRINGTON, *Southern Lee senior quarterback*

Harrington hyped in Southern Lee victory

BY ATTICUS CROTHERS
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PITTSBORO — In the Southern Lee team huddle just before kickoff Friday against Northwood, the Cavaliers were hoping to bounce back from an 0-2 start to the season. They were just a week removed from a 63-10 loss to Pinecrest, the team's worst loss since 2010.

Senior quarterback Thomas Harrington had something to say to his team. "Listen guys, 0-3 is not good," said the quarterback. "Let's get out there and play our hardest."

The Cavaliers, however, wouldn't have to worry about falling to 0-3 for long because a 55-yard touchdown pass from Harrington to Tanoah Lockley less than two minutes into the game gave Southern Lee a lead it would never relinquish.

A total of 225 passing yards and four touchdowns for Harrington powered Southern Lee to a 47-17 win.

The victory moved the Cavaliers to 1-2, while Northwood fell to 0-3.

"We needed a win pretty bad," Southern Lee coach Ken Neal said.

After the early Cavaliers touchdown, an errant snap over the head of Northwood's punter and out the back of the end zone for a safety gave Southern Lee a 9-0 lead with 8:44 to go in the first quarter.

Another touchdown pass from Harrington to Logan Hair just 26 seconds later pushed the score to 17-0.

Harrington wasn't just controlling the game with his arm, however, but also with his eyes.

With about four minutes remaining in the first quarter, the quarterback saw the Northwood linebackers flowing with the tailback on a run play, and he checked in with Neal.

"I went over to the coach and I said, 'Hey man, this is what I see,'" Harrington said. "He said, 'Alright, if that's what you see, then fine, do it.'"

On the next play, Harrington called "32 Cruz," a run pass option, and hit a wide open Elijah Foxx for a 70-yard touchdown to make it 23-0.

"I was feeling good and our receivers were catching it," Harrington said. "It was awesome."

The Cavaliers' offense was far from done, however. After Northwood got on the board with an early second quarter field goal, bringing the score to 23-3, Southern Lee responded with rushing touchdowns from Lockley and Keshawn Mays to

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Southern Lee's Tanoah Lockley intercepts a long bomb deep in the Cavaliers' territory while defending with A.J. West against Northwood's Justin Brower. The catch was ruled as pass interference on the defense, and Northwood retained possession of the ball.

Rebel Bulls leave Jets seeing Green

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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NORWOOD — South Stanly exhibited its own version of Spain's annual "Running of the Bulls" event in Friday night's non-conference clash with Jordan-Matthews as Marcus Green rambled for 205 yards and five touchdowns while the Rowdy Rebel Bulls scored on six of their eight first-half possessions in stampeding past the Jets 45-8 at K.L. Young Stadium.

Improving to 7-9 in its all-time series with J-M that began in 1965, South Stanly raised its season record to 2-1, whereas Jordan-Matthews suffered its third straight lopsided loss in dropping to 0-3 for the year.

Green tallied on runs of three, 34, 63 and five yards prior to intermission, then added a 72-yard scoring jaunt three minutes into the third quarter, while quarterback Jaquez Cooke completed nine-of-16 passes for 120 yards and one touchdown as the Rebel Bulls outgained the Jets 330-80 in total yardage.

Jaquez Thompson led J-M ground gainers with 48 yards on four totes, including an 11-yard TD dash, while signal-caller Calvin Schwartz connected

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SAM SPENCER, *Jordan-Matthews coach*

on just two-of-six aerials for minus-six yards with one interception.

"Jaquez Cooke is very good at making last-second decisions with the ball and does a great job dictating our offense, which is why we were successful on five-of-eight third-down situations tonight," said South Stanly coach Ryan Ochier. "One of the big keys for us this evening was our ability to control the line on both sides of the ball."

Added Ochier, "We're fortunate enough to have enough players where we can two-platoon on defense and wear an opponent down, while I thought our young offensive line grew up tonight by opening up big holes to make it easy for Marcus Green to hit the second level, and once he reaches the secondary he can really turn on the speed."

Jets' coach Sam Spencer related

injuries and not having a full week of practice for his young squad since the season began has been detrimental in its capability to progress as much as he would like.

"We only dressed 19 varsity players for tonight's game as we're missing eight guys due to injuries, and we had a couple more go down this evening," noted Spencer. "Then Mother Nature hasn't been kind to us either, with all the recent rain curtailing practice time for a group that doesn't have a lot of varsity experience. Despite trailing by a huge margin at the break, I told our team to recognize the situation and just keep playing, and they responded by refusing to quit and began moving the ball better in the second half."

The Rebel Bulls chose to receive the opening kickoff and promptly marched

63 yards in five plays, highlighted by Cooke's 57-yard completion to wide receiver Jaderian Smith on the first play from scrimmage, to seize a 6-0 advantage when Green climaxed the drive with a seven-yard tote up the middle with 10:13 left in the first period.

After holding J-M to a three-and-out series on its initial possession, South Stanly then traveled 55 yards in four plays to increase its lead to 13-0 when Green burst the last 34 yards untouched up the middle before Jacob Garriss split the uprights with 6:45 remaining in the quarter.

Following an exchange of possessions, the Rebel Bulls culminated a six-play, 42-yard scoring drive when Cooke, facing fourth-and-10 at the Jordan-Matthews' 18, scrambled to his right before finding wide receiver Malik Kluttz open in the back of the end zone to extend South Stanly's advantage to 19-0 with 1:14 to go in the opening stanza.

Two plays into the second period Kluttz fielded a Jets' punt at his own 26 and weaved his way 74 yards through Jordan-Matthews defenders to the end zone to boost the Rebel Bulls' lead to 26-0 following the point-after kick by Garriss with 10:50 left in the first half.

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Chatham on the Gridiron — Week #4

BY DON BEANE
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One thing's for certain in week four: Chatham County football will get its initial win of the season after going 0-9 in the opening three weeks.

Jordan-Matthews travels to Bear Creek Friday night for a 7:30 p.m. contest, which will force the first victory inside the county as all three schools, including Northwood, stand at 0-3 overall.

Northwood will travel to Western Harnett in Lillington for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

In Bear Creek, all eyes will be on the Jets and Bears renewing their longtime rivalry with each team in desperate need of a win.

Chatham Central is favored in the contest, perhaps for the first time ever in the series, but has gotten off to a poor start after most expected the Bears to enter the contest at 2-1. Central has left a few wins on the table, however, and now will seek to down rival Jordan-Matthews, which owns a 49-2 lead in the series including a 39-7 triumph in Siler City last year.

To garner a win Chatham Central will have to stop the speed of Jordan-Matthews and its rushing attack. Avoiding penalties, which have plagued the Bears thus far in 2019, will be another key.

Jordan-Matthews will have to hang on to the football as well as stop the passing and rushing of the talented Michael Moore and Riley Lagenor. The Jets have faced a schedule of teams that are a combined 8-1 on the season.

Northwood, meanwhile, will battle an improved Western Harnett team, which comes in with a 2-1 record, but off a tough loss to Overhills 41-12 last Friday night.

The Chargers have been a turnover machine thus far against some very stiff competition in Apex Friendship, Lee County and Southern Lee.

Holding on to the ball this week will be imperative as the locals need to get a passing game on track to open up the runnings lanes for Deuce Powell, Aaron Ross and Justin Brower.

Defensively, eliminating the big plays and forcing some turnovers will go a long ways in determining

if Northwood brings home a win from Lillington on Friday night.

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN AND JETS HANGAR

This week: Jordan-Matthews (0-3) travels to Chatham Central (0-3). Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. at Chatham Central High School, Bears Stadium.

Head Coach: Chatham Central coach Sherman Howze; Jordan-Matthews coach Sam Spencer

Leading returnees for Chatham Central: QB Michael Moore, RB Riley Lagenor, WR Tyler Oldham, WR Brady Cunnup, DE Nick Wilson, DE Ja'aron Wise, WR Micah Gurley, WR Hunter Strickland, K/RB Abad de la Sancha.

Leading returnees for Jordan-Matthews: RB Jerrell Brooks, LB Jaquez Thomason, RB Ethan Jordan, QB Calvin Schwartz, DE Johnny Person, DB Stashad Newby.

Last week: North Stokes 35 Chatham Central 12, South Stanly 45 Jordan-Matthews 8

Last meeting: 2018 Jordan-Matthews 39 Chatham Central 7

Notable: Jordan-Matthews leads all-time series 49-2

Game keys: The game certainly has lost some of its luster with the poor starts by both teams, but still, it's a rivalry game and both teams will lay it all out on the line down in Bear Creek on Friday night. To garner a win Chatham Central will have to stop the speed of Jordan-Matthews and its rushing attack, specifically Jaquez Thompson, Ethan Jordan, and Jerrell Brooks. The Bears were also crippled with penalties up at North Stokes last Friday evening and voiding of these penalties which have plagued the Bears thus far in 2019, will be another key.

Jordan-Matthews has suffered with the turnover bug and will have to hang on to the football. The return of a host of starters this week should certainly aid in that cause as the Jets will dress closer to 30 than the 19 dressed at South Stanly last week. Stopping Michael Moore and Riley Lagenor will be a challenge for the Jets who will have to find a way to get pressure on Moore like the previous three teams have been able to

do. The Jets have faced a schedule of teams that are a combined 8-1 on the season so a young group should be a bit battle tested.

From the coaches: CC's coach Sherman Howze says his team will have to: "Cut out our own mistakes will be a key to the game, we have hurt ourselves repeatedly in the past few weeks. It's a fun week for our kids, playing Jordan-Matthews is always a good rivalry."

J-M's coach Sam Spencer says his team will have to: "We've got to tackle well and to get pressure on Moore, he's really good. Lagenor is a tough runner. For us we need to sustain drives and make some big plays. The team with the least mistakes will come out with the win."

ON CHARGER BOULEVARD

This week: Northwood (0-3) is visiting Western Harnett (2-1, 2-8 last year; 3A Tri County 6 Conference) Kickoff: 7 p.m. at Western Harnett High School, Chargers Stadium.

Head Coach: Blake Culbertson

Leading returnees: QB Tristin Ung, RB Daquan McNeill, WR Tyrese Jones, WR Kahlil Mclean, LB Xavier Jackson, DL Ny'heim Abrams, DL Nate Campbell.

Notable: Northwood captured a 30-14 victory over Western Harnett last fall in a game that took three days to play due to Hurricane Florence.

Game keys: Northwood enters the game on Friday night in much need of a win after an 0-3 start. The Chargers have played a much tougher schedule than Western Harnett who beat Douglas Byrd 24-20 and Smithfield Selma 24-6 to go 2-0 before falling to Overhills 41-12 last Friday night. Take care of the football, the biggest issue for the Northwood offense. And then complete some passes to take pressure off the running attack. Defensively, Northwood must contain McNeill who has rushed for 246 yards in three games. Tristin Ung and the Eagles passing attack has been anemic in 2019, completing just 19-of-50 passes for two scores while suffering seven interceptions. Northwood needs to help Western Harnett continue that trend on Friday evening.



Submitted photo

Eric Andrews (left) and Michelle Jordan show off their medals after a successful competition at the USAPL Winston-Salem Classic in Saturday, Aug. 31. Jordan captured two golds while Andrews added a gold and two silvers at the event.

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Andrews added that "the sport continues to grow and the competition

keeps on improving. North Carolina has a lot of strong people."

He went on to say those interested should check out usapowerlifting.com for rules and the next area meet.

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Regaining possession at its own 37 just over three-and-a-half minutes later, South Stanly stretched its advantage to 32-0 when Green angled to his left and raced 63 yards untouched to pay dirt with 6:44 remaining until halftime.

After recovering a J-M fumble at its own 47 with 2:12 left until the break, the Rebel Bulls expanded their lead to 38-0 when Green capped a nine-play, 53-yard march by running over left tackle the final five yards with 41.8 seconds to go before intermission.

Taking over at their own 28 after holding Jor-

dan-Matthews to a three-and-out series on the Jets' initial possession of the second half, the winners upped their advantage to 45-0 one play later to trigger a running clock the rest of the way when Green exploded 72 yards untouched through a gaping hole up the middle prior to Garriss adding the extra point with nine minutes left in the quarter.

J-M then proceeded to mount its only sustained drive of the evening, moving 57 yards in six plays to avoid a shutout when Thompson culminated the drive by sprinting wide right the last 11 yards to the end zone before Rayshawn Alston ran in a two-point conversion with 1:50 remaining in the period to account for the final spread.

Admittance of being in the midst of greatness



DON BEANE
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Be-grudgingly, I had a revelation this week-end. Actually, that's 100% false. I just

finally admitted my to myself this revelation, possibly due to my continued beat downs as a Tennessee Volunteer football fan, as well as the suffering, four decades now, as a lifelong Miami Dolphin fan.

On the heels of the Vols following up a horrific loss to Georgia State by gagging at the end of the BYU game and eventually losing in double-overtime on Saturday night, and having the Dolphins lose to the Baltimore Ravens 59-10 on opening day less than 24 hours later, that simply shook me to the core enough that I have come to the point of simply not caring. If the University of Tennessee doesn't care, nor the Miami Dolphins organization, why should I?

So after finally reaching this low point as a football fan, it gave me time to reflect, ponder, think with a clear and open mind. Sort of a grand awakening. With that began the admittance that we football fans are in the midst of

greatness, and painfully it's in the form of the Alabama Crimson Tide and Nick Saban, and the New England Patriots and Bill Belichick. Yes, while my Volunteers and Dolphins are finding new ways to lose, my friends like Todd Roper and Doug Colvin with Bama, and Rick Parks and J.R. Smith with the Patriots, have been whooping and hollering, grilling out ribs and burgers, having friends over for cook outs, celebrating wins and championships — you know, all those things that fans of winning teams get to do.

Don't get me wrong. Roper will invite me over and let me have a great time watching Bama annually play in the Final Four of Bowl Series with friends. We eat, drink and be merry, and watch football. Even shoot pool. It's just some great times.

Some of Roper's hospitality is that we are buds and have coached for many years together and had some great times doing so. And some of it is I think he just feels pity on me. But at least he lets me join in and wonder what would it be like for Tennessee to make the Final Four and a National Championship game.

And the Patriots, I mean geez. I guess the past 17 years is all pay-back from when the Dolphins, who haven't won a Super Bowl since 1974,

used to roll New England every year when I was a kid. There was never any fear of the Patriots and I always knew you could pencil in New England as a win. But like Bama, who spent the money for Saban, that all changed when Belichick was hired. And I finally admitted to myself this weekend what I deep down already knew: that these two are possibly the two top coaches ever to coach football collegiately and professionally.

Yes, even better than legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant, who Roper played for in his first two seasons at Bama, Knute Rockne, Vince Lombardi, Don Shula, Bill Walsh, Chuck Knoll, Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson — all those legendary coaches. Saban now has won six national titles, five at Alabama, and Belichick six Super Bowls, all with New England. And I would wager that in today's modern times, those two feats are much harder to do because of the limited number of scholarships that you can give as a university on an annual basis, and free agency which took away the building of the super teams like the Packers, Steelers, Dolphins, Raiders, Cowboys and Forty-Niners of old.

How have they done it? Well it all starts with discipline and fundamentals, if you ask me. Football is still about

blocking and tackling, and being technically sound at every position and in every phase of the game. When you watch the Crimson Tide and Patriots play, they do all the little things right more often than not.

Belichick and Saban also have schemes that they can plug talent into. Don't get me wrong, both are innovative and can adapt with the best of them, but by and large schematically they remain the same and add wrinkles as needed as the season goes along, depending on what the opposing team that week is expected to throw at them.

Another area of expertise which has set these two apart has been talent evaluation. I mean look, Belichick made the perfect draft choice in Tom Brady, who was the 199th pick in the 6th round in the 2000 NFL Draft. Now 19 years later, Brady is set to go down as the best quarterback ever to play the game, is a six-time Super Bowl champion, and a lock for the NFL Hall-of-Fame.

But it goes past that. Belichick, like Saban in recruiting, identifies top talent who can excel in their schemes, both offensively and defensively. Whether it's a five-star prospect or first round draft pick, or someone over looked like Julian Edelman, Belichick and Saban are

as good as they come in finding these talents that will succeed in their system.

And lets face it: for going on two decades now (including Saban at LSU), both have ran programs that have had a bullseye on their team week in and week out. Every one wants to take them down. And on occasion it happens. But the mark of consistency displayed by the Crimson Tide and the Patriots during this span in unparalleled, in my opinion.

So for now, I will sit back and enjoy watching quite the greatest collegiate and NFL coaches of all-time. Often we don't truly appreciate greatness, whether a fan or not, in any sport until the time has passed. For me, I won't let it happen with these two, especially given my love of coaching on the gridiron.

So good luck Roper, Doug, Rick, J.R., you have great seasons ahead of you in 2019 and the Vols and Phins have given many free time to watch and dream of what could be as well. But Marshall Gibson, don't think I'm sleeping on Dabo and Clemson. At the rate he's going, Saban may have met his match, as stunning as it may be, in a short amount of time. And, of course, it must be noted that Dabo is a former

National Champion as a player at, yes, you guessed it, Alabama.

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Lady Bears crush Blue Dogs in 1A Yadkin Valley volleyball action

BY DON BEANE
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ALBEMARLE — Chatham Central dominated from start to finish here on Tuesday evening in Albemarle as the Lady Bears crushed the host Bulldogs 3-0 in straight sets in 1A Yadkin Valley Conference volleyball play.

With the win, Chatham Central reached the .500

mark in the 1A Yadkin Valley Conference while improving to 3-4 overall.

Albemarle, meanwhile, fell to 0-5 in the YVC and to 0-6 overall.

Game one saw the Lady Bears bolt out to a quick 7-0 lead behind four service points from Tanner Little before taking a 25-8 win in the set.

Chatham Central completely dominated in game two as the locals

didn't yield a point to Albemarle to go up 2-0.

The Bears finished off the Bulldogs with a 25-10 decision in game three to cap off the 3-0 match win.

Little had a huge game in service for Chatham Central as the junior collected 18 points while senior Olivia Hudson chipped in seven points, and Lindsey Johnson and Lindsay Polston three and

two points respectively.

At the net, junior's Grace Jones and Josie Brafford led the Lady Bears with four kills apiece while Carmen Edwards and Polston added two more each.

Courtney Thompson had nine blocks in the loss to lead Albemarle while Somahje Porter had 14 receptions, and Kiah Smith and Tania Harrison two assists apiece.


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North Stokes grinds past Chatham Central 35-12

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DANBURY — The trifecta is complete.

North Stokes closed out a perfect 3-0 run through the 1A Yadkin Valley Conference to open the season with a 35-12 victory over Chatham Central Friday night in Danbury.

The Vikings, who downed South Davidson and North Moore in the two previous weeks, rushed for 275 yards on 51 attempts and amassed 401 yards of total offense in the win while limiting the Bears to just 226 total yards.

"North Stokes has a good football team and they just grind the ball at you," said CC coach Sherman Howze after the loss. "We didn't tackle very well and had some costly penalties which kept some drives for North Stokes going, and cost us when we were moving the ball."

Chatham Central, now 0-3, was penalized 10 times on the night for 102 yards.

Despite all the mistakes and playing catch up most of the night, the Bears only trailed 20-12 entering the fourth quarter and had the ball 1st-and-10 on its own 38.

Two plays later, a one-yard run from Riley Lagenor and a 26-yard pass by Michael Moore to Brady Cunnup down the right seam, Chatham Central was set up with a 1st-and-10 on the North Stokes 35.

After an incomplete

pass on first down, Chatham Central was whistled for a block in the back to setup a 2nd-and-18. Lagenor gained a yard on second down before an incomplete pass and a -13-yard sack of Moore by Jacob Murray, his third of the game, turned the ball over on downs at the North Stokes 45 with 9:32 remaining.

"We got behind early and battled back and put ourselves in position to tie the game," Howze pointed out. "But mistakes cost us and we couldn't finish off the drive."

Mistakes would continue to haunt the Bears as moments later the locals threw Willie Martinez for a two-yard loss on first down. But a personal foul on CC's Caleb Lytton resulted in a 15-yard penalty, an ejection, and the Vikings getting the ball on the visitors 32 yard line.

After an eight yard run by Martinez, North Stokes was hit with a holding penalty and Martinez thrown for a one-yard loss to set up a 3rd-and-10 at the 7:35 mark.

In need of a big stop, the Bears could not come through as Issac Wood hit Mark Shaw out of the back field for the fourth time in the contest for a 10 yard gain and a first down. Two plays later, Murray, who closed with 139 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 15 carries, took a hand off from Wood off left tackle and rambled into the end zone from 21 yards out. Woods

pounded in off the left side on the two-point conversion to make the score 28-12 with 6:06 remaining in the game.

Things went from bad to worse for Chatham Central on the ensuing drive as a holding call on first down and a sack of Moore by North Stokes Aiden Emswiler and Adam Pollard resulted in a 12-yard loss to set up a 2nd-and-34 for the Bears at its own 11.

Moore would be sacked by Ethan Pucket moments later to force a 3rd-and-39 from the six before a Lagenor run of five forced a punt by the Bears.

Abad de la Sancha, who averaged 46 yards a punt on four attempts on the contest and booted all his kick offs in the end zone, boomed a 46-yard to set up North Stokes with a 1st-and-10 on its own 49 with 4:01 remaining.

With all the momentum, the Kelly green-clad Vikings needed just six plays to cover the 51 yards as Shaw ripped off runs of three, 13, and seven yards in the march before slamming up the middle from a yard out with :51.1 seconds remaining to seal the win. Jackson Heath added the final of his three PAT kicks on the night to close out the 35-12 win. Murray also had a 27 yard run in the drive.

"Our guys were a little gassed at the end on defense having played so many snaps," added Howze. "We couldn't come up with a turnover

to help make some key stops there in the fourth, and North Stokes did a good job of gaining the momentum and never letting it go."

The final nine minutes of the fourth quarter were pretty indicative of the opening half as North Stokes held Chatham Central on its opening possession before embarking on an 11-play drive that covered 76 yards and lasted almost six minutes before Shaw slammed in from 10 yards out at the 4:47 mark. Shaw had runs of six, nine, eight, five and four yards in the drive, but it was a key 31-yard reception from Wood in the right flats that sparked the score.

After the teams traded possessions, North Stokes took over on its own 39 with 8:39 remaining until the intermission. On the second play of the drive, Wood would find Shaw again in the right flats, this time for a 36 yard gain, to set the Vikings up with a 1st-and-10 at the NS 25. Three plays later, Murray would roll into the end zone from 16 yards out off the right side to send the hosts up 14-0 at the 5:50 mark.

Chatham Central showed some resolve on the ensuing possession as the Bears mounted a 65-yard drive in just four plays and 1:07 off the clock to stun the large home crowd. Lagenor broke free on a 49-yard scamper on the opening play of the scoring march before netting three on

the next play, and Moore hitting Tyler Oldham for 11 yards. Moore would put his head down and pound in from two yards out on the next play to cut the deficit to 14-6 with 4:43 to play in the half.

Unfortunately, the Bears would self destruct on the following North Stokes drive with a pair of facemask would help extend a drive that began at the Vikings own 20. Murray would rip off gains of eight and nine yards before Elijah Cone darted for nine, and Murray tore off nine more yards to give North Stokes a 1st-and-10 at the CC 33.

After the Bears sacked Wood for a six-yard loss, the locals got their hand on a pass from Wood, and deflected the ball into the air. It simply wasn't Chatham Central's evening as he bounding pigskin was plucked out of the air by Gabe Oerter for a 17 yard gain.

Wood would find Oerter on a 22-yard touchdown pass over the middle on the next play with :42.8 remaining in the half to send the hosts into the locker rooms with a 20-6 lead.

Chatham Central would advance to the North Stokes 21 on a 59-yard pass from Moore to Oldham, but two pass attempts fell incomplete as the Bears simply ran out of time in the half.

North Stokes would chew on the clock to start the second half as the Vikings marched down the field behind a 16-yard

run from Martinez, and a 23-yard scamper from Murray. The 14-play drive which lasted 6:52 of the third period would be halted at the CC 33, however, when Wesley Buie sacked Wood for a six-yard loss on 4th-and-12.

Three plays later the Bears were in the end zone when Lagenor pounded out 12 yards, Moore hit Hunter Strickland on an eight-yard gain, and Lagenor pounded off the right side, cut back to the left across the field, and zig-zagged through Viking defenders for a 47-yard touchdown run which closed the gap to 20-12 at the 3:57 mark. A fade pass into the left corner of the end zone by Moore fell incomplete on the two-point conversion, but the white-clad Bears trimmed in red and black had closed the gap to one score.

North Stokes would salt the game away in the fourth, however, with its two late touchdown drives which put a stamp on the 35-12 victory.

Lagenor closed the night with 145 yards rushing on 14 carries while Moore was 7-of-16 passing for 127 yards, with Oldham catching a pair of 70 yards.

Shaw added 94 yards rushing on 20 carries for North Stokes while also hauling in four passes for 87 yards.

Through the air Wood connected with 6-of-11 passes for 126 yards as the Vikings gained 22 first downs to just seven by the Bears in the contest.

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make it 36-3 with 1:55 left in the half.

Northwood quarterback Jack Thompson was then intercepted for the third time, giving the ball back to Southern Lee with 1:01 to go. Rather than run out the clock, the Cavaliers remained aggressive. On the first play of the drive, Harrington found

Foxx streaking down the sideline for another 70-yard touchdown. Mays punched in the 2-point conversion to stretch the halftime advantage to 44-3.

"We got a big lead in the first half and we were just fired up about it and everybody was playing hard," Harrington said. "We work in practice all week. Your receivers learn to trust your quarterback and your quarterback trusts your receivers."

The Chargers committed six turnovers and continued to struggle playing in their new system under first-year coach Cullen Homolka.

"We're still learning how to play right now," Homolka said. "I thought we had a pretty good scheme coming into it and our kids, at some point, they've just got to execute."

Harrington played just one series in the second half and with him out

of the game, Northwood started to gain momentum. A 14-play, 72-yard drive over nearly five minutes culminated in a touchdown pass on fourth and goal from Jack Thompson to Justin Brower. Thompson then led another drive and connected with Perry Marshall Jr. for a touchdown, making it 44-17 with 11:55 remaining in the game.

"We didn't change anything defensively or offensively," Homolka

said. "We ran the same stuff one half to the next. Our kids just started figuring it out. It started clicking to them."

One final field goal from Southern Lee provided the Cavaliers' only points of the half to round out the scoring. "We still messed up and made some mistakes," Neal said. "We're going to go back Monday and get better and try to get to 2-2."

A week after a 53-point

loss, Thomas Harrington and Southern Lee found themselves on the other end of a blowout this time around.

"Everybody wants to win and you really focus on that winning feeling especially when you're getting beaten badly," Harrington said. "You don't want the feeling of a loss. Losses suck, but when you win, everything's great. Everybody looks forward to that feeling."

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Highlights from the week in prep sports



Staff photo by David Bradley

Wood's Charter Emma Hobbs defends against the attack in last Friday's game in Pittsboro.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Coach Bill Renner uses video technology to instruct his players Friday night in Pittsboro. He was happy with how the players were reacting to the Southern Lee team, but still saw room for improvement.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Carrboro's Reese Jahoo looks on as Jordan-Matthews' Cristian Lorenzo powers past him in the first half of play last Wednesday in Siler City. J-M lost the match 7-1.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Carrboro's Phillip Klem, behind teammate Will Allen, comes up on Jordan-Matthews' Kevin Gonzalez as he does a header on the ball in the first half. J-M worked hard against the Jaguars, but fell behind early and never caught up, with a final score of 7-1.



Staff photo by David Bradley

As a referee watches, Daniel Sheyko gets pushed out of the way by Jordan-Matthews' Fernando Corona. A moment later, the whistle was blown on the play.



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Charger, Northwood's mascot, interacts with some young fans at last Friday's game in Pittsboro.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Woods Charter players Ada Green and Emi Hutter-DeMarco double block a shot by Eno River's Katherine Lobach in last Friday's match in Pittsboro.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Northwood's Jalen Paige prepares to block as teammate Aiden Laros scoots around the Southern Lee special teams to block a PAT in the second quarter of play. The Southern Lee center released the ball before the kick took place, however, and the Cavaliers missed the extra point.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Southern Lee's A.J. West pursues Northwood's Chris Lawson after a short pass down the sideline in last Friday's game.

POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Harry Clark, 69, of Siler City, was charged August 30 with felony stalking. He was released under a written promise with a September 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Dana Scott, 37, of Raleigh, was charged August 30 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$200 bond with a September 17 court date in Siler City.

Janus McSwain, 40, of Siler City, was charged August 30 with damage to property. He was released under a written promise with a September 18 court date in Pittsboro.

John Moore, 45, of Gulf, was charged August 30 with failure to comply. He was held under a \$3,000 bond with a September 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Rachel Ohara-Brill, 28, of Chapel Hill, was charged August 31 with failure

to appear. She was held under a \$300 bond with a September 16 court date in Hillsborough.

William Snead, 58, of Pittsboro, was charged August 31 with assault by strangulation and assault on a female. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a September 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Fernando Hernandez, 28, of Siler City, was charged August 31 with misdemeanor larceny. He was held under a 48-hour hold with a September 17 court date in Siler City.

Nicole Feig, 48, of Durham, was charged September 1 with simple assault. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a September 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Paul Wicker, 30, of Cameron, was charged September 1 with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia,

possession of marijuana paraphernalia and possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a September 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Markus Blackburn, 29, of Siler City, was charged September 2 with simple assault, resisting/delaying/obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a September 18 court date in Pittsboro.

Ladonya Kelly, 25, of Greensboro, was taken into custody on September 2. She was charged with credit card fraud, identity theft, card theft with a scanning device and exploitation of an elder and held under a \$10,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro. She was charged with larceny and possession of stolen property and held under a \$2,500 bond with a September 17 court date in Asheboro. She was also charged with failure to appear and held under a \$1,000 bond with a September 23 court date in Hillsborough.

Jason Grubb, 35, of

Pittsboro, was taken into custody September 3 on an out-of-state fugitive warrant. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with a September 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Shannon Wilkie, 33, of Goldston, was charged September 3 with assault on a female. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a September 25 court date in Pittsboro.

Jamie Yarborough was charged September 3 with habitual felony, intimidating a witness and obstruction of justice. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a September 23 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kayla Mullins of Siler City was cited September 6 for a safe movement violation on East Raleigh Street in Siler City.

JayQwan Artis, 19, of Greensboro, was taken into custody September 7 on four counts of failure to appear. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a September 18 court date

in Pittsboro.

Antonia Siler Sr., 43, of Siler City, was taken into custody September 8 on a criminal summons on a misdemeanor larceny. He was released under a written promise with a September 24 court date in Siler City. He was also charged with resisting a public officer and released under a written promise on that charge with a September 27 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Laise Santos of Raleigh was cited September 2 for improper backing in the parking lot of Walmart in Pittsboro.

Kevin Laliberte of Pittsboro was cited September 3 for a stop sign violation on N.C. Highway 902 in Pittsboro.

Laura Kimmerly of Pittsboro was cited September 4 for unsafe movement in the parking lot of the Lakeside BP in Pittsboro.

Treston Farrington of Pittsboro was cited September 4 for failure to

maintain lane control on Moncure Pittsboro Road in Pittsboro.

Maria Pulidonava of Siler City was cited September 4 for careless and reckless driving and failure to maintain lane control on Siler City Snow Camp Road in Siler City.

Nicole Zolnowski of Pittsboro was cited September 5 for failure to reduce speed on Farrington Road in Pittsboro.

Nigel Brathwaite of Pittsboro was cited September 5 for improper passing on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Angelica Resuello of Pittsboro was cited September 6 for failure to maintain lane control and exceeding the safe speed for conditions on N.C. Highway 42 in Pittsboro.

Theresa Hernandez of Siler City was cited September 6 for a lane control violation on B. Teague Road in Siler City.

Kalen Warner of Siler City was cited September 6 for unsafe movement on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City.

Household Hazardous Waste Events 2019

Saturday, September 21

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

28 County Services Road

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Chatham County residents can bring household hazardous items such as

- chemicals • cleaners • solvents • paint
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For a complete list of items visit www.chathamnc.org/hhw

Future HHW events will be held the third Saturday of each month, through November.

No trash or empty containers. No business waste. No decal required. Must show NC Drivers License.

Questions? Call (919) 542-5516

Siler City engages state agency for economic development plans

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners voted unanimously last week

to contract with the N.C. Department of Commerce's Main Street and Rural Planning Center to develop two economic plans — one for downtown and one for the town as a whole.

Bruce Naegelen, the DOC's community economic planner, said the project will only cost the town \$900 but will provide a framework for "focused economic prosperity decision-making."

The N.C. Main Street and Rural Planning Center works with local governments to "provide strategic economic development planning and implementation services, technical support and training," according to the proposal Naegelen provided. The five-year economic plans will "identify key issues and recommend actions to address those issues," according to the proposal. The proposal noted that the plan would provide a foundation for the town to apply and receive grants and other funding as a result.

Naegelen stressed that the plan would be something that is "achievable" for the town's future economic growth and will include several data sets in addition to economic development and implementation plans for both Siler City and its downtown. The plan will also include a labor market snapshot, a community assessment, asset identification, and a retail market snapshot.

The plan development process will take between six and eight months and will begin with the formation of a steering committee, representing a cross-section of Siler City including but not limited to business owners and community leaders. There will also be at least two public input sessions during the process. Naegelen said he expects to be on the ground and begin developing the plans next month.

For more information on the steering committee or to express interest in becoming part of the development process, contact Siler City Planning Director Jack Meadows at jmeadow@silercity.org or call 919-742-2323.

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

Man arrested in relation to body found in Chatham

News + Record Staff

DURHAM — Multiple media outlets reported last week that a Durham man has been charged in relation with a body found in Chatham County.

Bryan Guzman, 18, of Durham, was charged last week with the murder of Marlene Portillo-Posada, 19, after the latter's body was found in the woods in the 6400 block of N.C. Highway 751 in Chatham County



Guzman

on August 25. ABC11 reported last week that Guzman was arrested in Louisiana on the charge.

Calls for comment made to the Durham Police Department were not returned, and the department has not released any further information on the arrest.

NEWS BRIEF

NCDOL: Be on the lookout for Dorian scams

RALEIGH — North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey warned North Carolinians recovering from Hurricane Dorian to use extra caution when approached by public adjusters offering to help with insurance claims.

"While public adjusters can be helpful with some large, complicated claims, unfortunately there are unscrupulous fraud artists out there who prey on victims following natural disasters," Causey said. "Following a few simple tips can keep people impacted by Hurricane Dorian from becoming a victim a second time."

Public adjusters do not work for your insurance company. Instead, a public adjuster is hired by and works for the person filing the insurance claim to help with the filing, negotiation, and settlement of a claim. The public adjuster charges a fee for his or her services, often a percentage of the final settlement amount.

In addition, some dishonest and unqualified individuals might pose as public adjusters, pressure you to sign a contract, or try to take advantage of you in other ways.

Commissioner Causey offered the following tips for people considering hiring a public adjuster:

- Make sure the public adjuster is licensed in North Carolina. Ask to see the public adjuster's license and write down the full name and license number. You can check the license status by calling the N.C. Department of Insurance at 855-408-1212.
- Find out the public

adjuster's permanent address. Sometimes after a large-scale natural disaster, out-of-state public adjusters come to North Carolina. Once again, make sure an out-of-state public adjuster is licensed in North Carolina.

- Make sure you understand the public adjuster's fee, which is usually a percentage of the insurance settlement. If a claim is due to a catastrophic incident, the maximum fee allowed under state law is 10 percent of the settlement amount.
- Ask the public adjuster for references in your local area and check them out. You may also contact the N.C. Department of Insurance about the public adjuster's complaint history.
- Do not pay any money up-front. The amount you pay the public adjuster is based on a percentage of your settlement.
- Make sure insurance settlement checks are payable to both you and the public adjuster.
- Ask the public adjuster how long it will take to settle your claim and ask for updates on the status of your claim.
- Carefully read any contract that you are given by the public adjuster. Do not sign the contract until you understand and agree to the contract terms. Make sure you understand the total fee you will owe, when the payments to the public adjuster are due, and if you can cancel the contract.

You may also call your insurance company or the N.C. Department of Insurance at 855-408-1212 before you sign your contract, or even after you sign it if you have questions about it.

—CN+R Staff Reports

FREE PRESCHOOL

Quality Preschool Openings Available



Chatham County NC Pre-K has openings for eligible 4 year old children in its high quality classrooms for FALL 2019.

Pre-K openings are available at Bennett School, Chatham Child Development Center, Children First Learning Center, Moncure School, North Chatham School, Pasitos Felices, Perry Harrison School, Robyn's Nest Creative Learning Center, Siler City Elementary School, Pittsboro Elementary, Telamon Head Start, and Virginia Cross Elementary School.

The program is FREE for children who qualify. Applications are available at www.chathamkids.org/NCPK or at each school site.

Call Sheen at 919-542-7449 ext. 131 for more information.

NC Pre-K is administered by Chatham County Partnership for Children



Programa Preescolar Abierto para Inscripción



El programa preescolar NC Pre-K del condado de Chatham tiene espacios en sus aulas preescolares de calidad para el agosto del 2019 para niños y niñas de 4 años que cumplan con los requisitos.

Los cupos para el preescolar están disponibles en la Escuela Bennett, el centro Chatham Child Development, la Escuela Moncure, la Escuela North Chatham, Pasitos Felices, la Escuela Perry Harrison, el centro Children First, la Escuela Primaria Siler City, la Escuela Primaria Pittsboro, el centro Robyn's Nest, el centro Head Start, y la Escuela Primaria Virginia Cross.

Las solicitudes están disponibles en www.chathamkids.org/NCPK o en cada escuela.

Si desea más información, puede llamar al 919-542-7449.

El Preescolar NK es administrado por la Alianza por los Niños del Condado de Chatham (Chatham County Partnership for Children)



THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

Kid Scoop



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Kid Scoop Together

Funny Filler

Ask a friend to give you each type of word. Fill in the blanks and read the story aloud for some silly fun.

Loopy Lunch

Last Friday, something very strange happened in the school cafeteria. Instead of the regular menu, they served _____ PLURAL NOUN _____ and _____ PLURAL NOUN _____ PLURAL NOUN . Students had to _____ VERB _____ in a very long line to get their _____ ADJECTIVE _____ lunch. This _____ ADJECTIVE _____ caused a lot of confusion, so they were instructed to _____ VERB _____ in line instead. Our principal tried to calm everyone. He spoke into the _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN _____, but everyone was too busy trying to _____ VERB _____ through the mess. Our custodian used _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN _____ to mop up the spill, which seemed really strange, but it worked.

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives, verbs and interjections in writing and speaking.

Let's Talk!

Dig up some interesting information about your family history by talking about lunches!

Ask your parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents or anyone who is at least 10 years older than you the following questions:

- What did you use to carry your lunch to school?
- What was your favorite school lunch food?
- Did your school have a kitchen where they made hot lunches on site? What did they cook?

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: RITUAL

The noun **ritual** means a well-known tradition or ceremony.

For kids in our family, bedtime began with the **ritual** reading of a book.

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

Write On!

What's for Lunch?

Come up with a healthy lunch for school. Include food from all the food groups.

Back to School: A History of School Lunches

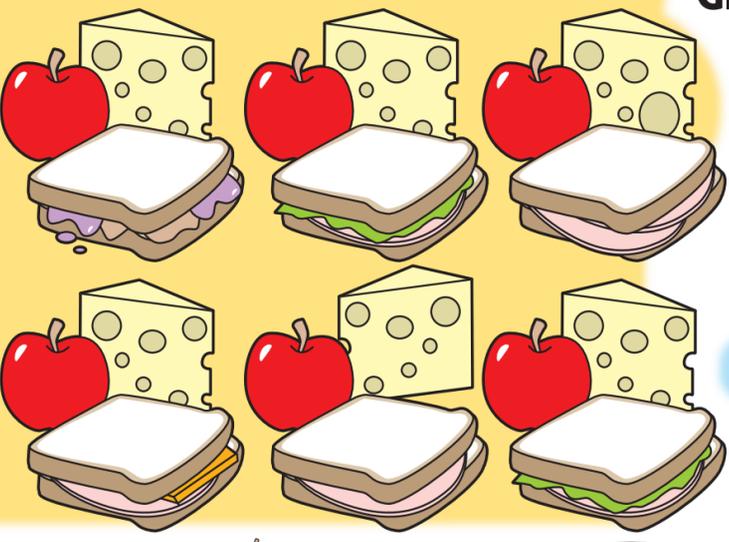
As **Kid Scoop** readers return to school, they start to wonder, what's for lunch? And what will I use to carry my lunch?

When people started eating lunch at work or school, lunches were packed into pails, baskets and tins. What do you use when you pack a lunch?

Turn of the Century (Early 1900s)

Serving school lunch to children began in the early 1900s when it was believed that many children did not eat a nutritious midday meal. This began in Boston, but it didn't happen everywhere.

Find the two identical lunches.



Colonial Kids (1607 to 1776)

In America's colonial times, the midday meal was called dinner. It was the biggest meal of the day. Most families ate this meal together at home, even if the children attended school.

Supper was the evening meal, and it was typically smaller and made up of leftovers.

Did children in colonial times eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? Hold this page up to a mirror to read the answer.



UNTIL THE 1890s? SAW NOT INVENTED NO PEANUT BUTTER

Great Depression (1929 to 1939)

The Great Depression was a time of great hardship. Parents were without jobs, and their children went without good food. At the same time, farmers had produce that people couldn't afford to buy. The government of President Franklin D. Roosevelt bought up the extra food and opened kitchens which started the school lunch program.

In 1946, another president signed the first National School Lunch Act to provide lunch in all schools. Circle every other letter to reveal his name.

A H P A L R T R F Y M T Z R O U B M J A L N

H _____

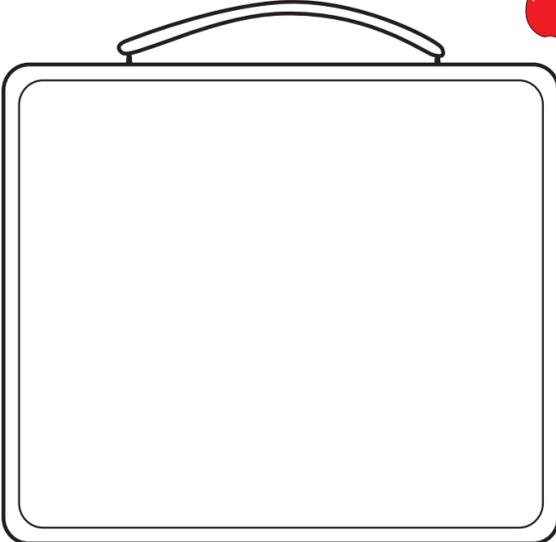
How many apples can you find on this page?

Design a Lunch Box

In 1950, Aladdin Industries created the first children's lunch box based on a TV show. *Hopalong Cassidy*. Over the years, more and more TV, film and cartoon characters showed up on lunch boxes. For decades, choosing a new lunch box was a treasured back-to-school ritual for kids.



Draw a lunch box here you'd like to have. Will it feature popular characters or something of your own design?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra! Back to School Scavenger Hunt

- Look through today's newspaper to find:
- Something to write with
 - Something to read
 - Something you would like to have to share
 - A way to get to school
 - A number that shows the grade you are entering
 - A number that shows how many years you have gone to school

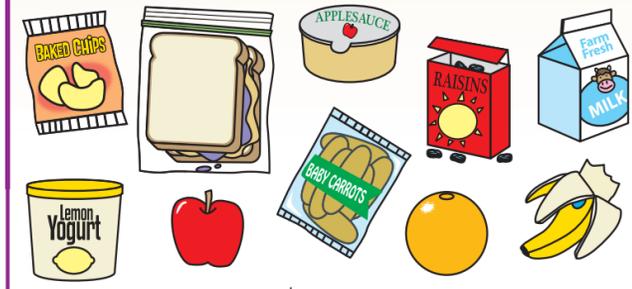
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What goes on the Food Share Table?

Food Share Tables at school help reduce food waste. If you don't want to finish all of your lunch, you can share your lunch by placing it on the table. Food that is whole, uneaten or unopened can be placed on the Food Share table.

Circle the foods that can go to the Food Share Table.



ANSWERS: Foods that can go on the Food Share Table are: Unopened yogurt, apple, orange, applesauce, sealed carrot packet and sealed bag of chips. The foods that can't go on the table are: banana that has been bitten, sandwich from home and the open box of raisins.

Double Double Word Search

- LEFTOVERS
- COLONIAL
- HISTORY
- DECADES
- SCHOOL
- DINNER
- SUPPER
- RITUAL
- LUNCH
- JELLY
- MEAL
- PAIL
- TINS
- SHOW
- BOX

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



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

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Agriculture Works

Not only does our agriculture industry feed us, it also employs millions of people. Look through the newspaper and find jobs that are directly or indirectly related to agriculture.

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

Why did the banana go to the doctor?

ANSWER: Because he wasn't peeling well.

Write On!

What's for Lunch?

Come up with a healthy lunch for school. Include food from all the food groups.

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CHATHAM@WORK | KEVIN LINDLEY

Burlington-born and Silk Hope-raised, Kevin Lindley is somewhat new to his position as director of Environmental Quality for Chatham County, but he's been around Chatham most of his life. A graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School, Lindley earned undergraduate and masters degrees in civil engineering from N.C. State. "My job," he says, "focuses on a part of life to which most people pay little attention, namely their trash! It's not something I thought I would enjoy doing when I was a teenager, but I love that success in my job means that people's lives and the environment are just a little better off." The largest function of Lindley's department is Solid Waste and Recycling, but a growing aspect is the oversight of sustainability projects in the county. He's the son of Harry and Brenda Lindley — who also live in Chatham County — and he and his wife Julie have four children (ranging in age from 16 to 22), as well as "one cat, two dogs and five chickens."

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

The first job I remember getting paid to do was priming tobacco on a neighbor's farm. I learned that was something I didn't want to do for a living! It was also great to see the farmers helping each other out. There was a great sense of community and I liked being part of that.

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

The toughest job I've ever had was teaching high school. I taught math for four years in Chatham County at Chatham Central and then at Jordan-Matthews. Teaching was a very rewarding profession. It is also a mentally and physically exhausting profession. I think to do the job well you have to share of yourself in a deeper way than most other jobs and teaching is not a job that is easy to "turn off" at the end of the day. I am very appreciative to those who taught me in school and to those who still teach our youth every day.

What's the most unusual customer request or question you've ever had?

I was overseeing a construction project for a sewer line. A property owner along the route called and said the contractor had thrown some tree roots into his yard and wanted me to come out and take a look. When I got there, the house was clearly not lived in and had not been lived in for a while. The yard was about thigh high and a lot of saplings were starting to take off. Even so, I didn't think our contractor would have tossed roots into the yard. When I asked where the roots were, he started walking into the woods next to the house, where to my surprise there was another, even more grown up house that you couldn't even see from the road because of the trees growing up around it. He showed me the roots on the ground in front of THIS house and very indignantly asked me how I would feel if someone tossed tree roots into my yard like that? Considering we had to bushwack through the woods to get to the roots, I had a hard time answering with a straight face. I just picked them up and carried them out of the woods to my truck.

What was your most embarrassing moment at work?

I've gotten my truck stuck in muddy areas around the landfill several times at my previous job. There is usually a healthy dose of ribbing that goes along with calling someone to pull you out.

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

I would highly recommend it.



There is an emphasis on recycling here in Chatham County, Environmental Director Kevin Lindley says. They can take all types of plastic, and accept glass, aluminum, paper and other items.

Staff photo by David Bradley

There will always be a need for solid waste management and sustainability is being integrated into nearly every major industry. With either profession, you have a job where you feel you are doing something good for the world.

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

A lady I work with and see several times a week said something about high school one day and after talking a few minutes, we realized we were in the same graduating class at Jordan-Matthews and didn't know each other.

Your standard order at a coffee shop?

The coffee of the day, unless it's Colombian, with half and half.

Your ultimate "happy place"?

My bed at the end of a long, productive day.

Coke or Pepsi?

Cherry Vanilla Coke

Favorite weekend getaway:

Oak Island in the fall.

Which do you like better: starting or finishing?

Starting

Favorite character from a Disney movie:

The lightning bug, Ray, from the "Princess and the Frog"

When will robots take over the world?

I just heard that a computer has recently been developed that can pass an eighth grade science end of year test. If the computer can pass eighth grade exams now...maybe 30 more years?

Life on other planets? Yes or no?

Yes

Stay up late or get up early?

Stay up late.

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

Currently, I would probably watch, "Zoo" on Netflix, but most snow days we lose power.

Dogs or cats?

Cats

Favorite N.C. celebrity?

Rhiannon Giddens

Favorite clean joke:

A man says to his waiter, "There's something wrong with my soup. I need you to taste it." The waiter says, "Sorry, sir."

Is it cold? We can heat that up for you."

"Just taste the soup."

"Sir, I really don't need to taste the soup, if you'll just tell me..."

"Taste the soup!"

"Well, sir, if you insist, I'll just...wait, there's no spoon."

"AHAAAA!"

Ever danced in the rain?

Yes, many times!

What celebrity would you most like to hang out with for a day?

Lyle Lovett seems like a really cool guy.

What is one toy you wanted as a child but never received?

Lite-Brite

What's the best use of a snow day?

Reading a good book, because our power would probably be out.

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

I am an avid knitter. My wife taught me when we were dating and I really like it. I've knit socks, hats, scarves, baby booties, dish towels, etc. It's really cool that you can create so many different things with just two basic stitches.

What is the most significant of your life's goals that you haven't yet accomplished?

I have always wanted to be conversant in a foreign language. I've studied Spanish in high school and German in college, but haven't gotten beyond a basic ability to communicate.

What makes your home special?

My wife lives there!

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

I had many, many great teachers in Chatham County and in college. I would hate to single out just one. Their influence was a significant factor that drew me into teaching way back when and I was blessed to be able to teach alongside some of them during my brief tenure. The ones I remember fondly always seemed really dedicated to their students and enjoyed their subject matter.

The trait you most deplore in yourself:

I have a pathological need to fill a cup as full as possible.

Words or phrases you overuse:

"Oh, oh, oh!" when I am think of something great or

remember something I had forgotten.

What's your favorite athletic team, and why?

I'm a big N.C. State fan. It's hard not to root for your alma mater.

The book you're currently reading:

Fiction: Post Captain, Patrick O'Brian, part of the Master and Commander series

Non-fiction: The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dustbowl, Timothy Egan

Your favorite movie of all time:

"Secondhand Lions"

How many hours per week do you spend online?

Including research at work, 20-30, but it depends on the week.

What's your favorite website?

Google!

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

I would like to brew beer at a small craft brewery. I enjoy it as a hobby now and most brewers I've met are friendly and interesting people.

What radio station do you listen to most frequently?

91.5 FM WUNC

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

Blacksmithing

What do you plan to do after retirement?

Buy a sailboat and sail up and down the East Coast and the Caribbean.

What's been your wildest adventure?

I visited a friend who was working for the Peace Corps in Tanzania. During the two weeks I was there we traveled all over the country by bus, ferry and occasionally hitchhiking. It was unlike anything I've ever experienced.

Your ideal vacation would be:

Visiting a friend living in a foreign country for a few weeks. Added bonus if it's in a German or Spanish speaking country so I can work on my conversation skills, but there are lots of cool places out there and having a place to stay and a tour guide is invaluable if you want to truly experience a place.

What's your favorite snack food?

Hot peanuts in the shell or pistachios.

One food you'll never be caught eating:

Turkey burgers

Favorite city in the whole world:

Seattle, Washington, so far.

What you like best (or least) about where you live now:

Best: quiet, family roots, privacy

Least: you have to drive to get anywhere or do anything.

The credo or motto you like to try to live by:

Esse quam videri ("To be, rather than to seem").

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

At home.

What was your dream job when you were a child?

I thought I wanted to design airplanes.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Kevin Lindley, environmental quality director of Chatham County, has been on the job for a short period of time, but has a history in the county. A graduate of Jordan-Matthews, his career has been varied, working as a teacher, in engineering in Orange County, and now back in Chatham.

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

Food banks/food security non-profits. Basic needs have to be met so people can think beyond survival and contribute to society.

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

I had a nerve damaged during surgery. I've never experienced pain like that before or since.

Ever had a brush with celebrity?

I was an extra in a movie when I was in college. Kristie Swanson was in the movie and sat about three desks away from me in a classroom scene.

Do you have a tattoo?

Not yet.

Favorite kind of cookie?

Oatmeal raisin

Favorite season?

Fall

What's your usual wake-up time in the morning?

The alarm is set at 5:45am during the week.

What talent do you wish you had?

I've always wanted to be a good storyteller.

What superhero power would you most like to have?

Flight

What's your cell phone ring-tone?

"Screen Door," by Rich Mullins

Favorite dessert?

Mom's homemade peach ice cream

What's your favorite condiment?

Spicy mustard

Describe your life philosophy in six words or less:

Make the most of your gifts

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

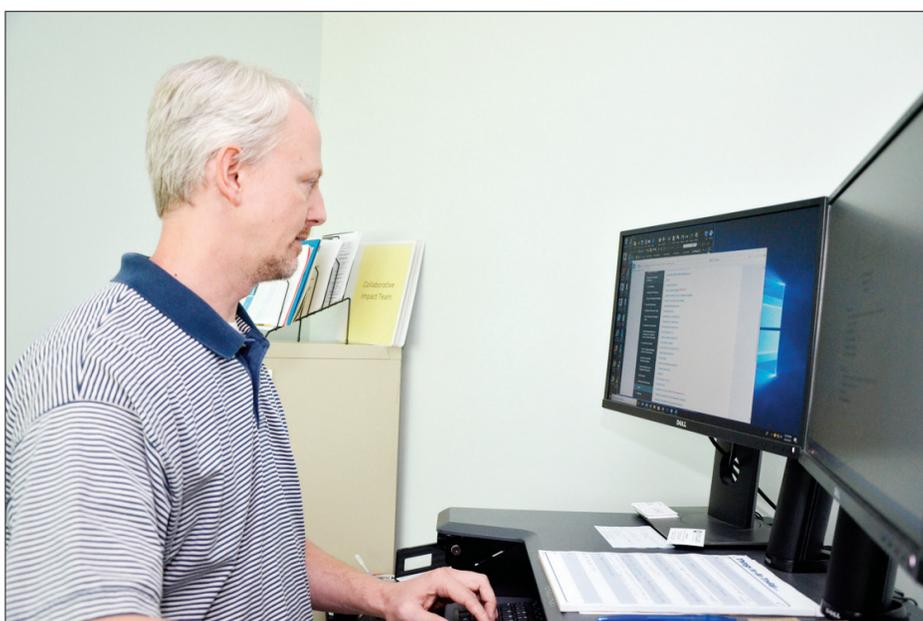
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What historic era would you like to visit?

New England right after the Revolutionary War

What's the most important thing your job has taught you?

The importance of active listening.



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Kevin Lindley checks the latest computer data Monday as the new week gets underway.

CHATHAM EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Mike White | Chatham Middle School

School: Chatham Middle School

Grades/subjects you teach: 6th-8th Art

E-mail address: mwhite@chatham.k12.nc.us

Date, place of birth: Dec. 18, 1972, in Portsmouth, Virginia

Education (high school & college attended, degrees): Portsmouth East High School, Columbus College of Art and Design and Capital University, BA

Brief work history: Worked at Columbus City Schools for most of my 13 years. I was a professional BASS fishermen for two years, and owned a landscaping and construction business.

Teaching honors/awards: Teacher of the Year at CMS for 2018-2019. Started the first elementary debate club in Columbus, created a Business Club in elementary, and I've done several in-services around the country about teaching art and how the arts can integrate into the classroom.

Hobbies/interests outside teaching: Camping, fishing, boating

Family: Rebecca (wife), Austin (son)

On teaching:

What led you to a career as a teacher?

My high school art (teacher) turned my art work into a college (without me knowing) and I received a scholarship to attend Columbus College of Art and Design. While I was in college I knew I wanted to teach

because of the kindness and belief in me that my art teacher showed to me and I wanted to do the same to other kids out there.

Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them?

Mrs. Spradlin was my art teacher in high school. She showed me about that she cared about all her students and believed they could accomplish anything.

Has becoming a teacher been all you expected it would be?

Yes and no. Teaching is not just the teaching your subject. It about being a great listener, being a cheerleader when your kids struggle and being that rock when life is unfair.

How has teaching changed since you were a student?

The biggest change for me is technology. I'm still old school paper pencil guy, but I'm learning.

What "makes your day" as a teacher?

When I see my kids succeed, the light come on and I have to run them out of the class because they are so focused.

What's working in schools today?

I see schools more of focus on the kids on a personal level. Schools are wanting teachers to build rapport with students and understand where they come from.

What's not working?

The focus on scores and the pressure that students feel.

What's your favorite memory of your first year as



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Chatham Middle School art teacher Mike White was the school's teacher of the year for 2018-2019.

a teacher?

When I walked into the first classroom with students and said, "I'm Mr. White and I will be your art teacher this year," I just stopped and realized I made it.

How would your "teacher" persona handle you as a student?

I would have been pushed and pushed myself as a student. I would have showed I cared and not take my lazy attitude toward school.

Best piece of advice for other teachers?

Never stop learning. You are a lifelong learner. The students in your class are not "your students" they are "your kids."

For students?

Have fun in school. Take every opportunity that comes along and

go for it. Trust your teachers that they want the best for you. Know that teachers care about you!!!!

For parents?

Trust that teachers have the best interest for your kids and that we only want them to succeed in school and in life.

If you were superintendent for a day, you'd:

Go to random schools in the district (with no media) and just visit classrooms, see what is really happening and shake teachers' and students' hands and say, "THANK YOU."

What about your job would surprise your non-teaching friends the most?

What surprises them the most is that I'm an art teacher. Most think I

teach history or math. I tell them, "Yes, I can talk about a building a house and about a painting in a museum."

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be?

That teachers truly want you to succeed and want you to do great things in your life.

When you think about today's kids, you:

I see a kids today dealing with problems that I never dreamed of, I see kids working hard to overcome many disadvantages, I see kids taking opportunities and running with them, I see a GREAT future in our kids.

If one of your students was asked for a one-word description of you by a student who hadn't had you in

class, what would that one word be?

I would hope "caring," but I think it would be "FUN."

Favorite movie about school or teaching: "Dangerous Minds"

How would you summarize your teaching philosophy?

Every kid can learn and they are all special. For me, I am a lifelong learner and take each day with my kids to try to make it positive for them.

What five things must every teacher know?

1. You must have a "Teacher Look." 2. Always think about the question you ask your kids, because you can never assume what they will say. 3. When you get any break, always go to the bathroom. 4. Take time to just listen to your kids. 5. Be real with your kids — they know when you are faking it.

What's special about your classroom?

My classroom is always open. Students can come during lunch to work on art or just to chill out. My classroom is a safe place for students to take risks.

What's special about your school?

That we are a diverse school and that we have a family feeling. Our students take pride in our school and know that teachers care.

Most unusual question you've ever gotten from a student?

During art class I had one of my kids ask, "Mr. White do you use the same shampoo my Dad uses? It helps my Dad grow hair in his bald spot."



Chatham Sheriff's Department photos

Pet of the Week: Yurie

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office is still looking for a home for Yurie. She is a photogenic 2-year-old who loves playtime with humans and fellow canines. Yurie is watchful and attentive and enjoys time outdoors where she can explore sights and smells. She is happiest when perching close to her human — and may try to sneak in a reassuring doggy 'kiss' to prove it. Whether you're looking for a selfie companion or a loyal birdwatching partner, Yurie is the girl for you! For more information on how to meet or adopt Yurie, swing by our office at 725 Renaissance Dr. in Pittsboro or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an Animal Resource Officer.

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N.C. court orders new state legislative maps to fix 'extreme partisan gerrymandering'

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

RALEIGH — A three-judge panel from the state's Court of Appeals ruled that North Carolina legislative districts, drawn by the Republican majority in 2017, violated the state's Constitution requiring the legislature to redraw district maps.

The court's 357-page decision, handed down September 4, determined that the maps violated three separate clauses in the state's Constitution including the free elections clause, the equal protection clause and the freedom of speech and freedom of assembly clauses. The court decided that more than half of the state's legislative districts were considered "extreme partisan gerrymanders" created to "benefit Republicans."



Reives

of one citizen's vote as compared to others," the decision read. "A mapmaker draws district lines to 'pack' and 'crack' voters likely to support the disfavored party. It is clear to the Court that extreme partisan gerrymandering — namely redistricting plans that entrench politicians in power, that evince a fundamental distrust of voters by serving the self-interest of political parties over the public good, and that dilute and devalue votes of some citizens compared to others

— is contrary to the fundamental right of North Carolina citizens to have elections conducted freely and honestly to ascertain, fairly and truthfully, the will of the people."

Neither of Chatham's districts — House District 51 and Senate District 23 — were cited as districts to have been formed illegally, but could see changes as part of any redistricting efforts.

The court ordered lawmakers to proceed with developing new maps to be completed in the next two weeks to be used for the 2020 election. In designing the maps, lawmakers "may take reasonable efforts to not pair incumbents unduly in the same election district," according to the decision. In addition, lawmakers are not allowed to use election data to create the maps. "The Court likewise will

prohibit any intentional attempt to favor voters or candidates of one political party," the decision read.

The court also required the redistricting process to be held "in full public view" with "all map drawing to occur at public hearings, with any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and public observers." If the legislature wishes to retain someone or a company to assist in process, that person or group must get prior approval from the court. The court will also appoint a "referee" to assist the court in reviewing the new maps and/or draw new maps if the legislature fails to act.

State Senate Majority Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) indicated that the legislature would not be appealing the ruling but instead would go to work in redrawing the

maps. The N.C. General Assembly calendar indicates that both the Senate and House Standing Committees on Redistricting and Elections met on Monday and Tuesday and will likely meet throughout the week.

Rep. Robert Reives (D-Chatham), a member of the House Standing Committee on Redistricting and Elections, spoke at a press conference Monday with advocates from Common Cause, one of the organizations that filed the original suit against the legislative maps.

"At this point in time, you have neighborhoods being separated, homeowners' associations being separated, students at the same university voting in separate districts — that can't happen," Reives said. "That's the type of thing that makes people feel government's broken. We've

got a chance with this step, with this bill, to move that narrative forward, to change people's opinions.

He added that it was time for politicians to be "bedevil(ed)."

"These politicians have to draw fair maps for us for 2020," Reives said. "If they can't win a fair fight, if they can't win on an even playing field, then they deserve to lose their elections. Just like they lost this court case."

After his statements, Reives told the News + Record that Monday was "a great start."

"I hope that we can do everything we can to make this process transparent," he said, "and most importantly a process that the general public believes in and trusts."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Hispanic Liaison to host 24th anniversary celebration

SILER CITY — The Hispanic Liaison will host its 24th anniversary and cultural celebration on from 6-10 p.m. Saturday at Peppercorn Café, located at 138 N. Chatham Ave., in Siler City. The Cele-

bration is in place of the annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, which will return in 2020.

The Anniversary Celebration will feature live music by Encuesta Norteña, a delicious dinner, dancing and raffle. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, The Liaison is also hosting an art exhibit by Puerto Rican artist Rafael Osoba,

which is on display at Peppercorn through early October. The three Siler City mayoral candidates were invited to share a few words at the Celebration and the nonprofit organization You Can Vote will be on hand to register voters.

"When we founded The Hispanic Liaison in 1995, Hispanic immigrants were just beginning to

grow roots in our region," said Ilana Dubester, founder and executive director. "For 24 years, we have been helping immigrants and their families adjust to life in the US, engage in our democracy and affirm their rights. We are proud of our many successes and the power and resiliency of our community."

In the past year, The Liaison helped 921 adults and children, organized a Legal Fair with 225 participants, hosted a Hispanic Heritage Fiesta with 1,000 attendees, and won a \$285,000 financial settlement for the 28 families evicted from a mobile home park in Siler City. The Liaison's Orgullo Latinx Pride Youth Program empowered 27 Latinx high school students to stay in school, develop leadership skills, pursue a higher education and give back to the community. Collectively, the youth contributed 750 hours of volunteer service in Chatham County.

The celebration is a fundraiser for The Hispanic Liaison's efforts to protect and advance the rights of the Hispanic community. Donations are requested to enjoy the event and dinner: \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5 to 9, and free for children under 5 years old. Deserts and other items will be on sale for \$1 each.

The anniversary raffle drawing will take place at the Celebration; you don't need to be present to win. Prizes include \$100 in cash, a chocoflan cake for 20 people by Chef Elena Gonzalez, four day-passes to Shakori Hills Music Festival this October, a handcrafted hammock and a large box full of new toys for kids.

For more information, contact Dubester at 919-742-1448, email info@evhnc.org or visit www.hispanicliaison.org.



Wake Forest nonprofit offers free college admissions help for students, families affected by cancer

WAKE FOREST — For many high school students and their families, the college admissions process can be intimidating, confusing and overwhelming. Adding a cancer diagnosis to the mix can bring more stress and anxiety when applying for college.

College Consultants Care is the first nonprofit in the nation to provide free college admissions assistance for high school students recently diagnosed with cancer or who have a parent with cancer. The new 501(c)3 organization was founded by Wendy Briley, an Independent Educational Consultant offering comprehensive college application services to high schoolers since 2017. She lives and works in Wake Forest.

Independent Educational Consultants objectively guide students and help them meet application deadlines, plan for college visits, create a standardized testing plan, develop college application strategies, consider possible majors and search for financial aid/scholarships.

Consultants typically begin working with students during their junior year of high school but can assist students at any time during the college application process. The cost for a typical comprehensive package for a rising junior ranges from \$2,500-\$6,000 and application packages for rising seniors can cost between \$1,000-\$5,000. College application fees are not paid by College Consultants Care and are the responsibility of the student/parent.

The nonprofit enables Independent Educational Consultants across the country to give their services to students and families who have bigger cancer concerns to focus upon.

"To keep the process from overwhelming students and parents who are already dealing with so much, we break it down into smaller, manageable tasks," said Briley, executive director of College Consultants Care. "As a parent who has gone through the college application process with my own children, I truly understand the challenges and rewards that come along with this journey."

Amanda Cochrane, 54, is the mother of twin daughters who are high school seniors at Wake Forest High School.



Submitted photo

Wendy Briley, the founder of College Care.

The girls are the first to receive the services of Briley through the new nonprofit. After being diagnosed with colon cancer earlier this year, Cochrane had surgery and is receiving chemotherapy for the next six months.

"A cancer diagnosis is a lot to deal with and a big struggle. While my family doesn't want it to dictate our lives, it can be a distraction and time constraint. It's such a relief to receive the free services of College Consultants Care to help my daughters with their college application process," said Cochrane.

College Consultants Care has 20 consultants representing 10 states across the country with more being added monthly. As a member of a professional organization consisting of more than 2000 Independent Educational Consultants, Briley hopes the nonprofit will eventually grow to have at least one consultant available in each state.

Additionally, Briley says she would like College Consultants Care to work more closely with Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) oncology groups for referrals and partnerships.

"If college consultants like me can use our skills and expertise to help students affected by cancer, then it will bring me great joy and reaffirm the reason I founded College Consultants Care," said Briley.

Anyone can nominate a high school student or parent of a high schooler recently diagnosed with cancer as a candidate to be considered for free college admissions assistance from College Consultants Care by visiting www.college-consultantscare.org/contact and completing the online form. To be considered, candidates will be asked to provide documentation from their physician and other information.

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Sexual violence real experience for some Chatham youth

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Sexual assault and harassment has been in the national spotlight in recent years, with the #MeToo movement and some big-name celebrities losing their fame due to allegations and arrests.

In Chatham County, while significant individuals may not have gone down, teenagers are still experiencing sexual violence.

According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 10.9 percent of Chatham high schoolers said they have ever been “physically forced to have sexual intercourse,” compared to 8.4 percent in the state and 7.4 percent in the country. But those who work in the field say that number could be higher.

Additionally, 13 percent said they had “experienced sexual violence,” meaning they had been “forced by anyone to do sexual things,” in the 12 months before the survey. That’s compared to 11.9 percent in North Carolina and 9.7 percent across America.

Renita Foxx is the director of Chatham County Court Programs and one of the administrators of the county’s new Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Help Line. She’s also a Licensed Professional Counselor and said most youth aren’t familiar with how to handle sexual assault and domestic violence situations. She thinks the county could be doing a better job making youth more comfortable reporting.

“This is something we as a community are going

to have to work towards, to make them feel safe and aware of the resources,” she said. “We don’t have many youth that are coming in for protection orders or are asking about safety plans. I feel that it is our duty as a community agency to make sure that we take into account this population.”

Tamsey Hill, who operates Second Bloom of Chatham, the county’s current provider of domestic violence and sexual assault services, said teenagers are in the midst of “coming to grips with sexuality and sex” and may not have the “capacity or knowledge” to understand what has happened.

“Teens are also figuring out their own identity in the world – how does this label them in their own minds and how will this label them in their social groups,” Hill said. “Assailants are usually known to the victim, which can lead to confusion of why someone I trust or know would do this, maybe it is okay, or I cannot say this about someone everyone likes/loves. Sexual assault can become okay or a norm.”

Youth across America are going to school environments where, according to research, sexual harassment is somewhat common. The most recent data from 2011, courtesy of the American Association of University Women, said that 48 percent of 7th through 12th graders had experienced some form of sexual harassment during the school day, and 30 percent of students experienced that harassment at least in part via social media or

Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Resources

If you are a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault and are looking for help, you can call these numbers.

- Chatham Family Violence Prevention Services: (919) 545-STOP (7867)

- Second Bloom of Chatham: (919) 545-0055

- National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline: (800) 656-HOPE (4673)

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1 (800) 799-7233

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other electronic means.

While there are no reports of any sexual assaults happening on school grounds in Chatham, the 2017 YRBS surveyed 968 students in four public and public charter high schools, meaning at least around 105 students had ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse and 125 had experienced sexual violence in the last 12 months. Additionally, 7.8 percent of student respondents said they had experienced sexual violence in the context of dating in the last year, while 9.9 percent had experienced physical vio-



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lence from someone they were dating or going out with during that time.

Foxx said local organizations need to be working to create or avail themselves of more resources that are more “inclusive of our youth.”

“We’ve got to start looking at putting things in their terms where they can actually relate and

understand, that just because they’re not married they’re still exposed to it and help them understand the resources that are available for them,” she said. “I guess I’d have to honestly say that that’s an area that we need more work.”

Second Bloom is currently, Hill said, “rebuilding” services for domestic

violence and sexual assault victims in the county after last year’s closure of the Family Violence Rape Crisis Center. In the meantime, she said, teens need to be believed and helped.

“The key things to say (to teen victims) are I believe you, this is not your fault, you did not deserve this, you are not alone (and) let’s see how we can help you through this,” she said. “What can (we) find that will be of help and healing to you? This may mean help for the victim, yet still not reporting.”

Getting those resources out and being available to help, Foxx added, is vital for the long-term health of Chatham youth.

“Sexual assault has a connection to mental health,” she said. “If you don’t know where to reach out for self-care, I think that’s a downward spiral that’s eventually going to effect to your mental health.”

Second Bloom is continuing to seek volunteers for the help line. Training begins next week for the next batch of volunteers who, according to the organization, would “provide emotional support and information resources to callers experiencing or affected by intimate partner violence or sexual assault.” For more information, contact Chatham Family Violence Prevention Services at (919) 545-7867 or Second Bloom at (919) 545-0055.

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County makes efforts to improve resources to prevent teen suicide

BY CASEY MANN

News + Record Staff

The Chatham County Sheriff’s Office responded last month to two attempted suicides of young people, both under 25. Neither survived.

Josie (not her real name), a senior in a Chatham County high school, is planning for the third funeral of a friend in as many years. She just turned 17.

“I feel like everyone is leaving me,” Josie said.

Being a teenager is difficult in today’s society — social media, peer pressure, stress about the future. Having to cope with the death of friends — the last result of suicide — is yet another pressure that is becoming more prevalent for Gen Z, this current generation of teenagers.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in young people aged 10-17 in North Carolina, according to a report by the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics. And a report from the Centers for Disease Control notes that the suicide rate for those 15-24, the older half of Gen Z, is the highest its been since in decades with a 51 percent increase over the past decade alone. County statistics mirror that of the state where the second leading cause of death for children 0-19 between 2013-2017 is suicide, tied with those who died from congenital anomalies, according to the Chatham County Public Health Department.

In the past year, the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office responded to nine suicide attempts and three completed suicides of people under the age of 25. Of those, five of the attempts and one of the completed suicides were of juveniles under the age of 18. Siler City Police Department did not report any suicide attempts for that age group during the same time and Pittsboro’s Police Department was unable to produce its statistics in time for this report.

“The community is deeply saddened by the loss of young life,” Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson said. “Our hearts go out to the families living through the aftermath of these tragedies.”

Josie heard about her friend’s suicide right

before her first class of the day. She describes feeling almost paralyzed and unable to speak upon hearing the news. She dropped her books in her class and made her way to the bathroom where she began sobbing uncontrollably. She eventually made her way to the guidance counselor’s office where, in discussion with her parents, it was decided that she would try to make it through a few classes and leave for the day at lunch.

“I felt like I was walking around like a zombie,” Josie said. “I felt numb.”

Once in the safety of her mother’s car, she collapsed into tears. She described feeling anger, confusion, guilt, and most of all, deep sadness over the loss of a second friend to suicide in two years. She found solace in reaching out to mutual friends to both ease her own mind that they were alright and to find comfort in their mutual loss.

Upon Josie’s return to school, the guidance counselor offered to connect her with a mental health professional. Chatham County Schools currently contracts with several mental health providers to bring mental health professionals to counsel students during school hours. Josie’s parents signed a release and after verifying her health insurance, a mental health professional was assigned to provide counseling not only for her grieving period, but for other stresses that she experiences.

In the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment, created by a coalition led by the Chatham Health Alliance and the Chatham County Public Health Department, one-fifth of Chatham County high school students reported “seriously considering attempting suicide” in 2017, with about 17 percent making a plan, 11 percent attempting and nearly 5 percent having an attempt that resulted in injury. Chatham County’s rates were all higher than state and national statistics.

Roberson noted that several recent cases appear to have a common thread — mental health.

“In some instances, our young people are dealing with what could seem like insurmountable stress,” Roberson said. “Some may struggle to cope with

life changes, relationships, drug dependency or common fears without realizing there are people and resources available to help them through it. Although they may feel isolated, they are not alone.”

Chatham County and its partners have made efforts to try to improve resources to prevent the growing trend.

Access to Mental Health Services was first identified as a county health priority in the Chatham County Community Health Assessment released in 2014. It was prioritized again in the 2018 Community Assessment at part of “Access to Comprehensive Health Services.”

“Access to Comprehensive Health Services’ joins efforts to address the whole person’s needs by improving access to both mental and physical health resources in the county, as mental and physical health are fundamentally linked and many of the same barriers impede access to both mental and physical health care,” said Shannon Kincaide Godbout, Chatham County Public Health Department’s social research associate.

The 2018 Community Assessment noted that many local residents travel outside of the county to seek medical treatment since Chatham County has far fewer health care providers for its population than the state average. Though Daymark Recovery opened in July 2017 in Siler City to fill a void in mental health coverage in Chatham County, only 5.4 percent of residents noted they were aware of services the clinic provided, according to the report. Daymark’s services include clinical health assessments, mental health and substance abuse treatment, outpatient individual and group therapy, and medication management.

Godbout said the Chatham Health Alliance, a community collaborative of agencies and organizations aimed at improving health and well-being in Chatham, has been “actively engaged in improving access to mental and physical health resources in the county since its inception.”

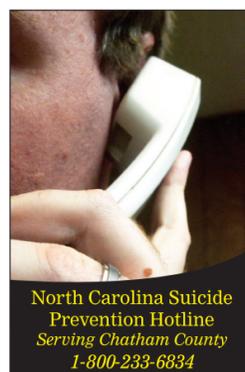
The county, through the Chatham Health Alliance, has developed resource guides on available mental health resources in the

county on the Chatham County website (www.chathamnc.org/mental-health). This includes information for Daymark, mental health providers, as well as resources specific to children and adolescents, families, and Spanish language services. The Chatham County Public Health Department also hosts community events. The next event is on September 27 in Siler City in conjunction with the Siler City Parks and Recreation Friday Night Flicks series at Bray Park, 800 Alston Bridge Road. That event will feature a live band and the family-friendly movie “Ralph Breaks the Internet” as well as a focus on mental health and substance abuse awareness for families.

The Sheriff’s Office is also focused on mental health of Chatham residents. Its employees receive specialized training in “crisis intervention, youth interaction, deescalation techniques, coping with stress, and other related topics in order to assist individuals in crisis.” Roberson says his deputies and Victim Services Unit are “intended to be a resource for the community, especially those who are fearful or feeling emotionally overwhelmed.” Although they are not licensed mental health practitioners, his staff members are “equipped to guide individuals to appropriate resources, services and emergency care if needed.”

However, Roberson notes, many individuals or families struggling with mental illness are reluctant to seek help, perhaps due to perceived social stigma. Other challenges include identifying when someone may be in need. The Center for Disease Control notes that “many people who die from suicide are not known to have a diagnosed mental health condition at the time of death.” The American Psychological Association says that “after decades of research, science is no better able to predict suicidal behaviors.”

Josie pointed out what could be yet another problem — something that she calls the “normalization of suicide.” She describes this as when a person who is exasperated hyperbolically exclaims “I’ll just go kill myself” or “I’ll just go jump off a



North Carolina Suicide Prevention Hotline
Serving Chatham County
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bridge,” when not truly feeling suicidal feelings. Indeed, many who commit suicide give very little warning signs of their true feelings. That being said, as a community, it is important that we reach out to others, connect and engage in community activities and reassure each other that we are not alone.

Perhaps the focus on the problem of youth suicide in North Carolina is having an impact. Ashley Conger, the chief communications officer for Cardinal Innovations, a managed care organization that works in Chatham County, noted North Carolina saw a slight decline in completed suicide rates last year, which she says “demonstrates that it is possible to make an impact in our local communities.”

“Cardinal Innovations believes that suicide deaths for individuals

under the care of health and behavioral health systems are preventable and we aim to contribute to suicide prevention in a variety of ways,” Conger said.

She notes that Cardinal Innovations not only connects members to mental health services and supports, but also partners with “schools, hospital staff, first responders, faith-based organizations, social service agencies, local community agencies and more to provide outreach, education and training specific to mental health and suicide-prevention.”

And if you or a loved one are feeling desperate, the most important step is to call 911 or the North Carolina Suicide Prevention Hotline serving Chatham County at 1-800-233-6834 to speak with someone who can help. Cardinal Innovations offers a 24/7 toll-free crisis line for those in need of mental health services. That number is 1-800-939-5911. Cardinal Innovations also conducts trainings with certified trainers available in Chatham County in “Question, Persuade, Refer, or QPR,” a nationally recognized training aimed at reducing suicidal behaviors. To request a training, please contact trainingrequest@cardinalinnovations.org.

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

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THE UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY AGENCY PROFILE

Chatham County 4-H's youth and family programs focus on skill development

Editor's note: As part of the News + Record's commitment to the community, we're partnering with the United Way of Chatham County to help provide insight into the work of the agencies the program helps fund with a series of local agency profiles; information is provided by the agencies in conjunction with the United Way. The United Way relies on donations from individuals and businesses to meet the needs of its member agencies. Please consider a generous gift.

Agency: Chatham County 4-H Focus Area(s): Nurturing Youth and Families (Education) and Strengthening the Community (Health)
 Name of United Way Supported Program(s): Chatham County 4-H Camping, Chatham County 4-H Club Programming Leadership Training, Chatham County 4-H Healthy Lifestyles, Chatham County 4-H School Enrichment.

How does the program make a difference in the community?

- Chatham County 4-H Camping — All of our camping programs focus on the core belief that life skill development is essential in our young people in order to ensure that they become contributing, competent citizens that give back to their community. Each camping opportunity has numerous hands-on activities that engage youth in experiential learning opportunities that can enhance their overall well-being (both from an academic and social perspective).
- Club Programming Leadership Training — The club program is the backbone of the traditional 4-H program. Our clubs give volunteers the opportunity to work closely with Chatham County youth to promote positive life skill development that will enable them to grow into positive, contributing members of society in the future. Without the invaluable work of trained volunteers, the Chatham County 4-H program simply would not function properly. The Club and Leadership Program gives Chatham County 4-H the most hands-on opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child, enabling a youth to realize his/her full potential as a valued and trusted leader. Part of the funding will be utilized for the Chatham County Livestock Show. The Chatham County Livestock Show

allows youth participants the opportunity to show off their animal husbandry skills and to demonstrate the amount of responsibility, dedication, and hard work it takes to get their animals in proper show form.

- Chatham County 4-H Healthy Lifestyles — The Jr. C.H.E.F. program teaches youth the importance of proper nutrition, kitchen safety, proper food preparation, and how to make simple, healthy snacks and meals at home. Promoting healthy lifestyles, chronic disease prevention, and proper weight are all goals of North Carolina 4-H, Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), and North Carolina Cooperative Extension. This program works to educate youth on the importance of all three goals and gives them hands-on, experiential learning lessons on how to achieve each goal.
- Chatham County 4-H School Enrichment — Our school enrichment program allows 4-H to use our research-based curriculum to teach not only concepts related to science (e.g., electricity, life cycles, soil properties, seed germination, and energy efficiency), but to reinforce positive life skill development through hands-on learning activities. All activities in our curriculum have hands-on projects for each lesson that display one or more of the following pertinent life skills: teamwork, record keeping, cooperation, conflict management, public speaking, etc. All curricula that we offer within the classroom setting have been approved by the NC Department of Public Instruction. In addition to providing schools with research-based curriculum, Chatham County 4-H offers a school-based youth incentive programs. Our youth incentive contract completion program gives students the opportunity to identify a goal (in conjunction with their respective teacher) they would like to achieve each nine-week grading period and rewards them for their hard work and dedication if the goal is successfully met.
- **Why is this program essential to Chatham County?**
 Through the N.C. State Extension 2017-2018 needs assessment process, which incorporates a multi-method approach to collecting county trend data and stakeholder input, several priorities were identified that are addressed

by the Chatham County 4-H programs supported by United Way funding. The following priorities were identified:

- Camps and conferences that provide recreational and educational opportunities for youth, including day and overnight camps, youth summits, 4-H council, and leadership forums.
- Strengthening youth workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and business development skills.
- Helping youth develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
- Increasing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) literacy.
- Programs to reduce obesity in youth through promotion of healthy food choices, healthy food preparation, and physical activity.
- After-school and in-school programs that provide 4-H activities during and after school hours using hands-on activities and 4-H curriculum.
- 4-H clubs that follow a planned program and offer multiple learning opportunities for youth.
- Plant and animal science program that engage young people in agricultural science, topics such as veterinary science, biotechnology, raising and training animals, and forestry.
- **How will Chatham County 4-H use United Way donor dollars?**
 • Chatham County 4-H Camping — The camping program is one of the largest and most popular programs that Chatham County 4-H offers. The funds received will support all of our 4-H summer camping programs during fiscal year 2019-20. Our summer camps include two Science Discovery camps that introduce youth to enhanced STEM learning opportunities, one week of overnight camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn, and two weeks of day camp at Northwest District Park in Silk Hope. For our Science Discovery camps, funds were used to provide transportation, snacks, and partial admission fees for youth participants. In addition, up to four scholarships were offered at \$50 each for those families requiring additional financial assistance. For our overnight/residential camp, funds were used to reduce the cost of registration for all participants, and to provide need-based scholarships for families requiring

additional financial assistance. In addition, funds were used to provide transportation to/from camp via a charter bus. For our two-week, 4-H Adventure Day Camp, funds will be used to provide scholarships to families requiring financial assistance and to help provide supplies necessary for crafts, educational lessons, food, and equipment. In addition, we will partner with Chatham County Parks & Recreation to offer 4-H curriculum and learning opportunities during their regular six weeks of day camp over the remainder of the summer. As a result, we will more than double the number of youth we are able to reach in the community and still manage to keep our total costs low.

- Club Programming Leadership Training — Funds received from United Way will go to support the Club and Leadership Program in a variety of ways. It will offset the cost of curriculum, club supplies, and other items necessary for our 4-H Clubs to successfully operate. In addition, funds will be used to offset cost, or in some cases provide full scholarships, for our teens to attend District Teen Retreat, 4-H Congress, NC 4-H Citizenship Focus, District Activity Day, etc., and for our volunteers to attend a variety of highly educational youth development trainings. Lastly, funds received will be used to provide awards (medals, trophies, etc.) for youth participants and to secure a properly trained judge that understands not only animal conformation, but also youth development, for our Chatham County Livestock Show.
- Chatham County 4-H Healthy Lifestyles — Funds received from United Way will allow us to reduce the registration fee for all participants to a more affordable price, and to provide full scholarship for youth requiring additional financial assistance. In addition, it will go toward purchasing new kitchen tools and equipment, as well as high quality fruits, vegetables, meats, etc. for youth to prepare during class.
- Chatham County 4-H School Enrichment — Funds received from United Way will be used to supplement each school enrichment program and ensure that teachers will have no cost associated with the listed programs:



- The Youth Incentive program will use funds to provide food, drinks, plates and napkins to each of the participating schools for three of the four nine-week grading periods.
- The Embryology program will use funds to purchase new candler, thermometers, brooder boxes, chick/duckling feed, and heat lamps will be bought for participating teachers. Over the past year, the number of teachers participating in the program has increased, therefore, it has been necessary to purchase new supplies, as well as replace supplies that are no longer functioning properly.
- The Butterfly program will use funds to purchase butterfly nets, curriculum, live larvae, and other supplies necessary to meet requested demands and continue this program for another successful year.

Please share a story about a Chatham resident this program helped and the impact it made...

Each of the Chatham County 4-H programs mentioned above have had a positive impact on the youth in our community. Through funds received from United Way, Chatham County 4-H has been able to provide programming to youth from all socio-economic backgrounds, allowing us to reach a larger number of youth in Chatham County. In 2018, 4,461 Chatham County youth were involved in 4-H youth development programming. Based on population estimates for 2018, as published in the Chatham County NC Quick Facts (U.S. Census Bureau), greater than one in three youth between the ages of five and eighteen participated in Chatham County 4-H programming. Without the assistance of United Way funds, the extent of our outreach would be much less.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Georgina Dukes offered a window into the new NCCARE360 program for the audience at last Thursday's United Way of Chatham County campaign kickoff luncheon. Dukes gave a brief overview of the new health care concept and the benefits of connecting resources to the community in this system.



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Joan Zollinger chats with Vicki Newell at the Chatham Literacy Council booth during last Thursday's United Way campaign kickoff.



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George Evans receives the Ormsbee Robinson Award from Jack Zollinger, past board chairman of the United Way of Chatham County, last Thursday. The award is the highest honor given by the local United Way.

New NCCARE 360 program connects social service providers with needy residents

BY CASEY MANN
 News + Record Staff

The United Way of North Carolina is embarking on a new program with the state to connect statewide resources for healthcare and human services providers with the resident consumers most in need. NCCARE360 partners the United Way with North Carolina 2-1-1, The Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation, Unite Us, Expound and the North Carolina Dept. of Health and Human Services. The system will connect providers, insurers and community organizations to each other and to residents. It also tracks statewide

and regional level data on outcomes. The program, which began this year, has already connected more than 15 counties in the state with several others in the process with a goal of serving 100 percent of North Carolina by the end of 2020. Planning for Chatham's system is currently underway. Unite Us Community Engagement Manager Megan Lee Carlson will be the point person for the program in Chatham during its development. The goal is to have the system active by December of this year. NC 2-1-1 Statewide Strategy Director Heather Black discussed the new program at the United

Way of Chatham County's campaign kick-off luncheon and annual meeting last Thursday at Governors Club. Black said the program was born out of the idea that an individual's health is more than healthcare. She said the goal of NCCARE360 is to "build a system of health that is focused on the person and helps them access the services and resources they need to be healthy" and "bridge the gap between healthcare and social services." On Friday, Dr. Mark McClellan, the founding director of the Duke-Marjolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University, spoke about NCCARE360 on WUNC's "The State of

Things." McClellan noted that the program is a "focus on outcomes rather than procedures." "A lot of medical problems are driven by things that aren't traditional medical costs," McClellan said, referring specifically to access to healthy food and a safe living environment. "There are a lot of social driven things in the environment that affect health. The goal (with NCCARE360) is to spend differently rather than spend more. It's giving more resources in community systems...and connecting healthcare to them." The program connects North Carolina's 2-1-1 resources for human services with doctors, insurers, and

other providers so residents can more easily navigate and access services for issues that affect health — including housing, food stability, interpersonal violence, transportation and employment. The program has already verified more than 1,000 organizations and 3,500 programs statewide that provide services to residents. Early reports indicate the program has begun to work. In Charlotte, the average amount of time between gathering information on a client to matching them with services to making a referral has shortened by more than 65 percent. NCCARE360 has also been active during Hurricane Dorian, providing residents

in active counties with access to information about emergency shelters, food and other needs that may arise as a result of a natural disaster. Black said this was particularly important for residents who do not have the financial ability to prepare for impacts of a storm. The program is privately funded, though it works in collaboration with the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. Black said this set-up would allow stability from year-to-year instead of relying on government officials for consistent funding. Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey.Mann@Chathamnc.com.

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Required Education and Experience Qualifications: High school diploma or high school equivalency supplemented by courses in mechanical, electrical, or plumbing trades. Moderate experience in the above trades. Possession of a valid North Carolina Driver's license. Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: Bilingual, Moderate experience in water and/or wastewater treatment plant maintenance, Grade I Wastewater or Grade C Water Certification (whichever is applicable).

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Required Education and Experience Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalency. Valid NC driver's license and NC Class B commercial driver's license upon hire. Three years' experience in water distribution or sewer collection system maintenance/construction. Two years equipment operations experience. NC Grade I Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator upon hire. NC Water Distribution Operator Grade C upon hire.

Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: Bilingual, NC Grade II Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator upon hire. NC Pesticide License upon hire. Additional Employment Requirements: Must obtain NC Grade II Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator within 12 months of hire. Must obtain NC Pesticide License within 12 months of hire. Annual Hiring Salary: \$35,262.00

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 409 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DORIS M. VAUGHN aka DORIS MANN VAUGHN**, 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 22, 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 22nd day of August, 2019. Ronald Edward Vaughn, Executor 8847 NC Hwy 87N Pittsboro, NC 27312 Au22,Au29,S5,S12,4tc

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CARY RESIDENTS IN CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

A **Municipal** election will be held on **October 8, 2019** in Chatham County, North Carolina to elect a **Mayor**, and an **At Large Council member** for the Town of Cary in Chatham County. There will be two Referendums on the ballot. Town of Cary Parks and Recreational, Facilities Bonds & Town of Cary Transportation Bonds. Only those voters registered in the Cary municipal boundaries in Chatham County are eligible to vote in this election. The polling place will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm on Election Day. The polling place for Cary voters in Chatham County will be located at: **East Williams Precinct - New Hope Church - 581 New Hope Church Rd in Apex. Voters who are registered in the New Hope Precinct will be temporarily transferred to the East Williams Precinct for this election only.** Those residents who are not registered to vote must register by **Friday, September 13, 2019**. You may register to vote at the Board of Elections office located at 984 Thompson Street, Suite D in Pittsboro or you may pick up a mail-in voter registration form at any public library or print a form on line at www.chathamnc.org/boe or www.ncsbe.gov. Any voter that has moved must notify the Board of Elections office. Persons wishing to register and vote after the registration deadline may appear in person at the one-stop absentee voting site, complete the voter registration application form and provide proof of residence by presenting valid documents showing current name and address. Voters are encouraged to register by the September 13, 2019 deadline.

Voters may apply for an absentee ballot by mail beginning **Monday, September 8, 2019**. The application must be submitted in person, by fax, e-mail at Electons@chathamnc.org or by mail to Chatham County Board of Elections office, P O Box 111, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The request must be on the new State Absentee Ballot Request form. The form can be found at the Elections webpage at www.chathamnc.org/boe or call the BOE office to obtain a copy, 919-545-8500. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**. The last day to receive your voted ballot at the Chatham County Board of Elections is by 5:00 pm on **October 8, 2019**. Absentee Ballots post-marked on or before Election Day and received by October 11, 2019 will be accepted and processed. You can vote One Stop Absentee voting in person beginning **September 18, 2019** at the Board of Elections office at 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312. One Stop voting hours at the Board of Elections office will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019 thru Friday, September 20, 2019 from 8 am until 5 pm, Monday, September 23, 2019 thru Friday, September 27, 2019, 8 am until 5 pm, Saturday, September 28, 2019, 9 am until 1 pm, and Monday, September 30, 2019 thru Friday, October 4, 2019. Early voting will only be available at the Board of Elections office. The last day to vote absentee in person at the One Stop site is **Friday, October 4, 2019, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm**. The polling place is accessible to the handicapped and to the elderly. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute, 163-166.8, any voter requiring assistance is entitled to such from a person of his or her choosing. Voter photo ID is not required for elections in 2019, but will be required in elections for 2020. If you have any questions regarding registration, absentee ballots or other election matters, please call the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 421 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **EMMA SUE 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 November 29, 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 August, 2019. Nathaniel Clark, Administrator 811 Driftwood Drive Siler City, NC 27344 Au29,S5,S12,S19,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 411 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SANDRA H. IHLY**, 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 29, 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 August, 2019. Kurt Ihly, Executor 1708 Turtle Ridge Way Raleigh, NC 27614 Au29,S5,S12,S19,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 392 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **RUTH ELIZABETH JONES**, 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, P. O. Box 294, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 29th 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 26th day of August, 2019. Elizabeth Ann Jones Eubanks P. O. Box 294, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 GUNN & MESSICK, LLP P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 Au29,S5,S12,S19,4tc

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CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

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the Estate of **PAUL IRVINE, JR.**, 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 present them to the undersigned at the address below on or before November 29, 2019, or this Notice will be plead in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons, firms, or corporations indebted to the Estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 22nd day of August, 2019. Paul Irvine, III Executor of the Estate of Paul Irvine, Jr. Stephanie B. Irvine Irvine Law Firm, PLLC 825-C Merrimon Ave #321 Asheville, NC 28804 (828) 424-7573 Au29,S5,S12,S19,4tp

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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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 5th day of September, 2019.
 Hollis W. Freeman, Executrix
 c/o Clarity Legal Group
 415 Wade Stedman Rd
 Stedman, NC 28391
 S12,S19,S26,O3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY
 All persons having claims against **JOAN EARLE CONDORET** aka JOAN E. CONDORET aka JOANIE CONDORET ("Joan Earle Condoret") of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 12th day of August, 2019, are notified to present them to Arielle Schechter, Executrix of the Estate of Joan Earle Condoret in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320, Exchange West at Meadowmont,

Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834, on or before December 19, 2019. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Joan Earle Condoret. Those indebted to Joan Earle Condoret are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. This the 12th day of September, 2019
 David R. Frankstone
 Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.
 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320
 Exchange West at Meadowmont
 Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
 S12,S19,S26,O3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM
 THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 30th day of August, 2019, as Executor of the ESTATE OF **BEVERLY A. HARLAND** A/K/A BEVERLY ANN HARLAND, Deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons,

firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of December, 2019 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 12th day of September, 2019.
JULIE HARLAND ROUSE, EXECUTOR
 ESTATE OF BEVERLY A. HARLAND
 A/K/A BEVERLY ANN HARLAND
 c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney
 Walker Lambe Rhudy Costley & Gill, PLLC
 Post Office Box 51549
 Durham, North Carolina 27717
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NOTICE OF DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER
 Old North State Water Company had a discharge of untreated wastewater on September 7, 2019 of an estimated 4,000 gallons near Hill Creek Blvd.

in the Briar Chapel Community. The discharge occurred from the result of a force main break. According to EnviroLink, Inc., the untreated wastewater entered an Unnamed Tributary to Pokeberry Creek which is in the Cape Fear River Basin. EnviroLink's staff found no evidence that the spill impacted surface water in the Cape Fear River Basin. However, as required, EnviroLink notified the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on September 8, 2019, and the Division of Water Resources is reviewing the matter. EnviroLink operates Old North State Water Company's wastewater collection system which provides service to the Briar Chapel Community. This notice is required by North Carolina General Statutes Article 21 Chapter 143.215.1C(a1). For more information please contact EnviroLink at (252)235-4900.
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF PITTSBORO

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on **Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock** in the Town Council Chambers of the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consider the following item:
 1. Proposed Zoning Text Amendment, Dan Morse, ZTA-2019-04 Text Amendment request for an alteration to density and recreation requirements for Planned Unit Developments.
 The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. The complete records are on file at the office of the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection during regular business hours or by appointment. Substantial changes in the proposed amendment may be made following the public hearing. The public is invited to attend. If you wish to make written comments, please send them

to the Town Clerk, Alice Lloyd, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at alfloyd@pittsboronc.gov.
 S12,S19,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 459
 NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **KEVIN JOHN WOOD** 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 December 12, 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 12TH day of September, 2019.
 Nancy Anne Wood, Administrator
 PO Box 64
 Pittsboro, NC 27312
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What is the status of nuclear waste storage at Shearon Harris power plant?

BY CHLOE ARRAJO
 Our Chatham

What is status of nuclear waste storage at Shearon Harris? How effective are local emergency management plans?

Nuclear waste, also known as radioactive waste, refers to the radioactive leftovers of a nuclear reaction.

Nuclear energy produces energy through a process called nuclear fission. In the process, neutrons break uranium atoms apart. Breaking these uranium atoms creates enough energy to turn water into steam. The steam is able to power a turbine, which is connected to a generator that produces electrical energy.

Power plants deal with nuclear waste according to federal standards set by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and they have procedures depending on their two categories of waste: high-level waste and low-level waste.

Low-level radioactive waste refers to material that has become radioactive after exposure to radioactive reactions. This waste includes clothing, equipment and cleaning supplies that have been exposed to radiation. Low-level waste is usually found in places that range from hospitals to nuclear power plants.

High-level waste refers to the uranium material

that nuclear reactors use as fuel. This category of waste is almost exclusively found in nuclear power plants, as they occur as a result of the nuclear fission process.

According to the 2017 U.S. report for the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, there are 1,575 metric tons of spent fuel at the Shearon Harris location – the largest amount of spent fuel among the nuclear waste storage sites in North Carolina. Others include the power plants in Brunswick County and Mecklenburg County in addition to the Harris power plant.

What are the local emergency plans?

If there was an emergency at the Harris nuclear plant, Duke Energy would contact local, state and federal authorities. These authorities have the power to activate sirens within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone around the nuclear plant.

Harris Nuclear Plant representative Michele Burton says that the emergency plans develop as a joint effort.

"When we plan for emergencies, we work with the counties that are within our zone," she said. "So, Wake County emergency management, Lee County, Chatham County emergency

management. We work collaboratively with them to plan for emergencies."

What comes next depends on the situation. There are a number of different actions that authorities could advise – including going inside, finding shelter and evacuation. All of the Harris Nuclear Plant's emergency preparedness information is compiled in an annual document.

In addition, Burton says that, every two years, the power plant practices their response plans in a federally graded exercise. This exercise is part of a requirement standard set by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"We respond to this drill like it was an actual emergency," Burton said. The Harris power plant hosted their last drill on April 30.

Associate Professor Igor Bolotnov specializes in nuclear engineering at N.C. State University. He is close with the Harris power plant – his home is five miles from it. He says that after the incident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, the United States gained insight into improvements that could be made in its own power plants.

"[Fukushima] was one of the major lessons in the U.S., in the sense of what would be the response time if there was a natural disaster," Bolotnov said.

As a result, Bolotnov said the United States spent millions per power plant to improve emergency structures to make them more effective. All of the post-Fukushima recommendations and regulations made by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission can be found here.

In terms of effectiveness of local emergency plans, Bolotnov says he feels safe living near the power plant.

"When I ask them this question, the answer is always 'It's unlikely something will happen,'" Bolotnov said. "But if it does happen, then it will cover much of the area. So, no matter where you are."

Nuclear Waste Complications

Nuclear waste is an issue that will take a long time to fix. Some waste, like Plutonium-239, for example, will take

thousands of years before it loses just half of its radioactivity.

Because nuclear waste is a long-term problem that will span multiple generations, finding a permanent solution has been tricky.

In 2002, Congress built off of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and proposed that the U.S. use Yucca Mountain to permanently hold nuclear waste in the United States. But opposition from politicians, including Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, have prevented development.

Until plans move forward for a permanent repository, the Harris Nuclear Plant's waste will sit on-site, at the bottom of a pool that's 40-feet deep.

For question-asker Billy Cummings, the first step to solving the problem is moving away from nuclear energy.

"First, we need to stop producing nuclear waste

because...we don't have any viable solution for it," Cummings said.

The issue of nuclear waste will become more prominent as long as we keep using the energy source. And it doesn't look like we're going to stop anytime soon. In 2017, North Carolina used nuclear energy to generate around one-third of its electricity.

Even with efforts to lessen risk against nuclear waste, Cummings isn't satisfied.

"A lot of these solutions are shortsighted, right?" Cummings said. "I mean, they're just expedient—people taking the easy way. We have to really get serious about the best ways to manage what we have."

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Dr. Ashley Morgenstern, DDS, MS, cuts the ribbon on her new office location in Chapel Hill last Friday, as friends, family, employees and Chamber members enjoy the celebration. Morgenstern is from New Hampshire and studied at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.



Pictured right, Ben Seymour, 7, looks proudly at his cousin, Dr. Ashley Morgenstern, DDS, as she shows him the X-ray machine at her new offices. He was one of Morgenstern's family members who came to the ribbon-cutting to support her in her new business. Morgenstern poses at her new dental practice at Knox Way in Chapel Hill in the left photo. She's been open in other locations for about a year before settling into this space. Morgenstern liked orthodontics in school, and the idea of being able to help a person improve their smile and watch them grow up and to improve their confidence is exciting.

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