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RACE RELATIONS IN CHATHAM COUNTY

Hindsight 2020: Moving forward from history

Local leaders address the subject of racism in today's context

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Editor's note: As Black History Month winds down, we talk — in a two-part series, concluding next week — with several local leaders about the state of racism and race relations in Chatham County, looking at where we've been, where we are now and where we could be headed.

More than 60 years later, the memory is vivid and potent. It was 1956. Summertime. Del Turner was 6 years old — a kid from New York City visiting her grandparents in Wake County, as she did every summer during her youth — and at the moment the long ago memory begins, she was thirsty. In a department store — Woolworths, or something like it, she remembers — on an outing with her granddad to buy lawnmower parts for a repair, the thirsty kid approached the fountain.



Howard

"I go to get a drink of water," Turner said, "and before I could bend my head, I was on the floor. My grandfather shoved me away from the fountain."

She didn't understand, and her grandfather, feeling his granddaughter too young to know, didn't explain.

"I, of course, I'm a kid," Turner said. "I start to cry and he takes me out of the store immediately and we get in the truck. And he broke down and cried."

At 6, Turner could read. "But I did not see the sign that said 'For Whites Only,'" she said.

"I did not understand until I was 10 what had happened," she said, "because he felt like I was too young. But at 10 I turned on the TV in New York and saw little girls that looked like me being attacked by dogs.



Turner



Thompson



Voller



That's when I knew this was the way it's going to be. It wasn't a good feeling."

Like "most young girls" at the time, Turner had been fascinated by Barbie dolls, and Marilyn Monroe "was like my idol," she said.

But "all that changed," she said, with her awareness that the God-given complexion of her skin somehow set her apart.

As Turner matured, white-complected Barbie and all-American icon Marilyn Monroe were supplanted by other heroes: black political activist Angela Davis; the Black Panther Party, which had organized in the mid-Sixties to combat police brutality in Oakland, California, before expanding its scope and opening chapters in cities across the United States; and human rights activist Malcolm X, whom Turner's father took her, when she was 11 or 12, to hear speaking to crowds in a bowling alley along Harlem's thoroughfare Lenox Avenue, which

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Referendum gives Chatham residents chance to expand beer sales options

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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There are two referenda on this year's primary ballot for all Chatham County residents. The first took multiple meetings of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to deliberate and finalize.

The second took about 15 seconds to formalize.

The commissioners authorized a referendum asking county residents whether they would like to allow "on-premises" sale of malt beverages at places like tap rooms and craft beer breweries with tasting rooms. After Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson presented the item at the board's Sept. 16 meeting, a motion was made nearly immediately and the board voted unanimously, without discussion to place the item on the ballot.

But the quickness of the vote doesn't necessarily mean it's a lock, if recent history indicates anything.

As of now, restaurants, hotels, breweries and other establishments are allowed to sell beer and other malt beverages like lager, ale, porter and other brewed or fermented beverage for on-premises consumption within the Towns of Pittsboro and Siler City. But in the county's unincorporated areas, the rules are a bit different — current regulations allow sale at hotels and motels, restaurants, private clubs, community theaters and convention centers. So places like Town Hall Burger & Beer in Briar Chapel, if they have a Malt Beverage Permit, can sell beer.

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Waiting in the cold



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

This saucer magnolia bud was unphased by last Thursday's snow. When it blooms in March, it will reveal a showy, goblet-shaped fragrant flower. See more photos on page A12.

MOLETA WADDELL IS LINK TO HISTORIC PAST

Pittsboro church celebrates parishoner's centennial birthday

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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PITTSBORO — On Saturday, February 29 — a Leap Day in this Leap Year 2020 — Moleta Waddell will officially celebrate her 100th birthday.

Friends and family gathered with the soon-to-be-centenarian following the 11 a.m. service last Sunday at St. Bartholomew's Church for an early observance. Seated at a table in the church's dining hall — a cake with "Happy 100th Birthday Moleta" inscribed in buttercream icing, and a stack of napkins with "100" printed on them, before her — Waddell was serenaded by her church family with a lively rendition of the "Happy Birthday" song, concluding the tune with "May the Good Lord bless you."

Waddell is the oldest of the Pittsboro church's approximately 160 com-

municants; she's also the last living link to St. James Episcopal Chapel, an offshoot of St. Bartholomew's built post-Civil War about a block away from St. Bartholomew's at the site of the present location of Pittsboro United Methodist Church's parking lot, on West Street.

St. James exists no more, but for decades it was an important part of church life in Pittsboro, for a segment of the town's populace.

"In 1833, a small group of white Episcopalians came together in Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consecrate St. Bartholomew's Church," according to a 2012 honors thesis written by Virginia Thomas about the church and its African-American offshoot, as part of Thomas' work through the American Studies Department of

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Staff photo by Randall Rigsbee

Moleta Waddell celebrates her upcoming 100th birthday — she becomes an official centenarian on Saturday — at her church, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Pittsboro on Sunday. Helping her celebrate are (from left) church member Molly Barnwell, Father Wilber and her son, Wayne Freeman.

Grand shares love of dance with Costa Rican youth

Pittsboro resident spending two years abroad with Peace Corps

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

LIMON PROVINCE, Costa Rica — Armed with degrees in Spanish and Global Studies, Pittsboro's Shannon Grand was looking for a little something different upon her 2018 graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill.

It wasn't long before she found herself in Costa Rica.

Grand planned to eventually teach high school Spanish, and that created a desire to live in a Spanish-speaking country for a significant

amount of time before beginning her teaching career. The Peace Corps, she said, offered that opportunity.

"To someone who is considering the Peace Corps, I would say that they should focus on learning the language really well and getting to know the people in the place where they live," Grand said. "Two years is a long time to be in another country but building relationships with the people around you will make a big difference in your experience."

In addition to her luggage

and a healthy dose of enthusiasm, she took something else with her on the flight to Costa Rica: her love of dance.

Grand started taking ballet when she was 4 years old and continued to dance until she graduated high school. Her mother was a dance teacher.

"Though she was never officially my dance teacher, she taught me a lot about being a dancer — and a person — when I was growing up," Grand said.

While in Limon Province in the Latin American nation, Grand serves as a volunteer with the Peace Corps' "Teaching English as a Foreign Language" program. She co-plans and co-teaches with Costa Rican English teachers in an elementary school in the country's public school system.

The program's goal is building capacity in English and education for the teachers, as well as promoting student participation in English inside and outside the classroom. Grand also coordinated some English conversation groups and a summer English camp for the children.

Soon after arriving, Grand was connected with a local Civic Center for the Peace, which was just opening at the time. The center provides a "safe, healthy environment for young people in the area to participate in arts, recreation, sports, and leadership activities," Grand said. Upon seeing that the center had a dance studio, she offered to teach a ballet class.

"The civic center was looking for instructors and we ended up coordinating several groups

of dancers, as well as adding a group in August because of additional interest," she said. "I ended up with five total dance groups at the civic center."

Grand began teaching in her free time during the week after school and on Saturdays. To close out the school year, which ends in December, 60 dancers from the five classes performed "The Nutcracker" for an audience of 400 people to "show everything the students had learned."

Many of the dancers, who ranged in age from 7 to 17, had never participated in formal dance before the classes. Since several of the students could not afford to go to dance studios in the area, some traveled

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

- **The Siler City Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 2, at the Town Hall Courtroom, 311 N Second Ave., Siler City.
- **The Chatham County Board of Education** is holding its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 9 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse, 9 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro.
- **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East St., Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

• **Census Countdown** - The League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham presents "Census 2020: Let's Make it Count!" from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Chapel Hill Public Library, at 100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill. The program will provide information about the Census, including volunteer opportunities and the importance of an accurate count. Jessica Stanford, demographic analyst with Carolina Demography, will present an overview of the Census, why it is important and the consequences of an undercount. Orange County Commissioner Renee Price, who heads the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee for Orange County, will highlight the process and the logistics of the Census. This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available.

• **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church** - We provide a healthy, appetizing meal at no cost to those who come to us hungry at noon on Thursdays. We provide a place of hospitality and fellowship for everyone. All are welcome, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religious preference, handicap, or income.

• **Chatham Community Library** - Volunteer genealogists are available to assist with family history research, whether your ancestors lived in Chatham County, the 50 states, or overseas. A genealogy volunteer is on site in the library most Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and other days and times by appointment. Call 919-545-8086 to make an appointment.

• **The Pittsboro Farmers Market** is open with seasonal items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East St., Pittsboro.

FRIDAY

• **Free Friday Music Jam** at the Oasis Open Air Market in Siler City from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30-7 every Friday. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, and sing while enjoying Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. If you

want to join, show up or email John Eichorn, johneichorn72@gmail.com.

SATURDAY

• **Explorer Hike**, Saturday Feb. 29 from 12 pm until... Leap into the New Year on a trail less traveled! Join Ryan Cadwalader of the Friends of Lower Haw on our inaugural Explorer Hike. This hike series will take participants off-trail to SNA areas rarely visited. Participants should be able to hike uphill on uneven terrain, clamber over fallen trees or rocks in creeks, duck and dance thru underbrush. If this sounds like an adventure you would enjoy, join us. Leave your four-legged companions at home. We will be exploring the area south of 64, towards Roberson Creek. Hike distance may be up to 5 miles roundtrip. Meet at the Highway 64 parking lot on the West (Pittsboro) side of the river, 348 River Access Road, Pittsboro.

SUNDAY

• On Sunday, March 1, the Pittsboro Business Association's monthly **First Sunday Street Fair** is returning for a new season, featuring arts and crafts vendors, other businesses and civic organizations, music, food, and children's activities. Many downtown businesses will also be open, along with the Historical Museum. Come enjoy this family-friendly event from 12 to 4 pm! More information about attending or becoming a vendor is available on our Pittsboro Business Association Facebook page, at www.shoppittsboro.com, and via email to the event coordinator at pittsborofirstsunday@gmail.com.

• The museum will be open for Pittsboro's First Sunday on March 1, from noon until 4 p.m. The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Adult and kid friendly; no admission fee. Our permanent exhibits cover all aspects of Chatham's unique history. The Museum is located in the historic Chatham County Courthouse in the circle. More info: https://chathamhistory.org.

MONDAY

• **Monday Morning Quilters** invites you to join our group who share the love of quilting and other needle arts. We spend the time working on our own projects, sharing ideas, fellowship, and snacks with one another. We would like to welcome you to our group. We have people from all over - you don't have to be a member of our church. We meet on Monday mornings from 9 to noon at Piney Grove UM Church, 2343 Piney Grove Church Rd., Siler City.

• **Writing Toward Resilience** has resumed, at the UNC Hospice Home Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a respite from your day - to reflect and write. Just drop in. No registration necessary. This weekly group is led by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and facilitator. There is no

requirement to read anything you write, but you may if you wish. SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare is located at 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro - behind Bojangles. Contact Ann Ritter with any questions, 984-215-2650.

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

• **Big Band swing and jazz sounds** from 2 to 5 p.m., every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store. The dance floor is open and bands rotate. For more information, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

UPCOMING

• Chatham Community Library announces Community Engagement Series: **The Hows and Whys of Waste Reduction** from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays in March, at the Library located at 17 NC 887N, Pittsboro. The series is free and open to the public. #1 - March 5, Where Does your Garbage Go? - #2 - March 12, Why is Recycling so Confusing? #3 - March 19, Composting: Turning Trash into Treasure; and #4 - March 26, Reducing your Waste: Waste Not, Want Not. - For further information, contact Katy Henderson at 919-545-8085 or kathy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org.

• Spring forward with the Friends of Lower Haw River as we take a hike in search of **Spring Ephemeral flowers**, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 8, with botanists Ken Moore and Kathy Buck. Ephemerals are the early flowers that emerge on the forest floor, grabbing their share of sunlight before the leaves come out on the trees. This will also be a good time to polish winter "Tree ID" skills. Registration is limited to 12 so please RSVP to lowerhawevents@gmail.com with "Spring Flowers" in the subject line.

• Join the gathering for the **Bluegrass Jam Circle** at Bynum Front Porch Pickin' and make music every 2nd and 4th Saturday throughout the year, at 950 Bynum Rd. The circle forms around 10 a.m. until 12ish. Singers, new pickers, (spoons, washboards) and audience

members are all welcome! This is an open circle type jam for all skill levels and ages. If you pick, bring your instrument (Acoustic instruments only). If you sing, bring your voice. Come to enjoy great music at the historic Bynum General Store. As always, the Circle Jam is free and open to the public!

• **The 85th annual Highfalls Old-Time Fiddlers' Convention** will be held Saturday, March 14, in the North Moore High School Auditorium in Robbins at 1504 N Moore Road. Registration from 4:30 to 7 p.m. - Admission will be \$7. - There will be a concession stand with BBQ sandwiches, Hot Dogs and Baked Goods; also a 50/50 Raffle. The ACC Basketball Tournament will be televised in the lobby. -- For sponsorship opportunities, contact Highfalls Elementary School at 910-464-3600, HFEFiddlers@gmail.com.

• **The Public Education Action Team** of the League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham counties and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools PTA Council invite the community to a public education forum from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the East Chapel Hill High School Auditorium, 500 Weaver Dairy Rd, Chapel Hill. Free parking is available. Join NC State Representative Graig Meyer, NC State Representative Ashton Clemmons and EdLaw Director from the NC Justice Center, Matt Ellinwood, to hear about the current state of public education policy in North Carolina. The discussion will address the Leandro court case, the recent WestEd report and the opportunity it presents for parents, educators, advocates and policymakers. Find out how YOU can take action to ensure state lawmakers meet their constitutional obligation and implement meaningful education reform in the 2020 legislative session. Free and open to the public.

• Free performances of **"The Lottery"** will be offered as part of the second-annual spring theater workshop at Jordan-Matthews High School. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, March 18 to select the cast of about 13 actors. Rehearsals will be after school, about twice a week, during March. "The Lottery" will be performed for students during school on Wednesday, March 26., and then for the public that evening at 7 p.m.

• **The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** meet at 7 p.m. on the third

Thursday of each month at the Seymore 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 Shirley-Ray@aol.com or 919-929-5359

• **The third Annual Becoming One Awards Ceremony and Banquet** will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro. For more information about being a part of the Celebration and Banquet or to be a sponsor, contact Sandra Reddick, Administrative Assistant at 919-663-3183 or email reddicksandra1945@gmail.com.

ALSO HAPPENING

• **The Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift shop** is having a **50% off Winter Sale** including winter wear and all shoes, boots, jewelry and purses. We have men's and women's clothing and shoes in all sizes. The sale will run until Saturday, Feb. 29. We now accept credit cards, with hours from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. We are in Pittsboro on the Courthouse Circle beside the Roadhouse. All proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

• **SECU tax preparers** are on hand in all locations across the state to answer questions and complete and electronically file 2019 federal and state income tax returns for members who are eligible to participate in our Low-Cost Tax Preparation Program now through tax season. Qualifying members can have both federal and state tax returns prepared and filed for a flat fee of only \$75.00.

• Until April 15, the Chatham County Council on Aging will host **Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** at its Pittsboro and Siler City Senior Centers. This free tax preparation assistance is offered through the IRS VITA Grant initiative. For an appointment, call 919-542-4512, ext. 225. --- Volunteers are needed for Saturday receptionists for this Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. For more information or to volunteer, contact Allison Andrews at 919-542-512 or allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

• Effective immediately, the Chatham County Board of Elections unanimously adopted a resolution to **relocate vot-**

ers from the Perry Harrison Elementary School located at 2655 Hamlets Chapel Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312. All registered voters that reside in the Mann's Chapel Precinct, will now vote at the CCC Health Science Building located at 75 Ballentrae Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312 for all future elections in Chatham County. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §163-128

• **2020 Primary Election Online Voter Guide: VOTE411.org** - The League of Women Voters of North Carolina announces the availability of VOTE411.org, their online 2020 Primary Election Voter Guide. The League's nonpartisan election resource offers voters a "one-stop shop" for all things election related. Visit VOTE411.org, enter your address and see: Your customized ballot; Candidate profiles and responses to questions in the candidate's words; Where and when to vote; Voter registration status, and more. Voters can see a candidate's unedited responses, compare the responses from multiple candidates in a contested race, make their choices, and keep a copy of their choices to take to the polling place. VOTE411.org is a user-friendly tool designed to help voters make informed choices and simplify the voting process.

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• **Chatham Habitat for Humanity** is seeking groups - corporate, school, neighborhood, etc. - to volunteer on their Siler City build sites. Build days are on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For more information, visit chathamhabitat.org/volunteer, or email rachelh@chathamhabitat.org

• **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. All prospective volunteers must complete an on-line 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.

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Sixty Costa Rican students performed 'The Nutcracker' to a crowd of 400 family members and friends. The parents worked to make costumes, build sets and organize dancers during the performance.

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more than an hour to the center. The parents of the children participated as well, making costumes, building sets and helping organize the dancers during the performance.

a collaboration between parents, students, civic center staff, and myself," Grand said. "It could not have happened without the community's participation and engagement in the project."

For Grand, it was a stimulating event.

"For me, this experience can be summed up by the moment the show began," she said. "All

the dancers on the stage with the civic center coordinator for a picture, and in the audience the parents and families of the dancers, my host family and the friends I've made in town, the Peace Corps volunteers from the area and some Peace Corps staff, the staff and volunteers at the Civic Center, and my mom visiting from the

States... It brought together everyone that has helped, coached, and supported me throughout the process and made the performance what it was."

Grand still has another year of teaching in Costa Rica ahead of her. As she finishes up "summer" camp and begins another academic year, she is teaching dance



Submitted photo

Shannon Grand (right) is spending two years teaching English in Costa Rica with the Peace Corps. While there, she is teaching ballet classes to 60 students, culminating in a performance of 'The Nutcracker'.

camp three times a week. "I'm looking forward to seeing what the new year will bring," she said.

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the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Prior to the Civil War, many white members of the church brought slaves to services and baptized them into the church; they sat, according to Thomas' thesis, in the "slave gallery" in the balcony of St. Bartholomew's.

In 1879, "in keeping with efforts by other Episcopal Churches in North Carolina to segregate their churches, a prominent white member of St. Bartholomew's proposed that the parish build a mission for the now free blacks who had attended the Church as slaves of white members."

St. James Episcopal Chapel was soon established.

A cornerstone of the black community, the black church began a

Sunday school and parochial school for black children and for several decades the church fulfilled an important role.

With the eventual end of the Jim Crow era later in the 20th century, "black Episcopalians were invited to return to the mother church, as it was, and lots of folks did," said Al Capehart, one of St. Bartholomew's communicants.

And one of those folks was Moleta Waddell, who became a member of St. James 92 years ago, at the age of 8. Waddell in 1968 joined the "mother church," St. Bartholomew's on West Salisbury Street, a block away from the black offshoot church.

Somewhere around that time, St. James was burned — intentionally, for volunteer fire department personnel training — leaving no remaining trace of the old structure today.

Waddell is the last living link to St. James' and St. Bartholomew's historic

past. "It's just amazing and wonderful that she's here with us and we're able to celebrate that part of our church's history through her," Capehart said.

Waddell was one of seven children, all of her siblings now deceased, including a sister who lived to the age of 104.

Church has long been important to her and she continues to be an active member of St. Bartholomew's as she approaches her 100th year.

"She reads her Bible every day," said church member, and Waddell's friend, Carolyn Townsend. "Church is a real significant part of her life."

Waddell still lives at home, said Townsend, who routinely stops at McDonald's to pick up Waddell's "favorite take-away meal, Chicken McNuggets," when she visits.

"She takes good care of herself," Townsend said.

Dressed in a bright red jacket, a pink

ribbon and rose pinned to it over her heart, Waddell made her way with the help of a cane into the dining hall after Sunday service, where she took a seat of honor at the head of a table.

Her sons, Wayne Freeman and Rudolph Kirby, accompanied her and joined in the singing of "Happy Birthday," after which Waddell sliced the first piece of cake.

A wide smile breaking on her face, Waddell appeared moved by the warm attention.

"Thank you," she said. "Thank you all so much."

Waddell, born during a Leap Year, has an actual birthday — meaning a birthday that falls on the 29th of February — only every four years, noted Anna Deese, the church's sexton, though she prefers the title of church "nana."

"She's actually only 25," Deese joked. Randall Rigsbee can be reached at rigsbee@chathamnr.com.

BEER:

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The referendum on the primary ballot would expand those rights to places like craft breweries and tasting rooms. Examples of those include House of Hops and Fair Game Beverage Company in Pittsboro. But those types of establishments could not exist in unincorporated areas as of now.

That was recognized within the commissioners' resolution authorizing the referendum: "While certain opportunities already exist within Chatham County for the on premises sale of alcoholic beverages, the County has recognized gaps in the types of permits that may be legally obtained within the County under current authority."

The Town of Pittsboro has allowed these types of sales since 1971, and the Town of Siler City authorized on- and off-premises sales of both malt beverages

What's currently allowed in Chatham?

Malt Beverages

- ✓ Sales for "Off-Premises" Consumption
- ✓ Sales for "On-Premises" Consumption
 - Hotels and Motels
 - Restaurants
 - Private Clubs
 - Community Theaters
 - Convention Centers
- ✗ No "On-Premises" Consumption in businesses like event venues and non-food selling breweries

Courtesy of Chatham County

and unfortified wine this past November. But those votes were not sure things — 53 percent of Siler City residents voted yes for malt beverages and 54 percent voted in favor of the unfortified wine referendum.

After the Siler City referendum, Oasis Open Air Market Owner Jackie Adams said she felt the change would "put Siler City on par to make headway in social and economic

endeavors as other small successful N.C. towns have done already." This economic angle was referenced in Thompson's presentation to commissioners last September, as he cited the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan's goal to "diversify the tax base and generate more quality, in-county jobs to reduce dependence on residential property taxes, create economic opportunity and reduce

'Bottle shops and craft breweries are most often locally owned small businesses, and frequently serve as community gathering spaces. This is a good opportunity for the expansion of both new and existing businesses.'

ALYSSA BYRD, president, Chatham Economic Development Corp.

out-commuting."

North Carolina ranks 7th nationally for the number of breweries that brew and sell craft beer in the state with craft beer sales creating an economic impact of \$2 billion annually, according to the Brewers Association. The industry also creates about 12,000 jobs and \$300 million in annual wages in the state. It's seen a boom in recent years, going from 45 such breweries in 2010 to 260 in 2018.

Asked about the referendum, Chatham Economic Development Corporation President Alyssa Byrd said not only would the referendum create "consistent" rules across the county, it would improve quality of life in

the area.

"Bottle shops and craft breweries are most often locally-owned small businesses, and frequently serve as community gathering spaces," she said. "This is a good opportunity for the expansion of both new and existing businesses."

The ballot item asks voters to say yes or no to the statement "To permit the 'on-premises' and 'off-premises' sale of malt beverages." Early voting continues until Saturday, and primary election day is March 3.

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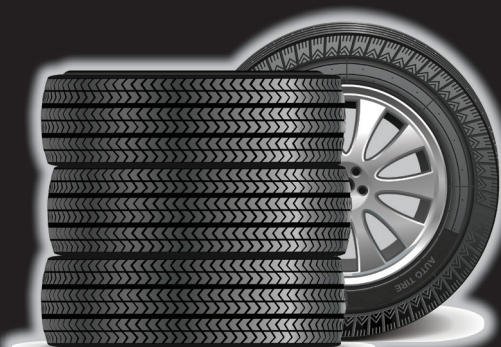


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Enlightened or brainwashed? Depends on your perspective

"Well, I guess the brain-washing class is over now."



BILL HORNER III
From The
Publisher's Desk

It was a throw-away comment, but more than a week later I'm still mulling it. It was uttered on a gorgeous, sunny Saturday as a group of us walked out of Pittsboro's Ag Center. We were part of a crowd of more than 200 who'd just listened to a two-hour panel discussion about the Civil War which featured three history professors and a sweeping look at narratives that elucidated the war and its aftermath — a presentation featuring documented facts and perspectives which, I have to say, changed a few of the long-held notions I had about the war and how we collectively remember it. I'd attended "The Civil War

Today" discussion, which was sponsored by Chatham For All and Abundance NC, because I was curious. I have more than a passing interest in the Civil War (a fact to which shelves of Civil War-related books in my library will attest), plus I'm endlessly curious about history. Besides, the session was originally billed as "A House Divided," and that highly piqued my curiosity — a "house divided" is the notion that was always the foundational basis of my interest in that great conflict. Division. Brother vs. brother. Familial fragmentation. A united nation torn asunder.

The warring Twitter accounts of its time, only with bullets. Some things haven't changed, obviously, as anyone who's spent any Saturday in Pittsboro lately can attest. I didn't see who made the "brain-washing class" comment, but it came from one the small handful of Confederate flag-wavers gathered near the entrance to the Ag Center who were there

to put on a show and, as one of them told me, "exercise my First Amendment rights."

I'm all about the First Amendment, but freedom of speech works best when proclaimed without a mocking, caustic tone.

What bothered me most was that I was quite certain the disdainful man who made the "brain-washing" remark wouldn't have said or believed that — had he only taken a couple of hours out of his day to listen in on the discussion we'd just heard. To condemn something without examining it is pretty short-sighted, and the sincere nature of the presentations — and the listeners — told me we were all taking it pretty seriously.

Of course, I realize he was probably thinking something along the same lines as he watched us file out of the Ag Center: "If these elitist idiots would only get educated," I envisioned him reflecting about us, "they'd be standing out here with us, bearing their own flags."

So which of us were brainwashed? And which of us were enlightened and self-aware?

I read a blog post this week that made an interesting claim: there's so much hate and unhappiness in the world, author Brene Brown says, because people lack self-awareness. The post went on to claim:

- We all experience pains and traumas of one kind or another as children, leaving us vulnerable and afraid.

- To protect ourselves, we develop "emotional armor" in the form of psychological defense mechanisms. We use sarcasm, for example, to avoid being vulnerable.

- Even though these defense mechanisms may have been useful at a young age, by the time we reach adulthood, their side effects are seriously sabotaging our lives in the form of broken relationships, addictions, narcissism and even violence.

- These unhelpful behaviors persist and grow because we don't see them. And so we plod along in a daze of unhappy

denial, continuing to make ourselves and the people around us miserable.

"Fundamentally," Nick Wignall wrote in the post, "self-awareness isn't a trait you're born with; it's a set of habits you can learn to cultivate."

Or learn not to.

The key? Simple, says Wignall. To grow self-awareness, you must:

- Listen more than you talk
- Be curious about your own mind
- Look for your emotional blind spots
- Ask for feedback frequently (and take it well)
- Take time to reflect on your values

My friend Bob Pearson reminds us, "It's not possible to lecture someone into a different understanding." The "Today" panel discussion — aside from being far from a lecture — was partly about thinking about how we think, about examining how we examine. The flag-waver needed that, but so did I.

A quick, painless perfect storm

It's become accepted etiquette to lampoon our response to snow and ice here in the central part of the Tar Heel State.



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

Just a bit of snow — and just a bit is sometimes all we see around here in a given winter season, if that — can temporarily cripple our routines.

Memes abound that mock our inability to function when frozen precipitation falls. By now, it may be beyond stale to make fun of our propensity to stock up on bread and milk and whatever else edible we can get our hands on amid long lines at the grocery stores; but we still, at the mention of snow, rush for supplies, and we still make fun of everybody (else) who does it.

Last Thursday afternoon, with snow already in process and wasting no time accumulating as a white blanket on the ground, I had all the milk and bread I could foresee needing, but lacking adequate dog biscuits, I braved the elements for the requisite snow-time grocery run.

My timing couldn't have been better. The store was crowded with folks clutching milk and bread but I breezed past them to the pet food aisle, which was empty of people since no bread or milk is stored there, grabbed a box (on sale, no less!) and reversed my steps back to a nearly vacant express lane. I'd had no reason to time the transaction but was in and out, purchase in hand, in under five minutes, which in itself felt like a winter weather victory. With past snow events, I've stood in lines that snaked well into the aisles towards the meat department, commiserating with the folks in the line with me. Snow makes us friendly.

Mock us, if you must, northern transplants. I'm not saying we don't deserve it. But I've come to accept our SASR (Southern Automatic Snow Response) as a point of regional pride.

When it snows here, you hunker down and wait it out; nobody wants to do that hungry.

In the case of last week's regional mini-version of a snow storm, it was — in some ways — the perfect storm.

It hit late week, prompting school cancellation on Thursday and Friday, which by dovetailing into the weekend are better days to miss school than any other weekday pairing I can think of.

It came with plenty of warning, giving us scaredy-cat central North Carolinians (we're cut from a slightly different cloth than our western and eastern brethren) plenty of time to make it to the market.

Power outages, at least in our immediate area, didn't appear to be a problem during our winter tease last week, which meant we could enjoy the Thursday evening snowfall in climate-controlled comfort and not miss any television.

Like I said: the perfect storm.

With flaky, wet snow still gently falling on my roof and showing no sign of abating when I turned in for the night, I expected a thorough covering on the landscape by morning, but when I arose and peaked outside sometime just before 6 Friday morning, I was a little disappointed. My back yard, which logically got the same amount of snow as the front, was lush and green. Looking out the front window, the road was not only clear, it didn't even appear wet.

Since it had been less than 24 hours since the first traces of snow had fallen the day before, I could hardly blame anything even akin to cabin fever for my desire, an hour or so after I awoke Friday and checked out conditions outside from the comfort of inside, for fast food; but that's what I wanted.

Considering my McMuffin run to be a trial run to test the roads before heading to work, I ventured out and found roads to be generally fine. There may have been some traces along my route to fast food of the "black ice" television news never tires of warning us about, but it posed no problem.

Plenty of pioneering souls had already ventured out before me. The length of cars in the drive-thru line was testament.

I secured the food I needed and made my return home, also without incident. And not only were there no incidents, the blue sky that the morning after had brought was beautiful, even more so contrasted against the white snow-laden branches of the pines.

It may send us into fits when it's forecast, but it's nevertheless lovely to see snow here once in a while.

Even lovelier when it leaves quickly, as it did last week.

Like I said: the perfect storm.



Seven days or a week — all the same to Mama

A significant number of folks are, have been or soon will be infected with what we may delicately call "the Chatham County crud."



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

For some folks it's more a full blown case of the flu, for which many took a shot weeks ago only to find that some of the flu going

around and some of the shots weren't on the same page.

So much for advance planning... except where it did work.

Others of us are suffering with one "bad" cold (is there any other kind than "bad"?), after another while still more folks find they are infected with a less than stellar — perhaps the better word is "lousy" — set of sinususes.

Put me down in that latter category.

In their desire that I not forget them ever, my folks gave me not only lousy genes as far as orthopedic issues are concerned but they also, especially my dear mama, gave me the worst set of sinus cavities known to mankind. To add insult to injury, when said head and nose areas would go over to the enemy, my dear departed mama would tell me that "every time a cold wind blew" across my rear end I would catch a cold.

Thanks, Mama. I would be less than truthful,

however, if I did not tell you that even though the dear lady was part and parcel of my misery she was also a big part of my getting well...until the next time.

No antibiotics for me, no Z-packs, no this or that from the corner drugstore or doctor's office or even emergency rooms, especially since there weren't all that many around.

No siree. When I got sick, became ill, was under the weather, I — and maybe you with your mama — got a combination of the following and in large number: hot lemonades; Vicks Vaporub on the chest, on the neck (complete with a large handkerchief tied around my throat) upside the temples, and even on the feet with a pair of socks; lots of tomato soup; some chicken noodle soup; water, more water and Cokes and Pepsis; and a few things I can't or won't or refuse to remember since they were so bad.

Truth be told, in a strange — I guess — sort of way I kinda liked getting sick when I was a little boy, especially since it wasn't fatal. One reason was I could miss a few days of school. As a little guy that was cool; as a teenager I didn't like it. But another big reason was Mama would let me stay in and sleep in her big ol' bed, complete with bedside table and the only radio in the house other than the one in the kitchen where the 6 p.m. news, weather and sports from WPTF took all of five minutes.

Compare that with the talking heads today who chat about this

and chat about that, and their favorite movies and everything under the sun, except what you tuned in for.

Anyway, in addition to the radio, I had my latest stack of comic books, the aforementioned food, and a pile of books. After downing three hot lemonades, some tomato soup and enduring a good tummy rub of Vicks, I'd take up the comic books until Mr. Sandman took over. But then, upon awakening, I was still in Mama's bed, the comics were still there and Bill Jackson was on the radio. It was on that radio while I was in that bed that I heard a recording of the "beep beep" of Sputnik when the Russians sent the thing into orbit in 1957.

Depending on the nature and severity of the illness and the effect of the various drugs and treatment, I would, on average, be sick for either a week or for seven days.

As time has passed since those days (and years) I've had a few more instances of flu, colds and lousy sinus issues and lately, it seems, they hang around longer.

It could be because I've had a few birthdays since 1957 and my once dynamic body and immune system is less than it was. But I'm thinking a big reason may be I'm not in Mama's bed. Come to think of it, I don't even know where it is, a victim of breaking up house-keeping after she left us.

And while the nurse I live with does a mighty good job, I can't get Bill Jackson on the radio anymore. What a pity...

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GUEST COLUMN | KAREN HOWARD,
CHATHAM COMMISSIONER

‘FOR’ the sales tax: A quarter of a penny for Chatham County

How we choose to live in our community and what we believe about ourselves and our neighbors is a matter of the stories we tell. In 2020 we get to decide what story we will tell ourselves and our children about what we value.

This year’s ballot in Chatham County includes a referendum to add a quarter of a penny to the sales and use tax. When passed, it will bring Chatham’s tax rate into closer alignment with that of virtually every county around us.

The tax would amount to 25 cents for every \$100 spent, and does not apply to unprepared food or gasoline. It is estimated that it would provide an additional \$1,600,000 to the county.

Here is the story that quarter of a penny can

tell about us.

In 2020 the people of Chatham County decided that caring for each other was worth a quarter of a penny. We collectively said that addressing housing affordability for our teachers, police and sheriff’s officers, firemen and women, shopkeepers, librarians, bus drivers, custodial and cafeteria workers, wait staff, gardeners and so many others who cannot find affordable housing in our communities was worth a quarter of a penny. We decided that increasing our investment in education for children across the county from pre-K through community college was worth a quarter of a penny.

In 2020 we proved that as a community we were serious about our commitment to local farmers and that

the preservation of agricultural land which could ease some of their financial burden was certainly worth a quarter of a penny. And in 2020, because we believe in the value of our natural environment and that it is an essential element of our quality of life, Chatham County chose to enhance amenities and infrastructure at parks across the county so that residents could enjoy walking trails, play areas for children of all ability levels, sports and activities, community events and more in our beautiful natural environment.

That is the story I would choose, and I hope you will choose to let that be the story we can all tell.

Karen Howard is chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

LETTERS

Sales tax opposition provokes reaction

TO THE EDITOR:

It would seem that the movement against the sales tax increase has provoked a reaction. The Democrats have seen fit to spend the better part of \$1,000 (minimum order of that sized sign plus fence posts for display) to get a response up.

That tells me that they really want that money, while telling you that it is “only a quarter penny.” So it is needed funding for government, while it is only a pittance.

If that weren’t cynical enough, they also declare the new money is for “schools, affordable housing and family farms,” all laudable targets, knowing full well that the sales tax goes into the general ledger and can be spent any way they decide to budget it.

The Democrats have made it clear that raising property taxes through valuation and legally mandated assessment increases is not enough. Anybody in the north and east sections of Chatham who had their property values skyrocket due to your proximity to Chatham Park, take a gander at your new property tax levels. Then the question that follows should be: how much more money do these people need?

Get out and vote this week. Early voting at the four sites runs until Saturday, weekdays 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Voting on Tuesday, March 3rd, is at all your local voting places, running from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Enough is enough.

Bill Crawford
Pittsboro

Why do local teacher pay supplements matter?

TO THE EDITOR:

Traditional public schools in North Carolina have three major funding streams including federal, state and local county funds. In the 2019-2020 school year, the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction stated 58 percent came from the state, 9 percent from the federal government and 33 percent from local county funds.

Given there is much current discussion about local taxation and the proposed county sales tax increase of .25 percent, I hope the following will help people to make an informed decision on ways to support local public schools.

In 2020, the importance of local county funding in public education is imperative in N.C., as we rank 39th in the nation for per-pupil spending. N.C. ranks 37th in the nation in teacher pay and, adjusted for inflation, teacher salaries are still down 9.4 percent since 2009. With a teacher shortage nationwide, including North Carolina, recruiting and retaining teachers is urgent, and our local supplemental pay is crucial. North Carolina, in particular, loses teachers to other states and some teachers leave the profession altogether. In Chatham County specifically, there is a potential to lose teachers across county lines in search of pay increases.

Across the state, Chatham holds one of the top positions for teacher supplemental pay, but regionally, our average supplement is still below surrounding districts which can encourage teacher attrition. In the 2019-2020 school year, teacher average local supplements (which vary dependent on teacher experience) were:

- Wake County Schools - \$8,569
- Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools - \$8,466
- Durham County Schools - \$7,487
- Orange County Schools - \$6,522
- Chatham County Schools - \$6,481

Attracting and retaining quality staff is essential for an effective education, student success and supports our local community’s health and vibrancy as a place to live and work.

Until the state of N.C. significantly increases per-pupil spending, local taxpayer dollars help ensure our schools are sufficiently funded to continue academic success in the Chatham County Schools.

Jaime Detzi
Pittsboro

(Detzi is the executive director of the Chatham Education Foundation.)

Chatham’s GOP fixated on killing revenue sources that the public supports

TO THE EDITOR:

The local Republican Party seems fixated on stopping any efforts to provide alternative revenue sources to our county in order to provide funds for programs that a majority of the electorate supports.

This is evidenced by the platforms of the county commissioners and the results of the elections of 2014, 2016 and

2018.

Their opposition is knee jerk and predictable without much historic context regarding the issue of alternative revenue sources for our community.

Local media has provided a bit of the history in its coverage of referendums that have been our ballot over the years.

Of specific interest was the success of liquor-by-drink, which was passed despite no support from the local Republican Party (CCGOP) in 2009 and the failed effort to pass the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) in 2007 that was opposed by the local Republican Party and affiliated groups.

Had the LTT passed in 2007 our county would currently be receiving nearly \$3.4 million dollars a year from property transfers — a fee that would be mostly funded by new growth in the county — a policy that a majority of the voters supports.

This effort by the local Republican Party and other aligned forces to kill the LTT in 2007 has cost the county coffers over \$27 million since 2008 and thus meant that the Chatham County board of commissioners has had less flexibility with real property tax rates and funding much needed programs and policy initiatives.

Folks, that is real money.

As a longtime citizen, taxpayer and property owner in Chatham County I would like to know how the local CCGOP proposes to make up for this continuous budget shortfall that they caused — a shortfall that increases every year.

Who knows, after 2020 their truculence may be costing us \$4 million dollars a year for killing the LTT in 2007. These are funds that could be invested in our schools, aging local infrastructure and our water quality.

So if they succeed in stopping this small sales taxes increase on March 3rd — an increase that would put us in line with Harnett, Lee and Moore counties — what is their plan to make up for shorting investments in our community?

Ask their indicted billionaire mega-donor Greg Lindberg to write annual checks?

He is currently busy on trial in federal court with former CCGOP Chairman John Palermo and likely not taking calls.

The better bet is to pass the referendum which will only cost me 25 cents on every \$100 spent excluding gas and food at the grocery.

I think this widow on a fixed income can afford that to better our community.

Virginia Penley
Pittsboro

‘Do the Right Thing’ — An open letter to Bernie Sanders

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Bernie: I begin by making it clear that I am a lifelong Democrat, following in the footsteps of my father and his father. I am also an “Anybody But Trumper.” For that reason, I feel compelled to appeal to your conscience and better judgment. You were not able to win the nomination four years ago, and you are not electable now. I personally believe, without specific numerical evidence, that you may be THE reason, or at least a major contributing reason, why we now have Donald Trump sleeping in the White House. You have spent the past four years promising that which you can never deliver to a public hungry for change. In so doing, I believe that you have disillusioned many, particularly young and energetic, voters, who, upon your failure to be nominated, decided to sit out the 2016 election, leaving us with losses in key Electoral College states.

My fear is that you are, once again, jeopardizing our chance to unseat Trump, and possibly undermining our ability to win back the Senate. Our country needs to eradicate the Trump stigma in Washington. Upon that fact we all agree. To do so, we MUST nominate a Democratic candidate who is electable. Your avowed policies of healthcare for all, elimination of student debt, etc., are utopian pipe dreams which will not, in our lifetimes, be politically achievable, even if philosophically desirable. We must be pragmatic, so that we can achieve our number one goal of beating Trump in November. You, I believe, are not the candidate who can attract sufficient number of independent and moderate Republican voters, who will be needed to win in November.

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING. Put country before your own political ambitions, and drop out of the race before it is too late. Use your influence, and considerable experience, to select an electable moderate candidate, and throw your support to that candidate, before it is too late, before you disaffect more impressionable voters, and before you become the cause of four more years of Trump.

Ed Sheehan
Chapel Hill

GUEST COLUMN | JOE COLETTI,
JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

‘NO’ on the sales tax: Too much too soon

Every promise from a politician has an expiration date, especially when it comes to new taxes, like the proposed quarter-cent sales tax hike on the ballot in Chatham County. Voters across the state have caught on, however, and have rejected 59 of the 79 sales tax hikes proposed since 2012.

County commissioners have had a hard time taking “no” as an answer, and voters in some counties have rejected sales tax increases up to six times in the past decade. Chatham County is the only one of six counties with a quarter-cent sales tax on the ballot this election that has not tried before.

Unlike most counties that have put a tax hike on the ballot, Chatham County commissioners have not promised to dedicate the bulk of the new tax to education. In fact, they have not made many promises about where much of the money would go at all. “I think the affordable housing is a clearly demonstrated need and would expect get the lion’s share,” Commissioner Jim Crawford said in October, “but I also like the idea of also finding out what else could be there.” When commissioners passed a resolution for the sales tax the following month, they offered to use the \$1.6 million in new revenue for “Affordable Housing, Education, Parks & Recreation, and Agricultural Preservation & Enhancement.”

This scattershot approach echoes Mecklenburg County’s campaign for a sales

tax increase last fall. The proposal there began with a task force recommendation to pour more county money into Charlotte’s struggling Arts and Science Council, but a quarter-cent sales tax would have generated 38 times more revenue each year than the task force sought. In the end, county commissioners proposed dedicating half of the tax hike to the arts council, a third to parks and greenways around the county and in specific towns, and the remainder to teachers. Voters rejected the tax by a 14-point margin.

In contrast, Forsyth County commissioners, in their effort 16 months ago, promised to use sales tax revenue for a new Hall of Justice. Voters said no by an even wider 36-point margin, so county commissioners added three cents to the property tax — even though they only needed a fraction of that to cover construction costs over the next decade. The extra penny appears now to have been intended as leverage for another attempt to pass the sales tax. Commissioners in Forsyth say they will use the sales tax revenue, equivalent to 3.8 cents on the property tax, to give teachers a raise and repeal the excess property tax increase. County commissioners are not willing to raise the property tax further or find savings to raise teacher pay without the sales tax. If voters don’t approve the sales tax hike, teachers may not get a raise, but will county commissioners hope to keep collect-

ing and spending \$3.7 million in what they acknowledge to be excess property taxes?

Forsyth commissioners are not the worst when it comes to questionable claims about sales tax revenues. Back in November 2011, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College President Hank Dunn proclaimed, “The truth is the quarter-penny will go to A-B Tech, and anyone who says differently is just wrong.” Within 18 months, county commissioners began using the money promised to the community college for general expenditures. Not until 2018, after the former county manager went to trial for corruption and an interim manager examined the county’s books, did it become clear that commissioners had diverted \$15 million to general fund expenditures.

Counties across North Carolina have seen the sales tax as a less controversial way to raise money than the property tax. Higher sales tax rates allow the counties to mask the cost of government by keeping the property tax rate low. Chatham County just increased the property tax rate 4.2 cents in June, and the sales tax would be the equivalent of another 1.5-cent increase on top of that. Chatham county voters have a choice to make: either give a thumbs-up to higher taxes, or tell the commissioners this is too much too soon.

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Can Bernie Sanders be stopped?

Are you, like me, waiting to vote in the upcoming primary until the South Carolina results give us a better idea about who the viable Democratic presidential candidates are going to be?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

In 1984 local Democrats in Iredell County faced a similar dilemma. In a three-way Democratic primary race for a congressional seat, there were three candidates: a liberal, a conservative, and me, the one in the middle. The local party leadership supported the conservative candidate, State Senator Ben Tison. They believed that he would be most likely to win support from the mostly conservative local electorate

in the November general election.

They also knew that they would have a tough time supporting a liberal congressional candidate in the fall election. They knew it would be hard to hold their traditional Democratic base together for the rest of their party's ticket.

When Tison was eliminated in the first primary, I rushed to Mooresville to ask for support in the run-off against liberal Mecklenburg County Commissioner Susan Greene. I still remember the endorsement their leader gave me. "What we need to win this fall is a conservative Democrat. And D.G. is the closest thing that we got."

Today's North Carolina Democrats, who fear they cannot beat Donald Trump with Bernie Sanders, do face a dilemma something like the one that was before the Iredell County Democrats in 1984. But today's

challenge is more serious and difficult.

After Nevada, Sanders, with solid support from a host of Democrats, faces a scattered group of candidates, any one of whom might be able to beat Trump in the fall. But none of them can beat Sanders, as long as the entire group is in the race.

In other words, while any one of them by him or herself might be able to gather enough support to beat Sanders in North Carolina's March 3 primary, none could do it if the votes are split among former Vice President Joe Biden, former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, Senator Amy Klobuchar, former Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and others, including the complicating candidacy of Senator Elizabeth Warren.

So how do "Never Bernie Sanders" Democrats keep the inevitable Sanders nomination from happening?

Maybe it would be impossible.

The *New York Times* columnist Ross Douthat suggests how it could happen. He wrote after the Nevada caucuses, "Against an unconventional front-runner, unconventional measures are required."

He concedes that there are no sure-fire unconventional measures such as several candidates coalescing around one strong one.

"There isn't an obvious unity ticket equivalent for the non-Sanders Democrats, but the dynamic between Bloomberg, Biden and Buttigieg is worth watching," he wrote. "They are all positioned as moderate alternatives to the Sanders revolution, and after South Carolina and Super Tuesday one of them may look a lot more viable than the others. In which case two of the B's swiftly dropping out and just

as swiftly campaigning and fund-raising for (or simply funding, in Bloomberg's case) the third might be the only chance at a not-Sanders consolidation.

"And that chance is worth taking" because, as Douthat writes, "a world where Sanders is on track to get a clear delegate plurality in late March is probably a world where he gets a majority by May."

Maybe the results of the South Carolina primary will point the way to a better strategy to slow down the Sanders juggernaut.

I will wait and see before I vote on March 3, but I am not holding my breath.

D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch" at 11 a.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Tuesdays on UNC-TV. The program also airs on the North Carolina Channel at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and other times.

Court decision should produce budget deal

For many months now, Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper and the Republican-led General Assembly have been at an impasse. The legislature enacted a state budget plan for the 2019-20 fiscal year that included pay raises for teachers and state employees, more state funds for school construction, and money to implement cost-saving reforms of North Carolina's Medicaid program.



JOHN HOOD
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Cooper vetoed it, insisting that the teacher-pay raise should have been greater, the state should borrow to build schools rather than relying on cash appropriations, and that North Carolina should expand rather than just reform Medicaid.

Neither side has budged. The good news is that, unlike the federal government, North Carolina's government has a failsafe to avoid shutdowns. In the absence of a new budget, the 2018-19 spending plan is still in place, modified in some areas by "mini-budgets" Gov. Cooper was willing to sign. And now we have another piece of good news, from the standpoint of getting a final budget deal done. Improbably, the news comes not from Raleigh but from the nation's capital. Also improbably, it involves a federal court decision regarding other states' Medicaid expansions.

A three-judge panel of appellate judges in Washington, D.C., found that the Affordable Care Act did not extend to states the option of making Medicaid eligibility conditional on work requirements. In several Republican-led states, work requirements proved critical to convincing conservative lawmakers to join with progressive ones to expand Medicaid. Both the Obama and Trump administrations have been willing to accept work requirements for childless, non-disabled adults.

The appeals court proved unwilling. The "core objective of Medicaid" is to provide "medical coverage to the needy," the decision states. Whether work requirements encourage personal responsibility or even smooth the transition from public assistance to private coverage, such outcomes are not the proper goal of the program.

If you are a conservative who thinks work requirements for public assistance are necessary to reduce the fiscal and social costs of welfare, you won't like this decision much. And if you are a Democratic legislator or activist who's been trying for years to fashion a Medicaid-expansion compromise that could pass the North Carolina legislature, you won't like the decision, either, because it made any such compromise impossible.

Let me state this more clearly: Medicaid expansion in North Carolina is now a dead issue. It cannot pass either chamber unless Democrats can win majorities in 2020 or some future election. For now, at least, the debate is over.

Roy Cooper clearly thinks Medicaid expansion is such a popular idea that North Carolinians will punish Republican legislators and candidates for opposing it. Fine. He should take his case to the voters — and make it clear to the General Assembly that Medicaid expansion is no longer any kind of impediment to striking a budget deal.

Teachers deserve raises. We need to fund the implementation plan for Medicaid managed care that Cooper's own administration has devised. We should move forward with high-priority infrastructure projects included in the legislature's new budget.

I believe the teacher-pay and school-construction disputes can likely be resolved in a split-the-difference fashion. But whether to expand Medicaid has never been a "how much to spend" question. It's a yes-or-no question. It was always going to be difficult territory to negotiate. Now, with work requirements struck down by the federal courts as impermissible, that territory is completely impassable.

Yes, I know that the governor, his aides, and many North Carolina progressives remain unable to fathom why anyone would forego "free" federal money for Medicaid expansion. I think conservative policymakers and analysts have explained their case well. But I also know there is a sort of political language barrier here. If you don't share conservative assumptions about the proper role of government, the proper relationship between Washington and the states, and the corrosive effects of the welfare state, even a long explanation may leave you puzzled.

Doesn't matter. As a practical matter, expansion is now off the table. Time to "move on," one might say.



The bad news about newspapers

The recent news that McClatchy was declaring bankruptcy wasn't a



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complete surprise. There have been rumors, but that organization isn't alone, as industry ad revenues have plummeted and paid circulations have dropped precipitously. Here in North Carolina the numbers are staggering. A recent report of Gannett-owned newspapers in our state showed circulation decreases of 20-30 percent. Warren Buffett's BH Holdings just sold, at a price less than what they paid for them, *The Greensboro News & Record* and *The Winston-Salem Journal*. McClatchy reported in its bankruptcy filings that circulation for that chain had dropped 58 percent since 2006. The Hussman School of Journalism and Media at UNC reported that more than 2,000 newspapers have ceased publication or merged with another paper; more than 3,800 journalism jobs have vanished since 2004. A recent publisher for *The News and Observer* lamented that when he took the job there were some 175 people in his newsroom. Today that count is around 45.

This is bad news. Nobody cares about or will report local news like newspapers. There was a day when local radio stations would report news and community events, but many A.M. stations have gone off the air and much of the rest are little more than automated jukeboxes. Television is never going to report on your city council, board of education or other local events like hometown media. Without good information

we cannot make good decisions as individuals, as consumers or at the ballot box. What Thomas Jefferson wrote in the 1700s remains true: "An enlightened citizenry is indispensable for the proper functioning of a republic. Self-government is not possible unless the citizens are educated sufficiently to enable them to exercise oversight." Many experienced journalists and editors have left the field, leaving fewer and younger replacements who don't have historical context. Many papers have fewer pages, mostly filled with wire service copy or national news. I may be willing to read about Friday night's ballgame on Sunday and, as an aside, I've even gotten accustomed to having the obituaries in the sports section (that makes sense, why?) but the primary reason I subscribe is to learn what's going on in my town or county.

We are poorer for other reasons. Local civic clubs, schools, churches and other community organizations suffer from not having an outlet to inform and promote. Local businesses, often unable to afford expensive television advertising, have fewer ways to communicate with customers. Maybe the biggest problem is the loss of civic pride and support for local communities, many of which are already experiencing a demoralizing stagnant or declin-

ing population. How will people be informed in the future? There are some credible websites and social media sites, but anyone can start their own newspaper or radio station online. That's good news and bad. Sadly, few sites contain adequately researched and verified writing, making it hard to believe a lot of what you read online. Much of it is opinion disguised as news.

We've been interested in learning about Carolina Free Press, an independent nonprofit news organization dedicated to nonpartisan, in-depth investigative news in the state. It does not pretend to cover local news, focusing instead on statewide issues. Getting grants and contributions can be a way to support professional journalism, but at the end of the day someone has to pay to ensure journalists are paid and operations are sustainable.

Whenever I speak to groups, I tell my audience to support their local newspaper and radio station. There may be things written you don't like, but it would be really bad news to see papers and stations shut down altogether.

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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

How Sanford got these big manufacturers to come to Lee County

I may have mentioned this before, but I'll say it again: I came to Chatham County from working at a newspaper in nearby Lee County, and one of my "beats" was business. Additionally, I covered both Lee County and city of Sanford government.

ZACHARY HORNER
Corner Store

As such, I reported on several items related to the Central Carolina Enterprise Park, a 750-acre patch of land in northern Lee County that has become a hotspot for business stimulation and economic development.

Within the last couple of years, three companies have announced plans to locate manufacturing plants within or nearby CCEP.

For someone who was covering local government and business in the early stages of CCEP's development, I'm a little amazed at how quickly it's all come together. But looking back, I can see how some of the investments that local government made, alongside private dollars, led to the boom that Lee County is seeing in that area.

Those investments are more or less three-fold. (Oh, and make sure you stay until the end for a surprise.)

Investing in infrastructure

The Lee County government spent \$358,462



Photo courtesy of Sanford Area Growth Alliance

A rendering of the Audentes building slated for the Central Carolina Enterprise Park in Sanford. The company announced its plans to hire 200 people and spend more than \$100 million at the plant last week.

in what was termed "entryway development," landscaping and structuring the entryway for the business park along with the construction of two signs. When I was at *The Herald* in Sanford, I heard a lot of complaints about that — what good could a sign do? Why are we wasting this money? The county also spent around \$300,000 to extend broadband access out to the site. On the city's side, the Sanford City Council approved a \$4.5 million expenditure in October 2016 to extend water and sewer to the site and annexed the park's land into city limits.

These investments helped make the CCEP what it is: a nice-looking place off a major highway for a company to locate a plant. If you drive south on U.S Hwy. 1 toward Sanford from the Moncure area, you'll pass the CCEP on the right and you'll see the sign and the entryway. But you won't see

the broadband and water and sewer that made it something attractive.

Investing in a building

Another government investment that earned some pushback was the county and the city investing around \$650,000 over two years in what were called "carrying costs" for a spec building on the CCEP site. A Herald editorial from the time of the payments said the paper "received a few comments questioning the need" for the building on the paper's Facebook page.

When the idea was proposed, CCEP's site owners had no public assurances the building would be used. The spec building would be constructed as a "shell" with little inside it but the foundations for a future manufacturing plant. Bob Joyce with the Sanford Area Growth Alliance, the county/city's



Photo courtesy of Sanford Area Growth Alliance

A group of Sanford city and state officials pose with Gov. Roy Cooper, fourth from left, after he announced that Audentes, a gene therapy company, was locating a new facility in Sanford.

economic development arm, told me at the time: "It's like a car dealer having a car on the lot. It's like a real estate dealer having a good listing available for sale."

Last week, gene therapy company Audentes Therapies announced it was bringing a \$109 million, 209-job investment to the building. It was the third company within the last two years to announce plans to build at — in the case of Japan-based Dow Thermochem — or near — in the case of India-based Bharat Forge — the CCEP.

Investing in a collaborative

Both the city and county invested time, effort and funds into creating the aforementioned Sanford Area Growth Alliance, or SAGA. I don't have total numbers, but both governing entities partnered with private funders to create SAGA

— which was formerly called the Sanford-Lee County Partnership for Prosperity — and put economic development and Chamber of Commerce, and later tourism, services under one roof. The Buggy Factory building in downtown Sanford where SAGA's offices are located also houses planning and permitting.

That's not even get into economic tax incentives in this story, but that plays a role as well. The surprise here: Lee County's property tax rate was 79.5 cents per \$1,000 of property value in 2017 when most of this work happened. That's significantly higher than Chatham's. But in the future, there's a good chance that rate will go down because of the sheer amount of industrial and commercial development — which, by the way, is situated in a rural area far from most of the county's residences.




Sanford Mayor Chet Mann, who's been part of driving the economic growth that's happened in the area recently, told me this last year when I asked him for any advice he'd give to Siler City's mayoral candidates on economic development: "You've got to invest your funds and show the private community that you've done it. But they will not go first. You've got to lead with public funds and they'll come in behind you."

And an additional word from Audentes Senior VP Donald Wuchterl from last week's announcement: "What really drove us was the interaction we had with the mayor and local government officials...They brought everybody up for us. No one else did that."

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RACISM

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poet Langston Hughes described as “Harlem’s heartbeat.”

Today, as Turner reflects on race, racism and race relations at age 70, her memory of that water fountain incident from her childhood remains the most dramatic experience that this lifelong civic activist has had with racism.

It was a long time ago, and some things are different today. But race, says Turner — who’s a member of the Chatham County Board of Education — still matters.

One could say progress has been made — the “whites only” water fountains are gone, Jim Crow laws erased — but it’s more like the paradigm has shifted.

“All that got translated into institutional racism, which exists today,” Turner said.

She points to racial disparities in the criminal justice system (“While there is a higher black rate of involvement in certain crimes,” reads a portion of a report to the United Nations on Racial Disparities in the U.S. Criminal Justice System by the Sentencing Project in 2018, “white Americans overestimate the proportion of crime committed by blacks and Latinos, overlook the fact that communities of color are disproportionately victims of crime, and discount the prevalence of bias in the criminal justice system.”) and what she said are “last hired, first fired” employment practices that target people of color.

She cites another example specific to Chatham County: a county policy for hiring minority contractors, which states 17 percent of work goes to minority businesses. “That means that 83 percent ...,” Turner said, leaving the sentence unfinished. “OK? People set these things up,” she said, “and I know that they don’t do it intentionally. But some do.”

A man-made construction

The little girl whose grandfather had abruptly pushed her away from committing a cultural sin at a fountain in 1955 grew up and continued her education in public and private schools in both New York and in Chatham County, where Turner’s mother was from and where Turner still has family roots.

She attended the segregated Goldston Colored School (now J.S. Waters School) and the Laurinburg Institute in Scotland County, where she recalls seeing white sheet-clad members of the Ku Klux Klan once fanning out onto a football field in a display of dominance.

Turner serves still, as she has for several terms, as an elected member of the Chatham County Board of Education. Her civic involvement also includes stints on the Chatham County Planning Board, the Affordable Housing Task Force and the Chatham County Health Assessment Team.

She balks a bit at the term “racism.”

“For me, racism doesn’t exist, because it’s a man-

made construction,” Turner said. “It’s not something that’s a natural creation or evolution. So when I think about racism, the only thing that matters to me is a lack of access for some groups as opposed to others.”

“Most people in my community,” she said, “feel like when we’re fully integrated, everything will be OK. I’m like, ‘How? That’s just another myth you’ve bought into.’ Because what good does it do me if you and I can go and sit down in Red Lobster together, sit in the movie house together, and laugh and talk together? How does that put steak on my great-grandson’s plate, as opposed to oatmeal? For me, it’s always been about a lack of access.”

Carl Thompson — who served two stints on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, first when he was fresh out of college from 1978 to 1990, and again from 2006 to 2010, and remains one of only several African-Americans elected to the county’s governing board — said race is a “social construct” which has evolved over hundreds of years, though always to the disadvantage of blacks.

“At one time,” Thompson said, “Italians weren’t considered white. Irish weren’t considered white. Hispanics weren’t considered white; some of them still aren’t. The definition of ‘white’ has changed.”

But a lot depended on that social construct and where a person — and the color of their skin — fell within it.

After World War II, for instance, the United States began subsidizing loans for war veterans through the G.I. Bill, said Thompson, a history major in college and a self-described “history buff” today.

Those loans were available to many ethnicities, all considered white, but not available to blacks, Thompson said.

“We were systematically denied those loans by the government,” he said. “It’s history.”

So while white war veterans, with the assistance of government loans for housing, fanned out in post-war America to populate growing suburban neighborhoods, “there were apartments built in the city for black people,” Thompson said. “So then you have these tenements and high-rises. Black people went and fought for their country and came back home and got nothing for it. Whether race is real or imagined, you can see the manifestations of racism. That’s undeniable.”

The same playing field

When Turner speaks of “lack of access,” she’s not talking only about water fountains.

“If I have the same access you have,” she said, “if I can afford to live in Governors Club, I can go any place that I want to go and not be stared at, then, for me, that is equity. That’s everybody playing on the same field. But once you exclude me from something simply because of this,” she said, touching her wrist and letting the sentence trail off.

“The goal post keeps getting moved all the time,” Turner said. “I have

‘Black people went and fought for their country and came back home and got nothing for it. Whether race is real or imagined, you can see the manifestations of racism. That’s undeniable.’

CARL THOMPSON, former Chatham County Commissioner

a right to be angry about that. All I want is access. I don’t care if you like me. America has a contract with its citizens. As an African-American woman, I’m still enslaved because I don’t have access to everything the Constitution of this country promises me.”

Randy Voller, former Pittsboro mayor, grew up in Indiana, moving to Chatham County in the 1990s. A real estate developer and a man involved throughout his life with various social justice movements, Voller has observed race through both of those lenses.

“It’s metastasized,” Voller said. “It goes back to structural issues in our economy that were detrimental to people of color, specifically African-Americans. A lot of the great reforms of the 1930s didn’t fully extend to African-Americans. There are structural issues in the system that need to be addressed. At this point, the chasm is pretty wide.”

Of race relations, Voller said, much “depends on your perspective.”

“For certain folks — generally speaking, white folks — either they didn’t notice there was a problem, or it had always been the way it always was and it wasn’t a problem,” he said.

“It’s very balkanized up north,” Voller continued. “You have the 8 Mile in Detroit, all of these ethnic neighborhoods separated by race in Chicago. In the North, Barack Hussein Obama could come from Chicago and he could dream to become president — and become president — but you can’t live in our neighborhood.”

In the South, more specifically the Old South — but what I’m describing is essentially an American phenomenon, just depends on concentrations of race and ethnicity — but in the South, you could live next to each other, but you better not dream to become president. Here, you’re interacting and seeing people. But then, seeing people doesn’t equate to social justice or people feeling fairness or equality in the system.”

An abrupt awakening

Karen Howard, the chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and former member of the county board of education, moved at age 5 from New York to the Bahamas.

“I did not grow up in the United States,” she said.

The demographic in the Bahamas was much different than in the U.S., with 90 percent of the population there black.

“I didn’t have an early understanding or experience of race as a social construct,” Howard said.

As a teenager in the early 1980s, she returned to the states to attend boarding school — a “contrived environment,” she

said, in which she shared with her mostly white classmates and friends the same socio-economic status — but didn’t return to the U.S. to live full-time until she was 30, moving into a “very racially diverse” neighborhood in New Jersey and living there for a while until she moved with her husband and their children to North Carolina, where they settled in Chatham County.

“I came,” she said, “with a disbelief that racism in America still existed in the way that I had seen it in books and the way that I had learned Martin Luther King and that whole historical thing. And I believed that for a long time. I think the first time I recognized that I was being treated differently was when I moved here. I would say that having black sons was an awakening, an abrupt awakening. I had to learn that I was black in America, and that that meant something.”

For her sons, it meant being excluded from a program for academically gifted students.

“Two of my sons are extremely gifted in math,” she said, “which is a gift they didn’t get from me.”

The boys — then ages 8 and 10 — were enrolled at North Chatham Elementary School and both had scored very well on standardized math tests, testing well above their grade levels, Howard remembers.

But neither of her math-gifted children — both of whom later attended the N.C. School of Science and Math and one is today majoring in mathematics at the University of North Carolina — was enrolled in the school’s academically gifted program.

“I hadn’t even been told there was one,” she said. “When I looked at the gifted math program, it was all white kids, all white boys. And I challenged it. I just couldn’t make sense of it.”

Howard joined an Academic AIG Task Force, she said, “looking at whether we were, as a district in Chatham, being equitable in attributing giftedness to all demographics. The information raised up showed we were not. We were not identifying giftedness in minority children, generally, well. So we took steps as a district to address that. And that was when it landed with me, that there were probably multiple occasions where race played a role, but because it was not overt, it wasn’t practiced in a hateful way, which is what I think we anticipate when we talk about racism, I didn’t recognize it.”

That recognition was coupled with disbelief.

“It’s difficult to accept something that contradicts everything you think you know,” she said. “My experiences of America had always been one of feeling included, valued, respected. So when things happened, it was very hard for me to put them in context. In retrospect, I realized, well, things had happened in boarding school that I didn’t translate or interpret as having anything to do with race.”

There had been an incident — tucked away in memory and mostly unprocessed — when Howard was younger, attending the boarding school in New York, on an outing with her girlfriends (she was the only African-American in the group, though that didn’t stand out to her, race not being a novelty among the boarding school set) when she was refused service.

“I eventually got served, last,” Howard said. “I didn’t have any way of interpreting it at the time. At the time, I just wondered ‘Why is the person behind the counter ignoring me?’ It was probably my first

experience.”

Hurting into the future

The United States is now, as Bob Pearson puts it, “hurtling into a future of growing opportunity and challenge” where race relations are concerned.

Pearson, who retired to Chatham County in 2015 following a long career in the American Foreign Service, is a member of Chatham Community NAACP Branch #5377 and has spearheaded ongoing efforts to memorialize Chatham County’s six lynching victims.

“Central North Carolina, including Chatham County, is one of the two fastest growing mid-size urban areas in the United States and is projected to increase in population by over 70 percent between 2010 and 2030,” Pearson said.

“Chatham County should be seen as a model for that growth,” he said, “as a harmonious and welcoming place to live and raise families and provide good jobs. These possibilities were obvious to my wife and me when we moved to Chatham as our adopted home five years ago to be closer to our family and grandchildren in Charlotte.”

Pearson says nearly everyone he meets shares the goal of “a better county for all our citizens, black, white and Hispanic.”

“This majority seems willing and ready to reach out to others in order to move past divisiveness,” he said. “They want race relations to improve in order to take advantage of these future opportunities.”

In part two of this story, to be published in next week’s News + Record, we’ll take a closer look at how some other local observers regard that future and what they believe it will take to make Chatham County more “harmonious and welcoming,” and at some of the hurdles — including ongoing conflicts in Chatham County over the removal late last year of the confederate monument in Pittsboro — that persist.

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You can reheat it in the microwave, or on the stove. It stores for up to five days in the fridge.

Roux

1/2 cup butter
Melt butter in small skillet. Stir in flour. Cook on medium-low until peanut butter-colored (15-20 minutes). Remove from heat and set aside.

Mushroom Stock

3 cups cold water
Mushroom stems
1.5 ounces dried mushrooms
1.5 teaspoons dry thyme
Put everything into medium saucepan and stir together. Turn burner to medium and cook just until it comes to a boil. Turn off and let cool. Pour over a very fine mesh sieve, pressing down on the solids to get all of the stock. Discard solids. Set stock aside.

The Gravy

1.5 pounds mushrooms, stem removed (keep stems for stock), cleaned and sliced
1 yellow onion, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon dry thyme
2 large bay leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon tomato paste
3/4 cup sherry
3 cups stock (homemade mushroom, or in a pinch, a chicken or beef good quality store-bought)
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon sweetener, honey, maple syrup, jelly or jam - choose a flavor that doesn't clash with your gravy

Roux

In a large heavy pot or Dutch oven with a lid, melt butter and add mushrooms and onion. Stir in salt, pepper, thyme, and bay leaves. Cover and cook on medium for 8-10 minutes until the liquid has released from the veg, and there's about an inch or two of liquid in the pot.

Remove lid and turn up to medium-high. Stirring every few minutes, cook until liquid has cooked in and there is caramelization on mushrooms and onions.

Add tomato paste and mix into veg. Allow to cook until the paste has deepened in color and there are lots of brown bits on the bottom.

Pour in sherry and stir in, scraping up the bits. Cook until the wine is almost gone. Stir in the stock, Worcestershire and sweet thing. Taste for seasoning and reseason if needed.

Bring to a low boil and stir in roux, a little at a time until it is your desired thickness.

So I feel like I'm in that episode where they have the clock in the corner of the screen.



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook

The recipe I have for you, Gentle Reader, is kind of a doozy. It's my homemade mushroom gravy. It's not hard, but there are three components and a fair number of ingredients.

But I get a set number of words each week, so there shall be no shilly-shallying on my part.

My dad always made gravy using a corn starch slurry. It works, but doesn't bring a whole lot of flavor to the party. Plus, it can have an un-



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appealing gelatinous quality. When we first were married, I used gravy from a bottle. It had very little flavor, but enough sodium to make Lot's

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH ALBERT GILBERT

Joseph Albert Gilbert, age 70, of Bear Creek died Saturday, February 22, 2020 at his home.



Mr. Gilbert was born January 30, 1950 in Chatham County, NC, the son of James F. and Maxola Elkins Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert was a member of Brush Creek Baptist Church and has been a deacon and secretary of the Men's Sunday School class. He was an Air Force Veteran. He worked for many years as an Industrial Maintenance Personal for Hadley Peoples. Joseph was also an Automotive Technician and enjoyed repairing vehicles. He loved his grandchildren and gardening. He enjoyed weekly Sunday afternoon visits with his friends at a local restaurant; and Tuesday night sessions with his friends at Jerry Tillman's auto body shop.

He is survived by son, Joshua Gilbert and wife Emily of Bear Creek; sisters, Linda G. Peace and husband Thomas of Pittsboro, Dorothy G. Efrid of Siler City, and Daisy G. Nelson and husband Richard of Sinking Spring, PA; grandchildren, Kayla, Jeremy, Haleigh and Emma; and special friend, Judy Caviness.

Visitation was held Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Brush Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Frank Taylor and Dr. Patrick Fuller officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Military Rites by the Randolph County Honor Guard.

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

JUSTIN ELBERT TILLET



Justin Elbert Tillett of Siler City died Sunday, February 23, 2020.

Mr. Tillett was born January 2, 1981 in Carteret County to Kenneth P. and Kathleen Honeycutt Tillett.

He was a member of Piny Grove United Methodist Church, previously a member of University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill. Firefighting was an important part of Justin's life, he was a volunteer member of the Siler City Fire Department and former member of New Hope Fire Department and Atlantic Fire Department.

Justin was a high school science teacher most recently teaching at Jordan-Matthews and with the NC Virtual Public School. He was a volunteer baseball coach with HYAA and East Chatham Baseball, and a basketball coach with Siler City Parks and Rec. He enjoyed helping the UNC Marching Tarheels during football season.

Justin is survived by his parents; his wife of 14 years, Ashley Conley Tillett; son, Holden Tillett; brothers, Kenneth "Beaver" Tillett and wife Leslie; nephews, Kyle and Andrew Tillett; special cousins, Krystal Gray, Kristopher Honeycutt, and Gregory Swartz; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Avenue, Siler City. Memorial Service will be held Friday, February 28, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Parker Coppock officiating.

Any memorials may be made in his name to: UNC Bands Gift Fund, c/o CB3320, Chapel Hill, NC 27599 or to JMArts, care of Rose Pate, JMHS, 910 E Cardinal Street, Siler City NC 27344.
Smith and Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family at this time.

ary 23, 2020 at his residence. Professional services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

JACQUELINE HARRINGTON

Jacqueline Harrington, 61, of Moncure passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at her residence.

Professional services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

MADELINE BROOKS CAMPBELL

Madeline Brooks Campbell, 100, of Sanford, passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Jonesboro United Methodist Church, with burial following the service at Buffalo Cemetery.

She was born on August 25, 1919, in Chatham County, to the late Claude and Mollie Thomas Brooks. A graduate of Bonlee High School, she was a member of Jonesboro U.M.C., teaching children's Sunday School classes, and leading a Women's Circle. Madeline was active in Girl Scouting for over 15 years, both as a leader at the local level and as an outdoor trainer for the Pines of Carolina region. She was an advocate of Meals on Wheels, delivering meals until the age of 88. In addition to her parents and her husband of 64 years, Alton Campbell, she was preceded in death by sisters, Willie Brooks, Eloise Burke, Wilma Lemons and brothers, D.C. Brooks, Russell Brooks, Hoke Brooks, and Edwin Brooks. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann Cramer of Raleigh; two granddaughters, two step-grandchildren; and a sister, Marjorie Johnson of Rocky Mount.

In lieu of flowers, her wish was that donations be made to Jonesboro U.M.C., 407 West Main Street, Sanford, NC 27332, and designated to youth scholarships and outreach.
Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com.

RUBY MAE (MCAULEY) DANIELS

Ruby Mae Daniels, 82, of Sanford passed Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Love Grove AME Zion Church.

The board will meet again on March 7 at town hall for a strategic planning retreat and preliminary budget work session. That session will likely begin at 9 a.m.

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

PEGGY ANN ALLEN LEWIS

Peggy Ann Allen Lewis, age 72, of Pittsboro, died Thursday, February 20, 2020 at her home.

Peggy was born in Wake County on October 28, 1947 to the late Willard Allen and Velma Adams Allen.

Surviving relatives include her husband George Lewis; two sons; Kit Ralph and wife Sarah of Cary, Allen Ralph of Charleston, SC; and granddaughter, Shepard Ann Ralph.

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 28, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation, Griffin Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Peggy's memory to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th Street, Suite 609, New York, NY 10036.

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

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

KEVIN BRADLEY TERRY

Kevin Bradley Terry, 40, of Burlington died Monday, February 17, 2020.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2020 in the Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Wayne Lamb and Rev. Brian Workman officiating.

Mr. Terry was born in Alamance County on August 28, 1979, the son of Thomas Harold Terry, Jr and Lana (Hamer) Blue. Kevin was a member of Plainfield Friends Meeting and a stay-at-home dad. He was preceded in death by his father, and grandparents, Thomas Harold Terry, Sr, his wife, Edith, and Gerald Hamer, Sr, and wife, Frances.

He is survived by his children, Laikin Bradley Terry of Burlington, Daylin Locklear of Liberty; Brennen and Landan Farmer of Burlington; mother, Lana (Hamer) Blue of Wilmington; and brothers, Chris Terry of Liberty and Adam Terry.

Memorial donations may be made to: Community of Hope, 240 Tony Loffin Drive, Lexington, NC 27292.

Online condolences may be

made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

NANCY HARRIS LAIRD

Nancy Harris Laird of Asheboro, died Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at age 83.

Service information can be found at the Midstate Creamation and Funeral Services of Asheboro website.

NAKIA L. BALDWIN

Nakia L. Baldwin, age 45 of Sanford, passed on Friday, February 21, 2020 at Laurels of Chatham, Pittsboro.

Professional services entrusted To: Knotts Funeral Home.

MARCOS IZQUIERDO GONZALEZ-MEJIA

Infant Marcos Izquierdo Gonzalez-Mejia, of Siler City, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2020.

A service summary is not available.

Professional services entrusted to: Knots Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

DONNIE HUE SMITH

Donnie Hue Smith, 78 of Sanford passed on Sunday, Febru-

BRYAN KEITH BAKER

Bryan Keith Baker, 51, of Sanford, died Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital.

A Celebration of Life was held at Sanford Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, 2020, with Pastor Mike Horton presiding.

He was born in Lee County on April 6, 1968 to George Edmond Baker and Marie

Gail Hall Baker. Mr. Baker worked at Buchanan's Music where he taught piano lessons.

He is survived by his parents; brothers, George Baker, Jr. of Sanford, Chris Baker of Olivia; sisters, Sherri Martin of Cameron and Audrey Baker of Sanford.

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

Pittsboro's town board holds first budget retreat

Growth pressures play central role; finance department memo warns of need for tax, fee hikes

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro's board of commissioners held its first budget retreat on Saturday in preparation for crafting a budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year — and potential increases to the town's property tax rate and water and sewer rates, according to a memo from Pittsboro's finance department.

Town officials met for most of Saturday to hear presentations from department heads about operational needs for the coming fiscal year. The departments provided updates to the board about accomplishments for the previous year and to indicate some things likely to be included in formal budget requests, which have yet to be made.

While the departments did not have information such as anticipated revenue or expenditures, the town's finance department noted that its "biggest concern is going to be revenue/cash flow in the upcoming year," adding that "we need to be prepared to consider an increase to the property tax rate." In addition, the finance department's "anticipated increases" in expenses in both the water and wastewater departments also meant that the board "needs to be prepared to consider an increase to the water and sewer rates."

At the retreat:
• Pittsboro Fire Chief Daryl Griffin noted that his team of 24 firefighters at three stations

were facing challenges of increased calls because of town growth. He also noted that recruiting firefighters was a challenge since the starting pay in Pittsboro, at about \$38,000, was lower than in other areas. Cary starts at \$42-44,000 with a more competitive benefits package, according to Griffin.

In addition to needing more staff, Griffin said the department needed to purchase a ladder truck. With new apartments, townhomes and commercial buildings under construction, the department will need the ladder truck to access those buildings in case of a fire. The estimated cost for the truck is \$1.5 million.

"This is the biggest increase we have ever asked for," Griffin said. "But at a point you gotta do something."

• Police Chief Percy Crutchfield also noted that competitive compensation for police officers is also a challenge for his department as it seeks to add staff. Crutchfield said the "number, quality and diversity of applicants" are limited when there is a "shortage of police nationwide," something he described as a "problem in the market."

• Utility Service Director John Poteat provided an update for both the public works sectors of town government and the wastewater treatment plant. Pittsboro's public works department has resurfaced five roads so far this year and is planning to do

several more, including grading and paving East Cornwallis, which the town recently took over from the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. The department also collected 167 tons of waste and 4,000 cubic yards of leaves.

Department workers also cleaned out 20 percent of the sewerlines, with no sewer overflows, in addition to replacing several hydrants and valves in the system. They're also working to pave the walking trail along Robeson Creek and conduct a model for the wastewater plant's outfall there.

In addition, Pittsboro will also likely need to purchase a new water pump for the increased population in Powell Place. Poteat anticipates asking for another public works employee and a lawnmower to make more of the park management in-house rather than via contractor. He would also like to purchase mobile safety software which will be used to alert the public for emergency notifications, sewer breaks and flooding notices. The system is the same one the county uses.

Poteat noted that the town's wastewater plant has been incurring increased fines from the state due to inflow and infiltration in the system during heavy rain events. The plant also needs two blowers to be replaced, new pumps and other required equipment that needs replaced.

• Water Treatment Plant Superintendent

Adam Pickett spoke of the accomplishments and needs at the plant. For the fifth year in a row, it won the Area-Wide Optimization Program award from the EPA for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards. His team also completed numerous repairs, replacements and improvements at the plant. Pickett also noted that the equipment has been installed for the pilot study of advanced treatment options for unregulated chemicals. The equipment is not yet operating the program, but he believed the pilot study would begin within the next week or so.

Pickett said that additional equipment and repairs would be required in the upcoming year, including the repair of the Horton water tank. That project would also require the rental of equipment to maintain pressure in town as the tank is emptied for the repairs. Pickett is also hoping to get surge protection at the plant to protect the water treatment systems and lab equipment from energy surges.

• Planning Director Jeff Jones noted a con-

sistent increase in projects over the past four years — including, but not limited to Chatham Park. Jones' department recently lost its engineer with the resignation of Elizabeth Goodson. Victoria Bailiff, one of the town's planners, has also submitted her resignation. All the while, the town was already seeking an environmental specialist who would focus on "stormwater management, riparian buffer protection, flood damage prevention and watershed management." Jones said he needed to fill not only the vacant positions, but also was hoping to add more staff or get consultants to assist the department in fulfilling its duties.

The town's wastewater treatment plant is

nearing capacity as the department has been unable to secure the permits from the state that are required to construct a sewer line to Sanford. Jones noted that the wastewater plant's nearing capacity was maybe a "blessing in disguise" that would allow the department to work on completing the Unified Development Ordinance, the Chatham Park Additional Elements, Small Area Plan and Development Agreement.

The board will meet again on March 7 at town hall for a strategic planning retreat and preliminary budget work session. That session will likely begin at 9 a.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Youth of Oakley Baptist Church will have a BBQ Fund Raiser for Summer Activities from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (lunch) on Friday, March 6, and from 3:30 to 7 p.m. for the evening meal. Donation of \$8 per plate is asked - would appreciate your support.

Plates may be picked up at Oakley Church, 2300 Siler City-Glendon Rd., the Maxway Parking Lot or next to Walgreens.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

First Missionary Baptist Church will honor our First Lady, Sister Mildred Gray at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. The speaker will be the Rev Sheila Stokes, First Lady of Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Liberty. She will be accompanied by the Edwards Grove church family.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 914 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., in Siler City.

UNITY POWERHOUSE

Unity Powerhouse will honor our Associate Minister Joann Eubanks at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. The speaker for the occasion will be Elder Earnest White of Deliverance Church of Christ of Siler City.

All are welcome to come and fellowship with us. We are located at 100 Unity Powerhouse Church Rd., Siler City.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

Firechosen Ministries invites you to join us for our "Friday Night Flow" service being held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. Pastor Bennie Bryant will be the guest preacher.

The service location is 190 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro. Hope to see you there!

ROCKY RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Rocky River Baptist Church will host a gospel bluegrass singing at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 1 in the Fellowship Building. Local musicians Albert Vestal and Jerry Stuart will lead the Green Valley Ramblers. Everyone is welcome!

A love offering will be taken for the music group.

Rocky River Baptist is located at 4436 Siler City Snow Camp Rd., Siler City.

ST. LUKE HOLY CHURCH

There will be a program at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Luke Holy Church. The guest speaker will be Ellen Darrell and choir of End Times Harvest.

Everyone is invited to worship with us. We are located on Andrew Road, Siler City.

MARTHA'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The community is invited to join us at Martha's Chapel Christian Church for a gospel singing on Feb. 29, featuring the group Glory Bound Way, from Four Oaks. The old-fashioned gospel singing will begin at 7 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

Directions can be found at: <http://marthaschapel.com/home.html>. We hope you will join us!

CENTER METHODIST CHURCH

A country breakfast will be held Saturday, Feb. 29 at Center Methodist Church.

Donations will be accepted. There will be sausage, bacon, country ham with homemade biscuits, country gravy, grits, eggs, stewed apples, coffee and drinks.

Everyone will be welcome. Thanks you for your support.

The church is located at 9203 Center Methodist Rd./Green Hill Rd. off 87 South, Graham.

PINEY GROVE UM CHURCH

The Monday Morning Quilters share their love of quilting and other needle arts. We share ideas, fellowship and snacks with one another. You don't have to be a member of our church, we have people from all over. Join us Monday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon. Check us out! The church is located at 2343 Piney Grove Church Rd.

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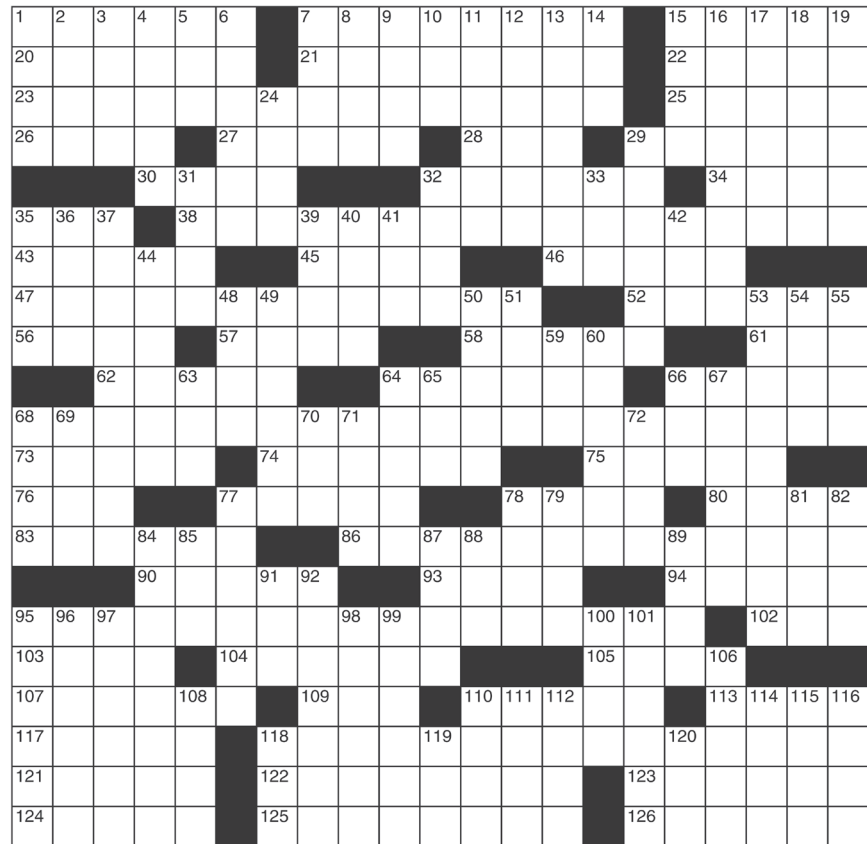
Monday, March 2
BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Cereal Breakfast Bar, Pears (**Cinnamon Cereal Breakfast Bar, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza, Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Corn, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Mandarin Oranges (**Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza, Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Corn, Oven Baked Fries, chilled Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, March 3
BREAKFAST: No School
LUNCH: Teacher Workday
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
BREAKFAST: Mini Strawberry Bagel, Fresh Fruit (**Mini Strawberry Bagel, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: General TSO's Chicken w/Chow Mein Noodles, Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, Build a Pizza Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Red Peppers & Carrots w/Dip, Chilled Pineapples (**General TSO's Chicken w/Chow Mein Noodles, Zesty

Garlic French Bread, Chicken Wings w/Chow Mein Noodles, Seasoned Broccoli, Red Peppers & Carrots w/Dip, Chilled Pineapples, Fresh Fruit)
THURSDAY, MARCH 5
BREAKFAST: French Toast Stick w/Sausage, Fresh Fruit (*Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: TexMex Beef w/Chips & Cheese, Oven Baked Chicken w/Corn Muffin, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Black Beans, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Fruit (**Walking Taco w/Beef and Cheese, Oven Baked Chicken w/Corn Muffin, Seasoned Black Beans, Seasoned Green Peas, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Cocktail)
FRIDAY, MARCH 6
BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Rolls, Fresh Fruit (**Same)
LUNCH: Chicken Hot Dog in Bun, Pork CarnitaS, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Oven Baked Fries, Southwest Slaw, Fruit Cup (**Bacon Cheeseburger on Bun, Pork Carnitas, Mozzarella Sticks Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Southwest Slaw, Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Lettuce & Tomato)

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo MUNICIPAL APPLICATION

- ACROSS**
1 "Cabaret" performer Sally
7 Allowable
15 Egg-beating utensil
20 Carey of pop
21 Red wine, in Rouen
22 Sonja on ice skates
23 Start of a riddle
25 Western flick, in old slang
26 Like arias and anthems
27 "Go back to zero" button
28 Halloween's mo.
29 Titan orbits it
30 Other, to Juanita
32 Bible book before Jeremiah
34 Kingly title
35 Perp pursuer
38 Riddle, part 2
43 Giraffe's kin
45 Writer — Hubbard
46 1998 Disney musical set in China
47 Riddle, part 3
52 Rubber-stamping item
56 No. to Nabokov
57 Worn-down pencils, e.g.
58 Raise, as a building
61 Pie — mode
62 Maestro Kurt
64 Actress Debra
66 Second-rate flick
68 Riddle, part 4
73 Within easy reach
74 Sports facilities
75 Rudely brief
76 Chomp on
77 Begin
78 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer's nickname)
80 General — chicken
83 Canonized Italian theologian
86 Riddle, part 5
90 Composer John
93 John Candy's old skit show
94 Bath sponge
95 End of the riddle
102 —Ops (CIA tactics)
103 QED part
104 Nobel-winning "Mother"
105 Sleep furniture
107 Paid a visit
109 Feline cry
110 Credit card draw
113 Beef quality grader: Abbr.
117 Old arcade company
118 Riddle's answer
121 Like a well-pitched game
122 Audits, as a course
123 Actress Fawcett
124 Vestige
125 Mini-dictionary
126 Having soft, loose flesh
8 Funny — (racehorse)
9 Tech news website
10 Suffix with west
11 San Luis —, Mexico
12 Florence native, e.g.
13 Self-obsession theme
14 Rock's — Leppard
15 Horse halter?
16 Circuit-cooling device
17 Get a gut feeling about
18 With 39-Down, John Muir was its first president
19 Unit of corn
24 Briny bodies
29 Movie critic Gene
31 Taunt in good humor
32 "Money — object"
33 Lead-in to puncture
35 McCarthy lawyer Roy
36 Allowable
37 Sidewalk materials
39 See 18-Down
40 Meal scraps
41 Phone book listings: Abbr.
42 Skillet or wok
44 Wall-breaching bomb
48 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
49 Most chaste
50 Group of brainiacs
51 Therefore
53 Store selling latex
54 "That is — ask"
55 "— Yankees" Conger, e.g.
59 Conger, e.g.
60 Like pizza
63 Articulate
64 Girth
65 Here, in Arles
66 Life story, in brief
67 Table — (pair's seating)
68 "— Team" (2010 movie)
69 Cole — (footwear brand)
70 Tony winner Hagen
71 Citrusy
72 Amish "you" menu abbr.
77 Like prurient material
78 Joking Johnson
79 Tax
81 Clumsy sorts
82 Hotel visit
84 Mysterious Hulk player Ferrigno
87 This, to Juan
88 I, to Merkel
89 Inuit vehicle
91 Cow or hen
92 Letters sent by plane
95 Four, as wine from a bottle
96 Speechifier rival
97 Steinway rival
98 Really must
99 Sneaker brand
100 Lyft rival
101 Accompany to the airport, perhaps
106 Old Toyota
108 Chomp on
110 Penta- plus four
111 — about (roughly)
112 Big Apple blaze-control org.
114 Balkan native
115 Lacking color
116 Lacking color
118 Chinese
119 Family gal
120 Comrade



Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Snowy day in Chatham

An old farmhouse in the countryside near Kildee Church Road took an inch or so of snow in last Thursday's snow storm.

Staff photo by David Bradley



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Buds of dogwood flowers were starting to form when snow fell in Chatham County last week.

Victor Alcantra throws a snow melt product on the walkway into the bank as snow began falling last Thursday at Carter Bank and Trust on East Raleigh Street in Siler City.

Staff photo by David Bradley



A farm area of pond, barns, and vehicles stand in mute testimony to the snowfall last Thursday. The scene, off Kildee Church Road, was repeated on farms, barns and homes across the county.

Staff photo by David Bradley

ELECTIONS 2020

Answers to 18 frequently-asked questions about this year's vote

BY JORDAN WILKIE
Carolina Public Press

The year 2020 is a major elections year in North Carolina, with voters making choices for federal, state and local offices.

Carolina Public Press has compiled 18 of the most frequently asked questions about this year's elections and provided answers, as well as helpful links to other sites with tools that voters can use to conduct their own research.

Question 1: How do I find out where my precinct is?

You can use the Voter Lookup Tool from the N.C. Board of Elections.

The state board put together a number of tools to find your registration, your polling place, your one-stop voting site and to track your provisional ballot.

Question 2: What's the elections calendar for 2020?

You can find the full elections calendar on the N.C. Board of Elections website. That's also where you will find all your official elections information for the state. You can print out a wall calendar for the entire year here.

The major upcoming North Carolina elections dates to remember for 2020 are:

Feb. 29: End of one-stop voting for the primaries.

March 3: Primary election day.

March 13: Counties canvass the primary election.

March 16: Deadline for counties to conduct recounts.

March 17: Deadline for state to conduct recounts and accept protests.

June 8: Filing opens for candidates running for soil and water district seats.

July 2: Filing ends for soil and water candidates.

Sept. 4: Absentee voting begins for the general election.

Oct. 9: Voter registration deadline for general election.

Oct. 15: One-stop voting begins for general election.

Oct. 27: Absentee voting deadline for general election.

Oct. 31: One-stop voting ends for general election.

Nov. 3: General election day.

Nov. 6: Deadline for mailed absentee ballots to be received.

Nov. 13: Counties canvass the general election.

Nov. 16: Deadline to

conduct any county recounts.

Nov. 17: Deadline to conduct any state recounts and receive protests.

Nov. 24: State canvasses election results.

Question 3: Do I have to show a picture ID when I show up to vote in the primary? If not, what should I do if someone asks to see my photo ID?

No, with one very uncommon exception. A measure was in place to require photo ID for all voters, but it has been blocked by the courts.

The only people who will need to show any identification are newly registered voters who are voting for the first time and who did not supply a driver's license number on their voter registration. Those folks will have an option for what to supply, including a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, a current and valid photo ID or other government document that shows the current name and address of the voter — that needs to match the voter registration.

So, if someone asks you to see photo ID, make sure they are an election official. If they are not, report them to the election officials.

If they are an election official, ask them why you need to show a photo ID. If they describe the above situation, and that indeed applies to you, you'll need to provide some form of ID, though it does not necessarily need to have your photo on it.

If they give any other reason or say it is required to vote, that is not accurate. Ask to see the chief election judge at the precinct to sort it out.

If the problem persists, report the issue to the N.C. Board of Elections using this incident report form.

Question 4: Do I need to have my voter registration card with me to vote?

No.

Question 5: If I show up at the precinct and they don't have me down on the registration list to vote there, am I out of luck, or is there something I can do?

You can vote with a provisional ballot. There should be a Help Station at every precinct. The poll workers there will help you cast your provisional ballot. Provisional ballots often require follow-up.

Make sure you're clear on if you need to follow up at the county office with any information and on what timeline.

Question 6: If I'm a registered Democrat or Republican or unaffiliated, what does that mean about how I vote and whom I can vote for in the primary and general elections?

North Carolina has semiclosed primaries. That means that partisan races are only open to voters of the same political party and, if the party allows it, unaffiliated voters. In the March 3 primary in North Carolina, unaffiliated voters can choose to vote in the Democratic, Libertarian or Republican primaries. Members of those parties cannot vote in primaries of other parties.

Question 7: If I vote for a candidate in the primary, do I have to stick with that person in the general election?

No. That person may not even make it to the general election. But even if that candidate does, you are free to vote for someone else in the fall.

Question 8: If I vote in the primary for a certain party, do I have to support that party's candidates in the fall?

No. The general election is open to all voters, meaning they are not tied to voting for a party, as is the case in the primaries. A registered Democrat can vote for a Republican, and vice versa, for any race on the ballot.

Question 9: If I'm registered unaffiliated, can I participate in the primary of a party that I don't like in order to pick candidates whom I want to lose in the general election?

Yes. Just remember that strategy can backfire if those candidate you don't like surprise you in the general election. You also have to vote for whichever party you chose in all races. If you have this strategy in mind for the presidential primary, for example, you would not be able to vote for the candidates of some other party for governor or other offices.

Question 10: If I early-voted ahead of the March 3 primary for a presidential candidate who drops out after one of the other state primaries, what happens to my vote?

The ballots are already set. Your vote will stay with that candidate.

The primary elections

in North Carolina will feature several races in addition to the presidential race. Voting the entire ballot will help ensure your vote counts for other federal, state and county-wide races even if your preferred presidential candidate drops out.

Question 11: If I live in a county that uses a hand-marked ballot that gets scanned by a machine, how can I be sure that my ballot is counted correctly?

The state performs a number of audits to ensure the ballots are counted correctly. The current postelection audit, called a sample audit, is only designed to check the top race on the ballot.

Four counties — Mecklenburg, Madison, Buncombe and Union — will pilot more stringent audits, called risk-limiting audits, in the primary. These audits will check every race on the ballot. The state board has announced aspirations to roll out risk-limiting audits statewide by November.

Question 12: If I live in a county that uses a touchscreen ballot and am given a printout to be scanned, how can I be sure that my ballot shows what I intended and is counted correctly?

This will require a lot of attention from the voter. First, review your selections on the touchscreen before printing the ballot summary card. Then, carefully review the card to be sure it printed the correct information. Recent research shows that voters are unlikely to check their ballots or to catch errors when they do check. If you bring a prefilled sample ballot, which can be found by looking up your voter registration, you're more likely to catch errors, the study showed.

The precinct or early voting site will have a poll worker next to the ballot scanner asking voters if they verified their ballots. There will also be signage in the precincts and early voting sites directing voters to verify, or check, their ballots.

If you discover an error on your ballot, do not submit the ballot to the scanner. Report the error to the poll workers. Ask to spoil your ballot. You can vote with a new ballot. Be sure to verify that one as well.

There should never be a difference between a voter's selections on a touch-

screen and the selections printed on the ballot card. It will be impossible to tell whether the difference is due to voter error or machine error.

A voter who finds a difference may also want to report the situation to the N.C. Board of Elections using the incident report form.

If you do reach out, be prepared to answer a lot of questions. Though this may be an inconvenience, reporting errors is still very important. Any agency you report to will have to verify, to the best of their ability, that your report is true.

For the counting of the ballots, the same audits that are performed on hand-marked paper ballots are also performed on machine-marked ballots. For top-of-the-ballot races, the sample audit every county will perform will check the human-readable against the barcodes printed on the ballots, which are what is actually read by the scanner. In counties with risk-limiting audits, every race will be checked against the barcodes.

Question 13: People near the polling place often hand out literature or ask me to support certain candidates. How should I deal with them? If I think they are being too pushy or working too close to the polling station, what should I do about it?

You can ignore them or go have a chat. It's up to you, as long as they're outside the "buffer zone."

There is an area around every polling place where that activity is not accepted. There should be a sign or clear delineation of that boundary. If campaigning is happening within the boundary, or if campaigners are being particularly aggressive, you can report them to the poll worker.

If the campaigners are being very aggressive or intimidating, report that behavior immediately to the N.C. Board of Elections.

Question 14: I vote at a church and have sometimes seen posters that the church has put up in the polling area about political issues, such as abortion, gay marriage, the environment, capital punishment or support for the president. Is there anything I can do about displays like this at my polling place that I might find intimidating?

You can bring the posters to the attention of the precinct judge, the head poll worker at that location. You can also file an incident report form with the N.C. Board of Elections.

Question 15: Is my spouse or other friend or relative allowed to go in to the polling booth with me to help me vote?

No, unless you specifically request assistance due to a disability or if the voter is not English-language proficient. The person assisting you must be a near relative. Employers and union representatives are explicitly barred from helping you.

If you request assistance, a chief judge or another one of the election judges will be able to provide aid.

If voters are physically impaired from accessing the polling place, they can use curbside voting.

Voters who require assistance, such as voters with disabilities who cannot mark a paper ballot, can vote on the touchscreen voting machine that will be available in every precinct. That can be done independently. Unless specifically requested by the voter, the voter's spouse cannot assist in the process.

Question 16: If I don't want my spouse or someone else who is with me to see how I'm voting, what can I do about it?

Every person is entitled to a secret ballot. The standard setup at any precinct will prevent any other person in the precinct from seeing how you voted. If a spouse or anyone else tries to view your ballot, alert a poll worker.

Question 17: I have an elderly friend who has dementia and for more than a year has not been able to indicate how she would vote if she was more aware. I've heard that her caregiver is planning to curbside vote for her in the primary. Is that OK, and if not, is there anything I should do about it?

That is not legal, and it should be reported.

If somebody is not of sound mind, that person should not have a ballot cast in his or her name.

Question 18: If I see something at the precinct that seems inappropriate to me, how can I report it?

Voters can report issues to the state Board of Elections using this incident report form.

Chatham VOTES

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Early voting in Chatham keeps pace

Democratic ballots outnumber Republican

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Chatham County residents have continued to vote at a steady pace during the second week of early voting, with nearly 3,500 residents casting ballots by noon Monday.

Voters requesting a Democratic ballot continue to outnumber those requesting Republican ballots, now at four-to-one. A total of 2,606 Chatham voters requested Democratic

ballots compared to the 835 who have requested Republican ballots.

While local primary races include a Democratic primary for the District 2 County Commissioner seat, Republican primary voters still have the opportunity to vote for their candidate in the Fourth Congressional District as well as statewide races. There are also two referenda on the primary ballot — for a quarter of a cent increase in sales tax and

for malt beverage sales in the county.

Early Voting continues into Saturday at four Chatham County locations. Voters may also cast their ballots on primary election day, March 3, at their local precinct.

For more information, contact the Chatham County Board of Elections at 919-545-8500.

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Pittsboro's First Sunday events include a kidspace area, set up and run by local churches. In this photo from a 2019 First Sunday event, Mari Kearns and Liz Bliss, with Imagine Circus, stood high above the crowd of children attending the festival on Hillsboro Avenue.

Staff photo by David Bradley

First Sundays start in Pittsboro

BY DAVID BRADLEY
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Hand-made art, musical entertainment and a funspace for children is returning to Pittsboro for the 2020 season of "First Sunday" downtown experiences, which kick off this Sunday.

The free event, sponsored by the Pittsboro Business Association, focuses on arts and crafts, with a selection of food vendors, and musical entertainment to be added in following months events. The event is planned to run from 12-4 p.m. on Hillsboro Street near the traffic circle. There will be a new First Sunday event each month, with Summerfest replacing First Sunday in July.

PBA board member Scott Dunham said he was excited about this year's version, in part because the products sold by the artists are ones they made themselves.

"It's people who actually created what they are selling, not just selling something by someone else," Dunham said. "It's not a flea market. It's for creative types."

PBA First Sunday Co-

ordinator Kathryn Bertok agreed.

"It's designed to bring awareness to the downtown businesses that are open on Sunday, as well as local artisans and local businesses," she said. "It's a great way to get to know local people, for guests able to meet business people, see non-profits, and for local artisans, it's a great way to meet the public."

The architectural stylings of downtown Pittsboro will be the backdrop to First Sunday events. Bertok said that it's an opportunity to connect to the community, support local artists, and maybe find things you didn't know were there.

Some non-profit entities will be there as well, such as Shakori Hills Music Festival, Second Bloom, and Farm Friends Rescue.

The event is dog-friendly, as well.

"It's a fun event, with a lot of different things for sale," Dunham said. "There's also a kids' area that the churches set up."

No specific theme is set up, the festival is designed to focus on artists. Bertok said that the palette of artists is always chang-

ing. Some will repeat in each festival, but there will always be new vendors. The changing nature of the artists showing their work will give new flavors to the festival each month.

Art will be joined by food vendors as well at the event. Dunham said that there is an ever-changing list of food vendors, and it's a chance for visitors to see some of the downtown stores that are open on Sundays.

Starting in April, there are plans for bands to add a musical soundtrack to each First Sunday event.

The festival is all about getting people to experience the downtown Pittsboro area.

"We'll hopefully get a lot of foot traffic," Dunham said. "There's no underlying theme other than supporting downtown, [to] get people downtown and to see what is available."

For Dunham, he says that the intention of the event is to show the unique flavor of the downtown shopping experience.

Bertok agreed. "It's a big fun family event, to enjoy beautiful art, and take a stroll downtown."

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Jordan-Matthews science teacher dies

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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SILER CITY — Jordan-Matthews science teacher Justin Tillett has died, according to a letter sent to parents by school principal Tripp Crayton this week.

Crayton said in the letter that Tillett, who taught chemistry, physics, physical science and earth science according to his LinkedIn, died on Sunday, Feb. 23.

"This loss has deeply affected us," Crayton said.

Tillett's obituary says he was a volunteer member of the Siler City Fire Department and basket-

ball coach with Siler City Parks and Recreation at the time of his death. A UNC-Chapel Hill grad and Carteret County native, Tillett also taught online chemistry classes for North Carolina Virtual Public School since 2007 and was a former treasurer of the board of directors of the North Carolina Science Teachers Association.

"As an active member of NCSTA, Justin dedicates his time and efforts to advance all fields of science from kindergarten through the college levels," a bio on the NCSTA website stated. "He recognizes that for students to be successful

their science teachers need to engage in activities that provide opportunities to share ideas, collaborate, and focus on effective class-



Tillett

room practice.

The Twitter page for the J-M Arts program shared its condolences Monday, saying Tillett was "a respected teacher and ardent supporter of JMArts & artists."

"He inspired a diversity of students, encouraging them to think and pursue excellence," the tweet said. "He will be deeply missed."

Crayton said the school would have counselors on site "to assist students as they express their feelings related to Mr. Tillett's death."

"Students and staff will react in different ways to emergencies of this nature, so it will be important to have support available to assist both staff and students in need," the letter stated. "We have a plan in place for that support. If you feel your child is in need of special assistance or is having a great deal of difficulty coping with this event, please do not hesitate to call."

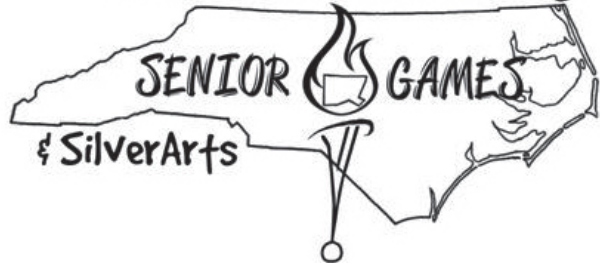
The principal also said state administration of the ACT would be postponed until March 17, but added the school "believe(s) it is essential to resume as normal a routine as possible regarding school activities."

Tillett leaves behind a wife and son. Visitation is Thursday at Smith and Bucker Funeral Home in Siler City, with a memorial service on Friday at First United Methodist Church in Siler City.

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Chatham board approves master plans for new Moncure park, renovations to Northeast District Park

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners gave approval last week to master plans for a new county park to be located in Moncure, as well as upgrades to an existing park in Chapel Hill.

The 4-1 vote — Commissioner Andy Wilkie opposed the plans without stating why — gave the county’s consent to pursue nearly \$18.5 million in improvements for the Parkers Ridge Park in Moncure and more than \$7.6 million of upgrades to the Northeast District Park in northeast Chatham.

The plans did not commit the county to spending that money right away, nor did it lock in those amounts as budgeted amounts. Instead, the presented proposals suggested phasing in parts of the plans. This is the first time commissioners have approved a major county action on parks and recreation since the category was added to the resolution for this year’s primary election referendum on local option sales tax.

“These are exactly the kinds of projects that the Article 46 sales tax could help with,” said Commissioner Mike Dasher.

Named for local family Atlas and Lola Parker, who owned the land on Pea Ridge Road on which the county will build the park, the Parkers Ridge Park covers 147 acres and is 15 miles from Pittsboro. Rachel Cotter, a landscape architect with Durham-based design and engineering firm McAdams, said the park would maintain some of the old barns on the property as part of a “cultural and natural

history interpretive area” and include nine acres for a future school “with some additional expansion if necessary.”

Other amenities included a cricket/multi-use field — “This is an emerging trend,” Cotter said of cricket — a small community center, splashpad, dog park, disc golf course, walking trails, multiple multi-purpose fields, fishing pier, canoe launch area and an open space that could be used for movie nights. The proposed first phase of the project, slated to cost \$3,212,330, would include two fields, restrooms, a picnic shelter, the fishing pier and canoe launch as well as park signage, an access driveway and infrastructure and utilities.

The park would not necessarily qualify as a “neighborhood” park, Cotter said, because of its distance from populated areas, but would still serve a community purpose.

“It really is more of a get-in-your-car-and-drive-to-it destination,” she said. “People are looking more at the amenities within the park and having these anchor facilities in the park, something that’s unique to that area so that community feels there is something unique to the area, a special niche in their park.”

The county is planning to seek a \$300,000 grant from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) to help cover recreation elements. Commissioners asked county staff to put begin working on the application, including an ordinance that would commit coal ash-related funds to this park in particular. “We could possibly do a project ordinance that says we’re committing these



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Parks & Recreation Department

The master plan for the new Parkers Ridge Park in Moncure as approved by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The \$18 million-plus project will include a splash pad, new sports fields and walking trails and old barns already on the property as part of a “cultural and natural history interpretive area.”

funds to this project and PARTF could see that commitment of those funds,” said County Manager Dan LaMontagne. “If we get the plans approved today, approving what the community wanted in these plans, we can come back next month with that project ordinance if that’s what you would like with those options.”

The plan for the Northeast District Park, located at 5408 Big Woods Road in Chapel Hill, would expand current amenities to include two new dog parks, one for small dogs and one for big dogs, as well as two new basketball courts, a four-foot-wide natural surface walking trail, a disc golf course and an ecological demonstration garden. The first phase of the project — which would include the disc golf course and a new playground — would cost approximately \$4.2 million.

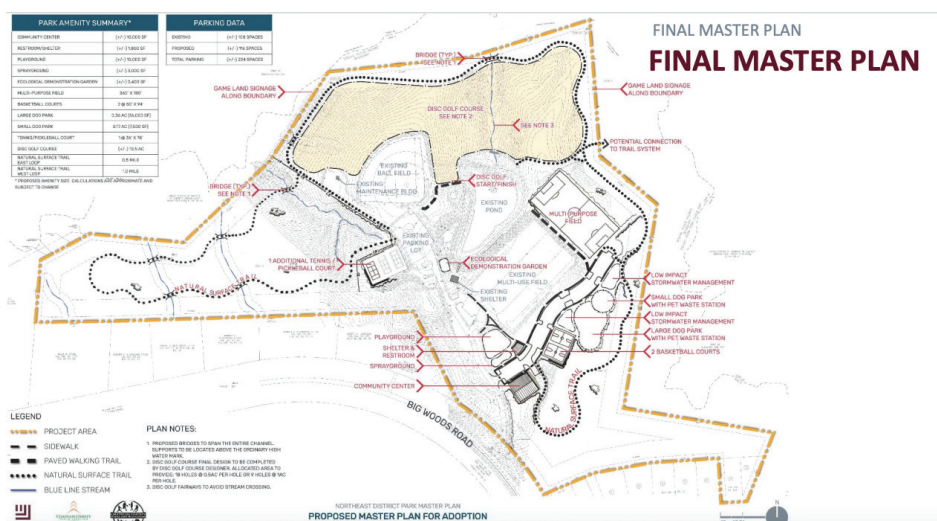


Photo courtesy of Chatham County Parks & Recreation Department

Upgrade plans for the Northeast District Park in Chapel Hill include two new dog parks, one for little dogs and one for big ones, as well as new sports fields and a disc golf course.

Cotter said McAdams and county parks staff “received a lot of feedback from the community” during the design process

and intended to incorporate resident preferences. No particular timetable was set for the improvements.

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County government restarts UDO process with new approach

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — A few months after dismissing the firm previously hired to begin work on the county’s Unified Development Ordinance, Chatham County government has restarted its efforts to put together governing rules for development.

The county’s board of commissioners voted unanimously last week to enact a “hybrid”

approach to the UDO process — hiring one firm to host public meetings and incorporate the feedback into the plan, and another firm to write the actual code.

The vote came after a recommendation from the Chatham County Planning Department, whose director, Jason Sullivan, presented the item to the board.

“A lot of jurisdictions might have typically had one or two community meetings,” Sullivan said.

“We know in the county that there’s a wide range of interest and not everything was addressed in full detail in the Comprehensive Plan. We are trying to address as many things as possible so at the end we have a successful Unified Development Ordinance.”

When the commissioners approved the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan in 2017, the UDO was the next step. The county had hired Durham-based CodeWright Planners to

write the plan, but ran into issues with the firm. Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne told the News + Record in November that county staff liked CodeWright, but the firm began extending deadlines and was not meeting expectations in the contract. The county paid out \$7,000 of a \$388,000 contract before the relationship was terminated.

On the second go-round, the county and planning department are

not planning any changes to what was asked the second time around, but will take a different approach. Sullivan said staff was considering doing the process itself — other jurisdictions have done things the same way in recent years.

“Although you may end up with a solid project at the end, you typically end up with lengthy delays,” he said. “You kind of get into a cycle you can’t get out of, and a three- or four-year process can

draw out to six or seven years.”

County staff has been drafting requests for proposals that will be available “maybe within a month,” Sullivan said. The work already done by the former firm would likely be discarded in favor of a “fresh start,” he added.

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Chatham Charter boys cruise by Research Triangle for tournament crown

Chatham Charter's Connor Murphy (14) rises above Research Triangle's Eli Griffith (left) and Jalin Burris for a layup in the first half of their conference championship game last Saturday at Eno River Academy in Hillsborough.

Staff photo by David Bradley



BY DON BEANE
 News + Record Staff

HILLSBOROUGH — Jordan Hamilton pumped in 33 points and pulled down 15 rebounds on Saturday afternoon up at Eno River High in Hillsborough to help Chatham Charter to an easy 68-51 victory over Research Triangle in the finals of the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference Tournament.

Chatham Charter, which improved to 28-1 on the season, won every period in cruising to the win.

Knights coach Jason Messier said Research Triangle came ready to go especially early in the contest.

"Research Triangle came ready to play, starting the game on a 6-0 run but we responded with our own run and finished the quarter up 13-4, never giving up the lead for the remainder of the game," said Messier. "The boys played with a lot of energy on the defensive end and were efficient in our execution on the offensive end."

Messier also mentioned the effort by Hamilton as well as strong games from Trevor Golden and Connor Murphy.

"Jordan had a super game with 33 points on 14-17 shooting from the field and 5-7 from the free throw line," continued Messier. "He also worked hard on the glass and pulled down a game high 15 rebounds. Trevor Golden added 16 points, 5 rebounds and Connor Murphy added 8 points and 10 rebounds with strong outings in the winning effort."

Leading 13-10 after one, Chatham

Charter used a 14-8 run to go up 27-18 at the half, and a 17-14 spurt in the third to head into the final quarter with a 44-32 advantage.

The locals put the game away in the fourth quarter with a 24-19 surge.

Ryan White added five points in the win while Cole Milholen chipped in three and Clay Griffin two. Milholen added two boards and seven assists in the win while White chipped in two rebounds and four assists.

Barry Marrow had 14 points to pace the Raptors (17-7) while Eric Klappenbach and Eli Griffith chipped in 12 each. Klappenbach chipped in nine boards, an assist and three steals in the loss while Harry Hale added seven boards, two steals and two assists, and Marrow five rebounds, one assist and four steals.

In semifinal round action on Wednesday evening at Eno River in Hillsborough, Chatham Charter belted Raleigh Charter (6-14) by a dominating 69-37 count.

Hamilton was a force inside per norm as the senior postman poured in 24 points on 11-of-17 shooting from the field while adding 14 rebounds, an assist and two steals.

Murphy added 18 points for the Knights who shot 58 percent (31-53) from the floor while White added seven, and Milholen, Golden, Jackson Brown and Amir Mapp four apiece.

Also in the floor game it was Milholen collecting two boards and

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Jordan-Matthews marches to 2A PAC 7 Conference tournament title

BY DON BEANE
 News + Record Staff

RANDLEMAN — In stunning fashion Saturday afternoon in Randleman the Jordan-Matthews boys demolished High Point Andrews 71-57 to capture the 2A PAC 7 Conference tournament title while also securing a big into the state playoffs with upset victory.

The Jets, 10-16 on the season, were scheduled to head down east on Tuesday, Feb. 25, for an opening round match up with reigning state champion Farmville Central (24-2).

Against High Point Andrews, the Jets came out firing on all cylinders offensively as the locals jumped in front 18-9 after one period of play behind eight points from Lanice Hedgepeth. Huston Causey added a pair of three-pointers for the locals in the opening eight minutes.

Jordan-Matthews increased its lead to 33-18 at the intermission as Camden Fuquay pumped in seven points and Hedgepeth added six more.

In the third, Jordan-Matthews all but put things away with a 21-14 spurt that extended the lead to a commanding 54-32 entering the fourth. Hedgepeth had eight points while Eral Jones and Jaquez Thompson had four, and Causey a trey.

Jayden Davis, Hedgepeth and Thompson all collected four points in the fourth and Causey chipped in three free throws down the stretch as the Jets held on for the easy 71-57 triumph and the tournament crown.

Hedgepeth had a game-high 26 points in the win for Jordan-Matthews while

Causey chipped in 12, Fuquay 11, Thompson 10 and Jones six.

The Red Raiders were led by 23 points from Kyron Burrent while T.L. East added nine.

Jordan-Matthews had advanced into the finals with a 57-40 semifinal blowout win on Wednesday evening over Trinity in Randleman.

The Jets used four points from Hedgepeth to go up 8-7 after one period of play before Davis canned a pair of treys and Causey added another in the second to spark a 12-10 advantage which put the locals up 20-17 at the intermission.

Seth Moore sank a key trey in the third on the way to five points and Hedgepeth canned six more points as the Jets built a little breathing room with a 13-7 surge in the stanza to head into the fourth up 33-24.

Jordan-Matthews erupted with 24 points in the final eight minutes of action to run away with the semifinal victory. Hedgepeth, who closed with 23 points, had 11 in the quarter while Davis chipped in eight of his 14 in the contest.

Ben Owens led Trinity with 11 points. In opening round action at Wheatmore on Monday night, Jordan-Matthews brought home a thrilling 75-67 overtime victory back to Siler City.

Jordan-Matthews outscored Wheatmore 15-7 in the overtime period behind five foul shots from Hedgepeth who closed the game with 18.

The Warriors led 17-16 after one despite five points from Hedgepeth, four more from Fuquay, and a trey from Moore.

The Jets used an 11-10 edge in the second



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Lanice Hedgepeth, right, goes up for a fast break against Trinity's Josh Reddick in the final minutes of their conference playoff game Feb. 19 in Trinity.

to tie the game at 27-all at the break. Timothy Eubanks had four points for J-M in the second while Davis chipped in three.

Fuquay would strike for six in the third and Davis added five as Jordan-Matthews used a 15-10 run to head into the fourth up 42-37.

Wheatmore came roaring back in the fourth, however, using a 23-18 spurt to

force a tie at 60-all despite six points from Hedgepeth and four more each from Fuquay and Davis.

The Jets would get the win in overtime as Fuquay added 16 in the win, Davis 14, Moore seven, and Jones, Eubanks and Thompson six apiece.

Austin Gibbs led all scorers with a game-high 35.

North Rowan overwhelms Central to capture YVC tournament title

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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DENTON — In a contest between Yadkin Valley 1A Conference regular-season co-champions Chatham Central and North Rowan to determine the league's number one seed for the upcoming state playoffs, it was really no contest at all.

The second-seed Cavaliers jumped out to an early 13-3 advantage and never looked back as North Rowan outscored the top-seed Bears every quarter to claim its third straight YVC Tournament title and earn the conference's No. 1 seed in the 1A state playoffs with an overwhelming 59-35 victory Saturday afternoon at South Davidson High School.

The winners raised their overall record to 20-7, while Chatham Central slipped to 21-6 for the season.

Denerio Robinson poured in a career-high 22 points to lead three Cavaliers who finished in double figures. Brandon White tallied 12 points and Kendrick Goodes notched 11 as North Rowan

connected on 41 percent (25-of-61) of its attempts from the field and commanded a huge 43-22 rebounding advantage, with White, Robinson and Goodes snaring two dozen caroms between them.

"This was a significant win with regards to the playoffs as it probably gives us an opportunity for at least two home games, and it's always better to play at home," related Cavaliers' coach Jason Causby.

"Chatham Central is a hard team to prepare for since a lot of what they do is read and react, but by defending with a lot of energy and passion we managed to deny passes to the wings and take them out of a lot of what they wanted to do," Causby said. "We tried to limit them to one shot, and when we can rebound and get an outlet pass we can score points a lot easier."

Preston Cox was the only player to register double figures for the Bears with 11 points, including three treys.

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State title quests fall short in silver medal runs by Steele, Tracy

BY DON BEANE
 News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO — Their quests for a pair of state titles came up short for Chatham Charter's Chandler Steele and Northwood's Tyler Tracy over the weekend at the NCHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championships at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Tracy, wrestling in the 3A classification as a freshman, entered the tournament unbeaten at 42-0.

In the opening round Tracy disposed of Alex Barajas of Roanoke Rapids with an 8-0 Major Decision before taking an impressive 17-1 Technical Fall triumph over Joey Bruscano of Southeast Guilford in the quarterfinals.

This set up a battle on Saturday afternoon with Tracy tangling with Jahmez Settles of Wilson Fike. Tracy improved to 45-0 with a hard-fought 11-6 decision over Settles in the semifinal round match.

All that was left between Tracy and a state championship was a finals match with Marcus Jackson (58-1) of Central Cabarrus. The match would not end until almost 11:30 on Saturday evening and the result was

a tough 15-1 Technical Fall defeat at 2:32 for Tracy, who closed the season at 45-1.

"What an incredible run for Tyler," said Northwood coach Jason Amy. "To go 45-1 in your freshman season and advance to the state title match is phenomenal. I know he's a bit disappointed right now, but he will learn from it and will get better and better. We couldn't be prouder of him."

In 1A, an elusive state title continued for Steele as the junior advanced to the state title match only to come up agonizingly short again.

Wrestling at 126 pounds, Steele opened the tournament with a quarterfinal fall victory in 4:49 over Zane Lucksavage of Hayesville.

In the semifinals, Steele outlasted Jayden Nowell of Robbinsville with a 6-2 decision to move into the finals.

That finals match pitted Steele versus Jonas Trejo of Swain County and in the end Trejo proved too tough and pinned Steele in 1:31.

Steele closed the season at 32-7 while Trejo, a senior, went out at 41-8 and with the state title for the Maroon Devils.

8 county hoops teams set for state tournament

BY DON BEANE
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The quest for state titles is here. Eight of ten Chatham County high school squads will compete in the NCHSAA prep basketball state tournament that was set on Tuesday, February 25th. In Siler City, the Chatham Charter boys are riding high after capturing the regular season and tournament titles out of the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference. The Knights (28-1) continue on a record-breaking season and were scheduled to take a No. 4 seed overall in the West into the playoffs where they will meet No. 28 seed Highland Tech (7-17) at 8 p.m. A win would send Chatham Charter into the second round with a match-up on Friday, February 28 against the winner of No. 20 seed South Stokes (12-14) at No. 13 seed Cherokee (17-9).

The Chatham Charter girls are also coming off a record-setting campaign this winter. The Lady Knights (20-5) enter the tournament as the No. 5 seed in the East and will entertain No. 28 seed Gates County (10-13) at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evening before the boys game. Chatham Charter would advance with a victory to host the winner of No. 21 seed Tarboro (14-12) at No. 12 seed Falls Lake (19-7) on Friday. Also in 1A action in Bear Creek, the No. 13 seed Chatham Central boys will be entertaining a dangerous No. 20 seed in Northwest Halifax (16-8). The Bears (21-6) were co-champions of the Yadkin Valley Conference during the regular season before losing in the tournament finals to a buzz saw in North Rowan. Chatham Central would take on the winner of No. 4 West Columbus (20-4) and No. 29 Northampton County (7-

13) on Friday night should the Bears advance. Two more 1A contests will feature the girls teams of Chatham Central (14-12) and Woods Charter (11-6) both hitting the road in the East. Chatham Central, No. 22 seeds, will head to No. 11 seed Clover Garden (25-4) in the opening round. A win pits the Lady Bears against the victor of No. 6 seed Princeton (19-3) and No. 27 Rocky Mount Prep (11-7). Woods Charter, meanwhile, is making history with its first state playoff appearance ever for the girls program fresh off not fielding a team last season. The No. 23 seed Wolves will head to No. 10 Riversville-Martin (19-6) down in Williamston. A victory by Woods Charter pits the locals against the survivor of No. 7 seed Granville Central (13-13) and No. 26 seed Henderson Collegiate (11-12). In 2A action, Jordan-Matthews

pulled a stunner and captured the PAC 7 Conference tournament crown with a championship run ending in a 71-57 rout of High Point Andrews on Saturday afternoon in Randleman. The Jets (10-16) drew the No. 30 seed in the East and have earned a trip to battle No. 3 seed Farmville Central (24-2). The Jaguars are reigning 2A state champions after going 32-0 a year ago and boast N.C. State signee Terquavi-on Smith. In Pittsboro, the Northwood boys and girls teams are fresh off taking the 3A Big Eight Conference championships before the snow storm of a week ago doused the opportunity for league tournament titles. Still, both squads are ready to rock and roll this week and were set for a pair of home games on Tuesday night. The Northwood girls were slated to host No. 27 seed Southern Alamance (9-15).

With a win the No. 6 seed Lady Chargers (20-5) would battle the victor of No. 14 seed Northside Jacksonville (17-7) and No. 19 Terry Sanford (17-6) on Friday night. After the girls contest on Tuesday evening, the No. 3 seed Northwood boys were set to tangle with No. 30 seeded East Chapel Hill (11-14). The Chargers (23-2) won both regular season contests between the league foes including 68-40 at home back in January, and 59-56 at East Chapel Hill just two weeks ago. The winner will take on the victor of No. 14 Northside Jacksonville (17-7) and No. 19 seed Terry Sanford (17-6) on Friday evening. Second round state playoff games as well as the ensuing rounds following thereafter will be played at the higher seeds until the state championship finals.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Charter's Tamaya Walden targets the basket after getting past Clover Garden's Regan Allison late in the squads' game at Eno River Academy in Hillsborough last Saturday.

Tournament title falls short for Lady Knights in 53-48 loss to Grizzlies

BY DON BEANE
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HILLSBOROUGH — The bid for a 1A Central Tar Heel Conference tournament title fell short for the Chatham Charter girls Saturday morning as the locals suffered a tough 53-48 defeat to Clover Garden at Eno River Academy in Hillsborough. The Knights, now 25-3, trailed the entire contest before seeing a 20-10 run in the final eight minutes of action to storm back and make a run at the win. By virtue of the regular season title, Chatham Charter will still take the top-seed out of the CTH into the upcoming state playoffs while Clover Garden improves to 25-4 on the season and avenged two earlier losses to the Knights. Tamaya Walden had 20 points in the win and the freshman added a rebound, four assists and three steals while Rebecca McGaughnea chipped in

18 points, six boards and three steals, and Morgan Lineberry four points, 11 rebounds and an assist. Lillian Jones added four points, four boards, one assist and two steals while Taylor Brewer chipped in two points and five rebounds, and Olivia Cheek two boards and five assists. Clover Garden, which led 15-11 after one period of play, 28-17 at the half, and 43-28 entering the fourth, was led by 18 points from Jaclyn Faucette while Reagan Allison chipped in 12, and Emma Hackney and Lexie Roberts nine apiece. Chatham Charter had rolled 72-22 over Research Triangle in the semifinals on Wednesday evening at Eno River Academy behind 21 points from Lillian Jones, 15 from Lineberry, 14 from Mc-Gaughnea, eight apiece from Cheek and Walden, and six from Brewer. The Knights outscored the Raptors 29-9 in the opening period before

using a 14-5 spurt in the second quarter to go up 43-14 at the half, a 22-3 run in the third to move in front 55-17. Lineberry and Mc-Gaughnea chipped in 13 and 12 boards respectively while Walden added five boards, seven assists and five steals. Chatham Charter opened the CTH tournament on Monday night in Siler City with a 50-30 drubbing of Cornerstone Christian Academy (4-18). The locals led 9-0 after one period of play and 25-8 at the intermission before never looking back. Lineberry had 22 points and 10 rebounds in the win while Walden chipped in 13 points, five boards, five assists and six steals, and Cheek eight points, one rebound, two assist and three steals. Ashleigh Tyree led the Cardinals with eight points while Anna Fink and Yasmyne Cornelius added six apiece in the loss.

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Chatham Central shot 23 percent (12-of-53) from the floor, while both teams committed nine turnovers. Bears' coach Robert Burke's assessment of the outcome was to the point. "We did not come to play," emphasized Burke. "We didn't box out, rebound

or shoot well. Half of our losses this year have come on days we're not in school, and when we get out of our normal routine we don't play well. "At the end we had no choice but to put up threes, and only made one-of-six down the stretch," the coach said. "But give credit to North Rowan because they just outplayed us and deserved to win." Clinging to a 4-3 advantage five minutes into the

game, the Cavaliers suddenly erupted for nine unanswered points to seize the momentum before Cox's three-pointer from the right wing with 1:25 to go in the frame narrowed Chatham Central's deficit to 13-6 after one quarter. But after a Lucas Skertich trey from the left wing to start the second stanza pulled the Bears within four, Robinson proceeded to toss in nine points during the period

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six assists, Murphy five rebounds, two assists and five steals, White three boards and two assists, and Golden five rebounds, one assist and two steals. Chatham Charter opened a 16-12 advantage after one quarter in the books before holding a slim 27-21 lead at the half. In the third period,

however, the Knights blew the game wide open with a 24-5 surge before claiming an 18-11 advantage in the fourth to close out the convincing 69-37 win. Chatham Charter opened the conference tournament on Monday in Siler City and drilled Eno River Academy 67-45 after racing to a 14-5 lead after one and winning the second period 16-12 to go up 30-17 at the half, the third 13-9 to pull in front

43-26, and the fourth 24-19 to close out the win. Hamilton had 21 points for the Knights in the victory while White chipped in 15, Golden 10, Mapp seven, and Milholen six. Milholen added two boards, eight assists and two steals in the triumph while Hamilton dominated the glass with 16 boards while adding three assists. Murphy added four points, eight boards and a steal while White chipped in two rebounds

and an assist, and Golden six boards and an assist. "It has been a fun ride! This is a great group of young men that have spent a lot of hours in the gym and it has been enjoyable to see all their hard work paying off," said Messier. "We are excited to be able to participate in the NCHSAA State Playoffs for the second consecutive year. We have had a strong year and are looking to make a run in the playoffs."

Emergency goalie story, right here in N.C., part of what makes sports great

I've had a love-aphathy relationship with hockey over the last 10 years. I went into college in the fall of 2010 obsessed with hockey. My team, the Raleigh-based Carolina Hurricanes, had won the National Hockey League's biggest prize four years before and made the conference finals the playoffs the year before, so I was in good shape as a fan. But in the ensuing years, a league-wide lockout for half a season plus year after year of losing led to my interest in the sport, and the Hurricanes, waning and waning until it was nearly non-existent. And that was significant: I was a hockey fan from the age of 6 or 7. The Hurricanes moved to North Carolina from Hartford, Connecticut, when I was 4, and not too long after, my dad took me to a game or two in Greensboro. I was hooked. I was reminded of the unique quality of sports — and just how much I love the Hurricanes — Saturday night, when emergency backup goalie David Ayres came into the game donning a white-and-red Carolina sweater and stole the show not just in Toronto where the game was played, but across the hockey world and into the mainstream. I've gotten back into hockey within the last couple years, and the Hurricanes have climbed out of irrelevancy into a team



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to watch in the NHL. Carolina consistently ranks among the top 15 teams in the league, and its exciting, fast-paced style of play featuring stars like Sebastian Aho, Teuvo Teravainen and Dougie Hamilton is fun to watch. I admit that I sound like a fairweather fan, and that's fair — but my anxiety can't handle too much losing. (Just ask me about my Arsenal fandom sometime.)

But the David Ayres story not only reminded me of how great sports are, it told me two things: one about myself and the other about hockey. Hockey is a game where anything can happen. There are 82 games in the regular season, up to seven in each playoff series, and each team dresses 20 players every night, meaning more people play more games than any other sporting league. What happened on Saturday was an extension of that — both of Carolina's dressed goaltenders got hurt, and thanks to league rules, a backup emergency goalie was on site in that case. Ayres gave up goals on the first two Toronto shots — the first was his fault, the second wasn't — but stopped the other eight he faced to get the recorded win. It was a true story of adversity overcome. Not only did the Hurricanes score twice in the third period to seal a 6-3 win, after Ayres had come in, but they defended superbly in front of someone they had just met when he stepped onto the Toronto ice. And after the game, after the plethora of media interviews for this 42-year-old Zamboni driver, the team showered him with water

bottles. It's a reason to love the Hurricanes, and a reason to love sports: people come together in a time of trial and difficulty for a common goal, something far too rare these days. As for me, it reminded me I can still get emotional about sports. Not just angry, frustrated or anxious, but joyous. I was excited for my team — for the win, for the valuable points in the standings, for the six goals we scored, of course — but I felt privileged to have watched the game from the beginning and to have seen history. There's too much to get into here about how Ayres' performance was against all odds, how good the Hurricanes were defensively in front of him, and frankly how shoddy Toronto was in the third period. Suffice it to say, if you haven't given hockey a chance, give it one. And if you've left sports because of your anxiety, I get it, but don't forget it has the chance to make you feel the complete opposite: happy to be alive and to be a fan.

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Northwood crushes Northern in Big Eight tournament opener

BY DON BEANE
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PITTSBORO — Deuce Powell poured in 23 points on Tuesday night in Pittsboro as Northwood crushed visiting Northern Durham 73-54 in

opening round action of the 3A Big Eight Conference tournament.

The contest was never in doubt for the high-flying Chargers, who moved to 23-2 on the season while the Knights closed at a dismal 4-21.

Northwood, which shot a sizzling 53 percent (32-of-60) from the floor despite 0-11 shooting from behind the arc, also saw Aaron Ross hit double figures with 19 points while Jalen McAfee-Marion added 13

points and Jack Thompson 12.

Thompson added seven rebounds, one assist and three steals to the cause for the Chargers while Alex Snively chipped in six boards, six assists and five steals, Ross five

rebounds, four assists and two steals, McAfee-Marion four boards, three assists and one steal, and Powell two rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Inclement weather later in the week spoiled the bid for Northwood to add

a tournament title to go with the regular season crown.

The Chargers were slated to host East Chapel Hill in the opening round of the NCHSAA 3A state playoffs on Tuesday, February 25 in Pittsboro.

Lady Chargers stampede hapless Red Wolves in tournament action

BY DON BEANE
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PITTSBORO — It was blowout city in Pittsboro Tuesday night, Feb. 18.

The Northwood girls entertained Cedar Ridge in first round action of the 3A Big Eight Conference tournament and simply destroyed the visitors from Hillsborough.

Northwood, now 20-5 on the season and top seeds in the tourney, outscored the 1-23 Cedar Ridge squad 24-7 in the opening stanza and 20-4 in the second to turn the game into a complete rout at 44-11 at the intermission.

The Chargers came out and held the Red Wolves to one point in the third and only eight in the fourth to cap the 60-20 triumph.

"I thought we came ready and focused to play and executed well on both sides of the ball in the first half," said NW coach Cameron Vernon. "We really got after it on defense the entire game and were able to play a lot of people. It was a total team effort."

While Northwood held Cedar Ridge to 24 percent (8-of-34) shooting for the game and forced 21 turnovers, the Chargers shot 48 percent (24-of-50) and

turned the ball over just six times.

"We challenged their shots the entire night and on the offensive end ran the court well and got some easy transition baskets," continued Vernon. "But we also did well in our sets, and turning the ball over just six times while forcing 21 turnovers was a key stat in the contest."

All told, nine different Northwood players reached the scoring column, including Mckenna Snively with a game-high 14 points while Te'Keyah Bland added 13, Gianna McManaman and Natalie Bell nine apiece, and Hannah Kanapkey eight.

Snively added five rebounds, two assists and three steals in the win, while McManaman chipped in five boards, four assists and a steal, Bland five rebounds, one assist and one steal, and Rae McClarty four steals.

Nadia Oswald paced Cedar Ridge with 12 points and two steals.

Inclement weather kept the Lady Chargers from the quest to win a tournament title to go with the regular season league crown, but the Northwood girls were scheduled to open the 3A NCHSAA state playoffs on Tuesday, February 25 in Pittsboro versus Southern Alamance.

Charity tosses in overtime lift Lady Bears to CTH tourney win over Blue Dogs

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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BEAR CREEK — While Johnny Cash might claim to have "walked the line," Monday night it was Chatham Central who "cashed in" at the line against Albemarle in first-round action of the Yadkin Valley 1A Conference Tournament in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium.

After battling to a draw following 32 minutes of regulation play, the third-seed Lady Bears sank seven-of-10 free throw attempts in the final two minutes of an overtime session to collar a hard-earned 48-44 victory over the sixth-seed Lady Bulldogs.

The triumph elevated Chatham Central to 14-10 for the season and advanced the winners into a tourney semifinal round matchup against second-seed North Rowan (18-7) Wednesday night in Denton, while Albemarle fell to 9-16 overall.

Danielle Vaughn topped the Lady Bears with 14 points and Mary Grace Murchison chipped in 12 as Chatham Central shot 30 percent (17-of-57) from the floor while turning the ball over 20 times.

Deshada Wall led the Lady Bulldogs with 21 points as Albemarle connected on 25 percent (16-of-64) of its field goal attempts, including seven-of-35 from three-point range, and held a 42-38 advantage on the boards while committing 18 turnovers.

Seven lead changes and three ties in the first quarter alone set the tone for the evening, as the contest featured a total of 22 lead changes and seven

ties in all.

"To me the difference in the game was once we got the lead in overtime we showed a determination to win by taking better care of the basketball and crashing the boards to rebound Albemarle's missed shots, while Danielle, Mary Grace, Eliana (Phillips) and Savannah (Stilwell) all hit big free throws the last couple of minutes," said Lady Bears' coach Lynda Burke.

"Offensively we missed way too many layups in the second half and allowed the game to extend into an extra period because we had some costly turnovers after we took the lead in the fourth quarter," Burke said. "But defensively we didn't give up many open looks at the basket and did a good job contesting Albemarle's perimeter shots."

Lady Bulldogs' coach Eric Davis remarked after the teams split the regular-season series in a pair of close games he was expecting another tight battle this go-round.

"I thought both teams were even and played hard tonight, but it all came down to Chatham Central hitting those deciding foul shots in overtime," stated Davis.

"Our plan was to attack the middle," said Davis, "but we settled for too many outside shots instead of taking advantage of open gaps in the paint, yet our man-to-man defensive pressure managed to keep us in the game."

After a seesaw opening stanza that concluded with Albemarle taking a 13-12 lead on Semajhe Porter's jumper in the lane with 23 seconds left in the frame, the Lady Bull-

dogs fashioned their biggest advantage at 16-11 following a Porter free throw with 6:09 remaining in the second period.

But the Lady Bears fought back to pull even when Vaughn's layup with 1:24 to go in the half forged a 30-all standoff at intermission.

Following nine lead changes during a third quarter in which neither squad had more than a three-point advantage, a Wall charity toss with one second remaining sent the teams into the final eight minutes of regulation tied at 33-apiece.

Kristyn McLendon's trey from the left corner to begin the fourth quarter then put Albemarle up by three before Chatham Central rallied behind layups from Grace Jones and Vaughn to go ahead 37-36. After Wall's backcourt steal and layup was countered by Olivia Hudson's lane jumper, Ojay Stanback's free throw with exactly two minutes on the clock pulled the Lady Bulldogs even at 39-all, and neither team would score again prior to the end of regulation play.

Wall's three-pointer from the right wing with 3:07 to go in the extra period gave Albemarle its last lead prior to Eliana Phillips canning a pair of foul shots with 2:16 left that gave Chatham Central the advantage for good at 43-42.

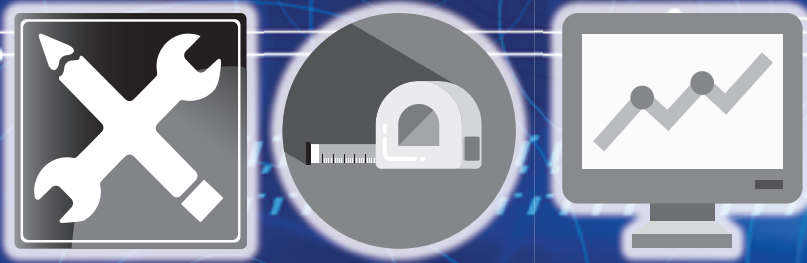
Two charity tosses each by Vaughn and Murchison plus a solo free throw by Savannah Stilwell then provided the Lady Bears with their biggest spread of the night at 48-42 before Wall's put-back in the paint with one second remaining accounted for the final margin.



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Northwood's TeKeyah Bland makes her move from the paint in the second quarter past Cedar Ridge defenders in their conference tournament game Feb. 18 in Pittsboro.

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Conference championship tournament



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In the last moments of their tournament playoff game in Trinity Feb. 19, Jordan-Matthews' Lanice Hedgepeth (24) takes one up the middle past Trinity's Chris Essick for another basket.

Northwood's Justin Brower (3) runs into the defense of Northern Durham's Jesse Reaves early in their conference tournament game in Pittsboro Feb. 18.

Staff photo by David Bradley



Northwood's Jalen McAfee-Marion (23) takes a fall after delivering a ball to the basket. McAfee-Marion was shooting for the first two points on the board past defenders Northern Durham in their Feb. 18 tournament playoff game in Pittsboro.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Charter's Morgan Lineberry (44) sets up for another score late in their game with Clover Garden last Saturday at Eno River Academy in Hillsborough.

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Chatham Charter's Lillian Jones (12) takes a fast break up the court past the Clover Garden defense in pursuit of another basket in last Saturday's game at Eno River Academy in Hillsborough. The girls team won the regular season title but lost the tournament finals. The team is still seeded No. 1 in the Central Tar Heel Conference.

Bears' buzz saw rips Wildcats 81-42

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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BEAR CREEK — South Davidson coach Chad Ellington stated Tuesday night's encounter with Chatham Central in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium was like running into a buzz saw, while Bears' mentor Robert Burke explained it was just a case of his team playing fundamental basketball.

Lucas Skertich fired in 14 of his game-high 18 points in the first half as Chatham Central raced to a 23-point advantage at intermission and placed a dozen players in the scoring column while frolicking to an 81-42 triumph over the Wildcats in quarterfinal round play of the Yadkin Valley 1A Conference Tournament.

Posting their highest point total of the year besides collecting their fourth win in a row, the top-seed Bears improved to 20-5 overall, giving Chatham Central its first 20-win season since the 2002-03 team went 22-5. The victory also set up a tourney semifinal showdown with fourth-seed North Stanly (14-10) Wednesday night in Denton, while eighth-seed South Davidson finished 3-21.

Michael Moore added 11 points for the winners, while Riley Lagenor and Nic Wilson contributed nine points apiece. The Bears connected on 53 percent (31-of-58) of their field goal attempts in addition to holding a 40-33 advantage in rebounds while turning the ball over a dozen times.

"Tonight our starters as well as the reserves performed the way they're capable of playing, giving us a solid inside/outside attack while capitalizing on our transition game," noted Burke.

"Not only did we execute on offense," Burke said, "but I thought we showed a lot of aggressiveness on defense with our boxing out on the boards and containing

South Davidson's outside shooters, limiting them to only a pair of three-pointers."

Thomas Ellington finished with nine points and Dayton Adkins tallied eight to lead the Wildcats, who shot 31 percent (18-of-58) from the floor while committing 14 turnovers.

"Chatham Central has so many weapons with their strong inside/out game that you've got to shoot at least 45 percent to be competitive with them," remarked coach Ellington.

"Not only did they shoot well from the perimeter," Ellington noted, "but their big guys hurt us in the paint with their rebounding that gave them a lot of second-chance opportunities, while on the defensive end they limited us to one-and-done while we could never get into any kind of offensive rhythm."

Following a jumper in the lane by South Davidson's Jackson Ellington that forged the only tie of the evening at 4-4 with 4:54 left in the initial period, the Bears closed out the opening stanza with a 12-4 run, capped by

Lagenor's three-pointer from the left corner, to seize a 16-8 advantage after one quarter.

Chatham Central then began the second period with a 12-0 burst to increase its lead to 20 three minutes into the frame before Adkins finally snapped the string with a pair of free throws. But the Bears would go on to outscore the visitors from Denton 13-10 over the remainder of the quarter to carry a 41-18 advantage into halftime.

With Moore and Skertich combining for 13 points in the third stanza, Chatham Central continued to expand its lead throughout the frame and entered the fourth period up 64-28.

The closest the Wildcats got over the last eight minutes was 69-36 following Hayden Smith's trey from the left wing with 5:12 to go in the contest prior to the Bears finishing the rout with a 12-6 spurt, with Brady Cunup's jumper off the right baseline with 36 seconds remaining accounting for the final margin while giving Chatham Central its biggest advantage of the night.

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Kealand Pennington, 30, of Sanford, was charged February 18 with possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, felony possession of marijuana, maintaining a vehicle used for keeping a controlled substance, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of an open container of alcohol and expired registration. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Ricky Oldham, 34, of Goldston, was charged February 18 with failure to appear on charges of driving while license revoked not impaired and operating a vehicle with no insurance. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Asheboro.

Michael Parker, 28, of Lillington, was charged February 18 with possession of methamphetamine, simple possession of a Schedule III controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 ounce, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro. He was also charged February 19 with possession with intent to sell and

deliver marijuana and was held under a \$1,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Charles Ammons Jr., 52, of Siler City, was charged February 18 with failure to comply with order of contempt for child support. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a March 10 court date in Clinton.

Cody Saunders, 28, of Siler City, was charged February 19 with possession of counterfeit instrument/currency. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Carlos Rosada, 65, of Pittsboro, was charged February 19 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was issued a written promise with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Janie Coltrane, 18, of Siler City, was charged February 19 with trespassing and resisting a public officer, and was held under a \$500 bond with a February 25 court date in Siler City. She was also charged February 20 with resisting a public officer and assault on a government official/employee, for which she was held under a \$500 bond with a February 25 court date in Siler City.

David McIntosh, 25, of Bear Creek, was charged February 20 with assault on a female, assault with a deadly weapon and false imprisonment. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

James Brady, 22, of Bear Creek, was charged February 20 with first-degree forcible rape and first-degree forcible sex offense. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Charles Howard Jr., 28, of Greensboro, was taken into custody February 18 on a Guilford County warrant for simple assault and injury to personal property and on a Wilson County warrant for felony second-degree kidnapping, felony second-degree forcible sex offense and felony assault by strangulation. He was issued a 48-hour domestic violence hold and given a March 2 court date in Greensboro and a March 10 court date in Wilson.

Christina Brown, 57, of Staley, was charged February 18 with larceny. She

was issued a written promise with a March 3 court date in Siler City.

Martin Perez Martinez of Siler City was cited February 18 for driving while license revoked not impaired on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Aahmek Gladden of Siler City was cited February 18 for failure to reduce speed on Alston Bridge Road in Siler City.

Patricia Letterlough, 27, of Asheboro, was taken into custody February 19 on a summons from Randolph County. She has a March 2 court date in Asheboro.

Luis Nieto, 26, of Siler City, was charged February 21 for driving while impaired - alcohol. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a March 10 court date in Siler City.

Ashley Cervantes of Siler City was cited February 21 for no operator's license and failure to stop-steady at a red light on North Chatham Avenue in Siler City.

Shaniel Taylor, 36, of Siler City, was charged February 23 for misdemeanor larceny. She was issued a written promise and has a March 17 court date in Siler City.

Mosaic developers charged \$10K re-application fee for land disturbance permit violation

BY ZACHARY HORNER

PITTSBORO — The developers of Mosaic at Chatham Park were charged a \$10,000 re-application fee last month after a violation of the project's Land Disturbance Permit.

An excavator drove through Haven Creek, which is on-site at the property, "to perform work that was outside the approved limits of

disturbance" while a county inspection was taking place, according to a January 9 inspection report from the Chatham County Watershed Protection Department.

The work violated ordinances ranging from "failure to take all reasonable measures" to "protect all public and private property from damage caused by the activity," taking "insufficient measures to

retain sediment on site" and "failure to follow (a previously) approved plan." The developers subsequently paid the fee and followed county guidelines for restoration of the permit. The fee amount came from \$250 per disturbed acre.

Kirk Bradley — one of Mosaic's developers and a partner in Chatham Media Group, owners of the Chatham News + Record — said the issue



This photo shows stream and streambank damage from an excavator driving through Haven Creek on the property of Mosaic at Chatham Park. The photo was taken during a county inspection on Jan. 9.

Photo courtesy of Chatham County Watershed Protection Department

Town of Siler City to Perform Annual Temporary Switch to Chlorine Disinfection January 20, 2020

Beginning March 3, 2020, the Town of Siler City Water Plant will temporarily suspend the addition of ammonia to its water treatment disinfection process, as required by North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). Siler City will resume the addition of ammonia to the water treatment disinfection process on April 7, 2020.

Siler City uses both ammonia and chlorine to form chloramines for its disinfection process. Ammonia is added to the water in a carefully regulated dose and reacts chemically with the chlorine to produce chloramines. Chloraminated drinking water is safe for drinking, bathing, cooking and many other daily uses. NCDENR requires all systems using chloramination to suspend the addition of ammonia for a one month period annually.

During the changes in our disinfection process, three groups of people need to take special precautions for higher concentrations of chlorine – kidney dialysis patients, pretreatment owners and aquatic pet owners using City water. Dialysis patients and aquatic pet owners already treat the water they use for chlorine removal. Any customer who pre-treats City water for any process should be aware of their change and consult the manufacturer of any pretreatment equipment for recommendations.

Customers with concerns may contact the Town of Siler City at 919-742-4731 or cmccorquodale@silercity.org.

Ciudad de Siler Realizará el Cambio Temporal Anual a la Desinfección del Cloro Enero 20, 2020

A partir del 3 de Marzo de 2020, la Planta de Agua de la Ciudad de Siler City suspenderá temporalmente la adición de amoníaco a su proceso de desinfección del tratamiento de agua, como lo requiere el Departamento de North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). Siler City reanudará la adición de amoníaco al proceso de desinfección del tratamiento del agua el 7 de Abril de 2020.

Siler City utiliza amoníaco y cloro para formar cloraminas para su proceso de desinfección. El amoníaco se añade al agua en una dosis cuidadosamente regulada y reacciona químicamente con el cloro para producir cloraminas. El agua potable cloraminada es segura para beber, bañarse, cocinar y muchos otros usos diarios. NCDENR requiere que todos los sistemas que utilizan cloraminación suspendan la adición de amoníaco durante un período de un mes al año.

Durante los cambios en nuestro proceso de desinfección, tres grupos de personas necesitan tomar precauciones especiales para mayores concentraciones de cloro – pacientes de diálisis renal, propietarios de pretratamiento y propietarios de mascotas acuáticas que utilizan agua de la ciudad. Los pacientes de diálisis y los dueños de mascotas acuáticas ya tratan el agua que utilizan para la eliminación de cloro. Cualquier cliente que pre-trata el agua de la ciudad para cualquier proceso debe ser consciente de su cambio y consultar al fabricante de cualquier equipo de pretratamiento para recomendaciones.

Los clientes con inquietudes pueden comunicarse con la ciudad de Siler City al 919-742-4731, o cmccorquodale@silercity.org

was "rectified." "We had a subcontractor do something nobody instructed them to do," he said. "Everyone's been appropriately disciplined and rectifications made."

When the development's Land Disturbance Permit was revoked, all activity associated with the site apart from work to rectify the issue was halted. A January 15 letter to developers said the permit was reinstated.

"Corrective actions have been addressed to bring the site into compliance," wrote Justin Hasenfus, watershed

specialist with the county's Watershed Protection Department. "A new land disturbing permit application and associated land disturbing permit reapplication fee have been accepted."

The letter stated that revised erosion control plans were submitted to the county office on January 13 and included construction of around 140 feet of "aerial sanitary sewer line southeast of the current project and project limits of disturbance," and that the plans include that "additional area of disturbance."

Initial construction work on Mosaic, a 226-acre and \$500 million mixed use development, began in February 2019. Phase 1 of the project will include a 114-room hotel, movie theater, 350-seat live performance theater and thousands of square feet of office space. Retail outlets are scheduled to begin operation in October 2020, joining apartments for lease and condos for purchase.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.



Chatham County Watershed Protection Department inspectors snapped this photo of land disturbance outside approved disturbance limits at Mosaic at Chatham Park during a Jan. 9 inspection.

Photo courtesy of Chatham County Watershed Protection Department

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CHATHAM VOTES 2020

One big thing about Chatham's congressional primary candidate

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Diving into all six candidates — two Democrats and four Republicans — on the ballots in North Carolina's 4th Congressional District, which includes much of Chatham County, would take a long time. So we'll instead point you to our candidate questionnaires, in addition to trying to define each man — they're all men — by "one big thing" from his platform, questionnaire responses, website and tweets. This is not meant to be an exhaustive look, but a snapshot of what they say they stand for and how they've spoken.

DEMOCRATS

U.S. Rep. David Price: An active democracy

A veteran of the U.S. House of Representatives for all but two years since 1987, Price's statement and platform reflects a government invested in the betterment of its citizens by improving healthcare, public education and the environment — so fairly run-of-the-



Photo collage by Zachary Horner

The candidates in the primaries for the Fourth Congressional District of North Carolina's member of the U.S. House of Representatives, clockwise from top left: Democrats David Price and Daniel Ulysses Lockwood; Republicans Debesh Sarkar, Steve Von Loo, Robert Thomas and Nasir Shaikh.

mill left-leaning policies in the 21st century.

He also propped up his bipartisan efforts in transportation and infrastructure legislation as well as "democratic reforms." He's been very active in his opposition of President Donald Trump and the Republican leaders in Congress.

"With an erratic President who threatens so much of what we stand for — and a craven Senate Republican Leadership that has enabled his worst tendencies — we need steady, experienced hands to lead us forward," Price said in his CN+R questionnaire. "If we are truly to secure a brighter

future for all Americans, we must protect our House majority, reclaim the United States Senate, and take back the White House."

Daniel Ulysses Lockwood: Emulating Bernie Currently working as a web designer, Lockwood turns 28 in December, making him

the youngest person in this six-man field, and his appreciation for Democratic presidential nominee and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders is evident. On his News + Record questionnaire, he listed Sanders as his political/government hero and said he worked as a volunteer designer for Sanders' 2016 presidential run. Among his policy positions, he lists things Sanders has audibly stood for, particularly when it comes to economic priorities.

"We must do more to protect the more vulnerable members of our community," Lockwood wrote. "This means establishing a \$15-minimum wage, mandatory paid parental leave, and mandatory paid sick leave, abolishing our private medical insurance industry and replacing it with Medicare for All."

He also called out Price for not going all-in on "champion(ing) bold efforts like the Green New Deal and Medicare for All" and for focusing too much on opposing Trump.

REPUBLICANS

Debesh Sarkar: Conservative

An engineer for the N.C. Dept. of Transportation and a first-generation immigrant from India, Sarkar's platform is boilerplate conservative in

the 21st century — advocating for merit-based immigration, anti-abortion policies and a desire to "follow capitalist economic policy." He also said the role of government is not to be a charity but "to help only those who need help and who really want to improve themselves." Sarkar has also advocated his support for President Trump.

"The Democrats in Congress are solely focused on stopping anything President Trump tries to do, even as we are in the biggest economic boom in history," he said. "By replacing liberal Democrat David Price, I will help take back the House from the left and then we can move forward and keep making American great again."

Sarkar listed Trump, alongside Ronald Reagan and Abraham Lincoln, as his political/government heroes and supports repealing Obamacare, opposes tax increases and advocates for implementing term limits.

Dr. Nasir Shaikh: "MAGAA"

This new acronym stands for "Making America Greater Again & Again." Shaikh, who hosts a conservative online radio show, says he wants to "continue the process" of making that happen and working alongside President

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2020 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - U.S. CONGRESS, N.C. DISTRICT 4, DEMOCRAT

Daniel Ulysses Lockwood

Date/place of birth: 1992, Cary, N.C.

Current occupation: Web Designer

E-mail: committee@lockwood4nc.com

Campaign website/social media: lockwood4nc.com; facebook.com/Lockwood4NC; twitter.com/Lockwood4NC

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): N/A

Work history/experience: B.A. Journalism and Mass Communication, 2015, UNC-Chapel Hill; Client Website Coordinator, Etix, 2017-present; Advertisement Design Independent Contractor, The Charlotte Observer, 2016-2017; temp Video Editor, NCSU Friday Institute, 2016; Volunteer Designer, Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign, 2016

Party affiliation: Democrat

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: None

Why are you seeking this office?: Over half a million North Carolinians are under or uninsured, and many more are homeless or living in substandard housing. Black and brown men are being killed by police. Transgender people are being murdered. Our air and water are poisoned, and our planet is heating at an untenable rate. We destroy the homes of indigenous peoples, and wage endless wars in the name of oil. None of this is acceptable, and Daniel Ulysses Lockwood is running to fight it.

Give us three goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: We must immediately work to pass a Green New Deal, pass a comprehensive Medicare for All bill, and end the War on Drugs. The climate crisis is already here and the GND is the only acceptable first step in that fight. Half a million North Carolinians are under or uninsured; Medicare for All is the only moral and economically-sound option designed to support them. The War on Drugs has been a racist disaster, incarcerating poor people for minor offenses. Its impact must be mitigated through the legalization of drugs and the expunging of records.

In your mind, what are the biggest issues facing the U.S. and what will you do in Congress to address those issues?: Many of the issues this country faces are interwoven—isolating them detracts from a comprehensive view of the situation and hampers our ability to mobilize support for change. Our solutions to these issues must be rooted in that understanding. We believe the economic disparity between the working and capitalist classes is the underlying cause of the many problems we have. Our system is not designed to solve the injustices we face. The inequalities of our system must be addressed through legislation designed to materially improve people's lives. Daniel will fight for solutions that meet the scale of our problems.

If you were to win, what would your tenure mean for Chatham County and its residents?: We believe an elected official should be on the ground, talking to the organizations and individuals who under-

stand the issues and have insight on how to solve them. Not only would residents be able to rely on Lockwood to listen to their needs, they can trust that he will show up for direct action—like standing in solidarity on the front lines against white supremacists occupying Pittsboro. They will have a leader who will work to pass bold policies that will improve their lives, like Medicare for All and a \$15 minimum wage.

What differentiates you from your opponent, making you the better candidate to represent your party?: David Price is a capable and experienced statesman. Our concern with Price is that he is too safe, too defensive. Price has a habit of suggesting the most important thing in this country right now is to defeat Donald Trump. We believe the best way to do that is to pass legislation that will materially improve people's lives, and get them excited to vote for those policies. We need a leader willing to champion bold efforts like the Green New Deal and Medicare for All, which Price has so far been unwilling to do.

Describe how you see immigration and border security and how you will approach them if elected: The effects of climate change are already starting to be felt around the globe. Increased temperatures, crop failures, and dying wildlife are pushing people away from the hottest areas of the world. These climate refugees, as well as traditional refugees and migrant workers, find themselves caught between an untenable world the US has helped create and the untenable immigration policies we enact. We have a moral imperative to act now to ensure our immigration policies are empathetic and provide a method for migrants to gain entry to our country. "Border security" should be a bridge, not a wall.

What is the role of the federal government in education and what legislation would you support to fulfill that role?: Research shows that students simply cannot learn while dealing with social issues, hunger, poor facilities and understaffed schools. We support legislation that would ensure the provision of at least one free hot meal to students per day, reduced class sizes, grants for modernizing facilities, and more social workers and counselors. We would like to address school funding so that money is distributed more equitably at the local level. We adamantly believe School Resource Officers should be removed from schools, as their presence does little to protect students, instead contributing heavily to the School to Prison Pipeline.

Describe what you think should be our foreign policy priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: Throughout history, American foreign policy has been an exercise in imperialism, placing interests of American capital over the needs of the many. We believe humanity can move past the need for war. To do that, we must acknowledge how U.S. imperialism perpetuates a global economy rooted in war. Every dollar spent on missiles and tanks is a dollar kept from investing in our future. We need to disengage from the Middle East, cease funding Is-

rael, and stop arms sales to Saudi Arabia. Our interests should be in rebuilding the communities we helped destroy, not in maintaining control over oil.

Do you think citizens should have more control over the information collected about them by corporations through the use of companies' products and services? If so, how would you make that happen?: Facebook and other corporations that collect data about customers and users have made a fortune by selling that data to advertisers. Users are not only inundated with targeted ads, but are vulnerable to nefarious purposes of bad actors in the event of a leak. We must put a stop to this practice. A good place to start would be to look at Europe's GDPR, designed to protect user data and privacy, as well as regulate how data can be transferred to ensure our information doesn't get stolen.

Describe what you think should be our country's economic priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: The reality of the economic situation for a vast number of Americans is that we are one or two minor tragedies away from being evicted or one major tragedy away from crushing medical debt. We must do more to protect the more vulnerable members of our community. This means establishing a \$15-minimum wage, mandatory paid parental leave, and mandatory paid sick leave, abolishing our private medical insurance industry and replacing it with Medicare for All.

What are the biggest challenges in Congress right now and how would you address them: Over 40 percent of Americans did not vote last election cycle, and we know how to inspire them. Democrats and Republicans alike have failed their constituents through compromise and misinformation. This campaign is taking a fundamentally different approach to this seat. We are fighting for issues by shifting the conversation further to the left, engaging in tactics outside of the current imagination, and empathetically developing meaningful relationships with individuals to form robust communities of organizers. We are responsible for carving a clear path forward. If we don't stand strong in our convictions, who will?

Biographical Facts
Political/government hero(s): Bernie Sanders

Favorite book: "A Series of Unfortunate Events" by Lemony Snicket

Book most recently read: "The Laws of Simplicity" by John Maeda

Favorite film: "The Godfather"
Hobbies: Graphic and interior design, gaming, Magic: The Gathering, rock climbing

Church/civic involvement: Adult leader, Boy Scouts of America
Personal motto or one-line philosophy: Leave life better than we found it.

Strongest childhood ambition: Make something timeless and greater than myself.

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: Enduring failures and finding my path.

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Manifesting a world in Virtual Reality.

2020 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - U.S. CONGRESS, N.C. DISTRICT 4, REPUBLICAN

Dr. Nasir Shaikh

Date/place of birth: 1968, U.S.A.

Current occupation: Host, The Dr. Nasir Shaikh Show on The Conservative Commandos Radio Network & American Uncensored News TV Network in California

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Campaign website/social media: drnasirshaikh.com; facebook.com/TheNasirShaikhShow; twitter.com/NasirShaikhShow

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): Samina Shaikh, spouse; Hasan Shaikh, Sultan Shaikh, sons; Kirren Shaikh, daughter

Party affiliation: Republican

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: N/A

Why are you seeking this office?: We need to bring together pragmatism and conservatism, "Pragservative," into politics. President Trump has begun the process. I want to continue the process of MAGAA, "Making America Greater Again & Again." North Carolina will be one of the states at the forefront. I have always believed America has been the greatest country in the history of mankind. America has been great in her past. America is greater currently and will continue to be even greater in the future. That is why I am running. We cannot cede the country to the Democrats, to their acolytes who are Alt-Leftists, MSM and Democratic State Party controlled media. We need to stop the socialist movement percolating within the Democratic Party being propagandized in our academic institutions beginning with Pre-K, then metastasizing throughout elementary, middle and high school and finally becoming a full born cancer in our colleges and universities. President Trump needs allies and I intend on doing whatever I can to help him MAGAA.

Give us three goals that

are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: Did not answer

In your mind, what is the biggest issues facing the U.S. and what will you do in Congress to address those issues?: Did not answer

If you were to win, what would your tenure mean for Chatham County and its residents?: Did not answer

What differentiates you from your opponent which makes you the better candidate to represent your party?: Did not answer
Describe how you see immigration and border security and how you will approach them if elected: Did not answer

What is the role of the federal government in education and what legislation would you support to fulfill that role?: Did not answer

Describe what you think should be our foreign policy priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: Did not answer

Do you think citizens should have more control over the information collected about them by corporations through the use of companies' products and services? If so, how would you make that happen?: Did not answer

Describe what you think should be our country's economic priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: Did not answer

What are the biggest challenges in Congress right now and how would you address them: Did not answer

Biographical Facts
Political/government hero(s): Did not answer
Favorite book: Did not answer

Book most recently read: Did not answer
Favorite film: Did not answer

Hobbies: Did not answer
Church/civic involvement: Did not answer

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: Did not answer

Strongest childhood ambition: Did not answer
Most significant life goal you've accomplished: Did not answer

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Did not answer

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Trump. On his website, he said he “love(s)” Trump and has “been his biggest supporter and admirer since even before he declared his candidacy.”

His rhetoric follows the president’s quite closely. Shaikh calls climate change “one of the greatest frauds and money laundering schemes ever perpetrated on the American people as well as people around the world,” and warns against “ced(ing) the country to the Democrats.”

“We need to stop the socialist movement percolating within the Democratic Party being propagandized in our academic institutions beginning with Pre-K, then metastasizing throughout elementary, middle and high school and finally becoming a full born cancer in our colleges and universities,” Shaikh said on his website. “President Trump needs allies and I intend on doing whatever I can to help him MAGAA.”

Robert Thomas: Defeating Democrats

A Durham resident who most recently worked as a residential real estate appraiser, one of Thomas’ major concerns is Congressional Democrats, who in his words are “taking a wrecking ball to the Constitution.”

“In their zeal to purge the nation of President Trump, and/or gain control of the U.S. Senate, or at the very least limit President Trump’s actions to ones they deem worthy, they are laying waste to some of the fundamental principles enshrined in the Constitution that protect us all.” Thomas said on his website. “And our representative, David Price, a Democrat, has not lifted a finger to stop this ill-considered attack.”

Thomas’ website doesn’t lay out many policies, but he advocates for stronger protections at the U.S.-Mexico border and “the right to keep and bear arms,” while saying there “must (be) some rational limitations” to weapon possession. He also states three priorities: working on immigration, trade and drug prices.

Steve A. Von Loor: #MAGALOYALIST

Similar to Shaikh, Von Loor’s campaign rhetoric, at least on his Twitter feed, is similar to the president’s. Within the last month, he has tweeted out videos and posts making fun of Democratic candidates, and even re-tweeted a video suggesting #26MoreYearsofTrump.

“I am not running to make my Radio Show more popular, nor advertise my business, nor to target one community in particular,” he tweeted on February 20. “I am running to fight for the “#ForgottenAmericans misrepresented by Mr. Price. Let it sink in. For the last 4 years. I have been in the trenches fighting for #MiddleClassAmericans to Retire #DemocratLiberalElite #ShameOnYouDavidE-Price Where were the other 3 candidates? Until the past 6 - 3 - 1 months?”

As far as policies go, Von Loor, the 2018 Republican candidate for the seat, has been pronounced in his support of the Second Amendment, proposing term limits, opposing abortion rights and lower taxes. His Twitter bio contains the hashtags #2ADefender, #Qanon and #AmericaFirst.

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2020 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - U.S. CONGRESS, N.C. DISTRICT 4, REPUBLICAN

Debesh Sarkar

Date/place of birth: 1945, Calcutta, India

Current occupation: Structural Engineer, N.C. Department of Transportation

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Campaign website/social media: debeshsarkar2020.com

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): Rajyashree “Shree” Sarkar, 69, spouse; Deboshree Sarkar Chatterjee, 41, daughter; Deboleena Sarkar, 38, daughter

Work history/experience: Senior Structural Engineer, N.C. Department of Transportation, 2001-present; Project Engineer, Arcadis-Giffels, 1995-2001; Senior Project Engineer, BSS Enterprises, 1993-1995; Senior Civil/Structural Engineer, Stone and Webster Engineering, 1977-1993; Structural Engineer, Synergo, 1974-1977; Structural Design Engineer, Catalytic, 1974; Structural Design Engineer, Pavlo Engineering Company, 1973-1974

Party affiliation: Republican
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: N/A

Why are you seeking this office?: I have served my community as a volunteer in many ways for years, and now I am offering my service as our Representative in the US Congress. David Price is

out of touch with this district. He has been in office too long and doesn’t know what the citizens of CD4 want. It is time for a conservative to represent the people of our District.

Give us three goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: Improve the quality of our educational system. Help people get better jobs and improve their financial situation. Work to improve our failing infrastructure — this is an area I am very familiar with.

In your mind, what is the biggest issues facing the U.S. and what will you do in Congress to address those issues?: Balance the budget because we have runaway deficit every year.

If you were to win, what would your tenure mean for Chatham County and its residents?: Since there is a nuclear power plant in this county, for the safety reason I want make sure that evacuation routes are properly designated in case there is an accident. If the plant is using lake water, as a precautionary measure we want to know the data if there are any radiation leaks. We do not want to see any accident caused by a preventable error.

What differentiates you from your opponents which makes you the better candidate to represent your party?: I have been teaching young adults the last eight years

downtown on a volunteer basis, collecting clothes throughout for many years for the veterans, initiated a program “Teddy Bear and the Comforter” to help out the children who are involved as an accident victims and/or domestic violence victims, and so that our community has a better relationship for the Raleigh Police Department. I have a very in-depth relationship with my community.

Describe how you see immigration and border security and how you will approach them if elected: I support merit-based immigration and the border wall should be built.

What is the role of the federal government in education and what legislation would you support to fulfill that role?: Government’s role should be to help only those who need help and who really want to improve themselves, not as a charitable concern.

Describe what you think should be our foreign policy priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: Our foreign policy should focus on helping our Allies first and next to be focused on trading partners.

Do you think citizens should have more control over the information collected about them by corporations through the use of companies’ products and services? If so, how would you make that happen?: Yes. Otherwise you will see opioid crisis over and over

again.
Describe what you think should be our country’s economic priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: Follow capitalist economic policy.

What are the biggest challenges in Congress right now and how would you address them: The Democrats in Congress are solely focused on stopping anything President Trump tries to do, even as we are in the biggest economic boom in history. By replacing liberal Democrat David Price, I will help take back the House from the left and then we can move forward and keep making American great again!

Biographical Facts

Political/government hero(s): Reagan/Lincoln/Trump

Favorite book: “Lincoln” by David Herbert Donald

Book most recently read: U.S. Constitution

Favorite film: “Star Wars”

Hobbies: Astronomy

Church/civic involvement: Vedanta Society

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: Honest, hard-working and truthful

Strongest childhood ambition: To become a third-generation civil engineer in my family.

Most significant life goal you’ve accomplished: Becoming an engineer.

Goal you haven’t accomplished yet: Becoming a U.S. Congressman.

2020 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - U.S. CONGRESS, N.C. DISTRICT 4, DEMOCRAT

David Price

Date/place of birth: 1940, Erwin, Tennessee

Current occupation: Congressman

E-mail: info@priceforcongress.com

Campaign website/social media: priceforcongress.com

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): Lisa Price, spouse; Karen Price and Michael Price, children

Party affiliation: Democrat

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: Member, U.S. House of Representatives, N.C. District 4, 1987-1995 & 1997-present

Campaign manager (if applicable): Anna Tligham

Why are you seeking this office?: I filed for re-election in the newly drawn Fourth Congressional District to continue the fight for a bright future for all North Carolinians. While there are many continuing challenges facing our nation, my top issues are creating an economy that works for everyone, improved affordable housing and accessible, efficient transportation, and democratic reforms that give a voice to the people.

Give us three goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: As Chairman of the House Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, I’ll work on a bipartisan basis to pass forward-looking transportation and housing funding bills that prioritize affordable housing and meet our infrastructure challenges.

As Chairman of the bipartisan House Democracy Partnership, I’ll continue working to promote responsive, effective government and strengthen democratic institutions by assisting legislatures in emerging democracies.

And, as a leader on democratic reforms, I’ll continue pursuing efforts to strengthen our democracy by updating the ‘Stand by Your Ad’ campaign disclosure policy for the digital age, increase donor transparency for Super PACs, and establish public financing for campaigns to reduce the influence of special interests.

In your mind, what is the biggest issues facing the U.S. and what will you do in Congress to address those issues?: No American should have to declare bankruptcy in order to obtain necessary medical care. The Affordable Care Act was a major step forward in providing better coverage for every American, but too many people continue to be un- or under-insured. Without further delay, North Carolina must expand Medicaid to provide health care to hundreds of thousands of families stuck in the middle of a bitter Republican effort to block this coverage. We must work together to end the sabotage of the Affordable Care Act and enact policies that put us firmly on the path to more affordable, universal coverage.

If you were to win, what would your tenure mean for Chatham County and its residents?: As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, and in my Chairmanship of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee, I’ve been able to secure increased funding for a wide range of priorities, including transit and intercity rail, extra funding for states to repair structurally deficient bridges, new housing vouchers for vulnerable pop-

ulations, and additional funding to create new housing for the elderly and disabled, and rural broadband grants. I will work to ensure that Chatham county has a voice in the federal appropriations process.

What differentiates you from your opponent which makes you the better candidate to represent your party?: As a Member of the House Democratic majority, I’ve fought for an ambitious agenda that expands opportunities for all Americans, reforms and strengthens our democracy, and advances our shared values of fairness, equality, and social justice. With an erratic President who threatens so much of what we stand for—and a craven Senate Republican Leadership that has enabled his worst tendencies—we need steady, experienced hands to lead us forward. If we are truly to secure a brighter future for all Americans, we must protect our House majority, reclaim the United States Senate, and take back the White House.

Describe how you see immigration and border security and how you will approach them if elected: For decades now, Congress has promised, yet failed, to reform our broken immigration laws to meet the needs of our economy and allow millions of otherwise law-abiding undocumented residents to become full members of society. During each of these attempts, there was an understanding from presidents of both parties that as a nation of immigrants, our enforcement priorities should be geared toward those who pose a threat to our communities. I support fact-based proposals to secure the border, including increased screening technology and well-staffed ports of entry, but I do not support dumping federal funds into an ineffective border wall or unneeded detention beds.

What is the role of the federal government in education and what legislation would you support to fulfill that role?: As a former professor, and the son of educators, education has always been my highest priority in Congress, specifically making higher education more affordable and accessible. I authored the Price Education Affordability Act, enacted in 1997, which gives parents and students a tax break on their education loans. On the House Appropriations Committee, I secured increased funding for Pell Grants and other programs designed to reduce the cost of college. Now more than ever, Americans need access to a quality education to keep our nation competitive in the global economy and create a better quality of life for future generations.

Describe what you think should be our foreign policy priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: By upending our alliances and eviscerating our diplomatic capabilities, President Trump has done grave damage to the U.S. standing on the world stage. Even still, the world looks to the U.S. as a leader in global efforts to promote democracy and the rule of law, combat poverty and disease, and protect people displaced by conflict and climate change. Diplomatic efforts like the bipartisan House Democracy Partnership (HDP), which I chair are often overlooked, but critical to shaping our foreign policy. I will continue to work to strengthen diplomacy and the rule of law.

Do you think citizens should have more control over the information collected about them by corporations through the use of companies’ products and services? If so, how would you

make that happen?: The federal government has failed to keep pace with rapidly changing technologies that shape almost every aspect of our daily lives. I believe Congress should pass comprehensive legislation to ensure the privacy and security of individuals using these technologies, and ensure companies provide consumers with clear, simple explanations as to how their data is stored and utilized.

Describe what you think should be our country’s economic priorities. If elected, how would you advance those priorities? Be specific: Americans deserve a fair shot at achieving the American dream, but too many families are left behind by policies -- like the Republican tax giveaway -- that enrich the wealthiest among us, while burdening the middle class. Americans can’t get ahead while wages are stagnant, housing costs too much, public education is underfunded, college is out of reach, child care is unaffordable, and health care costs are on the rise. In Congress, I’m working to invest in our future and in our people -- not just the wealthiest few, hoping it will trickle down one day.

What are the biggest challenges in Congress right now and how would you address them: Polarization is deep seeded in our politics today, and it’s manifested into a polarized and divided Congress. Today, there are not many places in the halls of Congress where Members of Congress from different sides of the aisle work closely together on big pieces of legislation -- but there are a few exceptions. In my Chairmanship of the T-HUD Subcommittee, I’ve found common ground with Ranking Republican Member Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida on a wide range of priorities, including significant increased investment in transit and intercity rail, extra funding for states to repair structurally deficient bridges, new housing vouchers for vulnerable populations, and additional funding to create new housing for the elderly and disabled. Outside of the appropriations process, I’ve worked on a bipartisan basis to enact my World Languages Advancement and Readiness Act (WLARA), which authorizes grants to school systems that will bolster our nation’s understanding of critical foreign languages. This has been a longstanding priority for me, and shows that even in a divided Washington we can advance legislation like WLARA that invests in our students and our nation’s long-term economic competitiveness and security.

Biographical Facts

Political/government hero(s): The pioneers of the civil rights movement, which decisively shaped me as a young person.

Favorite book: The Bible

Book most recently read: “Every Day is Extra” by John Kerry

Favorite film: “The Lives of Others,” a well-crafted movie set in East Germany about a fascinating time in history.

Hobbies: Jogging, yard work, reading, movies

Church/civic involvement: Member, Binkley Baptist Church, Chapel Hill

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: Not answered

Strongest childhood ambition: Start out as a baseball player, then a preacher.

Most significant life goal you’ve accomplished: Raising our family.

Goal you haven’t accomplished yet: Restoring America’s leadership at home and in the world.

Community Alternatives Program offers help for aging or disabled seniors

PITTSBORO — Of Chatham County’s 73,000 residents, one in four is 65 years or older. Across the state, more than half of residents age 60 and older are caregivers or are being cared for.

Many people are affected personally or know someone with a family member or friend who is aging and/or disabled and is facing nursing home placement, but they wish

to remain at home.

The Chatham County Public Health Department has a program called the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults, or CAP/DA, which provides services that can help maintain these family members in their home. CAP/DA is a Medicaid supported program that includes case management, in-home aide,

respite care, telephone alert system and other CAP approved services.

CAP participants speak often of how much the program has meant to them. One CAP participant shared that the program gave her and her family “peace of mind,” noting, “Our stress level dropped, making room for quality time again. The quality of my life has been forever changed.”

These services can make a big difference for families supporting loved ones in need of care. Certain eligibility requirements apply to the program and the availability of CAP slots is determined by the State.

Individuals interested in learning more about the program may contact Shvaughn J. Ross, SW, Lead CAP Case Man-

ager, at 919-542-8265 or shvaughn.ross@chathamnc.org or Jana Wiley, SW, CAP Case Manager, at 919-742-5641, ext. 4269, or

jana.wiley@chathamnc.org. More information, including eligibility requirements, can be found online at chathamnc.org/cap.



Roberson announces 2019 sheriff's office award winners

From the Chatham Sheriff's Office

GOLDSTON — Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson opened the annual Sheriff's Office Awards Banquet by highlighting the many successes of his team in 2019.

"It is my pleasure to recognize your hard work and service to our community," Roberson said at the ceremony, held Feb. 13 at the Goldston Fire Department. "I know all of you have been working diligently and deserve recognition for the teamwork and accomplishments we have made in the last year. In my eyes, every employee deserves an award for the amazing work they do every day."

Dotty Whitaker received the Detention Officer of the Year award while Brian Inman took home the award for Officer of the Year. Both were nominated by peers and selected via a voting process.

"The highest praise you can receive comes not from supervisors, but from your peers," Roberson said. "Out of everyone who works at the Sheriff's Office, your co-workers identified you as most deserving of this award. It also means we expect more great things from you in the future."

The same process is followed to select Rookies of the Year. Detention Officer Austin Whitaker and Deputy Shannon Parker were given awards for Rookie of the Year in their respective units. "Rookie of the Year Awards come with high expectations, too," said Chief Deputy Charles Gardner. "We will be looking to these recipients to become Officers of the Year in years to come."

Life Saving Awards went to Deputies Dexter Jarmon, Ashley Hinson, Grant Carter, Cody DeViney, Israel Foxx, Johnny Griffin, Alberto Estrada, and Rocky Smith, Corporals Robert Pelkey and Robbie Hus-



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

Chatham County Detention Center staff was recognized for its sixth consecutive "No Deficiencies" rating during biannual jail inspections. Pictured left to right: Sheriff Mike Roberson, Detention Officer Nick Keifer, Detention Cook Doris Raines, Detention Officer Randy Skelton, Detention Cook Tonya Adcock, Detention Officer Jessica Harrington, Capt. Tammy Kirkman, Detention Cook Kim Johnson, Sgt. Donna Zogopoulos, Cpl. Dotty Whitaker, Detention Officer Austin Whitaker, Deputy Shannon Parker, Sgt. Abby Bristow and Detention Kitchen Manager Veronica Henry.

sey, and Sergeants Chris Burger and Rob Miller.

Jarmon and Burger each received two Life Saving Awards in 2019. These awards are only earned by employees who take immediate action to assist individuals in life-threatening distress.

"These deputies bring honor to all law enforcement professionals through their demonstration of selflessness and service when it was needed most," said Captain Ken McDaniel.

Administrative Services Specialists Sarah Allen and Stephanie Campbell, Sergeant Ronnie Miller, and Lieutenant Joe Birchett all received Meritorious Achievement Awards for going above and beyond the requirements of their jobs for the benefit of Chatham County.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Student Resource Officers Dalton Oldham, Kyle Smith, and Noah Frazier, Investigators Brent Fonville, Chris Tipton, John Flynn, Dominique York, and Jedidiah Bristow, Deputy Alexis Bonilla, Corporals Robert Pelkey

and Jonathon Porter, and Sergeants Luisa Rojas and Felix Jimenez for their outstanding service to the Sheriff's Office and residents of Chatham County.

The Unit Citation Award went to the Civil Unit. "The strength of this unit is not necessarily in its individuals, but in their teamwork and willingness to help others," said Roberson. "Members of the Civil Unit joined other specialized teams, conducted background investigations, and enjoyed a record-setting year of high achievement. Thanks to their professionalism and collaboration with peers and other county entities, the Civil Unit collected over \$100,000 for a second year in a row and served over 2,400 civil papers benefitting the residents of Chatham County and bringing honor to the Sheriff's Office."

Special recognition was also granted to members of the Chatham County Detention Center, which received its sixth consecutive "no deficiencies" rating during bi-annual jail inspections. These inspections are all-inclusive and require careful

planning, preparation, and teamwork from all Detention Center staff.

"Thanks to their dedicated effort and attention to detail, the Chatham County Detention Center has developed a reputation as a shining example of professionalism, cleanliness, and seamless operation," said Major Tracy Kelly. "This is a truly remarkable achievement. We are proud of the continued success of our Detention Unit and their commitment to excellence."

All Chatham County Sheriff's Office Employees are expected to perform at least 20 hours of community service each year. Lieutenant Sara Pack received the Community Service Award for 2019 for completing well over the minimum hours, averaging over 125 hours per year since she joined the Sheriff's Office. Community Service Deputy Rocky Smith received the Top Gun Award for achieving a perfect accuracy score in every category during yearly firearm qualification rounds.

Deputies Cody DeViney and Ashley Ellington, Detention Officer Mike



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

Investigator Jedidiah Bristow looks on with pride as Capt. Chris Cooper reads aloud his Certificate of Appreciation for dedicated service to the sheriff's office.

Brady, Corporal Dotty Whitaker, Student Resource Officer Jesse Clark, Investigators Jedidiah Bristow and Shelby McGrath, Sergeant Felix Jimenez, and Lieutenant Sara Pack received certificates acknowledging five years of dedicated service to Chatham County. Sergeant Rob Miller, Investigators Jonathan Miller and John Flynn, and Administrative Services Specialist Stephanie Campbell were recognized for 10 years of

service. Sergeant Aron McIlvain and Corporal David Scott received awards for 15 years of service. Lieutenant Bryan Phillips and Student Resource Officer Kyle Smith were recognized for 20 years of service at the Sheriff's Office.

"I am proud of each and every one of you for all you have accomplished in 2019," Roberson said. "I expect even greater things from our office in 2020!"

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Weekly Writing Corner



SUPER TUESDAY

On Tuesday, March 3rd, citizens over the age of 18 in 14 states and American Samoa will vote for who will represent their political party as the candidate for president in the November national election. That is a quarter of the states and U.S. Territories all voting on the same day, and it's known as Super Tuesday. It is a super day to celebrate democracy!

WHO IS VOTING?

The states holding their primaries on Super Tuesday are shaded. Draw a line from the name of each state to where it is located on the U.S. map at right.

KID SCOOP DICTIONARY
primary election – an election that chooses a political party's candidate for office. The winning candidates from each party will compete against each other in the general election.

**Not shown on map: American Samoa will also hold caucuses on Super Tuesday.*

Replace the missing words.

DECIDE SECOND VOTE CITIZENS PRESIDENT ELECTION WIN

WHO WILL BE PRESIDENT?

The **primary election** season is heating up as candidates try to become the next _____ of the United States.

This year, **Republicans** will work to see Donald J. Trump re-elected for a _____ term as president.

Meanwhile, **Democrats** will cast their _____ for the person they think can defeat President

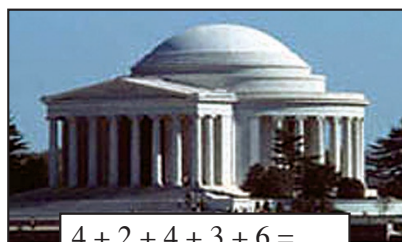
Trump in the fall and _____ back the White House for their party.

The U.S. Constitution calls for American _____ to elect a president every four years. The _____ takes place in November.

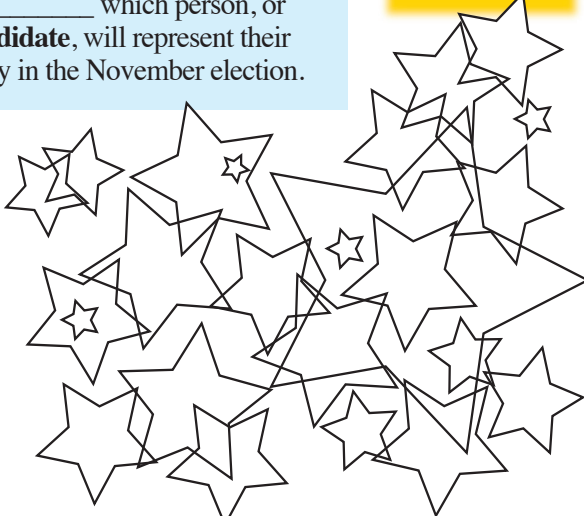
Republicans and Democrats hold primary elections to help _____ which person, or **candidate**, will represent their party in the November election.

Where does the president of the United States live?

Circle your guess. Then do the math to see if you are right. The even-numbered photo shows the White House.



How many stars do you see?



Extra! Extra!

Candidate Search

Look through the newspaper and find the names of people running for public office. On a piece of paper, write down each name and the office they wish to represent. Can you discover which political party each candidate represents?

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

Photos: nps.gov., whitehouse.gov

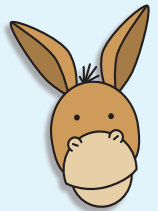
Kid Scoop Puzzler

What do donkeys and elephants have to do with elections?

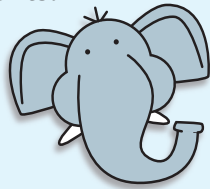
Donkeys and elephants have long been the symbols of the two biggest political parties in the United States, thanks to a cartoonist named Thomas

Nast. In the 1870s, Nast drew a donkey to represent one party and an elephant to represent the other in cartoons for *Harper's Weekly* magazine.

Unscramble the letters to see which party each animal represents.



TRACMODE



EARPBUCLNI

Standards Link: Civics: Know the meaning of various American symbols.

Double Double Word Search

CANDIDATE
 REPRESENT
 FEBRUARY
 CAUCUSES
 CITIZENS
 PRIMARY
 WEEKLY
 ELECT
 PARTY
 FOUR
 CAST
 VOTE
 TERM
 WORK
 NAST

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

R Y Y V P A R T Y C
 E R L O F C T R S A
 P A K R O W A N T U
 R M E E U U E S V C
 E I E P R Z A O T U
 S R W B I N T R E S
 E P E T C E L E R E
 N F I I M A R Y M S
 T C A N D I D A T E

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

What do you think?

Look through today's newspaper for an article about a problem you think needs to be solved. Write a letter to the candidates asking them for their solutions. Tell them your ideas.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students write to influence and request.

Which state has the best grades?

ANSWER: Alabama: It has four As and one Bi

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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Jan White | Bennett School

Grades/subjects you teach: exceptional children instructional assistant
E-mail address: jwhite@chatham.k12.nc.us
Date, place of birth: January 29, Siler City
Education (high school & college attended, degrees): Chatham Central High School; associates degree from Sandhills Community College
Brief work history: exceptional children instructional assistant at Bennett School and Siler City Elementary School; site coordinator for the YMCA after-school program at Bennett School
Honors/awards: 2019 Bennett School Instructional Assistant of the Year
Hobbies/interests outside of educating: I love spending time with my family! I also enjoy cooking and spending time on our farm.
Family: Married to my high school sweetheart, which will be 25 years in October! We have two sons.
What led you to a career in education?: I enjoy being around children and helping them.
Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them?: My favorite teacher in school was Mr. Julian Smith,



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Jan White, who works as an instructional assistant at Bennett School, says she believes it's important to 'make connections with the kids that you cross paths with. They need to feel accepted and loved.'

the former agriculture teacher from Chatham Central High School. I was in Mr. Smith's horticulture class. His classes were always engaging because he had a special gift of teaching. I still remember things that I learned in that class and use them today. Mr. Smith also took the time to

reach out to every student in his class.

Has becoming an educator been all you expected it would be?: Having the opportunity to help the teacher in the classroom can be rewarding, especially when you see a child able to reach a goal.

How has education changed

since you were a student?: Our kids today are tested so much, and I don't remember having that many tests when I was going through school.

What "makes your day" as an educator?: As an assistant, it always made my day to see kids being able to complete their work or achieve a goal without feeling stressed or having any anxiety issues.

What's working in schools today?: Chatham County Schools has so many awesome teachers and administrators that are dedicated to helping our kids achieve great things!

Best piece of advice for other educators?: I believe it's so important to make connections with the kids that you cross paths with. They need to feel accepted and loved.

For students?: I would advise students to never stop learning and reaching for their goals. They have a purpose and the world needs their contribution!

For parents?: I would tell parents to love their kids and build them up to achieve their goals, from the smallest goal to the much bigger ones that come along.

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it

be?: You are important and can make a difference in our world.

When you think about today's kids, you: I think kids today have so many opportunities and options to receive a good education.

If one of your students was asked for a one-word description of you by a student who hadn't had you as an educator, what would that one word be?: Nice

Favorite movie about school or education: My favorite movie about education is "Front of the Class." This is a true story about a boy who grew up with Tourette's Syndrome. All throughout his childhood he suffered from being bullied and being made fun of because of his uncontrollable noises, but he never let it stop him from reaching his goal of becoming the kind of teacher he never had. It's a very motivational story.

How would you summarize your philosophy as an educator?: Every child matters and we should try to be the best advocate for them while we have them.

What's special about your school?: Bennett School is a nice, community school that has been blessed to have so much parental involvement.

CHATHAM CHAT | GEORGE GREGER-HOLT, CHATHAM DRUG-FREE

CDF's Greger-Holt on agency's substance abuse prevention, sustainability efforts

Pittsboro's George Greger-Holt has worked for decades in Chatham County serving and supporting youth and youth programs. As the community outreach coordinator for Chatham Drug Free — a position he's held since 2013 — Greger-Holt leads the organization's educational efforts and programing and coordinates with CDF partners on a wide array of initiatives.

A 1977 graduate of Elmira College, Greger-Holt earned a masters of education from UNC-Chapel Hill. He worked in a variety of positions for Chatham County Schools from 1991 until his retirement from CCS in 2013. He's been the recipient of numerous awards and recognition for his work, including the GlaxoSmithKline Lifetime Achievement Award for Student Health in 2010, the Margaret B. Pollard Outstanding Community Service Award in 2009, and the North Carolina Governor's Academy for Prevention Professionals Award of Appreciation in 2007.

He has served on the boards of more than 40 local and state organizations, including Communities In Schools of Chatham County, and is a past chairman of the Chatham Education Foundation, Chatham County Together, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and the School Health Advisory Council.

You've been in Chatham County a long time. Can you talk about how your work in Chatham evolved and transitioned into your current role as coordinator for Chatham Drug-Free?

I came to Chatham County in 1984 as a youth substance use disorder clinician at the former public mental health center, Chatham Counseling Center. Prior to that, I had worked in the same position at the Northside Mental Health Center in Chapel Hill. When I came to Chatham County, Perry Harrison, the Superintendent of Chatham County Schools, was interested in changing the substance use policy to make it less punitive and more rehabilitative. We worked together with several other youth service partners and community leaders to create a new policy that required youth caught in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs to have a substance use assessment. That was the beginning of a longstanding substance use prevention coalition, which evolved into what we now



George Greger-Holt of Chatham Drug-Free.

Staff photo by Bill Horner III

call Chatham Drug Free. In addition to working with the schools, I also saw students experiencing substance use issues in the clinics in Pittsboro and Siler City. As a result of that work and the newly approved policy, it became apparent that there was a need for some expertise in substance use issues to work directly in schools. Mr. Harrison then hired me as the Student Assistance Program specialist for the school district and from there, the program and I evolved, eventually demonstrating the need for a Director of Student Services, which was created by Dr. Ann Hart and to which I was hired. That position included responsibility over Safe and Drug Free schools among many other things. All during that time, I had a leadership position in the substance use prevention coalition called by different names but always focused on youth and prevention.

When I retired, the Coalition had secured a federal Drug Free Communities grant and I took a position as the Community Outreach Coordinator. The grant was able to bring Chatham Drug Free to a new level, funding several initiatives and providing substance use prevention education and environmental change to the community. When those funds ended, I continued to coordinate the Coalition as a community volunteer and until the recent receipt of a small grant, worked with very limited funding.

Can you explain CDF's approach toward promoting and building what you all describe as "sustainability and cultural competence," and why those practices (which include assessment, planning and implementation) are so important?

As a recipient of the Drug Free Communities grant, which Chatham County had in one form or another since 2005, Chatham Drug Free has used the Community Anti-Drug

Coalitions of America (CADCA) Strategic Prevention Framework, an evidence-based blueprint for prevention efforts across the country. We use that Framework — assessment, capacity building, planning, implementation and evaluation with consideration of cultural competency and sustainability — to guide our work.

Assessment is done through a variety of methods and with the help of our community partners, especially the Chatham County Public Health Department and Chatham County Sheriff's Office. Assessment helps us know which issues are bubbling to the surface here in Chatham and use that information to inform our planning and implementation.

For example, we ask youth about their perception of harmfulness of certain drugs. Perception of harmfulness — whether the youth believes that using the drug would be harmful to him, her or them — is predictive of future drug use. We actually found this with prescription medication. Youth reported low levels of perception of harmfulness, so the Coalition has embarked on a project to increase youth's perception of harmfulness around prescription medication.

Cultural competency is important because what is an effective message for one culture might not resonate with another culture. Cultures we consider not only include race, but also gender, age, socioeconomic status and geography.

Finally, sustainability is extremely important in continuing our work regardless of funding streams. It's a fact of life that funds come and go, and having a solid sustainability plan assures our initiatives live on beyond the Coalition. We have been fortunate to have committed and generous partners who have assumed operation of several of our initiatives. The

Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Pittsboro Police Department and Siler City Police Department, after an initial infusion of funding and Coalition support, have assumed the responsibility for the safe disposal of medication (drop boxes), which has become very successful.

Let's take a look at a few of your key initiatives. How do CDF's "Safe Homes" and "Operation Medicine Drop" work together to keep prescription drugs away from users for whom they're not intended?

Safe Homes started as a way to get parents to talk to each other, especially when they had children who were friends or socialized together. We know that consistency in expectations, either within families, between families or in the community, help youth make healthy decisions and reduce drug use. Chatham Drug Free still encourages parents to talk to other parents and agree on ground rules when young people are in their home. The Safe Homes Pledge, found on the Chatham Drug Free website (www.chathamdrugfree.org), encourages parents to agree to:

1. Not knowingly allow underage youth to consume or use alcohol or illegal drugs at my house, on my property or at gatherings I am hosting at other locations.
2. Provide reasonable adult supervision when hosting gatherings of underage youth at my home or on my property. When I am out of town, I will not knowingly allow my children to host parties at my house.
3. Make every effort to lock and safely secure alcohol, medication and inhalants, keeping them out of the wrong hands.
4. Make every effort to secure weapons according to the law.
5. Talk to youth about the dangers of underage drinking, drugged driving and use of medications not intended for them.

As you can see, Safe Homes includes much more than safe storage of medication. Operation Medicine Drop became a national initiative to get unused or unneeded medications out of peoples' homes and out of reach of both young children to reduce unintentional poisoning and teens and young adults to reduce diversion. What we found was that many homeowners had a cache of old medications, which they rarely inspected. Youth were aware of this

and began taking medications for their own use, their friend's use or to sell.

By disposing of unused or unneeded medications in a medication disposal drop box, those medications are not only safely stored, but also disposed of in an environmentally friendly way. We discourage people from putting medications in the trash or flushing medications down the toilet.

Medication Drop Boxes are available at the Pittsboro Police Department, Chatham County Detention Center, Siler City Police Department and Siler City Pharmacy. In addition, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has a mobile drop box that is available at community events and at three of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events sponsored by Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling. Dates are posted on the Solid Waste and Recycling and Chatham Drug Free websites.

Chatham Drug Free also works in cooperation with the Lock Your Meds campaign. Lock Your Meds encourages homeowners to take stock of their medications and lock them up for safety. They have medication lock boxes that look like little suitcases with a combination lock available. Chatham Drug Free has been encouraging homeowners and builders of new construction to install cabinet locks on at least one cabinet to be able to lock medications and other things that homeowners want to keep safely stored. A weekly pill box can then be used to only have one week of medication available if stored out of reach of young children. That way, if some of them get missing, the homeowner would know pretty much right away.

With the tobacco purchase age now moved to 21 years — which is the same as alcohol — describe for us the Safe Stores program, and how it works in Chatham.

Safe Stores was an initiative to encourage storeowners to more vigorously train their employees in checking ID's and becoming aware of the need to check ID regardless of the appearance of the customer. In the past, store owners who had all their staff trained in either BARS (Be a Responsible Seller) by Alcohol Law Enforcement or RASP (Responsible Alcohol Server/Seller Program) by the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission were awarded Safe Stores designation. Chatham Drug Free has

floated the idea of requiring universal ID checks with limited success. A universal ID check would require clerks or wait staff to ask for ID regardless of how old the customer looks. While a bit cumbersome, it takes the guessing work away from the clerk or wait staff as to how old a person is and whether they can legally buy the product, reducing the opportunity for underage sales.

CDF is also known for the local Project Graduation and for its work in local youth leadership programs. Can you talk about those?

Chatham Drug Free has a long history of working collaboratively with Chatham County Schools and youth in the community. In years past, the Coalition has sponsored several youth leadership summits to empower youth to become a part of the prevention solution. Our goal was and continues to be to develop messaging that resonates with youth through their own words, thereby creating a tipping point and changing the culture and belief system around drugs and their dangers.

The Coalition has been involved in several school led initiatives. Project Graduation, which began through the hard work of several community leaders from Siler City in 1990, is an all-night, alcohol-, tobacco- and other drug-free celebration for graduating seniors and their guests, being held this year at Jordan-Matthews High School and open to students from the four traditional public high schools in Chatham County. Through the generosity of community businesses, houses of worship and civic organizations as well as county government and the school district, several thousand dollars are given away during the night to reward students for taking a stand against drug use and for staying up all night.

The Coalition also supports Red Ribbon Week, a week of activities in schools that promotes the awareness of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and Safe and Sober Prom, encouraging prom goers to pledge not to use alcohol or other drugs on prom night and encouraging parents to respond to a call no questions asked from their youth if things go awry that night.

The Coalition also works with the school district on substance use prevention curriculum and as a speakers bureau for guest speakers.

For more information, go to chathamdrugfree.org.

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **UVA RICHARDSON HOLLAND a/k/a UVA LEE RICHARDSON HOLLAND**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of May, 2020 or this notice

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will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 21st day of January, 2020.
 Bruce Thomas Holland, Sr. Executor of the Estate of Uva Richardson Holland a/k/a Uva Lee Richardson Holland c/o Linda Funke Johnson Attorney at Law P.O. Box 446 114 Raleigh Street Fuquay Varina, NC 27526 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 54 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ERNEST THURMAN HANNER, JR.**, deceased, 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 May 6, 2020 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 6th day of February, 2020.
 Deborah Smith, Executor 41 E.T. Hanner Road Bear Creek, NC 27207 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **ETHEL M. BUCKNER**, of Chatham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of February, 2020.
 Jan C. Buckner, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel M. Buckner 1235 Yale Place, Apt. 210 Minneapolis, MN 55403 Ritchie W. Buckner, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel M. Buckner 5458 Siler City-Snow Camp Road Siler City, NC 27344 Martha T. Peddrick Johnson, Peddrick, & McDonald, P.L.L.C. 440 West Market Street, Suite 300 Greensboro, North Carolina 27401 Telephone: (336) 574-9720 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, Jonathan Lucas Nicks, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **GLENN PATILLO NICKS, II**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of January, 2020.
 Jonathan Lucas Nicks, Executor 211 Sycamore Lake Drive Siler City, NC 27344 919-200-3013 W. Ben Atwater, Jr., Attorney at Law P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, Joseph L. Boles, Jr., having qualified as Personal Representative for the Estate of **CLARA S. PHILLIPS**, deceased, late of St. Johns County, Florida and formerly of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 6th day of February, 2020.
 Joseph L. Boles, Jr., Attorney at Law 19 Iberia Street St. Augustine, Florida 32084 1-904-824-4278 W. Ben Atwater, Jr., Attorney at Law P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 8 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 All persons having claims against **GERALD UNKS** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 9th day of November, 2019, are notified to present them to Daniel Todd Greiner, Executor of the Estate of Gerald Unks in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before May 14, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Gerald Unks. Those indebted to Gerald Unks are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. This the 28th day of January, 2020.
 Dean P. Broz, Attorney Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203

Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, having qualified on the 29th day of January, 2020 as Executrix, of the Estate of **VIRGINIA D. PEARCE a/k/a VIRGINIA MARIE PEARCE**, 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 7th day of May, 2020, 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 6th day of February 2020.
 Sarah J. Pearce, Executrix of the Estate of Virginia D. Pearce a/k/a Virginia Marie Pearce PO Box 51579 Durham, NC 27717-1579swg. Rhodes Craver, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 51 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **ROSELLA P. SPIVEY**, deceased, 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 May 6, 2020 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 6th day of February, 2020.
 Herman Spivey Limited Personal Representative 4978 Cox Mill Road Sanford, NC 27332 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 31st day of January, 2020, as Co-Executrix of the ESTATE OF **JOSEPH EDWARD GOGHEGAN**, 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 6th day of May, 2020 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 6th day of February, 2020.
 KELLY-ANNE E. CALAMUSA and MARY ALTHEA MCANUFF CO-EXECUTRIX, ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWARD GOGHEGAN c/o Jennifer E. Dalman, Attorney Walker Lambe Rhudy Costley & Gill, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 58 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **CHESLAVA IDZIKOWSKA MANN**, deceased, 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 May 6, 2020 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 6th day of February, 2020.
 Joanna Karwowska, Executrix 121 Wild Iris Lane Chapel Hill, NC 27516 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 49 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **BILLY EDWARD WEBSTER**, deceased, 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 May 6, 2020 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 6th day of February, 2020.
 Eric M. Webster, Executor 3119 Mt. Vernon Springs Rd Siler City, NC 27344 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **EDWARD EDUWIGIS MARTINEZ**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of May, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 28th day of January, 2020.
 Kimberly Martinez Jensen, Administrator of the

Estate of Edward Eduwigis Martinez c/o Linda Funke Johnson, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 446 114 Raleigh Street Fuquay Varina, NC 27526 F13,F20,F27,M5,4

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **PHILIP W. ALDERKS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on December 25, 2019, are notified to exhibit the same to undersigned on or before the 14th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 13th day of February, 2020.
 Claire Alderks Miller, Executor Manning, Fulton & Skinner, P.A. c/o Stephen T. Byrd P. O. Box 20389 Raleigh, North Carolina 27619-0389 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of **GUY M. SICKMOND**, Deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before May 13, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 13th day of February, 2020.
 CELESTE YEATES, Executor c/o JOHN R. SLOAN Ward and Smith, P.A. Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 7068 Wilmington, NC 28406-7068 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **TINA RENEE SMITH**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 6th day of February, 2020.
 Alvin Lee Smith, Administrator of the Estate of Tina Renee Smith Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP Attorneys at Law Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 (919) 542-5605 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 66 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **BRENTLEY CALEY GOODWIN**, deceased, 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 May 13, 2020 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 13th day of February, 2020.
 Jason Goodwin, Executor 568 Olives Chapel Rd Apex, NC 27502 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 36 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JOHN FRANCIS STONE**, deceased, 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 May 13, 2020 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 13th day of February, 2020.
 Mary Ann Stone, Executrix 200 St. Andrews Dr Greenville, NC 27834 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 43 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **JOANNA MOORE LEACH**, deceased, 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 May 13, 2020 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 13th day of February, 2020.
 Peggy Ann (Leach) Berry, Limited Personal Representative 4206 14th Street, NE Washington, DC 20017 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 18 SP 59 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by James E. Lawrence, Jr. and Mary E. Lawrence to G. K. Byrd, Trustee(s), which was dated January 28, 1998 and recorded on January 30, 1998 in Book 741 at Page 626, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or **the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on March 2, 2020 at 1:00PM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: **BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF THE GEORGE MAY ESTATE PROPERTY, SAID STAKE BEING ALTUAE NORTH 76 DEG 30' EAST 225.29 FT FROM AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE CORNER OF THE BISHOP LEACH, JR. PROPERTY (DEED BOOK 371, PAGE 749) IN THE GEORGE MAY ESTATE LINE; AND RUNNING THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT NORTH 16 DEG 15' WEST 565 FT TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE SOUTHERN MARGIN OF EAST CORNWALLIS STREET; THENCE WITH THE MARGIN OF SAID STREET NORTH 76 DEG 30' EAST 154.37 FT TO AN IRON STAKE, CORNER WITH OLIVER MARSH; THENCE WITH MARSH'S MARGIN OF THE GEORGE MAY ESTATE PROPERTY; THENCE WITH THE MAY ESTATE LINE S 76 DEG 30' WEST 379.68 FT TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS ACCORDING TO A SURVEY AND PLAT PREPARED BY SMITH & SMITH SURVEYORS ON SEPT 29, 1983 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 89, CHATHAM CO REGISTRY. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as **356 East Cornwall St, Pittsboro, NC 27312**. A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED**. Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no rep-**

resentations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assess-

ments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are All Lawful Heirs of Mary E. Lawrence.

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An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
Substitute Trustee
Brock & Scott, PLLC
Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
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stake, the point of BEGINNING, and being all of Lot #4, Block X, and a portion of Lot #5, Block X as designated by Plat entitled "Property of Dewey Britson", which plat is duly recorded in the Chatham County Registry. And being a portion of that certain real estate described in a deed from Homewood Acres, Inc., to L.D. Briston, which deed is dated the 14th day of May, 1960, and recorded in Book 263, Page 593, Chatham County Registry. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at **709 North Ivey Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina.**

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a) (1).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

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An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Executrix of the Estate of **JACK ALLRED**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 11th day of February, 2020.

Joann Allred, Executrix of The Estate of Jack Allred
Post Office Box 665
Siler City, North Carolina 27344
MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP
Attorneys at Law
Box 665
Siler City, North Carolina 27344
(919) 742-5614

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 606 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM NEWS
Having qualified and been duly appointed as executor of the Estate of **ALLEN EUGENE DOYLE**, deceased, 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 the same on or before May 20, 2020 to Jeffrey A. Doyle, Executor, 4131 Parklake Avenue, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27612, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 20th day of February, 2020.

Jeffrey A. Doyle, Executor of the Estate of Allen Eugene Doyle
4131 Parklake Avenue, Suite 300
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified on the 14th day of February, 2020, as Executrix of the Estate of **DIANE JACKSON TAYLOR a/k/a DIANE J. TAYLOR**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of May, 2020, 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 20th day of February 2020.

Diane Meredith Conley Adams, Executrix of The Estate of Diane Jackson Taylor a/k/a Diane J. Taylor
4011 University Drive, Suite 300
Durham, NC 27707
G. Rhodes Craver, Esquire
Kennon Craver, PLLC
4011 University Drive, Suite 300
Durham, North Carolina 27707

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TOWN OF GOLDSTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Goldston, North Carolina has scheduled a Public Hearing as follows:
DATE: **March 2, 2020, TIME: 6:00 p.m., PLACE: Goldston United Methodist Church, 185 Hillcrest Ave, Goldston, NC**
The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public on the following: Request from the Goldston Town Planning Board to adopt the Land Use Plan and the Unified Development Ordinance including the Zoning and Watershed Protection Maps. Please note the following:
A. During regular business hours, the full text of the proposed Land Use Plan and the UDO will be available on the Chatham County website under the Planning Department page on a tab named Town of Goldston and can also be viewed at the Goldston Public Library.
B. If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, prior to the Public Hearing you may submit written comments to Annie Kay King-Gaines, Town Clerk, at Town Hall, 40 Coral Ave, Goldston, NC 27252 or to P.O. Box 527, Goldston, NC 27252, or via email to Annie Kay King-Gaines at akkgaines@americansouth-gc.com
C. Substantial changes in the proposed Land Use Plan and the

Unified Development Ordinance including the Zoning and Watershed Protection Maps may be made following the public hearing.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 81 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **WADE PALMER aka WADE JUNIOR PALMER**, deceased, 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 May 20, 2020 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 20th day of February, 2020.

Alan Palmer, Limited Personal Representative
206 Olde Salem Drive
Jamestown, NC 27282

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 2020 E 78 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **MARK S. PARKER**, deceased, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at 319 Brody Parker Road, Sanford, North Carolina, 27330, on or before the 20th day of May, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 17th day of February, 2020.

Diane J. Parker, Limited Personal Representative
319 Brody Parker Road
Sanford, North Carolina 27330
Gunn & Messick, LLP
Post Office Box 880
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 83 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Executrix and Co-Executor of the Estate of **WILLIAM G. RUGER aka WILLIAM GEORGE RUGER**, deceased, 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 May 20, 2020 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 20th day of February, 2020.

Lydia Ruger Voorheis, Co-Executrix
100 Widecombe Ct
Cary, NC 27513
William G. Ruger, Co-Executor
3640 North Ocean Dr. #427
Singer Island, FL 33404

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **NORMA YORK STOCK** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporation indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 27th day of February, 2020.

Cynthia Claire Stock Waszak Geary, Executrix
124 Cardinal Ridge Road
Chapel Hill NC 27516
Eric W. Hinson, Attorney at Law
1709 Legion Rd, Suite 229
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517

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TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on March 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following request:
David Gonzalez requests a variance from §194 (Access to Lots) to allow a new subdivision lot to be developed for single family residential purposes on an existing perpetual easement/private drive that currently serves more than 4 subdivision lots. The subject property is located at 360/362 Old Walden Rd. The property is identified as Lot 19 in Plat Book 95, Page 60 & parcel #71048.
The proposed item is available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the application are invited to attend the public hearing and present evidence, arguments, and ask questions of persons who testify on the above referenced items. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location

for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 77 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **DELO-RA ANN MOORE**, deceased, 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 May 27, 2020 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 27th day of February, 2020.

Heather Williamson Whitworth, Administrator
210 River Drive
Southport, NC 28461

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COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULED
Notice is hereby given that a community meeting will be held by the Chatham County Emergency Communications department on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Moncure Fire Station #8 located at 2389 Old US Highway 1. This meeting is to consider a request for Conditional Use Permit for the installation of a 350' Self Support Tower in Moncure, North Carolina. The installation will consist of installing public safety communications antennas and associated equipment. The project will be located on the Moncure Fire Station property and is intended for public safety emergency communications systems upgrades to provide the emergency responders and citizens of Chatham with adequate services for years to come. This meeting is required as part of the County zoning process; however County Planning Department staff will not participate in the meeting. We are planning to submit our official plans to the County Planning Department in the near future. You will receive a notice from the County about this submittal once the application has been made.

Property Owner: Moncure Volunteer Fire Department Inc.
Applicant: Kayla Benard on Behalf of Motorola
Property Location: Moncure Fire Station #8
Site Location: 2387 Old US Highway 1
Time: 6:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULED
Notice is hereby given that a community meeting will be held by the Chatham County Emergency Communications department on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Silk Hope Fire Station #13 located at 5226 Silk Hope Liberty Road. This meeting is to consider a request for Conditional Use Permit for the installation of a 325' Self Support Tower in Siler City, North Carolina. The installation will consist of installing public safety communications antennas and associated equipment. The project will be located on the Silk Hope Fire Station #13 property and is intended for public safety emergency communications systems upgrades to provide the emergency responders and citizens of Chatham with adequate services for years to come. This meeting is required as part of the County zoning process; however County Planning Department staff will not participate in the meeting. We are planning to submit our official plans to the County Planning Department in the near future. You will receive a notice from the County about this submittal once the application has been made.

Property Owner: Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department Inc.
Applicant: Kayla Benard on Behalf of Motorola
Property Location: Silk Hope Fire Station #13
Site Location: 5224 Silk Hope Liberty Road
Time: 6:00 p.m.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 404 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED AS Executor of the Estate of **FRANCES ROSALIE MORRIS**, deceased, 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 May 27, 2020 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 27th day of February, 2020.

Leigh Haviland Morris, Executor
1372 Fearington Post
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 631 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **THOMAS J.**

NATLEY AKA THOMAS JOHN NATALEWICZ, deceased, 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 May 27, 2020 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 27th day of February, 2020.

LAURA MACMILLAN
4932 Steeplechase Lane
Hollywood, SC 29449

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **WALTER C. LAMBERT**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment. This the 27th day of February, 2020.

c/o David A. Burns, Attorney for David M.H. Lambert, Executor of the Estate of Walter C. Lambert
4101 Lake Boone Trail, Ste. 300
Raleigh, NC 27607

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REQUEST FOR BIDS Chatham County CORA Construction of Pre-Engineered Building -
Chatham County is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of a pre-engineered building based on the specifications provided within the document. Site work has been completed. Pursuant to NC General Statute 87.1 a general contractor license is required. Bids will be received by **Cacie Langley, Chatham County Finance Office until 2:00 PM, EST, on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.** Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 2:00 PM EST, in the West Wing Conference Room, Chatham County Annex Building, Finance Area, at 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Copies of the BID DOCUMENTS may be obtained in electronic format via the Chatham County webpage at <http://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities>.

Each BID must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to Cacie Langley, Chatham County Finance Office at 12 East St., Pittsboro, NC 27312. Each sealed envelope containing a BID must be plainly marked on the outside as BID for CORA Pre-Engineered Building and the envelope should bear on the outside the BIDDER'S NC License number, BIDDER'S name, address, and the name of the project for which the BID is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the BID must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the OWNER at PO Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

All BIDS must be made on the required BID form. All blank spaces for BID prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and the BID form must be fully completed and executed when submitted. PLEASE NOTE - breakout costs are requested on the bid form for the foundation and building. Only one copy of the BID form is required. BIDDERS must satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the estimated quantities in the BID Schedule by examination of the site and a review of the drawings and specifications including ADDENDA.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM EST, on the site located at 40 Camp Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312. After BIDS have been submitted, the BIDDER shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of WORK or of the nature of the WORK to be done. Questions regarding this RFB must be submitted in writing either via e-mail to Cacie Langley at purchasing@chathamnc.org or by fax to 919-545-2417. All questions requiring additional information will be responded to in an addendum. The deadline for questions is Thursday, March 19, 2020 by 12:00 Noon. The last addendum for this project will be issued Friday March 20, 2020 by 12:00 Noon. This announcement and attachments can be found on the County's "Bid Opportunity" webpage at <http://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities>. Any addendum issued will be posted here as well. Chatham County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **MARY R. LAWRENCE**, deceased, 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 May 27, 2020 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 27th day of February, 2020.

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Youth FIRST specialist supports mentors, at-risk youth

Last November, Communities In Schools of Chatham was awarded a \$25,000 Ribbon of Hope Grant by the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation to support expansion of the CIS Chatham Youth FIRST (Finding Integrated Resources & Supports Together) program. With the grant, Angela Degraffenreaidt has recently joined Communities In Schools as a Youth FIRST Student Support Specialist and is working to establish and sustain emotionally protective relationships between adult volunteer mentors and a growing caseload of youth at high risk for academic and health problems.

Degraffenreaidt was born on August 11, 1995, in Orange County, and lives in Goldston. She's a graduate of Chatham Central High School and earned an associate of arts degree from Central Carolina Community College.

"Working as the Program Assistant for Youth F.I.R.S.T. means I get the amazing opportunity to provide students in need with Mentors and Lunch Buddies," she said. "Every day I get the chance to make a child's day and develop a meaningful relationship with them and their families."

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

I was a Youth Counselor for the Chatham YMCA and it taught me to be intentional with every task that I do.

What part of your job would most surprise people?

The fact that I actually get to visit the schools where CIS' services are being rendered.

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

Some days will be more challenging than others, but these kids need you.

What would your co-workers miss most about you if you left?

I think they would miss my vibrant personality! I'm always finding some way to make them laugh or smile.

Who is your personal hero?

My dad. He has truly been through a lot the past two years but he keeps going!

Your ultimate "happy place"?

In my solitude with my music, snacks and art supplies.

Favorite weekend getaway:

To a bookstore with friends where we can eat and enjoy each other's company

Favorite character from a Disney movie:

Princess Tiana (from "The Princess and the Frog"), without a doubt!

When will robots take



Staff photo by David Bradley

Angela Degraffenreaidt helps coordinate the Youth FIRST program at Communities In Schools of Chatham County.

over the world?

I hope not because I already have enough issues talking on the phone with voice recordings.

Favorite prank you've pulled on a friend:

Telling them that they have something on their face just to watch them pat their whole face down and look funny while doing it.

Ever danced in the rain?

Some in my younger years! But have you ever tried singing in the rain?

What habit would you most like to break?

Nail-biting

What celebrity would you most like to hang out with for a day?

Jill Scott, I am a big fan!

What is one toy you wanted as a child but never received?

The Barbie Malibu Dreamhouse...and I'm still waiting.

What's the best use of a snow day?

With Netflix on, a cozy blanket handy and hot cocoa in a mug.

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

That I paint and write poetry!

What is the most significant of your life's goals that you haven't yet accomplished?

Being able to experience and paint the Aurora Borealis.

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

Mr. Neal, my 5th grade teacher. Because he saw the potential that all of his students possessed, therefore he would not accept any less from us.

Words or phrases you overuse:

"Like!" "Umm..." "Huh?"

What was the last thing you did that really made your boss proud of you?

Accepting the position to join Chatham County's CIS Team!

The book you're currently reading:

"The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas

Your favorite movie of all

time:

"A Goofy Movie"
If money weren't an object, but you still had to work, what would your job be?
I would be an artist.

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

I would like to learn archery. I had a few attempts last Summer at Camp but I'm a LONG way from being Merida!

What's been your wildest adventure?

Traveling to New Orleans my junior year of high school with the Science Olympiads.

Your ideal vacation would be:

Somewhere tropical with a smoothie bar!

What's your favorite snack food?

Nachos! I LOVE CHEESE!

One food you'll never be caught eating:

Sardines — no thank you!

A fear you haven't yet overcome is:

Coulrophobia (an extreme or irrational fear of clowns).

Something not many people know you collect is?

Cute trinkets and things of that nature.

What's the most thoughtful thing anyone has ever done for you?

One of my YMCA After-Schoolers wrote me a letter and had her two brothers sign it and gave it to me on my last day. I read it whenever I'm feeling doubtful.

If you could eliminate any invention, what would it be?

Alarm clocks, because every morning should NOT start off with panic.

If you started a business of your own, what would it be?

An art studio where trauma victims could come and participate in art therapy for an affordable price.

If someone made a movie about your life, the actor to portray you is:

Danielle Brooks

Favorite place to eat:

It's a tie between Ruby Tuesday and Hibachi & Company.

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

CHAPSTICK! It is my obsession!

The credo or motto you like to try to live by:

"He hath made everything beautiful in His time." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

The best advice you ever got was:

To cherish the memories I made with others, for they could be gone in a moment.

What was your dream job when you were a child?

I wanted to be a Balleri-

na. Tu-tu, bun and all!

What's the worst injury you've ever had?
Breaking my wrist

Favorite kind of cookie?
Sugar Cookies are the best!

Favorite season?
IN SUMMERRRRR! (As Olaf would put it!)

What superhero power would you most like to have?

Telekinesis, I feel it would be very useful.

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

All of the shows from the 90s were great but "Rugrats" is a classic!

Favorite band or musical

artist?

Right now I'm really feeling Khalid as one of my favorite musical artists.

Favorite dessert?
Key Lime Pie!

What's your favorite condiment?
When in doubt, add Barbecue Sauce.

If you could never hear the music of one musical artist ever again, which would it be?

The Baby Shark song. Sadly it is engraved in my mind...

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

Spanish

What advice would you

give your younger self?

Girl, you are a beautiful soul. Don't let them get you down. In the future you will grow to be exactly who God destined you to be!

Would you rather explore outer space or the ocean floor?

The ocean, so I could look at all the colorful fish.

What historic era would you like to visit?

The 1920s for sure! I heard Gatsby threw great parties!

What's the most important thing your job has taught you?

To ask questions; it is perfectly fine that you may not know the answer.

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