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### CHATHAM VOTES 2020

## Chatham voters approve sales tax by a little, malt beverage sales by a lot in primary referenda

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Chatham County voters easily approved a malt beverage referendum, allowing the "on-premises" sales of malt beverages at places like tap rooms and craft beer breweries with tasting rooms in unincorporated areas,

and narrowly passed a local quarter-cent sales tax in Tuesday's primary election.

The malt beverage issue passed by a wide margin, with about 74 percent of those casting ballots in Chatham voting "for" it. But the controversial sales tax issue — with those voting early favoring by

a comfortable margin — was extraordinarily close, passing by just over 600 votes.

A total of 51.33 percent (11,859) voters cast ballots "for" the quarter-cent sales tax, while 48.67 percent (11,244) voted against it.

### The sales tax

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously in October 2019 to put the "Article 46" issue on the March primary ballot. In the 2007 state budget, the N.C. General Assembly enacted a number of stipulations, including giving counties the option to "levy a local sales and use

tax at a rate of one-quarter percent." Article 46 is the section in state law where the rules for this tax are outlined.

No county in North Carolina is required to have an Article 46 tax. The state statute says boards of county commission-

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## racism

IN CHATHAM COUNTY | PART 2

## Looking at race: What role has monument played in Chatham?

*'To me, that Confederate statue represented racism'*

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE  
News + Record Staff

*Editor's note:* In the conclusion this week to a two-part series about race relations and the state of racism in Chatham County, we talk with local observers about where we are — including ongoing conflicts in Chatham County over the removal of the Confederate monument in Pittsboro — and where we could be headed, as well as the one thing our interview subjects say needs to occur to make Chatham, as one interviewee put it, a "more harmonious and welcoming" county.

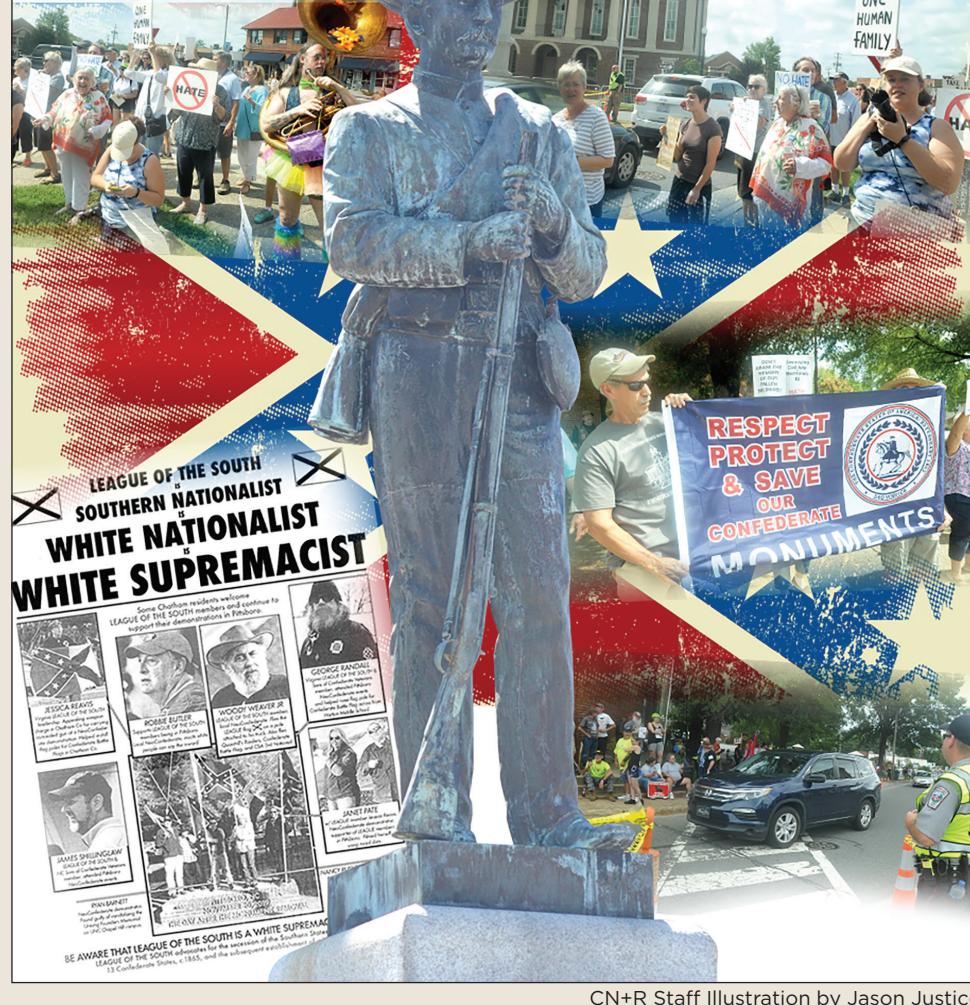
On August 23, 1907, a monument to "Our Confederate Heroes" — the copper statue crafted in a Durham factory in the likeness of a Confederate soldier — took what onlookers that day likely considered to be its permanent place, atop a granite pedestal a few paces from the front entrance of the Chatham County Courthouse.

The positioning was prominent: in the center of Pittsboro, itself the seat of Chatham County government.

And positioned there, the north-facing Confederate soldier — erected the same year John Wayne was born and the first electric ball was dropped in Times Square on in New York City on New Year's Eve — would stand for the next 112 years.

It was a silent but steadfast witness to more than 100 years of history including women realizing the right to vote, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights Movement and wars from the "War to End All Wars" through the Cold War and into the War on Terror.

The statue had been standing in place for 14 years on Sept. 18, 1921, the date of death listed for 16-year-old Eugene Daniel, Chatham County's last lynching victim. Daniel would likely have seen the statue after being abducted from Pittsboro's jail to New Hope Township, where he was hanged.



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A burgeoning "national movement," however — as former Pittsboro Mayor Randy Voller called it — would bring the long-standing statue down late last year.

### Only a matter of time

"There were always citizens when I was mayor who complained about the monument," Voller said.

But neither the mayor nor Pittsboro commissioners, "other than getting on

### IS PUBLIC OPINION ON CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS SHIFTING?

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a soapbox, had no actual legal authority to get involved," according to Voller. The

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### 1ST PLACE - COMMUNITY COVERAGE

## CN+R wins 19 awards

Paper takes eight 1st place prizes; cited for excellence

### CN+R STAFF REPORT

RALEIGH — The Chatham News + Record has earned 19 awards, including eight first-place finishes, at the N.C. Press Association's Annual News & Editorial Awards Contest.

The awards — which included first place for best community news coverage — were presented in the category recognizing small community newspapers across North Carolina for 2018-19 during the NCPA's annual award dinner Feb. 27 in Raleigh.

The News + Record also received honors in the contest's "General Excellence" category, which recognizes overall excellence in newspapering across the state of North Carolina.

News + Record Publisher/Editor Bill Horner III — who along with partners Kirk Bradley and Chris Ehrenfeld acquired the newspaper from the Resch family in late 2018, making this the "new" News + Record's first entries in the annual NCPA awards — said he was proud of the work the newsroom had done in order to make the past year so successful.

Six News + Record staff members and a CN+R stringer received prizes at

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### CHATHAM VOTES 2020

## Dasher edges out Hancock in Democratic commissioner primary for District 2

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

After facing some tight margins in early results, an incumbent Chatham County Commissioner escaped his party's primary.

Gaining 54 percent of the vote, Democrat Mike Dasher won the right to face Republican Jimmy Pharr in the November general election to represent District 2 on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners by defeating challenger Katelin Hancock.

After the results were tallied, Dasher said he was grateful for the support of Democratic and unaffiliated voters.

"My common sense approach to governing and my commitment to

doing what's best for the county clearly resonates with a lot of folks who want to see Chatham move forward," he told the News + Record. "And together, we'll continue to."

The vote saw more than 14,300 people participate in a primary that picked the Democratic nominee to represent the southeastern part of Chatham County in November's election. District 2, which includes the Town of Pittsboro, the Moncure area and the majority of Jordan Lake, is the most populous of the county's five commissioner districts with 12,864 people, 2,290 of which identify as African-American or Hispanic/Latinx. All county voters decide

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## What to know about COVID-19

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

*Editor's note:* For a closer look at what it's like to be in the epicenter of the coronavirus scare, see a special report from News + Record contributor Buck Ryan on page A6.

Headlines and social media have been filled in recent weeks with talk about the coronavirus and COVID-19, but what do you need to know? Here's a quick look at the latest on the viral infection and what it means for Chatham County.

### What is COVID-19?

According to the World Health Organization, COVID-19 is the shorthand for the "most recently discovered coronavirus," meaning it's the latest in a line of viruses that cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to more severe respiratory illnesses. All coronaviruses are transmitted between animals

and people, and COVID-19 is believed to have begun in Wuhan, China, in December.

The WHO says common symptoms include "respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties," and "in more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death." COVID-19 has a death rate of around 2 percent, and around 1 in 6 people who get the virus become seriously ill.

### What's happened since the spread?

According to the March 2 situation report from the WHO, there are nearly 89,000 confirmed cases and more than 3,000 deaths related to COVID-19. The United States was home to more than 100 reported cases, and two people died in Washington state over this past weekend from COVID-19 — the first

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## IN THE KNOW

Robert Morgan returning as Town of Pittsboro's interim manager. **PAGE A6**

Chatham leaders bemoan lack of control at legislative breakfast. **PAGE A8**

Siler City commissioners approve Marsh Auto Parts expansion. **PAGE A11**

Three students take prizes in J-M's 3rd annual 'Sing and Play.' **PAGE A12**



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ON THE AGENDA

• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold a special meeting for a board budget retreat at 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East St., Pittsboro.

• 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.

• The **Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the new Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 U.S. Highway 64 Business, Pittsboro. This will be an open meeting. To confirm meeting, call 919-542-8240 or 919-545-8440, for Brenda.

### THURSDAY

• 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 katy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org.

• **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

• The **Joyful Jewel** will feature the India Cain and Keith Allen concert with

DG Chandler and Mariah Wheeler opening, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7. Concerts will be in the Mermaid Lounge. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets: \$10. Location at 44-A Hillsboro St., downtown Pittsboro. Barbara Steinacker is the featured artist for March.

### 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

• Learn a new skill at Chatham Community Library! The library is offering a series of **free computer classes** in March and April. A description of each class, including topics covered and prerequisites for attending, can be found at [www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses](http://www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses). - Drop-in Computer Assistance, 4 to 5 p.m., March 11, Wednesday, (no registration required).

- Microsoft Word, Part 1: 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, and Part 2: from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 30. Drop-in Computer Assistance: April 8, Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m. (no registration required); Computer Basics, Part 1: April 14, Tuesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m.; Computer Basics, Part 2: April 21, Tuesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Computer Assistance sessions (March 11 and April 8) do not require registration. For all other classes, space is limited and you must register in advance. Register online at the address above, call 919-545-8086, or email reference@chathamlibraries.org. All classes take place in the computer lab at Chatham Community Library, 197 NC Hwy 87 N in Pittsboro,

• 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

on the campus of Central Carolina Community College.

• 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.

• 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 **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 Clemons 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.

• Chatham County Partnership for Children Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 U.S. Highway 64 Business, Pittsboro.

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• 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 reddick-sandra1945@gmail.com.

### ALSO HAPPENING

• The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. It is adult and kid friendly with 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. For more info, see: <https://chathamhistory.org>.

• Spring has sprung at **Second Bloom of Chatham**

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.

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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](http://chathamhabitat.org/volunteer), or email [rachelh@chathamhabitat.org](mailto:rachelh@chathamhabitat.org)



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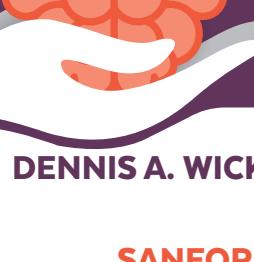
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## CHATHAM VOTES 2020

## Price, Thomas will compete for 4th Congressional District seat in November

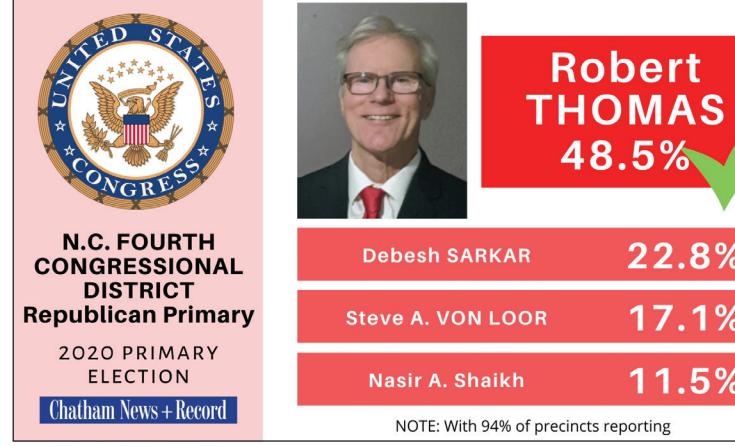
BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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In the first primaries for the Fourth Congressional District to feature Chatham County since 2014, incumbent Rep. David Price of Wake County earned the Democratic nomination, while Durham businessman Robert Thomas clinched the Republican candidacy, with 95 percent of precincts reporting as of press time.

The district was redrawn late last year and moved Chatham out of the 6th District and split the county between the 4th District, covering the majority of the county, and the 13th District in the far west. The new 4th District also includes Orange, Durham, Granville and Franklin counties, as well as portions of Wake and Vance counties.

Chatham has been represented in full by U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-Greensboro), who is not seeking re-election, since 2016.

For Democrats, Price earned nearly 87 percent of the vote ahead of challenger Daniel Ulysses Lockwood. Price got 87 percent of Chatham's voters as



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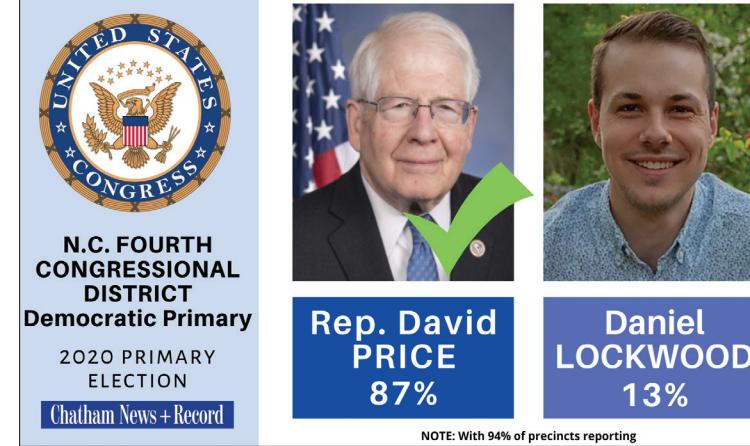
Price has occupied his House of Representatives seat since 1997 after previously holding the position from 1987 to 1995. A former professor of political science and public policy at Duke University, Price said he hoped to be able to support all Democrats in November.

"I'm grateful for the strong support I received in tonight's primary election from constituents new and old," he said in a statement. "They sent

a resounding message: we must keep fighting against the reckless and divisive policies of Donald Trump.

"If we want a future with accessible affordable housing, affordable health care, a clean environment and strong public education, we must elect Democrats up and down the ballot. I look forward to running an energetic campaign that supports this team effort."

Republicans chose Thomas with 48.6 percent of the vote. He



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edged out Debesh Sarkar (22.8 percent), 2018 nominee Steve A. Von Loor (17.1 percent) and Nasir A. Shaikh (11.5 percent). Thomas won nearly 52 percent of the GOP votes in Chatham.

A Durham resident who most recently worked as a residential real estate appraiser, Thomas 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.

In Price's last Chatham County election, 2014, he got nearly 65 percent of the vote against Republican Paul Wright in the county and nearly tripled Wright's total across the entire district.

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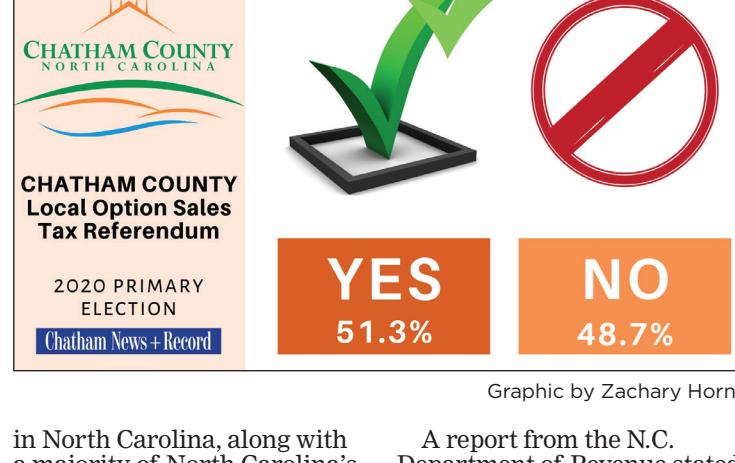
ers "may, by resolution and after 10 days' public notice," put this tax into effect. Prior to Tuesday's election, 42 of North Carolina's 100 counties had this levy in effect.

During the November 2018 election, 20 counties had an Article 46 referendum on the ballot. Just four passed: Graham (62.4 percent for), Moore (58.8 percent for), Stanly (50.8 percent for, passed by 368 votes) and Swain (54.3 percent, passed by 445 votes) counties.

The local option sales tax applies to anything normal sales tax applies to except for unprepared food like groceries or gas purchases. With the tax in effect, anyone going through a drive-thru for a cheeseburger would pay the tax, as would someone who went to Lowe's Hardware to pick up a hammer and some nails. But on a trip to Piggy Wiggly for your weekly grocery trip, or stop by a BP to fill your car's gas tank, the tax wouldn't be charged.

The State of North Carolina has a 4.75 percent sales tax effective statewide. Counties can enact additional sales taxes to generate additional revenue. Currently, Chatham has 2 percent in additional sales tax. With its passage, that 2 percent sales tax simply increases to 2.25 percent.

Prior to Tuesday's vote, Chatham's 6.75 percent sales tax rate was tied for the lowest



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in North Carolina, along with a majority of North Carolina's 100 counties. Alamance County is the only neighboring county with a similar rate.

Lee, Moore and Randolph counties have all enacted Article 46 and have 7 percent sales tax rates. Wake County has not enacted Article 46, but has a 7.25 percent rate.

Durham and Orange counties, which both have the Article 46 option, have sales tax rates of 7.5 percent.

The Chatham commissioners passed a resolution in October stating they would like the funds to be used for education, agriculture/land banking, affordable housing and parks and recreation purposes. This is by far the most diverse of surrounding counties. Most included school construction or education debt in their resolutions.

Orange County allocates half of its revenue for economic development incentives and the other half for public schools capital projects.

A report from the N.C. Department of Revenue stated that Chatham could have received an additional \$1.6 million in 2017 if the tax had been in place that calendar year.

## Malt beverage vote

Prior to Tuesday's vote, restaurants, hotels, breweries and other establishments were 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.

With its passage, the referendum expands those rights



Graphic by Zachary Horner

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.

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 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." 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 countywide referendum prior to Tuesday's vote, 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."

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the candidates and representatives for all five districts in Chatham.

Dasher-Pharr is not the only competition for Chatham County Commissioner later this year; current Chair Karen Howard, a Democrat, will square off with Republican Jay Stobbs to represent District, which covers northeast Chatham.

Originally from Ohio but now a Pittsboro resident, Dasher spent 2019 as the chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Perhaps most notably, he was the public face of the board's decision to remove the Confederate monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro. In a News + Record questionnaire published last month, Dasher said he wanted to "continue the important work we're doing to move Chatham County forward."

"My three years as a commissioner have allowed me to build solid relationships with my colleagues and other elected officials, with community leaders, and with residents across the county," he told the News + Record in February. "I know the processes and procedures for getting things done. I've proven that I'm willing and able to do

the work required to bring about real progress."

In the run-up to Tuesday's vote, Dasher defined his goals for his next term — if he wins the primary and defeats Republican Jimmy Pharr, who faces no primary opposition, in November — as continuing to work off established foundations, like the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan and common values among board members like "good, safe schools," "quality affordable housing" and "a responsive and effective county government."

"I believe government generally — and local government especially — allows us the ability to do things together that we can't do individually," Dasher said then. "When we pool our resources (through taxes), we can pay teachers and build schools, we can provide emergency and human services, we can protect our natural resources and determine appropriate land uses. I think Chatham County does an excellent job of doing those things and more in an efficient, effective and transparent way."

Hancock, a Chatham County native who now lives in Apex, is an Assistant Banquet Manager at the J.B. Duke Hotel in Durham.

Multiple attempts by the News + Record to reach Hancock — from both her campaign phone and work phone, multiple email addresses and Facebook messages to her campaign's page — during the campaign cycle generated no

response.

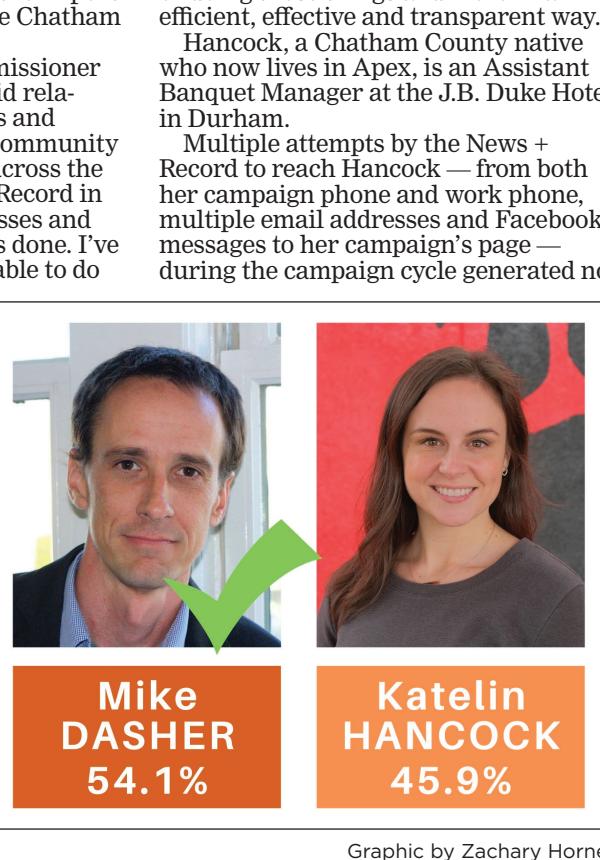
What was public about her prior to Tuesday's vote was limited and relatively unspecific. Hancock's Facebook page — "Katelin Hancock for Chatham County Board of Commissioners" — includes the slogan "For Chatham, From Chatham." The biography section said she was a Chatham County native who has a bachelor's degree in hospitality management from East Carolina University. N.C. State Board of Elections records indicate that she currently lives in Apex and voted in the 2012 and 2016 Democratic primaries.

Public knowledge of her platform was more or less limited to a January 30 post

on the Chatham Chatlist forum and a short Q&A in the Chatham County Line monthly newspaper. On the Chatlist post, Hancock boasts of not being a "career politician" and having "no ties to private special interests."

"I want to see progress in Chatham but I don't want lifelong citizens left behind," the post stated then. "I want to see modern options for goods and services in our city centers. I want to implement changes that will attract businesses with emphasis on the environment and support the community's needs."

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# VIEWPOINTS

## The shade of speed is distinctly gray

Some years ago, I conducted an unscientific driving experiment. For an entire week, I adhered strictly to posted speed limits.

If a sign allowed 55 miles per hour, that is the speed at which I drove; if 35, then 35 miles per hour it was; and so on.

The experiment was every bit the chore it sounds like, and why precisely I ever thought to undertake it, I've forgotten. I know I didn't do it to make people angry. But I remember my conclusions at the end of my self-imposed week of "letter of the law" driving: It makes other motorists mad when you drive strictly according to posted speed limits.



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Randall Reflects

All week I found myself positioned on roadways in front of people wanting to go faster. Certainly, and I'm not a mind-reader, clairvoyance wasn't required of me to understand the tailgating, the champing at the bit to pass me. And when these hapless tailgaters could (if they could) pass me, they did so frequently with discernible distaste for my slow speed. Again, no supernatural skills needed: I could tell from the gusto with which, engines revving, they made their passing moves. And often when they passed, I noticed them eyeballing me, perhaps to see if there was some observable defect in me (or maybe in my slow car) to explain why I was being so annoying.

Understanding that for every rule there is an exception, inherent in my conclusion that many motorists are angered by slower drivers is the notion — and though my experiment

involved no actual science, I'm convinced I'm correct — that most drivers don't obey posted speed limits, which are often treated as speed suggestions, if not outright ignored.

I live proudly by the axiom that rules were made to be broken, but the same does not apply to laws.

This lesson I learned when I was young, being handed my first speeding ticket at the tender age of 18. And a valuable lesson it was, having to go represent myself in court. Surrounded in a courtroom by people accused of all varieties of crime — the traffic scofflaws sat elbow-to-elbow with wife-beaters, drug-users and miscreants of many stripes, courtrooms being a great equalizer — I understood that court wasn't a place I wanted to be.

But traffic laws can be interesting. Some seem set in stone (one does not, for example, merely slow down

at a STOP sign and expect to get away with it, if observed by an officer of the law) while others appear (like speed limits) more nebulous, or at least open to some degree of interpretation.

There's a common belief — fostered, I assume, from years of evidence to support it — held by many of us that police officers will allow some wiggle room where speed is concerned. And officers of the law do appear, thankfully, to use some discretion where speed laws are concerned. I'd not want to meet the trooper who would ticket a driver for the transgression of a single mile-per-hour over a posted limit.

But how much wiggle room is allowed?

Is there a sweet spot, a magic number? Is it 5 mph over? Or 10?

The question goes back to my driving experiment of a few years ago, which —

for kicks — I repeated over the course of a few days (I couldn't sustain a full week the second time around) not long ago.

The results of my second social experiment — again involving little if any actual science — were in line with my first: I met with many tailgaters, many drivers impatient to pass, some angry looks.

Even law enforcement officers appeared eager to pass and put distance between themselves and the guy (me) adhering to the precise demands of the law, and I completely understand that.

I've now concluded two field tests, conducted several years apart, and from both draw the same conclusion: traffic regulations are posted for all of us to see in black and white, easily discernible letters and numbers; but how we treat them, and how they are enforced is, like so many things in life, a gray area.

**GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN**

## When 'cherry-picking' can make a difference in a loved one's life

Literary critic Stanley Fish identifies a theory known as "fragmentation" by which a specific passage, paragraph, or even a single sentence is isolated from the rest of the document. As a fragment, these selected words may contract or subvert the overall meaning found in the larger text. Readers may be familiar with the idea of fragmentation as "cherry-picking" a Bible verse, meaning plucking a verse out of its context and using it in an argument. This mode of interpretation is generally frowned upon.

Yet the truth is that we all interpret through a form of fragmentation. Biblical scholar Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza noted that everyone has "a canon within the canon," meaning we all have our favorite verses in the Bible that we value more than others.

I know that people of good faith are divided over social issues. Some select certain verses to make an argument, while others cite different passages. Evidence for either side can be found with the pages of scripture. Sadly, many churches resemble the partisan divides that we see in our country's politics. This fragmentation of the Bible often fragments communities, splitting churches and denominations.

What if, before we cited a Bible verse, we honestly considered our motives for quoting that passage? How do we think that the person we are addressing will hear those words? What do we hope will happen as a result? Long ago, Augustine of Hippo said, "Anyone who thinks to have understood the scriptures, but cannot by that understanding build up the double love of God and neighbor, then that person has not yet succeeded in understanding them."

A few years ago, a parishioner lay dying in the hospital. Her body was riddled with cancer and she had elected for palliative care, sometimes known as "comfort care." But she was not comforted. She agonized over this painful decision.

Imagine my surprise when I walked into her room the very next day and found my friend sitting upright in bed with a beaming smile! She told me that, just before I had arrived, a doctor had come to check on her. And this doctor shared a Bible verse: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

I recognized that verse as Philippians 4:6. I was also wary about cherry-picking this scripture for her at this particular time. "Do not be anxious" may be good advice, but it might seem flippant, as if you are not acknowledging a person's feelings. Furthermore, I had been praying for healing with this parishioner for over a year. To imply that she should now be thankful seemed inconsiderate, if not downright spiritually abusive.

The parishioner shared the whole story of the doctor's visit. Upon entering the room, the doctor had sat on the bed, held my friend's hands, and listened for almost an hour as she poured out her anger, anxiety, and heartache. Only when my friend had felt like a dry creek bed did the doctor speak, sprinkling the words of the Bible. And so, the fragment known as Philippians 4:6 was spoken with support, care and love. May we all speak with the intention of doing the same.

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## What's in a name for our best friends?

Names, it's been said, are among the most important parts of our lives. They are, in part, our identity and security, our personality; who we are and how we look at life.

Of course, there are exceptions to that rule but I'd just as soon not be named Ima Stinkbottom and go through life trying to find out.

Many parents go to great lengths and effort to find just the right name for their little bundle of joy while others just sort of throw something at the baby and hope it sticks.

Some names are from family, others from the world around us. The "Bob" I carry — somehow short for "Robert" — is in memory and tribute to my uncle of the same name who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II, and my middle "Joseph" has been worn by men before and after me. For a period of years, many were the ladies named after Shirley Temple when she ruled the silver screen. I've been told my father-in-law just liked the name but maybe that's the genesis of where it came from for my better half.

Some names and arrangements can be sort of cute. For instance, I've written here before of my acquaintance Raymond Dennis Ator who, when he would sign documents or otherwise introduce himself, would come across as Ray D. Ator.

Then there was James Arthur Conley Knight, whose initials

spelled the word "Jack," which, of course, became his nickname.

Other names and their arrangement can border on the downright funny, unless it's you and your name, while others can be, shall we say, almost obscene. The story is told, or maybe it's urban legend, of the Hogg sisters in Texas, twins who were given the first names of "Ima" and "Ura."

My mother, bless her saintly soul (except when she had a mischievous twinkle in her eye), loved to tell the story of the twin girls born to the Terry family, who lived in her neighborhood. Their parents,

being a bit financially embarrassed, asked the good doctor to name their new arrivals as a token of their thanks for his services, seeing as how it might be a month of Sundays and some Saturdays before he got any cash. Pausing hardly a moment, he determined their names would be "Datun" and "Disen." No doubt the latter of the two endured some second looks and had some opportunities in life as she moved along.

I say all this to point out that the names we bestow upon our pets is also significant. Some of those can be unique, as in the owner of the two-pound chihuahua who named him "Killer" and the fellow who owned the cat and just named her "Cat."

There are those who say — even study at great length and write great papers and books and conduct studies — the pets we have are mirrors of our own being. That may or may not be true. I'll admit that in the past I've lived (I started to say "owned" dogs, but I don't think you own dogs, I think they own you) with, and still do live with, dogs who like to lie in the sun and pace themselves

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through life. I can identify with that but I'm not sure what it says about me with the dog who liked to run in circles...oh wait, now I understand.

The other day I ran across one of those news articles about dogs and cats, this one on what we name them. It said, in part, that names once most used — like "Fido" for dogs and "Fifi" for cats — are now out. Today the preferred choices are human names: "Max" is first for both dogs and cats. Other dog names in the Top 10 include Buddy, Molly, Maggie, Jake and Rocky. That same list for cats includes Lucy, Oliver and Chloe.

Reading that article did me proud because, for once in my life, I was ahead of the curve. Through the years we've owned some great dogs and they've all, with the exception of a German Shepherd who was intellectually challenged, had people names — Charlie, Butch, Ralph, Lewis, Russell, Clara and Ellie come to mind.

And throughout it all, our two children, the two 40-somethings who used to be teenagers who lived at my house, named Fluffy and Spot, have been very happy with the names.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## The symbolism of separate water fountains

### TO THE EDITOR:

Del Turner's story about getting in trouble with her grandfather for drinking from the white water fountain ("Hindsight 2020: Moving forward from history," Feb. 27) brings to mind my story from

the other side of that sad coin: Age 11 in 1955, newly-moved with my parents from up north to Charlotte, my mother took me shopping. I saw a water fountain and I had a swig. "He drank colored water," a clerk told my mother, ominous.

I looked up and saw a sign that read: "Colored."

"You shouldn't leave something like that where a child can get at it," my mother

### LETTER

snapped. I felt a wave of panic. Mom sounded angry. I thought the sign meant the water itself was polluted, poisoned in some way. Colored? The water looked clear to me and tasted OK if you like a touch of chlorine in the mix.

"Oh, it won't hurt him," the clerk hastened to say. The clerk looked defensive, like she might get in trouble.

Mom said "harrumph" and we walked away. I was too young to see how Mom said what she did just to make the clerk admit the separate water fountains were purely symbolic.

Unlike Mom, the physical reaction Del Turner's grandfather felt compelled to use is a reminder how parents often feel compelled to use corporal punishment in repressive

societies where any infraction might bring dire consequences. I read that corporal punishment of children has been declining, and I wonder if that's partly because our society is a bit less repressive than it used to be. Let's hope, because corporal punishment only results in the furtherance of the cycle of violence.

**Doug Berg**

Pittsboro

## Easy grades produce hard landings, as study shows

Walt Disney was no stranger to adversity. He grew up in a large, itinerant family of modest means. His first film studio went bankrupt. But Disney never gave up. And he never stopped learning from his mistakes.

"All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me," Disney once said. "You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you."

Celebrating the virtue of perseverance may sound old-fashioned. In reality, however, it is a sound application of modern social science. In education, for example, there is a growing empirical case for the proposition that if we ask more of our children instead of trying to protect their supposedly-fragile egos, they are more likely to enjoy success in school and beyond.

A new study of grading practices right here in North Carolina has gained significant national attention. Seth Gershenson, an associate professor at American University's School of Public Affairs, looked at the records of some 350,000 North Carolina 8th- and 9th-graders who were enrolled in the state's Algebra 1 course from 2006 to 2016. Gershenson chose these students because they had the same teacher for the whole year and were required to take an end-of-course test to assess their mastery of the subject.

For all 8,000 public-school teachers covered in the study parameters, Gershenson averaged the grades they gave their students and used a variety of statistical controls to adjust for student background and prior performance, teacher background and credentials, and other variables that might influence the grade averages. He then compared those average grades to the performance of the same students on the end-of-course test for Algebra 1.

The idea, in other words, was to see if the students of tougher-grading teachers were more or less likely to succeed than were students of easier-grading teachers — all other things being held equal.

Gershenson's results suggest that tougher grading practices are an example of "tough love." By expecting more at the front end as a student takes Algebra 1, the teacher makes it more likely that student will eventually achieve mastery in the subject. On average, students assigned to the toughest-grading quartile of North Carolina teachers scored 17 percent of a standard deviation higher on the exam than if those same students had been assigned to the easiest-grading quartile of teachers.

That's not a small effect. "To put this difference in perspective," Gershenson wrote, "consider that it amounts to a little more than six months of learning. It is also larger than the impact of a dozen student absences or replacing an average teacher with a teacher whose students consistently outperform expectations."

Even moving from the easiest-grading 25 percent of teachers to one of the middle quartiles still boosted student learning by a significant amount. Gershenson also found that having a tough-grading teacher for Algebra 1 made it more likely a student would do well in subsequent math courses such as Algebra 2 and Geometry. And the benefits of higher academic expectations extended across all racial and family backgrounds.

That last point is particularly important in light of another of Gershenson's findings: tougher grading standards are not equally distributed across public schools. Suburban schools and those with relatively low shares of poor students tend to have teachers who give lower grades. Rural and high-poverty schools tend to have teachers who give higher grades.

It is at least conceivable that teachers and principals in the latter groups of schools worry that rigorous grading might discourage students who are already facing significant challenges to their academic success. Their concern may be well-motivated, but this study shows that acting on that concern is not well-advised.

As North Carolina students leave high school for college or the workplace, what matters most is how well they retain and apply what they've learned, not how students feel about themselves. Easy grades early in life can set them up for a hard landing.

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## The Chapel Hill flu: 100 years later, will history repeat?

In Chapel Hill people still talk about the influenza pandemic of 1918.

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

On October 26, 1918, two weeks after his 42nd birthday, Graham died from a pneumonia that was a common follow-up to the so-called Spanish Flu that infected him.

According to Greensboro author Howard Covington's recent book, "Fire and Stone: The Making of the University of North Carolina under Presidents Edward Kidder Graham and Harry Woodburn Chase," Graham had been active during October. He traveled to New York where he met with representatives of the estate of the wealthy and recently deceased Mary Lily Kenan Flagler Bingham. He had cordial meetings on October 14 and 15 with Mary Lily's brother, William Rand Kenan Jr., and her brother-in-law and cousin, Graham Kenan. Although President Graham learned that while UNC could receive substantial funds later, there would be delays and some uncertainty until her complicated assets were sorted out.

President Graham returned to Chap-

el Hill. In good shape, he played tennis on October 18. But by Monday, October 21, he was too ill to get out of bed.

Meanwhile, the university campus was under quarantine, with 300 cases of the flu reported and 150 hospitalized. Ironically, two days before he became ill, Graham had written students' parents that the incidence of flu on campus was receding.

The loss of Graham shook, not just the campus, but also the entire state. *The News & Observer* founder then serving as Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, wrote that Graham was "the most useful man in North Carolina and we could possibly spare any man in the state rather than him. We have nobody to fill this place."

The flu was not finished taking down UNC stalwarts. Chapel Hill's Tom Kenan told me that his kinsman, the lawyer Graham Kenan, died from the flu shortly after his New York meeting with President Graham.

This pandemic killed more than 50 million people worldwide. Covington points out that it eventually took 675,000 American lives and that one-half of the country's casualties during World War I were due to the flu or its complications. This flu strain, he wrote, "most often attacked those between the ages of 20 and 40. Graham had just turned 42. It struck without warning and could literally kill overnight. What may have been thought to be a seasonal cold developed into a deadly case of pneumonia that left sufferers gasping for air as blood and froth clogged their airways."

This reaction was triggered by a massive immune response that caused the lungs to fill with fluid. Victims turned blue due to lack of oxygen as they drowned in this excess fluid.

Could Graham and the millions of other victims been saved had there been better planning and preparation? We cannot know for sure. But we can ask our leaders and ourselves whether we can and should do more to prepare for the threatened coming of the Coronavirus into our lives.

Writing in *The New York Times* on March 1, Nicholas Kristof acknowledges that nobody knows if the coronavirus will be a "big one." But he says we should get ready.

"The coronavirus may kill 2 percent of those infected; if correct, that would be similar to the lethality of the 1918 flu. Another similarity with 1918 is that the United States and the world are unready for a pandemic."

Kristof cites Dr. Irwin Redlener, a Columbia University professor and director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness, who told him, "We're amazingly unprepared."

If, as a result of that lack of preparedness, we lose people like Edward Kidder Graham and thousands of others, our generation will have earned a verdict of infamy from the jury of history.

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## Could a virus take down the economy?

I've recently been asked a new question about the

economy when I speak to groups and organizations. It's a question I haven't heard in many years.

The question is whether the coronavirus that has hit China and other parts of the globe send the world, and the U.S., into a recession, or worse.

The worry is understandable. Viruses are scary things. I've read my share of medical thrillers based on some new virus spreading throughout the globe, killing millions, destroying businesses and almost ending civilization until heroes contain it at the last minute. There's also an ongoing concern that viruses could be used as part of biological warfare between countries.

Actually, we only have to look back 100 years to find a real example of what an unchecked virus can do.

The 1918-1920 influenza pandemic, also known as the Spanish flu, killed at least 50 million people worldwide, with some estimates putting the number as high as 100 million.

In the U.S., almost one of every three people became infected, and more than 500,000 died. Even for those who survived there were numerous cases of long-term physical disability.

To date, deaths from the coronavirus have now topped 3,000 worldwide. Most of the deaths have

been in China where the virus was first detected.

There have also been rapid responses to the infection. People in China's regions where cases have occurred are being isolated from the rest of the population to contain the virus' spread.

China has rapidly built new hospitals to treat those with infections. Travel to and from China has been restricted.

Also, people arriving in the U.S. from China have been quarantined for several days to ensure they are not infected.

Yet even if the infection and death rates are relatively low, there still can be economic impacts. These economic impacts come in four forms:

impacts from the reduced availability of products from China, impacts from reduced sales to China, impacts from changes in consumer spending based on fears about the virus and impacts on stocks. Let me evaluate each.

The U.S. imports more than \$500 billion of products each year from China. The products range from cell phones and other technology to clothing and furniture to machinery parts.

Sick people in China can't work, and closing off parts of the country from other areas also curtails production.

The reduced availability of Chinese products could slow some segments of the U.S. economy, with the computer and electronics industries being the most vulnerable.

On the flip side, U.S. firms sell more than \$100 billion of products to China annually, with the most important being technology products and farm commodities.

These sectors have already taken

a hit from the tariffs imposed by China during the U.S.-China "trade war" of the last two years. Ironically, the recent thaw in this trade war has created optimism for U.S. factories and farms that increased sales to China are around the corner.

Now that corner may take longer to reach if Chinese purchases of foreign products take a dip as a result of the coronavirus.

Consumer spending drives the economy. Significant declines in consumer spending are usually the most direct cause of a recession.

Consumers reduce spending if their incomes fall, for example, as a result of higher unemployment.

But consumers can also reduce spending simply as a result of fear. That is, nothing actually "bad" has to happen. Instead, if there are widespread worries that something very bad has a high chance of happening, that's enough for consumers to cut back on spending, which then can trigger a recession.

We saw this happen with the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) virus in 2003, which resulted in 700 deaths worldwide. Consumer confidence about the future dipped, and so did consumer spending,

especially on durable products like appliances, vehicles and furniture.

However, the spending dip was short-lived, and no recession resulted.

Although coronavirus-related deaths already exceed SARS deaths, consumer confidence has not yet been affected. In fact,

the measure increased in both December and January. Granted, this could change when the February

reading is released, but it appears consumers are more focused on jobs, incomes and gas prices than on the latest world virus.

Last is the potential impact of the virus on the stock market. One thing the stock market absolutely does not like is uncertainty. Until we have a good idea of how much the virus will spread and whether containment efforts will be successful, the market could be wobbly. We've seen that in recent days. But good news on the coronavirus could cause just as fast of a rebound.

My conclusion is the coronavirus should be monitored, and precautions should continue to be taken to prevent its spread.

A key measure to watch is the trend in the number of new cases reported worldwide. A reduction in new cases is often a sign the virus is running its course. However, a jump in cases could be cause for alarm, especially if the increase is large.

Companies and industries in the U.S. having strong ties to China or other countries with major infections could be in for a rocky road ahead, but hopefully the challenges will last only weeks or months, and not years. But if U.S. consumers continue to spend, then the economy will continue to expand; that is, there will be no recession. However, continued drops in the stock market could, at the least, cause economic growth to be lower than expected.

"Plan for the best, but have a back-up for the worst" is advice I often hear and follow. You decide if these words are pertinent today.

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**U.S. deaths.** The report also stated the majority of patients suffering from the virus are adults.

On a non-medical level, multiple countries have closed schools and banned international travel, as well as quarantining areas where the virus is expected to have spread. Japan closed schools until early April, Saudi Arabia prohibited entry for individuals coming to the country for religious reasons and many companies are falling short of their financial goals partly due to the virus.

### What about Chatham County and North Carolina?

The state government reported Tuesday that a person from Wake County tested positive,

but was doing well and in isolation at home.

A press release stated that the announcement "represents an isolated case," and that "local health officials are identifying close contacts to monitor symptoms and contain spread."

According to the county's Public Health Department, there are no known cases in the county.

"Chatham County leaders are committed to the health and safety of all our residents," Layton Long, the county's public health director, said in a statement. "County departments and offices are actively coordinating in preparation and planning for any potential impacts to the Chatham community. The public health department and other key partners are in ongoing communications with local health care providers, healthcare facilities and state health officials to develop appropriate responses to potential cases of the novel coronavirus in the county."

Alyssa Byrd, president of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation, said the county's business community is paying attention to what might happen.

"We have several businesses with suppliers located in China, but to our knowledge, direct impact hasn't been significant to date," Byrd said. "The effect of the virus on global and local markets is making businesses reflect on the overall resiliency of their operations."

The state government has put together a COVID-19 Task Force to coordinate efforts around the state's response to the spread of the virus. Dr. Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson, the state's health director and Chief Medical Officer for the state's Department of Health and Human Services, said the state is "asking North Carolinians to continue to plan ahead for the possibility of the spread of the infection, while the risk for North Carolina is currently

low."

### What can I do in response to COVID-19?

The typical advice from health officials has been along three lines:

- **Use good protection measures:** Fighting against the spread of COVID-19 is similar to fighting the flu or other respiratory illnesses: wash your hands frequently, avoid close contact with people who are ill and avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.

Long said these measures "will greatly reduce the probability of infection."

- **Don't buy all the face masks:** Reports have begun coming out that hospitals and other medical facilities are running out of face masks. The WHO said that wearing multiple masks is "not effective against" COVID-19.

- **Push back against stigma:** The CDC and Chatham County have both warned against "incor-

rectly directing fear or anger at others."

"Stigma hurts everyone by creating more fear or anger towards ordinary people instead of the disease that is causing the problem," the CDC said. "We can fight stigma and help not hurt others by providing social support. We can communicate the facts that being Chinese or Asian American does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19."

*For the latest on COVID-19 from the Chatham County Public Health Department, visit chathamnc.org/coronavirus, which county Health Promotion and Policy Director Michael Zelek said would be "updated" as new information and resources become available."*

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### COVID-19: A CHINESE PERSPECTIVE VIA KENTUCKY

## For the people of Hubei Province, the 'C' in COVID-19 stands for courage

**BY BUCK RYAN**

Special to the News + Record

*Editor's note: University of Kentucky journalism professor Buck Ryan, who has traveled and taught widely in China, has been a visitor to and is familiar with Chatham County. He's working on a case study of the News + Record and will visit Chatham again later in March. During his most recent visit to the newspaper earlier this year, he was accompanied by two Chinese students enrolled at Duke University. In this story, Ryan recounts recent exchanges with his friends in China, providing a unique perspective on surviving COVID-19 in China's Hubei Province.*

What does it take to survive a coronavirus outbreak?

If you ask the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you'll get answers around preventative measures: wash your hands for 20 seconds, sneeze into your arm, stay home if you're sick, and call a doctor if you have a fever, a cough and shortness of breath.

But if you ask another set of experts — people doing their best to live, work and care for their families at the epicenter of the crisis in China's Hubei Province — you'll get answers around matters of the mind and heart.

Start your preparation list with discipline and mental toughness.

"I'm trying to stay away from my phone," said Lei Jiao, a Wuhan University graduate who teaches English at Wuhan University of Technology. "It's so tragic here in Wuhan."

That was how her WeChat message began a month ago, on Feb. 1. Jiao is collaborating with me on a novel, "The Kentucky-Fried Adventures of Maggie Lu," designed to teach both English and cultural differences to Chinese students.

"To many this is the city of terror with people dying every day," Jiao said later. "But I prefer to think, as the famous quote goes from Dr. Zhong, 'Wuhan is a heroic city.'"

Dr. Zhong Nanshan is an epidemiologist dubbed the "SARS hero" by Chinese media for his honesty when he broke with the party line in 2003 to say that virus was "not all under control."

Add to your preparation list a public spokesman who commands trust.

WeChat is China's most popular communications app. Wuhan, the capital of Hubei Province, is known as the "Chicago of China" with a population of 11 million.

Having spent most of my professional journalism career at the Chicago Tribune, I assure you the city bears no resemblance to Chicago, population 2.7 million, except maybe for the mighty river and commerce that run through it.

Wuhan University is one of the most prestigious and selective universities in China (think

University of Chicago). It may be the most beautiful college campus I have ever seen.

Jiao has a daughter, Ruby, whose middle school is closed to protect against the spread of the virus. Ruby spends endless hours behind a home computer completing her lessons and homework as all instruction has gone online.

They have a yellow Labrador retriever, Dora, who gets her walks inside their quarantined apartment from the front door to the balcony, back and forth. The coronavirus couldn't cancel Dora's first birthday celebration, but there was no chance they could go out for cake.

The next day, on 02-20-2020, I wished Jiao a Happy World Palindrome Day, an eight-digit sensation not seen since 11-11-1111, or 909 years ago.

"People planned to get married that day," she said. "But the registry office announced it'll be closed on that day."

Add preparation for disappointment and heartbreak to the list.

I suggested that as consolation maybe those young lovers could play the numbers in a lottery.

"That'll work in another 900 years," she responded.

Add a heavy dose of good humor.

On Feb. 7, I sent Jiao a China Daily opinion article, "Something's not right here folks," written by Mario Cavolo, a Yonkers, New York, native whose family is from Italy and who has lived in China for the last 20 years.

It was sent to me on WeChat by Lea Walker, president of the U.S. Chinese Culture Center, based in Columbia, South Carolina.

"Yep, I read it two days ago," Jiao responded.

The subtitle, "A look at USA 2009 H1N1 Virus compared to China 2020 Coronavirus," softens the point: China is suffering not just from a virus, but from xenophobic attacks that shut down travel and commerce and smeared the Chinese people in a way that did not afflict America when it was the source of the swine flu.

According to the CDC website, from April 12, 2009, to April 10, 2010, the centers estimated 60.8 million cases of H1N1 with 274,304 hospitalizations and 12,469 deaths in the U.S. due to the virus. For this year's flu season, the CDC estimates there have been 18,000 deaths so far in the U.S.

Add historical perspective to the preparation list.

As for news coverage and an outlet for citizens' views, such as this newspaper's editorial page, Jiao offers this advice:

"I think too much transparency can cause chaos and panic of the masses. But as is shown this time in China at the initial stage, too little can lead to distrust and the loss of credibility. The people's backlash can be



Submitted photo by Minghui Ma

**Lei Jiao teaches English as a lecturer at Wuhan University of Technology at Ground Zero of the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China.**

destructive. The balance is pretty tricky."

On Feb. 8, quarantines and lockdowns dimmed celebration of the Lantern Festival, which traditionally marks the end of the Spring Festival holiday, when family members traditionally travel far and wide to come together for the new year's celebration.

Many of those who traveled to their hometowns to celebrate the Year of the Rat, which began on Jan. 25, were forced to stay put.

On Feb. 14, Jiao reported, "Our valentines have already been postponed to International Women's Day," traditionally celebrated in China on March 8 as a combination of Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

On Feb. 16, she said, "Almost everything here has come to a halt...every residence building in Wuhan has been quarantined."

On Feb. 20 came the first big scare.

Jiao's mother had stayed indoors for about 25 days until Feb. 20 when she started running a temperature of 99.5 degrees and suffering chest distress. No question in her mother's mind, she got the virus!

Jiao was not convinced as her mother's symptoms didn't add up. Plus, people who went to the hospital contracted the coronavirus that they didn't have originally.

"But she panicked, so we decided to take the risk," Jiao said.

All the residence blocks were sealed. They needed to contact community officials and register at several departments, then someone sent a car, probably a volunteer's own private car.

As Jiao's mother made her way through checkpoints, she realized she had left her ID card a few miles away in another neighborhood.

To retrieve it for her,

Jiao needed to get approval from the community supervisor, and after several phone calls, Jiao was allowed to get on the road.

No traffic!

Finally, Jiao's mother made it to the hospital and got her diagnosis: the common cold.

Add to the preparation list a healthy dose of skepticism and mindfulness, not panic.

More good news: Once outdoors, Jiao brought food for the cats who roam her college campus, making sure they weren't staring down empty dumpsters. She was pleasantly surprised that other creature lovers beat her to the punch.

On Feb. 29, Jiao forwarded an inspirational video, "To the fighters!" by citizen journalist Jessica Liu from Shenzhen, a city of 12.5 million that links Hong Kong to the mainland and is nearly 700 miles to the south of Wuhan.

Liu, forced to stay home from her intercultural communications job, put her skills to work to deliver an emotional,

patriotic speech for her fellow citizens to win the COVID-19 "war."

Add to the preparation list a rallying cry to lift everyone's spirits.

About 220 miles away from Wuhan in Hubei Province is the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric dam that impounds China's most important river, the Yangtze.

China Three Gorges University, like the dam, is in the city of Yichang, population 4 million.

Professor Gean Xi, director of the university's Department of International Relations and founder of the campus's Peach Blossom Festival, sees the peach blossoms on the trees but no hope of a festival.

"Many people asked me if I will continue to host the festival this year," Xi said. "I'm afraid that crowding people at this time will not be a good thing."

Recheck the preparation list for disappointment.

Xi needs a special permit to go out for business, and when he does, the warning sign of fever is foremost on everyone's mind.

"When people meet each other during this critical moment, the greetings firstly are to check the temperature," Xi said. "People here in Yichang have been quarantined at home since Jan. 24. We are now in the second round of a 14-day quarantine campaign."

Add to the list a germ-free food delivery system.

"There are now more than 500 international students in our university," Xi said. "Everyday the students order what they need online. Then in the afternoon, people from the university can send the food to the dorms."

That's food for thought for Chatham County with so many college students in the area.

Something else that

connects our cultures, whether it be the pride of North Carolina or the grit of Wuhan, was best expressed by author Shannon L. Alder:

"Heroes are not made. They are born out of circumstances and rise to the occasion when their spirit can no longer coexist with the hypocrisy of injustice to others."

On the threat of COVID-19, Jiao said, "We have indeed made great sacrifices to prevent it from spreading to other provinces and other countries by locking ourselves in for more than 40 days in a row and still at least a month to go."

"Community workers down my building deliver food every day, even in cold rain, and go door to door checking on residents, especially senior citizens."

Let's pray that the self-sacrifices of the brave people of Hubei Province lessened the chance of a coronavirus outbreak there or here.

If we're not so lucky, at least we know it will take more than CDC guidelines to weather the storm.

### Author's Background

Buck Ryan, a journalism professor at the University of Kentucky, is working on a case study of the News + Record, which he views as a model of success for community newspapers here and abroad. In 2008 Ryan produced "Citizen Kentucky/Citizen China: Hope for a New Century," a half-hour public television documentary exploring cultural connections between the U.S. and China as a preview to the Beijing Olympics. In 2010 he was the first UK journalism professor-in-residence at Shanghai University, launching teaching experiences at three other Chinese universities and an international high school in Hohhot, the capital of Inner Mongolia.

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A STILL-POTENT SYMBOL

# Public opinion shifts on Confederate emblems, monuments

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

Public opinions on Confederate monuments on public property and opinions on Confederate symbols have shifted over the years.

Elon University conducted a survey late last year of nearly 1,500 North Carolinians, finding that a "solid majority" believe public monuments to the Confederacy should remain in place. The Elon poll found 65 percent — about two-thirds — of those polled favored keeping Confederate monuments on public, government-owned property including parks, city squares and courthouses. Thirty-five percent favored removing them.

"While we found a substantial majority do not want the monuments removed from public property, we found an

even larger majority who support efforts to add context through historical plaques" Jason Husser, an associate professor of political science and director of the Elon University Poll, said in a press release from Elon on the survey's findings.

The Elon survey, conducted last Nov. 4-6, also asked for opinions "about a range of Confederate monuments and symbols," Elon reported. North Carolinians surveyed were split in their reactions to seeing the Confederate flag — 44 percent said they have "neither a positive nor a negative reaction,"



Brooks



Voller

**'Those people flying the flag? It just shows who they are. But when you look at the overall county, I think most people in Chatham want things done correctly.'**

**LARRY BROOKS, president, West Chatham NAACP**

and 20 percent said they have a positive reaction. "There is recognition that different races may respond to these symbols differently," Elon pollsters concluded.

Views on Confederate symbols have shifted over the years, though differences of opinion on the symbol's contemporary implications remain.

The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research conducted a 1991 poll on what the Confederate flag symbolized to the public at the time, finding "the vast majority of whites thought that the flag was a symbol of Southern pride, while a majority of blacks thought it was

a symbol of racism." In 2000, when South Carolina removed its Confederate flag from the Capitol (placing it instead on Statehouse grounds), a CBS News poll found 45 percent of the public thought the flag should be removed, with 42 percent saying it should stay in place. In 2011, a Pew poll found only 9 percent of the country had a "positive reaction" to seeing the flag, 30 percent had a negative reaction and 58 percent had neither. The same 2011 poll found that 14 percent of Southerners displayed the Confederate flag in their home or office, car or clothing.

The renewed presence of Confederate flags in

and around Pittsboro in the ongoing public disagreement over the removal last year of the "Our Confederate Heroes" monument from Chatham County courthouse property in Pittsboro has stirred renewed consideration of the flag and its meaning.

On November 20, the day after the monument was removed in Pittsboro, members of the League of the South, a Southern/White Nationalist group, posed for photos where the monument had stood, holding Confederate flags. Most Saturdays since, protest groups of varying sizes have gathered in Pittsboro.

Confederate flag-waving protesters numbering about 20 were positioned on February 15 outside the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, while inside a panel of UNC history professors discussed the Civil War and its lasting

impacts today.

Flag-bearing protesters, and counter-protesters, continue to convene with their opposing messages in Pittsboro three months after the statue's removal.

"The [Confederate] flag and the waving of the flag and what it means in its totality is far more hurtful and offensive than perhaps the monument was," said Randy Voller, former Pittsboro mayor.

Larry Brooks, president of the West Chatham NAACP, lives in Bear Creek and drives past a prominently-displayed Confederate flag flying atop a flagpole in sight just off of U.S. 421.

"People are people and sometimes they just represent for themselves," Brooks said. "Those people flying the flag? It just shows who they are. But when you look at the overall county, I think most people in Chatham want things done correctly."

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## Pittsboro hires interim manager

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners voted at a special meeting last Friday to appoint Robert Morgan as the town's interim town manager, replacing Bryan Gruesbeck.

Morgan served as Pittsboro's interim town manager in 2012, when then-manager Bill Terry retired prior to Gruesbeck's hiring. Morgan's contract is for five months, but there is an option to make it either shorter or longer depending on the amount of time his services are required.

Gruesbeck, who'd been town manager for seven years, resigned from the position in January at the request of Pittsboro's town board.

Morgan holds a bachelor of arts degree

in government from the Christopher Newport College of the College of William and Mary. During his career, Morgan worked for multiple municipalities over

the course of his career including serving as assistant city manager in Greensboro, town manager in Carrboro, town administrator in Farmville, and various roles for the City of Durham including assistant director of general services. Since retirement, Morgan has served several municipalities when in a leadership transition such as Elon and Greensboro.

Morgan said his first steps included attending the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners March

7 retreat to "get a better idea of the board's priorities." He will also be sitting down with each of the department heads to learn about their responsibilities and needs as well.

"I was interim for a couple of months several years ago," Morgan said. "I got to know the town and really enjoyed working here."

Morgan is looking forward to working with the town staff.

"We're going to have to work together to get it done," Morgan said. "And to make it as easy and productive as possible."

With the interim position filled, the town board will move into the process to find a permanent town manager.

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## AWARDS:

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the ceremony.

"I'm so proud and thankful for all of our award winners," Horner said. "Their commitment week in and week out is making a difference in Chatham County."

The entire staff was the recipient of first place in the division in two major categories — Best Community News Coverage and Best Newspaper Appearance & Design. The staff was also recognized with a third place finish in the Best Website category.

"We won first place in six of the major reporting categories in this past year's contest, and two of the three awards given in three of the major individual reporting categories," Horner said. "I'm especially gratified about our team winning first place in Community News Coverage — which is a reflection of the quality and volume of

reporting we do in Chatham County — and in newspaper Appearance & Design, which recognizes the work we did in re-designing the newspaper to make it more attractive for readers and advertisers."

The News + Record's individual winners:

• Horner won four awards — first place for Best E-newsletter (shared with recent UNC-Chapel Hill graduate Alexis Allston, for the newspaper's "chatham brew," which is emailed to more than 2,000 readers each Monday), first place for Sports Feature Writing, second place for News Enterprise Reporting and second place for Serious Columns.

• Reporter Zachary Horner won four awards — first place for News Enterprise Reporting, first place and third place for News Feature Writing, and second place for Religion & Faith Reporting.

• Managing Editor Randall Rigsbee won two awards — first place for Best Story Lede and third place for General News

Photography.

• Reporter Casey Mann won two awards — second place for Election/Political Reporting and third place for Sports Feature Writing.

• Photographer David Bradley won two awards — first place for Best Multimedia Project and third place for Sports Photography.

• Advertising Designer Jason Justice won second place for best Small Ad.

In the General Excellence category, the News + Record received third place honors, meaning it was ranked by judges as the third-best overall newspaper among small weeklies across the state of North Carolina. Only that category's winning newspaper, The State Port Pilot of Southport, received more first place awards (nine, versus the News + Record's eight) in this year's contest in the small community newspaper division. The Wake Weekly finished second in General Excellence.

More than 350 journalists from across the state attended the ceremony, held at Raleigh's Marriott Crabtree.

Chatham County's Robert Reives II, who represents the county and portions of Durham County in N.C. House Dist. 54, and Rep. David Lewis of Harnett County, kicked off the awards ceremony with remarks about the importance of the media and a free press. Reives was introduced by Horner III, a former N.C. Press Association president who's serving on the NC-PA's board of directors, as well as on the board of the N.C. Press Foundation.

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# At legislative breakfast, county leaders bemoan lack of local control

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — It became a common theme throughout last Friday's county legislative goals breakfast: Why don't we have more control over our own area?

Leaders from Chatham County government and the municipalities of Pittsboro, Siler City and Goldston met with State Sen. Valerie Foushee (D-Durham) and State Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Chatham), the county's representatives in the N.C. General Assembly, to discuss the various legislative goals and hopes each of the jurisdictions had. Others involved included representatives from the Chatham Economic Development Corporation and Chatham County Schools.

The refrain throughout several parts of the day could be summed by Reives: "When you have people making decision at the state level about local areas, they just don't know that experience there. Government works best at your lowest levels."

That influence of state government on local affairs, most of it negative, popped up throughout the discussion in multiple areas.

## Broadband

A common frustration particularly among county officials in recent years has been the lack of quality broadband internet service throughout Chatham. County Manager Dan LaMontagne said Chatham's government would like to see the removal of barriers put in place "that prevent counties from initiating and/or

providing assistance for projects and services that would deliver broadband services to citizens."

LaMontagne said that even the federal government now recognizes that Internet service providers have been misleading officials and consumers for years by incorrectly reporting the number of people covered. He and Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson said it's important to think of broadband as a "utility" like water and sewer and electricity.

"We all need to be coalescing around the issue," said County Commission Chairman Karen Howard. "It's completely nonpartisan, and the people that are hurting the most are the people who don't have a voice to access the powers that do. Comprehensive coverage everywhere in the state... (is) an issue of equity."

Reives said the legislature has "enough votes" to repeal a law that prohibits local governments from setting up their own internet systems or working with private providers to do so, but the legislature's leadership isn't on board. The City of Wilson already had a system like that in place before the law was passed.

"They got upset that Wilson was innovating," Reives said. "And now they've stopped everybody from doing that. And the thing is that nobody in Raleigh is willing to admit that we've done something stupid. It's just a frustration for me."

## Local control of planning

Another topic of discussion: how the state government has created numerous regulations and new rules that cause burdens on local govern-

ments.

"Local voters may want greater stream buffers or common sense regulation of oil and gas exploration," the meeting's legislative goals document stated. "Yet, state legislation has taken aim at reducing local control over these issues. Increasingly, legislation deters us from regulating high-impact or risky land uses, creates confusion between local and state agencies and adds more confusion to land use regulations."

These types of regulations include limiting the types of projects requiring environmental impact statements, expanding the definition of "agricultural use or agrotourism" to include uses "totally unrelated to agriculture" and requiring all building inspections to be done within two business days of request.

"A lot of mandates have been put down on local governments on this topic," LaMontagne said. "We've been prevented from enacting legislation and changing rules. These are things that the local voters should have a say in how this community handles those issues here in their home."

## Property tax base

Another change in recent years, according to Thompson, is a growing number of exceptions and exclusions to property tax levies, which he said "shift(s) the tax burden to an increasingly shrinking number of individuals."

For example, the state government put in place a "builders' inventory exemption." This means the property value of a project in progress only takes into account what's been completed — a change that reduced Chatham's tax base by more than \$27

million in assessed value in 2018.

"In places like Chatham County and other areas where you have rampant residential development, we can't get revenue from that improvement immediately," Thompson said. "The burden on schools and (the Chatham) Council on Aging, it needs to be served, and sometimes they're major capital expenses and we can't collect revenue to help offset that cost."

## School calendar

A final lengthy portion of the discussion is flexibility for public school calendars, a regular request from Chatham County Schools and the Chatham County Board of Education. Public schools are not allowed to begin their school year until the Monday closest to August 26. That late start, Superintendent Derrick Jordan said at the meeting, means students' high school classes don't align time-wise with community college classes they may be taking.

The reasoning given for the late start date in recent years is a push from coastal communities who don't want to give up the vacation time, but Mark Hall, the provost for Central Carolina Community College in Chatham, called that reasoning "asimining."

"This is one of those topics I get really passionate about," Hall said. "It blows my mind that decisions about education seems to be about some slight economic benefit to some counties. Having grown up on the coast, it's not real. It's not legitimate."

Many pieces of legislation have been proposed in recent years providing flexibility and exceptions for individual counties — Reives sponsored such a bill last year for Chatham, Lee and Harnett counties — but little headway has been made.

for individual counties — Reives sponsored such a bill last year for Chatham, Lee and Harnett counties — but little headway has been made.

"Even if it is an economic boon for areas, I hear loudly and clearly from the folks in Chatham County that they desire to have the flexibility," Jordan said. "If it's decided that in Chatham County what we've been doing works, I'm fine with that. But what I've been hearing so far is that it doesn't work."

## What to do

Both Reives and Foushee stressed that it was important for local officials to not only continue to have the discussion internally but reach out to elected leaders in other counties. Foushee specifically referenced her frustration with legislators who used to be county or city leaders and their actions when in state government.

"It's amazing how you can be a county commissioner and take a position at the state level and forget about the issues you had to resolve as a commissioner or a council person," she said, "totally forget how local government operates, or to get to a point where it doesn't matter how local government operates because you didn't like it when you were there."

Reives said the issue with certain topics has become "loyalty to the leadership in Raleigh." Republicans have held the leadership positions in both chambers of the General Assembly in recent years, but Reives, the Deputy Democratic Leader in the House, said

this emphasis on loyalty happens to both parties.

"We've gotten to a point now on both sides where there gets to be this loyalty to a person who's in place," he said. "For me, it's kind of like church. I go to church to worship God. I don't go to church to worship the person who's telling me about it. You can appreciate your leadership, but you shouldn't be so loyal to them that you forget what's important."

Wrapping up the meeting, Howard said she was "extraordinarily grateful" for the work and cooperation done with Chatham's legislators.

"Not every community has the kind of access to their representatives that we have," she said. "I'm grateful for all of you being co-conspirators in making Chatham County a great place to live. We're all working for the same people in the same place and have the same goals for them."

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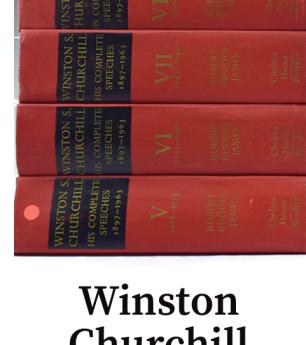
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# Pittsboro board increases funds for sewer line permit

**Board voices concerns over delays**

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners has appropriated an additional \$48,500 to expand a contract with The Wooten Company, which is assisting the town in securing a permit for the construction of a sewer line to Sanford.

The process, which began in 2016 to address the town's need for more capacity and reduction of nutrient flow into the impaired waters of Robeson Creek, has battled delays ever since, resulting in Pittsboro's wastewater treatment plant nearing capacity — sparking concerns from the board that a moratorium on new users may need to be implemented.

The Wooten Company, a nationwide engineering firm with an office in Raleigh, was first engaged for the Sanford Force main Project in October 2016 to revise documents required for a revolving loan fund by the N.C. Dept. of Envi-

ronmental Quality's Division of Water Infrastructure. Over the past few years, the company has been awarded nearly \$1.7 million in contracts to manage the project, pay permitting fees and conduct easement negotiations. These funds, according to Heather Meacham, the town's finance director, would be replaced by the revolving loan fund once the town receives those funds.

The most recent appropriation, made in a vote of Pittsboro commissioners last week, is in response to comments from the Division of Water Infrastructure, requiring a fourth revision of the town's Engineering Report/Environmental Information Document (ER/EID) report, according to Paul Messick, the town's attorney who was serving as town manager in an interim capacity. This report must now include a "secondary and cumulative impacts document" for potential development that may occur, including all of Pittsboro and Chatham Park, if the town is allowed to install a sewer line and pump its wastewater to the City of Sanford's Big Buffalo Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, according to The Wooten Company's contract amendment.

The requirement for a

"secondary and cumulative impacts" document was not required nor mentioned in any Division of Water Infrastructure comments from the original, revision one or revision two of the Environmental Information Document, according to the contract amendment. In addition, the contract amendment notes that the third revision had been initially approved, which would typically be sufficient to move forward in the process. The additional requirement was made because of concerns raised by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In the town board discussion on the additional appropriation, several commissioners voiced concerns about the delay. Commissioner Michael Fiocco stated his frustration with the Division of Water Infrastructure and "their continued delays in getting this project under way." Fiocco commented that the town, Chatham Park and the Division of Water Resources, another department at N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality, all came to a settlement about riparian buffers and stormwater control measure tracking.

"At the time, I questioned as to why DWI wasn't signing,"

Fiocco said. "And the answer was DWI would be in lock-step with DWR. This facility will take effluent out of this watershed and we're being delayed."

Fiocco noted that the town's wastewater treatment plant's lack of capacity will affect the town's "ability to make economic development happen." Fiocco also lamented that "Fish and Wildlife" has "refused to meet with the town" and "refused to return phone calls" making the project "virtually impossible to complete."

Commissioner John Bonitz said he wanted to "echo Commissioner Fiocco's concerns," adding he's "not happy" about the additional money the town is spending. Bonitz did state that he thought the town would not be in this situation "if our stormwater policies within the planned development district with Chatham Park were more straightforward."

Fiocco noted that the Division of Water Resources was "more attune to dealing with stormwater and thought it to be a very acceptable plan," adding that the Division of Water Infrastructure has "nothing to do with stormwater."

According to the N.C. Dept.

of Environmental Quality's website, the Division of Water Resources is responsible for ensuring "safe drinking water in accordance with federal requirements, issues pollution control permits, monitors permit compliance, evaluates environmental water quantity and quality, and carries out enforcement actions for violations of environmental regulations." While the Division of Water Infrastructure "provides financial assistance for projects that improve water quality."

The News + Record has, for the last three months, been requesting documents and comments from the N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Infrastructure regarding the town of Pittsboro's Sanford force main project. Officials have promised the documents, but as yet haven't delivered them.

A timeline for the next revision and the Sanford Force main Project will likely be on the agenda for the town's next regular board of commissioners meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at Pittsboro Town Hall.

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at [CaseyMann@Chathamnr.com](mailto:CaseyMann@Chathamnr.com).

MARCH: COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

## Colorectal cancer: it can be prevented

BY RAVIKANT VARANASI, MD, AGAF

Pinehurst Medical Clinic - Pittsboro

If you had a 5 percent chance of developing a potentially fatal disease, and you could reduce this risk, wouldn't you?

Colorectal cancer (cancer of the colon or rectum) is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, with about 50,000 people losing their lives annually. Screening could prevent approximately 60 percent of these deaths. Despite

this, however, about one out of every three people is not up to date with colon cancer screening.

Over the last several years, celebrities like Katie Couric and Will Smith have brought attention to the importance of a colonoscopy. It is now common to see commercials on television featuring a talking Cologuard® box with arms and legs sitting on a toilet. But even with the increased awareness, many people would prefer to avoid the subject of colon cancer prevention.

For the past 20 years, March has been designated as National Colorectal

Cancer Awareness Month. So really, there is no better time to talk about the importance of colon cancer screening.

As awful as colon cancer is, the good news is that it can be prevented. Most colon cancers begin as polyps, small growths on the inside surface of the colon. Polyps come in different shapes and sizes, and they have different microscopic characteristics. Certain polyps, called adenomas, have the potential to turn into cancer over several years.

It is important to know that colon polyps seldom cause any symptoms.

Even though a person may feel well and apparently be in good health, a colon polyp could be growing and silently transforming into a life-threatening malignancy.

Fortunately, getting screened can significantly reduce your risk of getting colon cancer. Because it usually takes several years for a polyp to turn into cancer, colonoscopy with colon polyp removal (polypectomy) can very effectively prevent this type of malignancy. Additionally, timely diagnosis of colon cancer is essential, as treatment of early-stage colon cancer offers a greater than 90 percent chance of survival five years after the diagnosis.

No one will argue that getting a colonoscopy is fun or exciting, and most people hate going to the doctor's office. But after the 20-minute exam is over, many patients marvel about how easy the procedure was and how they should have never worried about it in the first place.

In preparation for the procedure, you drink a clear liquid diet the day before, culminating with two doses of a laxative the evening before and morning of the examination. While this is usually the most disagreeable part of the process, it is also

the most important. The cleaner your bowel preparation is, the better your colon examination will be. There are several different bowel preparations available and you can discuss the options with your doctor. Do not allow fear or dread of the cleansing process to increase your risk of dying from a preventable disease.

Since the procedure is done while you are sedated, the exam itself is painless and basically feels like a short nap.

In addition to the cleanliness of your colon, another critically important factor that determines the quality of your colon examination is your doctor. Each doctor who performs colonoscopies should be aware of his or her ADR, or adenoma detection rate. This doctor's "report card" is the rate at which one or more precancerous polyps are found during a screening colonoscopy in patients 50 years and older. Current standards suggest a minimum ADR of 30 percent for male patients and 20 percent for female patients. Don't be afraid to ask your doctor what his or her ADR is, as a higher ADR means a higher quality colonoscopy. Wouldn't you want your house inspected by someone who is likely to

find a preventable problem, so you don't have to make costly repairs later? Your colon health should be no different. Studies have shown that for every 1 percent increase in a physician's ADR, the risk of colon cancer decreases by 3 percent for the patient over the next year. If you are going through the process of getting a screening colonoscopy, it is vitally important the exam be done right.

The American Cancer Society recently recommended that all individuals aged 45 and older get screened for colon cancer.

You might need a screening exam at a younger age if you have a family history of colon polyps or cancer, a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, or other medical conditions. Your personal medical and family history will determine when and which type of colon cancer screening test is best for you. Additional information can be found online at websites for the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)) and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, colorectal cancer awareness ([www.screen4coloncancer.org](http://www.screen4coloncancer.org)).

If you haven't done so already, talk to your doctor about getting screened for colorectal cancer. It is an easy, safe, and proven way of reducing your chance of dying from a very common and preventable disease. Having a colonoscopy will give you peace of mind. And it may just save your life.

Dr. Varanasi is a fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association and is accepting new patients at his office locations in Pittsboro and Pinehurst. To make an appointment, call 919-292-6110.

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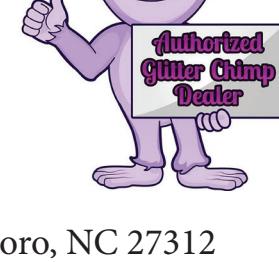


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# OBITUARIES

## MALAKI HARRIS

Malaki Harris, 18, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, February 29, 2020 in Greensboro. Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

## JOE RAEFORD BURKE

Joe Raeford Burke passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home.

## DONNIE HUE SMITH

Donnie Hue Smith, 78, of Sanford passed on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at his residence. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Emmanuel Glorious Church of God. Interment followed in Lee Memory Garden.

## WESLEY CLARK HARRIS

Wesley Clark Harris, 71, of Siler City died Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at UNC Hospice.

No services are planned at this time.

Mr. Harris was born in Chatham County on January 28, 1949 the son of Willie Wesley and Doretha (Marsh) Harris. He was employed by Wilson Brothers as a truck driver and was a member of the Holy House of Prayer Church of The Lord Jesus Christ. Wesley was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Joe Harris.

He is survived by daughters, Della Harris Wise of Liberty, Erica Harris of Sanford, Miracle Harris of Siler City; sons, Wesley Harris of Snow Camp, Thomas Harris of Baltimore; step-son, Anthony Brady of Asheboro; sisters, Callie Peoples of Sanford, Debra Harris of Statesville, Judy Mellette of Sanford; brother, Alex Harris of Statesville; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## BARBARA DEAN BOONE

Barbara Dean Boone, 75, of Siler City died Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Community Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Agan officiating. Burial will be in Linwood Cemetery, Graham.

Mrs. Boone was born May 12, 1944 in Rockingham County, the daughter of Raleigh and Lilly Mae Glidewell Mabe. She was employed by Hadley-Peoples for 32 years. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert Franklin Jr. Boone and daughter, Gilda Norton.

She is survived by daughter, Darlene Garcia of Siler City; son, Wade Boone of Cameron; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be left at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## ALMA LEE TAYLOR

Alma Lee Taylor, 93 of Sanford passed on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Laurels of Chatham in Pittsboro.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

## MELVIN J. GILL SR.

Melvin J. Gill, Sr., 54, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## JACQUELINE (FARRAR) HARRINGTON

Jacqueline Farrar Harrington, 61, of Moncure, passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Staunton Memorial CME Church.

## MARGARET LENA JOHNSON ALLEN

Margaret Lena Johnson Allen, 81, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

The family received friends on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. The funeral service followed in the Chapel at 3 p.m. with Pastor Kenneth Patterson officiating. Burial will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Buffalo Cemetery.

She was born in Chatham County on December 30, 1938 to the late Arthur Johnson and Lillie Wood Johnson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Edna Stadler. Margaret was retired from Coty.

Margaret is survived by

## JULIA WHITE RIGSBEE



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Julia White Rigsbee passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare.

She was the youngest daughter of the late Julian Adams White and Mozzelle Horton White of Durham. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Bobby S. Rigsbee, who she met at Mrs. Isaacs' piano class in Durham when they were both twelve years old. Though Julia lost Bobby 27 years ago, he remained the love of her life.

Following her graduation from Durham High School in 1949 she went to work for Central Carolina Bank in Durham. After marrying Bobby in 1956 and having her three children, she enjoyed being a mother and devoted her life to her family.

She especially enjoyed working outside in her yard. And even in her last month she could be found outside, if only to go to the mailbox. For many years she was an active member of the Croasdale Garden Club.

She enjoyed needlepointing and when she and her family lived in New York, one of her favorite pastimes was exploring New York City for needlepoint shops.

She and Bobby built their retirement home at Ocean Isle Beach, in 1989, and for a few brief years they enjoyed walks on the beach and hunting for shells until his death in 1992.

For many years she was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Durham.

She is survived by her older sister, Sybil White Neal of Durham, her three children, Teresa Rigsbee Rickard (Lowell), Michael J. Rigsbee (Nancy), Randall S. Rigsbee (Jessica), and four grandchildren, Blake Rigsbee, Alex Rigsbee, Julia Rickard, and Samantha Rigsbee.

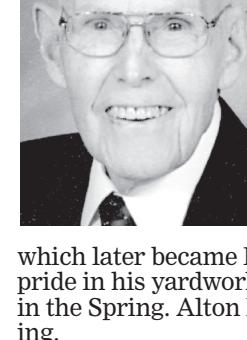
We are grateful for the exceptional hospice nurses and doctors at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare, Pittsboro, NC for the gentle and kind care they gave to her in the last weeks of her life.

Mike, Randall and I are so happy that she will be reunited with our dad in heaven, and that together they will find comfort and everlasting love.

A private graveside service will be held at Maplewood Cemetery.

In lieu of the flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

## ALTON MASTON PHILLIPS



Alton Maston Phillips, 102, of Siler City died Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Mr. Phillips was born in Chatham County on November 20, 1917 the son of Jessie L. and Mary Bessie (Size-more) Phillips. Alton was the oldest member of Loves Creek Baptist Church and active in the Men's Sunday School Class as well as serving in many other capacities. He was a veteran of the Army Air Force. Alton had been employed and was a field serviceman with Piedmont Poultry which later became B. M. Hancock & Sons. He took great pride in his yardwork and was known for his beautiful yard in the Spring. Alton loved his family, his church and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beuna Powers Phillips; his parents; grandson, Christopher Lee Thompson; sisters, Bertha Phillips, Callie Dark, Dorothy Andrew and Berlina Powers; brothers, William Phillips, Luther Phillips and Cletus Phillips.

Alton is survived by one daughter: Cathy Phillips Thompson and husband, Bill of Pittsboro; grandson, Jeffrey Michael Thompson and wife, Melise of Clayton; great-grandchildren, Noah and Victoria.

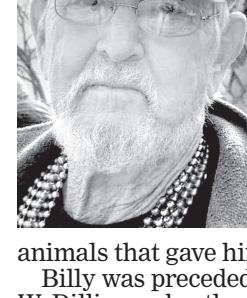
The family received friends Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Loves Creek Baptist Church, 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City. The funeral followed Sunday at 3 p.m. at Loves Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Kenny Black and Rev. Bob Boyd officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Loves Creek Baptist Church.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## BILLY GRAY WILSON



Billy Gray Wilson, 80, of Bennett died Monday, March 2, 2020.

Mr. Wilson was born in Chatham County on April 9, 1939 the son of Dorothy Marie Hill Wilson.

Billy was of the Christian Faith and a veteran of the US Navy. Billy had worked at Chatham Auto Parts Napa Store for 39 years. He later worked at the Farmers' Alliance Store. He was a "people person" with a gift of gab and could spin a tall tale or two. He enjoyed dancing, social times spent at the local Senior Center and his animals that gave him great companionship.

Billy was preceded in death by his mother; sister, Barbara W. Dilling; brother, Jimmy Wilson; and canine companion, JB.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Lee (Brewer) Phillips; daughter, Paula W. Reeves and husband David of Siler City; grandson, Caleb Reeves of Siler City; nephew, Tony Atkins of Sanford; nieces, Tina Graves and Tonya Crocker of Siler City; Beloved Canine Companions, Little Bit and Scruffy.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC and at other times at 920 Calvin Phillips Road, Bennett. The funeral will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Pine Mountain Friends Meeting, 268 Phillips Road, Bennett with Rev. Edwin Moore officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Siler City.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Tracy Smith for all the help during Billy's illness.

Memorials may be made to Pine Mountain Friends Meeting, 268 Phillips Road, Bennett, NC 27208 or Community Home Care & Hospice, 108 Village Lake Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

her husband, Jerry Allen; daughters, Jennifer George of Raleigh, Kimberly Lunsford and Cynthia Strickland, both of Sanford; brother, Dewey Johnson of Siler City; sisters, Doris Jones of New Hill, Inez

Arnette of Carolina Beach; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

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## DR. TONY FRANKLIN CLARK, PH.D, USN (RET)



On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, Tony Franklin Clark, loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 81. He will be dearly missed by his many friends and family.

Tony was born on February 11, 1939 in Raeford, NC to Heman Glenn Clark and Vivian Hester. He was the youngest of six children, (predeceased siblings: Jean, Shirley, Hal, Alton, and Kenneth).

He was reared in Lumberton, NC, and attended Lumberton High School. On October 18, 1958, he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret (Peggy) Allen, daughter of George and Margaret Allen of Lumberton, NC. They raised two children, Angus, an Electrical Engineer, and Kimberly, a freelance Art Director. Angus and his wife Lisa of Raleigh have raised two sons, Brandon, Houston and a daughter, Cameron. Kimberly and her husband Colin, also live in Raleigh.

Tony was drawn to action, adventure and loved nature; with the support of his close and loving family, he led the way for a full and exciting life outdoors. He always had a deep and abiding love for the sea, and stayed close to it in his studies, his personal interests and his brilliant career. He felt a deep affinity for his Scottish ancestry and enjoyed researching the connection between North Carolina and Scotland. He traveled to Scotland several times. He was proud of his farm and enjoyed his hummingbirds. He was very quiet about his many honors and achievements. A fiercely independent man of few words, when he did tell a joke or a story, people leaned in to hear. He was a keen observer of life and human nature and would completely throw you off-guard with his wonderfully snarky sense of humor.

Tony attended UNC-Chapel Hill; and received his undergraduate degree in Geology in 1962, and his PhD in Oceanography in 1974.

Tony served in the US Navy (1962-1969), attained the rank of Captain and remained involved in the Naval Reserves after he retired from active duty. He was recalled to active duty in 1985 for a thrilling special assignment in the Arctic. He proudly reported directly to the Oceanographer of the Navy for that assignment.

In addition to his military career, Tony had a varied and interesting civilian work life. He was employed by the great state of North Carolina in multiple capacities over the years. He was proud to be named the first Director of the three Marine Resource Centers, which are now known as the beloved NC Aquariums. He also worked in the UNC university system; at East Carolina University as an Assistant professor, and NC State as assistant to the Dean, and as a professor. He held positions with AT&T in Greensboro, as a research scientist, studying underwater acoustics, worked for the CIA as a physical scientist and in 1981, he taught for a semester at the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey CA. He enjoyed working with SAIC, and Marine Acoustics on naval research projects later in his career.

The Memorial Service with a visitation will be held at Donaldson's Funeral Home, 396 West Street, Pittsboro, NC, at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 7th, 2020.

His Internment Service with Military honors is scheduled to be held at Skara Brae Farm, Pittsboro, NC at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4th, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Captain Tony F. Clark Oceanography Award Fund at UNC-Chapel Hill. Please send checks by mail to the UNC Arts and Sciences Foundation, 523 East Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, with a note in the memo line (or attached correspondence) that the gift is for the Captain Tony F. Clark Oceanography Award Fund (108031). Gifts may also be made online at: <http://giving.unc.edu/gift/custom/?f=108031>.

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

## WILLIAM GERALD PHILLIPS

William Gerald Phillips, 85, of Siler City died Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at Duke University Medical Center, Durham.

Mr. Phillips was born in Chatham County on May 9, 1934, the son of Barringer and Velma (Jones) Phillips. He grew up on a dairy farm in the Fair Promise United Methodist Church Community. Gerald loved the out of doors, milking cows, raising cattle, riding his John Deere tractor with his dogs following close behind. He was an active member of Oakley Baptist Church and the Pauline Powers Sunday School Class.

Gerald was a skilled welder and mechanic and worked for Carolina Steel and retired from AC Corporation after 39 years of service. He enjoyed collecting antique cars, especially Chevy. He was the proud owner of a 1919 Chevy convertible and received a national award for his 1941 Chevy. Gerald enjoyed sharing his love of the farm life by taking children riding on his tractor or golf cart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Earle Phillips.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marian (Dixon) Phillips; nephew, Gary Phillips of Bear Creek; and many other nieces and nephews and in-laws.

A memorial service will be Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Oakley Baptist Church, 2300 Siler City-Glendale Road, Siler City with Dr. Jeff Johnson and Rev. Keith Dixon officiating. The family will receive friends in the church immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oakley Baptist Church or the Baptist Children's Homes, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27360.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

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### STEPHEN KEITH DORSETT



August 5, 1961 - February 27, 2020  
Stephen Keith Dorsett, 58, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2020. He was born on August 5, 1961 in Chatham County to the late William Earl Dorsett and Linda Culberson Dorsett of Siler City, NC. Keith obtained his BS and Masters in Mechanical Engineering from NC State University. Keith was employed by Western Electric and remained with the company his entire career, as it restructured to Lucent Technologies, then General Dynamics.

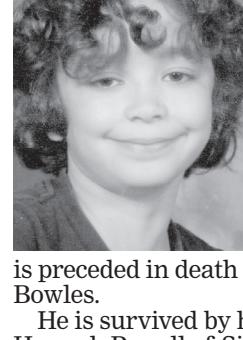
In his free time, Keith enjoyed relaxing in his recliner, with one of the cats on his lap, while he read the daily newspaper, worked the crossword, and watched TV. He especially enjoyed rooting for his team, the Wolfpack. Reading mystery novels, fishing, traveling, and good food were also favorites, but Keith's real passion was listening to music, especially live performances. In conversation, he would often say, "You know, there's a song about that."

Keith shared his life with his high school sweetheart, best friend, and wife of 34 years, Annette Phillips Dorsett, at their current home in Greensboro. He is also survived by his mother, Linda Dorsett, brother, Mitch Dorsett, and niece, Addie Dorsett, all of Siler City, NC. His family also includes his mother-in-law, Jeanette Campbell Phillips, and late father-in-law, Gurney Lewis Phillips, of Siler City, NC, and sister-in-law and her husband, Jo and Joe Lockwood, of Raleigh, NC.

The family sincerely appreciates the outpouring of love, support, and prayers from family and friends. A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Rocky River Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 4436 Siler City Snow Camp Road, Siler City, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Keith's honor to the Youth Scholarship Program through High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Assoc., P.O. Box 482, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313, or to SPCA of the Triad, P.O. Box 4461, Greensboro, NC 27404, [www.TriadSPCA.org](http://www.TriadSPCA.org).

Fare you well, fare you well  
I love you more than words can tell  
Listen to the river sing sweet songs  
To rock my soul  
- Robert Hunter

### TAYLOR OWEN POWELL



Mr. Taylor Owen Powell, 21, passed away Friday, February 28, 2020 in Durham, NC.

Taylor was born in Wake County, March 3, 1998, to Mrs. Billie (Bowles) Powell and the late John Anthony (Tony) Powell. He was a hard worker in construction and was loving to his family and loyal to his friends. This world is a sadder place for having lost Taylor (our Taterbug), but it is much better off with having him in it. He will be terribly missed!

In addition to his father, Taylor is preceded in death by his grandparents, Billy and Leatha Bowles.

He is survived by his mother, Billie of the home; his sister, Hannah Powell of Siler City; his girlfriend, Hannah Jones of Chapel Hill, NC; grandparents, Carolyn M. and John A. Powell of Cedar Point, NC; his uncle, Steve Bowles of Apex, NC; his aunt, Sherron Lebo of Cocoa, FL; along with many cousins and numerous, close friends.

The family will receive friends and guests from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020, at Donaldson Funeral Home, 396 West St., Pittsboro, NC 27312.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating your generosity to the Powell family.

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

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# Siler City approves Marsh Auto Parts expansion

**Community concerns resulted in split vote**

**BY CASEY MANN**  
News + Record Staff

**SILER CITY** — The Siler City Board of Commissioners approved a rezoning request for Marsh Auto Parts in Siler City following a three-hour discussion on Monday.

Members of the community adjacent to the property, which is located on Eleventh Street (U.S. Hwy. 64) and Greensboro Avenue, spoke out at Monday's meeting with concerns about the current operation and its plans to expand, resulting in a split vote by the board.

Marsh Auto Parts purchased and opened its facility in 1963. As the operation grew, so did the size of the storage yard on the property for vehicles. As early as 1969, minutes from Siler City board meetings reflect residents of the Lincoln Heights community, which is adjacent to the property, complaints of mosquitoes and pests because of the facility.

Earlier this year, Marsh Auto Parts requested the rezoning and conditional use permitting of an adjacent property to use for auto delivery and processing. The reason for the request was mainly due to the anticipated "super street" updates to Eleventh Street that will be constructed by the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. That project will include a median with turnabouts along the corridor, which the Marsh's believe would make deliveries more difficult.

Throughout the public hearing process, neighbors of the facility have raised concerns about mosquitoes and the appearance of the facility to the board of commissioners. At Monday night's meeting, residents also brought a petition signed by nearly 30 residents and members of the Holy Trinity Church, which also borders Marsh Auto Parts, asking that the board "honor our wishes and not allow any more property in our community to be rezoned for the purpose of expanding a junk car lot."

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek noted that a petition was entered in the Siler City minutes from 1971 about problems with mosquitoes.

"For 40 years, the residents

have been dealing with this problem of mosquitoes," Cheek said. "It's about time the board takes action."

In response, Siler City's Planning Director Jack Meadows suggested the town contract with Catherine Deininger, Director of Biocenosis, who works with the town on projects involving "environmental management," to conduct a study of the area to identify the source of the mosquitoes and make recommendations as to how reduce their breeding habitats.

Dr. Kate Scott, owner of Chatham Veterinarian Service — which is adjacent to the property — spoke to the board not only about the mosquitoes, but the appearance of the storage yard behind her facility.

"Whatever they do [in terms of fencing and buffers] should not take away from the aesthetics of my business," Scott said. "I run a very professional business and I need my neighbor to look good. I want it to be very specific about what is going to happen here. And it should not devalue my property. My business is as important as any other business."

Lincoln Heights resident Jimmy Pugh also spoke to the board asking "is this what you want to see when you open your door or go to church?"

"It's time for the commissioners to give us some consideration," Pugh said. "Don't we have any rights at all? It falls on you. It's your legacy. We can't enjoy ourselves outside... we can't enjoy the fruits of our labor. Look inside yourself. Would you want to be in this position?"

Kimberly Pugh, who lives and owns several homes in the Lincoln Heights community also spoke to the board noting that financially, Marsh Auto Parts pays \$7,000 in taxes while she pays \$2,500 on her three properties. She said that with "all those people in that neighborhood, that's a considerable amount of money."

"From a financial standpoint, you need to listen to the residents," Kimberly Pugh said.

She also noted that from a "marketing standpoint," the storage yard is "quite unsightly."

"If they were being a good corporate citizen, they would have put up a better fence in 50 years," she said. "But it's black plastic, for 50 years it's been black plastic. I don't think what we're asking for is some-

thing unattainable. We just want to enjoy our property. I implore you to say 'no.'"

Marsh Auto Parks' co-owner Jimmy Marsh addressed the board saying, "Marsh didn't create mosquitoes, God did."

Marsh said that he has started speaking with a few members of the community to discuss planting trees to obstruct the view and has paid to have a drainage ditch cleaned out to allow flow of water. He also noted that over the 50 years the company has been in operation, it has donated \$230,000 to the town's fire and police departments, the food pantry and local churches.

Co-owner Steve Marsh also addressed the board, reiterating much of what his brother said, adding that he had been working with a horticulturist with the Chatham County Agricultural Extension to deploy mosquito reduction techniques which are now in use at the facility. The Marshes also agreed to allow an expert on their properties to conduct the mosquito study.

Throughout the discussion, several commissioners made the point that the re-zoning and the mosquitoes were two different issues.

"I don't know if this application [for re-zoning] affects the mosquitoes," Commissioner Lewis Fadely said. "I think we're talking about two different issues."

"I'm still trying to figure out what fencing and mosquitoes have to do with this re-zoning issue," Commissioner Bill Haiges said.

"I think by doing the study, we can eliminate the mosquitoes on the property that's about to be re-zoned," Cheek said.

"We're not looking at the issues we need to be looking at," Commissioner Cindy Bray said, noting agreement with Fadely and Haiges.

After the lengthy discussion, the re-zoning request was passed by a 5-2 vote, with Cheek and Commissioner Tony Siler dissenting. Fadely then made a motion to approve the conditional-use permit, but added that the conditions include the Marshes allowing the expert on their property for the mosquito study and to adhere to the study's recommendations. That motion passed unanimously.

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# Three local students take prizes in Jordan-Matthews' 3rd annual 'Sing and Play'

From JMArts

SILER CITY — Three local students took top prizes last Wednesday in "Sing and Play '20," the 3rd annual student music competition at Jordan-Matthews High School. From auditions through the showcase concert, the event is designed as an educational experience for young musicians and a benefit concert for JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation.

Audience members voted Oliver Vang of Moncure School as best performance in the elementary division after his rousing vocal rendition of "Into the Unknown" from the film "Frozen II."

Ari Carrillo Ibarra of Chatham Middle School topped the middle school competition with her performance of "Take Me to Church," a song written and recorded by Fleetwood Mac.

While "Sing and Play" is open to instrumental and vocal acts, all 16 students in this year's showcase competition performed vocally, though some accompanied themselves on piano, guitar or ukulele. The winner of each division received a \$50 prize.

Greg Burriss, a musician who directs the annual competition, believes "Sing and Play" is a valuable experience for all student musicians — even those who don't make it onto the concert stage.

"It's always inspiring to



JMArts photo by Chip Pate

**Winners of 'Sing and Play '20' were, from left, Luz Borrero of Chatham Charter School, Ari Carrillo Ibarra of Chatham Middle School and Oliver Vang of Moncure School, all celebrating with concert host Lindley Andrew.**

see the talent and enthusiasm of young musicians in our showcase concert," he said. "But we also are happy that so many can experience the entire process that musicians go through regularly to perform, including auditioning in a supportive environment, in front of accomplished musicians."

Rose Pate, president of JMArts, said she loves to see the support and cooperative spirit among all of the contestants. "Even though this is a competition, the students

backstage were cheering the other performers," she said. "Watching them dance and lip-sync to everyone's songs showed just how much they all love music. I'm so glad we are able to give students from all over our area this chance to perform."

All money raised by the competition will be used by JMArts to provide opportunities for high school artists, including those participating in its third-annual New York Arts Adventure. That trip scheduled over spring



JMArts photo by Chip Pate

**Elementary school winner: Oliver Vang of Moncure School.**



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**High school winner: Luz Borrero of Chatham Charter School.**



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**Middle school winner: Ari Carrillo Ibarra of Chatham Middle School.**

again in mid- to late-February.

More information about "Sing and Play" and other arts events scheduled this season is available at [jmarts.org](http://jmarts.org). Photos from this year's auditions and showcase concert are online at [facebook.com/JMHSArts](http://facebook.com/JMHSArts).

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## JUST RELEASED: FIRST RESIDENTIAL HOMES IN CHATHAM PARK

Chatham Park, in partnership with Fresh Paint by Garman Homes, announced that public pre-sales for their first residential homes will begin on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Widely anticipated in the marketplace, purchase appointments will be available via invitation only, on a first come, first serve basis.

**"The ultimate goal of Chatham Park is to create, what our future residents will consider to be, the perfect community..."**

The homes, aptly named The Cottages, will range from 828-1,397 sq. ft., with single story and two story plans, and be priced from the low \$200's. With names like "Hot Chocolate," "Apple Pie" and "Chicken Noodle Soup," the home plans offer unique, simple, nostalgic comfort to homebuyers.

"We're building to deliver an experience-rich, simplistic lifestyle," says Rebecca McAdoo, Division President of Fresh Paint by Garman Homes.

The size and style of these homes are a direct response to a larger consumer trend showing that more people are desiring smaller homes in order to enjoy greater peripheral benefits, such as walkability and a greater sense of community. All of the Cottages will be walking distance from historic downtown Pittsboro and across The street from a new 10 acre town park, being built by Chatham Park, and Thales Academy school.

"The Triangle marketplace has never seen a home product like this. We are proud to be working with Preston Development Company on the Chatham Park project and believe that this up and coming community is the perfect place to showcase our new offering," adds McAdoo.



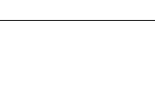
"The ultimate goal of Chatham Park is to create, what our future residents will consider to be, the perfect community and the perfect place for them to call home. That means doing things differently than they've ever been done before," says Vanessa Jenkins, Executive Vice President of Preston Development Company, who is developing Chatham Park. "The Cottages will be the first of many unique neighborhoods here that will cater to niche lifestyle groups, such as minimalist living and artist studios, in order to create a community energized by an expansive diversity of perspectives and talents."

To receive an invitation for a purchase appointment, interested parties will need to add their name to The

Fresh Paint by Garman mailing list at <https://www.freshpaintbygarman.com/communities/pittsboro/chatham-park>.

The Cottages will be move-in ready by October, 2020 and available for viewing at the Triangle Parade of Homes next fall.

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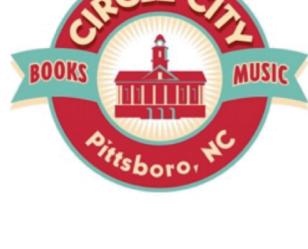
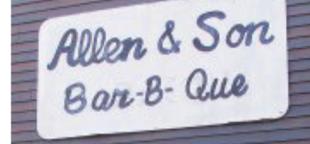
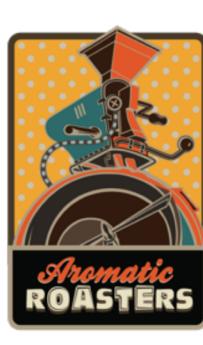


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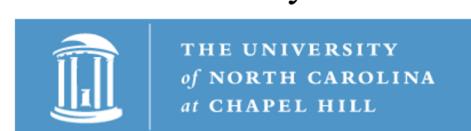
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## RACISM:

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said, with no say in the matter.

But in August of 2017 in the immediate aftermath of deadly violence at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, an event which quickly spawned a response in Durham, where protesters damaged and toppled that city's long-standing Confederate monument, Voller was one of the first to raise questions — at least publicly — about the local Confederate monument's future standing in Chatham.

"I wanted to start a dialogue," he said, "and have that dialogue include all parties."

He took his concerns to Chatham County commissioners.

"It was only a matter of time before the monument here became a locust point of organizing," Voller said. "This was becoming a national movement. They tore the monument down in Durham, then the Silent Sam situation [in Chapel Hill]. Where's the next logical place? Well, look at the map and you can see the Jefferson Davis Highway, where they put these monuments. The one in Pittsboro — that's the significant one. It's right in the middle of U.S. 64 and U.S. 15-501. It's right in front of a prominent historic courthouse."

"We're talking," Del Turner, a member of the Chatham County Board of Education, said of the monument, "about a representation of a person who actually fought against this country, who is trying to invoke the concept that it's OK for one human being to own another human being, no matter what color that human being is. It goes against every religious tenet, universally, not just in this country. The Confederacy rebukes that."

The statue, Turner said, "has larger, much larger, implications, because then there was this new narrative that grew out of it about why the Civil War happened, that the North came and aggressed upon the South."

This narrative is sometimes referred to as the "Lost Cause of the Confederacy," or simply the "Lost Cause," which maintains the Civil War was an effort by the South to fend off Northern aggression — denying or minimizing the role of slavery in the bloody conflict.

The Lost Cause narrative made its way "even into literature introduced into the school system at the time," said Carl Thompson, a former Chatham County commissioner and self-described "history buff."

"All of a sudden, the Civil War was not fought over slavery," Thompson said, "but that the South was really wanting to maintain its own identity and independence. I think the picture they wanted to paint was of the 'Glorious South,' that we were fighting for honor and a cause that had nothing to do with slavery."

Why, Turner asks, glorify a loss?

"They lost," she said. "That's just the bottom line."

In other counties, Turner said, "where there has been some type of human rights violation against the people, the symbols of that violation don't exist. Where in Germany do you find statues of Hitler?"

And revisionist history of the Civil War — which Turner said diminishes or ignores the central

**'Today there is a black history in the county and a white history in the county, but in fact there is only one history, and that is the history of what happened to all our ancestors from the beginning to today. Let's just start there...'**

**BOB PEARSON,** a member of Chatham Community NAACP

role that slavery played in the War Between the States — has not occurred without contemporary consequences.

"I feel that it's standing there," Turner said of the now-removed confederate memorial, "for people who have been socialized into believing that false narrative about the Civil War, which, by the way, is defamatory to people of color, African-Americans in particular."

Dylann Roof [the white supremacist, now 25, who, on June 17, 2015, shot and killed nine people — all black — at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.] is a good example. You look at the comments he made after he killed those nine people in church — because black people are the cause of all the ills in society; because they don't work; they want to live off the system. This is stuff that comes out of that narrative."

"To me," said Larry Brooks, president of the West Chatham NAACP, "that Confederate statue represented racism."

Inside the county courthouse outside of which the statue stood, Brooks remembers encountering segregated restrooms and water fountains as a youth.

"There was a place for the coloreds," Brooks said. "There was a place for the whites."

But even after drinking fountains and bathrooms were no longer segregated according to race, the statue remained.

Thompson drove past it "a thousand times" during his years in elected county office and was mindful, he said, of "the negative aspects of history that statue spoke to."

"My thoughts were, one, that it shouldn't be there," Thompson said, "and I wish it wasn't there; but the second thing I thought was: I never thought it would ever come down. Never. It was unfathomable."

During his years on the elected county board, Thompson said, he sometimes voiced concerns, "but nothing ever transpired in terms of a focused effort" regarding its removal.

A year or so before the statue's removal by the county late last year, however, Thompson began meeting with other local residents who, like him, wished to see it removed. They began — one speaker at a time over the course of several months — to bring their concerns to county commissioners.

Even then, removal of the statue seemed unlikely given a state law enacted to protect — or at least prevent the removal of — historic monuments from government property.

In the aftermath of Charlottesville, however, "consciousness was raised throughout the country," Thompson said.

"People were doing it, removing statues," he said. "Some were, unfortunately, doing it in a violent way, in Durham and Chapel Hill and elsewhere. ... I'm not against historical monuments, or what they represent because they do represent a time in history that I think we can look at, we can study, and we can learn from;

but none of them need prominence in front of a courthouse, which is the center of law, power and authority."

### Understanding history

"Even now," Thompson said, "you don't see much on the history of slavery [taught in public schools]."

But that history, he said, is important.

"There was an Alamance County commissioner, I understand, who made a statement that slaves were workers who were paid," Thompson said, referring to Alamance County commissioner Tim Sutton's 2017 comments, widely reported at the time, about slavery during a discussion on Confederate statues and memorials. "It's what his father told him," Thompson said. "And I'm thinking, 'My God, somebody's got their history all wrong.'"

Getting the history right, said Randy Voller, is important.

"The history will set you free," he said. "Go back and read it."

But, of course, not everyone accepts the same history.

The controversy — first over whether to remove the statue; and continuing later, even now in the aftermath of its removal in the early morning hours of November 20, 2019 — surrounding the "Our Confederate Heroes" monument exposed a difficulty some people still have with the historic record.

"I think [the statue issue] pulled a Band-Aid off a wound that was there," said Karen Howard, chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. "Who writes the stories we hear? That's always important. To realize how many people believed the Lost Cause narrative, who bought into it. That shocked me."

### 'Pretty hateful'

The statue controversy seemed to embolden some in Chatham County to voice racist sentiments.

About a decade ago, Thompson — who had been elected straight out of college to the county board of commissioners in 1978 and served until 1990, then was elected to another four-year term in 2010 — was the target of a racist attack.

"My life wasn't threatened," he said, but he recalls an incendiary devise of some kind being placed in his mailbox at his home and exploding.

"And there was a word — 'NIGGER' — written in big red letters, on the highway in front of my house," he said. "It ran the expanse of the whole road in front of the house. Somebody took some time to do it."

But that act was committed with stealth by a perpetrator never identified.

Last year, during the period of the most heated debate on the Confederate statue's status in Pittsboro, another black county commissioner was targeted with more racist rhetoric, but this time not by anonymous perpetrators.

Howard, the only African-American presently serving on the county

board, received several e-mail messages and Facebook comments that she described as "pretty hateful."

One e-mailer called her a "nigger bitch," while another threatened her family, saying they would "die sooner than you might think."

"I'm pretty tolerate," Howard said. "I know that I put myself out there as a public figure. But I'm not that tolerant when it comes to my kids. You don't get to threaten my kids."

She shared her concerns with county law enforcement, but perhaps the most eye-opening part of the experience, she said, was that the people making those comments weren't hiding behind anonymity.

"I was shocked that people would say these things from their personal addresses and post from their personal Facebook pages," Howard said, "that they weren't being secret or clandestine. These are people in the community, and the level of venom from people who were comfortable identifying themselves was shocking. I think there is a sense that I brought that [monument] issue up, that I championed it and that it was based on some dislike, disrespect for people who are deeply tied to North Carolina and its past, its Confederate past, which was not the case at all."

But racism, she said, can take other, less obvious forms.

"It can be so subtle," she said. "Somebody sends me a hateful e-mail, that's just hate. When it's subtle — like, 'Well, she shouldn't have been wearing that'; that 'black boys are more dangerous'; that they're 'stronger, more tolerant of pain' — those kinds of things, we have to have a conversation about."

With protesters on both sides of the monument issue — even now, months after its removal — still gathering in Pittsboro with opposing signs and sentiments, Howard said we're "too early in" to completely assess the monument issue and its impacts.

"I think aside from the initial passion that rose up around the removal of the monument, most people are still where they were," she said. "I do think it opened a crack, and the conversation has to continue. But I don't even think we've really begun it."

### Moving forward

"There is decidedly something about most of Chatham," Howard said, "that is simply welcoming and warm. And I recognized that as soon as I got here."

But there remains in Chatham, she said, "spaces that I don't feel entirely welcome. And it's true of other places in North Carolina, too. But there are spaces where I show up and I am 'the black person.'

Certainly during the campaign [for re-election to the county board] there will be some campaign events that will be held in places — and I'm not talking about parts of the county because I don't think there are whole parts — where you're a guest there, and it's palpable. And I don't want to call them out, but ..."

Howard said she enters those spaces "willingly, because I think we have to challenge those notions and not... It would be so easy to just let go of it, wash my hands and let people be who they want to be. But at the same time, do I want to hand on to my kids the same challenges? I think we can do better if we insist on better from each other."

Bob Pearson, a member of Chatham Community NAACP Branch #5377, said the United States is undergoing change, "hurting into a future of growing opportunity and challenge."

Chatham, with its population projected to increase by more than 70 percent between 2010 and 2030, "should be seen as a model for that growth," Pearson said, "as a harmonious and welcoming place to live and raise families and provide good jobs."

It's a goal shared, Pearson said, by "nearly everyone I meet. ... This majority seems willing and ready to reach out to others in order to move past divisiveness. They want race relations to improve in order to take advantage of these future opportunities."

Brooks, the president of the West Chatham NAACP, agrees.

While some people cling to racist beliefs, Brooks said, noting the proliferation of rebel flags in the county as a result of the monument debate, "I don't think it's the majority of Chatham County. You can tell that when people are standing up in Pittsboro against the statue."

### Sit down and talk

Improving race relations will require conversation, agreed all the people interviewed for this story.

"It's probably something that's the easiest thing to do, and yet the hardest," said Thompson. "And that's for people to sit down and talk. People are just resistant to it. It's the hardest topic in the world to talk about."

But he's seen how having those difficult conversations about race can make a positive difference. About three years ago, Thompson helped launch a group called Chatham Organizing for Racial Equality (CORE), which has met periodically since, conducting local workshops on race relations, discussing, he said, "racism and the history of racism and some of the fallacies."

"You'd be surprised when the workshop is over," he said. "I've had people to just break emotionally — and these are all white people — who tell me 'Nobody ever told me this. Nobody ever told me this.'

"There is a scripture in the Bible," Thompson said, "where Jesus says 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.' I think it's just understanding the truth, on both sides. It helps people to see why they think and act the way they do."

"Oh, we've got a lot of work to do," said Turner. "But it begins with dialogue, people talking."

"You have to start asking difficult questions that people don't want to hear," Voller said, "like:

Should there be reparations? ... Just opening that dialogue is a difficult and painful process, but it's a process that should happen. We should talk about it."

"There have been multiple times," Howard said, "that I've been involved in conversations at the county level and 'minority' and 'poor' are used interchangeably. So this notion that poverty is a people of color thing, it hinges on some racist underlying beliefs. And I think it's important for us to challenge them in a way that doesn't demean the person making the comment, because the reason I want to talk about it, and I feel we have to talk about it, is because I feel we can't address it without talking about it. We can't address it by making people feel guilty or silenced in certain company."

Our history remains vital to that conversation, according to Pearson.

To improve race relations, he said, "we should ask to have our county's whole history told — in public discussion, in schools, in places of worship, and in public spaces — in order to have a foundation to build on together. Today there is a black history in the county and a white history in the county, but in fact there is only one history, and that is the history of what happened to all our ancestors from the beginning to today. Let's just start there — with a full accounting through the Chatham County Historical Society and the county library of the whole history of the black and white experience in the county — beginning to end."

"I spent my life as a U.S. diplomat bridging differences between people," Pearson said. "As a person born and raised in the South, its history and heartbreak are in my blood. Everyone in this county agrees that family history and community history should not be forgotten or hidden, even if someone else disagrees with what that should mean. To tell hard history without looking for some person or race to blame, begin with language that shows respect but provides the facts without judgment. It's the only way; it is not possible to lecture someone into a different understanding. Then keep going until it's all out there for everyone to see. I think there are any number of people here who would be willing to undertake such an effort to enable a brighter future of Chatham County."

"We have a long ways to go," Thompson said. "And even though I'm a little skeptical, I would hate to see things not change. And there are things that have happened that I never thought would happen

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### Golden Bulls end run by Lady Chargers in third round on Saturday in Fayetteville

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

FAYETTEVILLE — A poor shooting third quarter spelled doom for the Northwood girls here in Fayetteville on Saturday evening as E.E. Smith knocked the Lady Chargers from the 3A NCHSAA state playoffs with a 57-41 defeat.

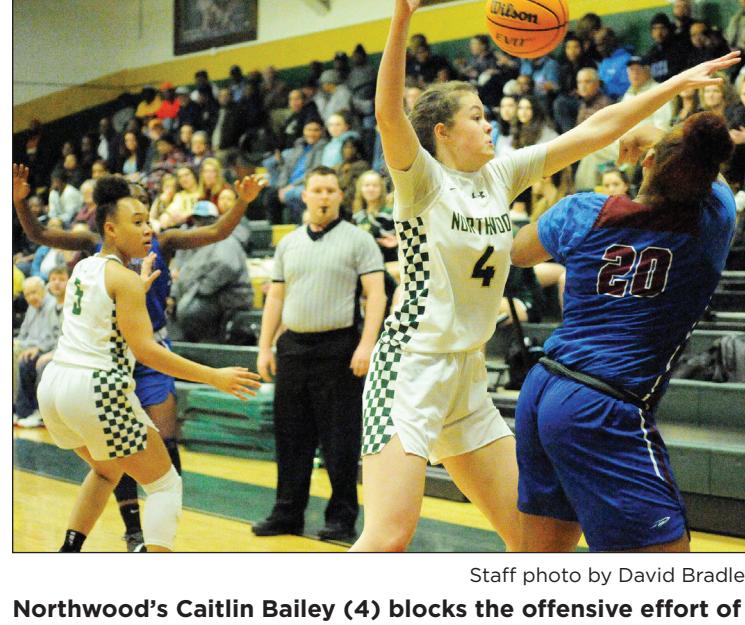
The third round, East Bracket loss ended the Northwood season at 22-6 while E.E. Smith (29-1) advances into the East Regional semi-finals to battle Wilson Hunt.

In the first half the Lady Chargers played the Golden Bulls even as the two teams battled to a 13-all tie after one before Smith went up 26-24 at the break.

Tekeyah Bland had six points in the first for Northwood while Hannah Kanapkey added a trey, Bland three points, and Caitlin Bailey three more in the second.

Amiah Savage had four points and Miya Giles-Jones three in the first for Smith, and Ke'Onna Bryant four and Savage three in the second.

"Tonight really is about



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Northwood's Caitlin Bailey (4) blocks the offensive effort of Person High's Gabby Jones in Pittsboro Feb. 27.**

1 bad quarter and the third quarter really did us in tonight, and this has been somewhat of a theme this year," said NW coach Cameron Vernon. "We have struggled at times coming out of the

half but we give E.E. Smith a lot of credit, their pressure and athleticism was not like anything we have faced this year. Also their ability to attack the offensive boards also contributed to their success.

But the biggest stat to me is we sent them to the line 43 times. That's the most we have sent a team to the foul line in my 11 years as a head coach. I am not saying this either to question any calls because we fouled them. We really struggled with their speed and used our hands too much."

Vernon also commended the Golden Bulls for their efforts on the boards and at the charity stripe, also keys in the E.E. Smith win.

"Also on their offensive boards they were right underneath the basket for put backs and we fouled to stop that," noted Vernon. "So they did an outstanding job of attacking us and getting to the line to shoot 30-43 (70%)."

In the decisive third quarter Natalie Bell sank a trey for the Chargers but the locals managed just five points altogether and were outscored 16-5 all told. Savage had six points while Tamia Morris chipped in five for the Golden Bulls.

Jones would add five in the fourth and Morris three more as the hosts outscored Northwood 15-12 in the final frame to seal

the 57-41 win. Bailey had four for the Chargers in the fourth.

It's always hard to end the season and this was no exception for Vernon with this years team which was resilient and battled through a lot of adversity with the loss of several key players to injuries early on.

"As disappointed as we all are for our season to end tonight I told the girls there is so much to celebrate - a conference championship, 22 win season, and trip to the Sweet 16. We as a coaching staff were truly blessed that they allowed us to join them on their journey this season. Our senior class of Jy Smith, Hannah Kanapkey, Caitlin Bailey and Chandler Adams will be sorely missed because of their leadership they exhibited this year. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching them for the last 3-4 years."

Bland led Northwood with 11 points while Bailey chipped in seven points and six rebounds, and Gianna McManaman three assists.

Savage paced all scorers with 17 points for the Golden Bulls while Morris added 11 and Giles-Jones nine.

### Chargers conquer Colts to advance to the Final Eight

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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PITTSBORO — And then there were eight.

Deuce Powell poured in a season-high 29 points to lead three Northwood starters in double figures while Cape Fear never held an advantage the entire evening as the Chargers earned a trip to the Elite 8 round of the NCHSAA state basketball playoffs for the first time in nearly a decade by corralling the Colts 72-55 in third-round action of the 2020 Men's 3A East Championships Saturday night in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

While 11th-seed Cape Fear closed out the 2019-20 campaign with a record of 19-6, third-seed Northwood extended its unbeaten string to nine games in a row to improve to 26-2 and will next host a familiar foe in 10th-seed Southern Durham (22-5) Tuesday night in a fourth-round matchup, with the winner advancing to the Final Four. The Big Eight 3A Conference rival Spartans, who finished a game behind the Chargers in the final league standings, handed Northwood one of its two losses this year.

The Chargers' last venture this far into the state playoffs occurred back in the 2010-11 season when they progressed all the way to the title game before suffering a 58-56 loss to East Rutherford.

Joining Powell in double-digit scoring on Saturday evening were Jalen McAfee-Marion and Alex Snively with 13 points each as Northwood connected on 54 percent (23-of-43) of its shots from the field and held a 23-21 advantage in rebounds while turning the ball over 10 times.

Treymane Parker notched 20

points and R.J. McDonald collected 18 for the Colts, who shot 41 percent (20-of-49) from the floor while committing 14 turnovers.

"Our defense helped us get off to a fast start as it creates a lot of our offense," noted Chargers' coach Matt Brown.

"While we took better shots tonight than in our last outing, we still need to clean up on the defensive glass and do a better job denying second-chance opportunities. One aspect I was pleased with this evening was the play of Jack Thompson, who boxed out well on the boards and took some charges, as well as the effort given by guys like Justin Brower and Troy Arnold coming off the bench to give us quality minutes on the court while not turning the ball over."

Cape Fear coach Alphonza Kee remarked his team was hampered by early foul trouble, while Northwood's senior leadership allowed them to control the pace of the game.

"They did a good job pressuring the ball and not letting us get in our offensive sets," said Kee. "They contested our shots well and were aggressive around the rim, getting a lot of effort points off the boards."

"I thought their guards were able to maintain the tempo they wanted while penetrating the lane for good looks at the basket or knowing when to dish off when the shots weren't there."

McAfee-Marion's jumper from the right side and three-pointer from the right wing helped the Chargers jump out to a 7-2 advantage in the first two minutes of play before the Colts fought back to pull within 11-10 on a Shaun Ross layup with 4:13 left in the opening period.

Powell and Aaron Ross then



**Northwood's Aaron Ross (0) comes around the block of Terry Sanford's defense for a shot on goal during the opening seconds of their second round state playoff game Feb. 27.**

combined for six unanswered

points to swing the momentum back in Northwood's favor, and the Chargers went on to forge as much as a 29-18 advantage following Powell's turnaround bucket in the lane with 2:21 remaining in the first half.

But Cape Fear would mount another comeback prior to inter-

mission, outscoring its host 12-5 to close the gap to four following a Chase Hawkins trey from the right corner with 23 seconds remaining until the break.

Cape Fear sliced its deficit to two on two occasions in the third stanza, the last time at 38-36 on Parker's layup with

5:26 to go in the frame before three Powell hoops ignited a 17-6 quarter-ending Northwood run that put the contest out of reach, and the visitors from Fayetteville could never reduce the Chargers' advantage under double figures the remainder of the contest.

### Knights headed to 1A Western Regional semifinals, avenge loss to Jackets

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jason Messier could do little but smile after his Chatham Charter boys basketball team stunned everyone across the Tar Heel state on Saturday evening in Siler City with a 58-40 beat down of Hayesville in third round action of the 1A NCHSAA state playoffs.

And who could blame him, no one gave the Knights a chance against the top-seeded Yellow Jackets out of the Smokey Mountain Conference.

The excuses were many: Hayesville had drilled Chatham Charter deep in the mountains 68-55 a year ago, Chatham Charter hasn't played anyone this season and the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference is weak, the Knights had no one to stop 6-foot-7 Jake McTaggart, the most popular of many.

But in the end it was Messier's troops

that proved the naysayers wrong, again.

Much like the previous two playoff wins, Chatham Charter started fast and led from start to finish in improving to a gaudy 31-1 on the season while advancing to the 1A Western Regional semi-finals to battle powerful Lincoln Charter (27-2) who crushed Community School of Davidson on the same night.

Chatham Charter and Lincoln Charter were scheduled to face off on Tuesday, March 3 over in Denver which is located in just off the shore of Lake Norman in northeastern Lincoln County.

For Messier, it's the same ole story, just a different team in round four.

"Our team is really taking being overlooked to heart, they hear things, are told what is said on message boards, and I think it's really made them determined and given them a lot of incentive to show that they have a really good basketball team," Messier said. "Obviously we will be underdogs on the road,

and should be, Lincoln Charter is the No. 1 seed and won a state title in recent years. But this group, the one thing I'm sure of is that they will go compete and play hard. That's just what they do."

The defensive end is where Chatham Charter has excelled in the playoffs, and Saturday night was no exception as the Knights held Hayesville to 40 points after the Jackets entered scoring 77 per contest.

"Our guys have bought in to always playing defense, that's something you can always do, even when your shots aren't falling," noted Messier. "We've really turned up the intensity in the playoffs, that has been the key."

That showed early as the Knights held the Jackets to just five points in the opening period to go up 9-5 after one.

Chatham Charter erupted for 18 points in the second to pull in front 27-19 at the break. Trevor Golden had five points in the period while Jordan Ham-

ilton added four and Ryan White a trey.

The smothering 2-3 zone by Chatham Charter did the rest by holding Hayesville to just 10 points in the third and 11 in the fourth. The Yellow Jackets had sliced the deficit to 43-29 entering the final stanza before the Knights erupted for 24 points to put the visitors from Clay County away.

"I thought for the most part we did a good job controlling McTaggart including on the boards," added Messier on the talented Hayesville center who's expected to be one of the top tight end prospects in the nation in the 2022 class. "He closed with 15 points and 14 rebounds but we made him work for everything, especially Jordan and Trevor down low."

Hayesville (25-4) also received 13 points from Hayden McClure.

A balanced Chatham Charter attack

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# Lady Chargers gallop past Rockets to advance to third round of state playoffs

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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PITTSBORO — Outscoring Person 20-9 in a pivotal second quarter, Northwood opened up a 28-16 halftime advantage and went on to maintain a double-digit lead for most of the second half en route to galloping past the Lady Rockets 54-41 in the second round of the NCHSAA 2020 Women's 3A East basketball state playoffs Thursday night in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Advancing to the third round of post-season competition for the first time since 2015, the sixth-seed Lady Chargers won their 13th consecutive game to improve to 22-5 for the year, including a 14-1 mark at home. Northwood traveled to Fayetteville Saturday evening to face third-seed E.E. Smith (28-1), while 22nd-seed Person ended its season at 16-9.

Chandler Adams recorded a game-high 14 points for the Lady

Chargers, while TeKeyah Bland and Natalie Bell tallied 13 apiece, with Bell tossing in four three-pointers. Northwood connected on 36 percent (14-of-39) of its field goal attempts and held a 26-24 advantage in rebounds while committing 15 turnovers.

Aaliyah Williams fired in four treys to lead the Lady Rockets with a dozen points, while Aaliyah Jones notched 11 and Nydriya Marner added 10. Person shot 30 percent (13-of-43) from the floor while turning the ball over 22 times.

"We knew Person wanted an up-tempo game looking for a lot of transition points, and early-on we weren't patient with the ball and took quick shots," said Lady Chargers' coach Cameron Vernon. "But once we settled down we began to utilize our height advantage to get the ball inside to Chandler and TeKeyah, who dominated in the paint while managing to draw fouls and get to

the line. Our defense also did a good job handling Person's high pick-and-roll attack after the first quarter to force them into taking outside shots while curtailing their fast break opportunities."

Lady Rockets' coach Jay Carmichael said that after getting off to a good start his team had trouble trying to contain Northwood's inside game.

"Their size bothered us in the lane and we gave them too many open looks around the basket while letting them control the pace of the game," Carmichael said. "When they weren't hurting us inside they hit some three-pointers in the first half that let them establish a good lead, and even though we held our own offensively in the second half we couldn't overcome the advantage they built before intermission."

Person dashed out to a 7-2 lead midway through the initial period before the Lady Chargers closed the stanza with a 6-0 spurt to seize the



Northwood's Natalie Bell (5) passes through the defense of Person's Alexzia Thompson in the second round of the state playoffs Feb. 27 in Pittsboro.

Staff photo by David Bradley

advantage for good on an Adams charity toss with 1:07 left in the first quarter.

Following a pair of Adams layups and Bell's put-back off the right baseline that helped Northwood fashion a 15-8 lead with 6:40 remaining in the second period, the Lady Rockets trimmed their deficit to four less than two minutes later on a Jones foul shot and Alexzia Thompson's jumper in the lane.

But two Bland free throws and back-to-back Bell treys from the right wing in the next minute-and-a-half allowed the Lady Chargers to expand their advantage to 23-11 prior to the winners maintaining a 12-point lead at the break.

After Person pulled within 32-23 on Kayleigh Clarke's lane jumper with 1:54 to go in the third quarter, Northwood rebuilt a 12-point advan-

tage (36-24) by the end of the frame on the strength of two foul shots each by McKenna Snively and Adams.

The Lady Rockets once again closed to within nine at 44-35 on a Williams three-pointer from the right corner with 3:55 remaining to play before Bell's trey from beyond the top of the key a minute later sparked a 10-6 game-ending run by the Lady Chargers.

## Powell's miracle trey lifts Northwood over shocked Terry Sanford in second-round of state playoffs

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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PITTSBORO — Deuce Powell wasn't about to let Northwood's dream season end in a nightmare Thursday evening in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

The senior forward buried a three-pointer from the right corner as time expired to lift the Chargers to a thrilling 56-54 come-from-behind victory over a stunned Terry Sanford team in a second-round NCHSAA 2020 Men's 3A East basketball state playoff contest.

Stretching its winning streak to eight games, No. 3 Northwood raised its overall record to 25-2 and will now entertain 11th-seed Cape Fear (19-5) Saturday night in a third-round matchup, while the 19th-seed Bulldogs ended their season at 18-7.

The Chargers led for 31-plus minutes before Quay McMillan's conventional three-point play with 44.7 seconds remaining gave Terry Sanford its first advantage of the night at 52-51.

Following Jalen



Northwood's Jack Thompson (20) takes the rock through the defense of Terry Sanford High School in the second round of playoffs for the state championship in Pittsboro Feb. 27.

Staff photo by David Bradley

McAfee-Marion's jumper off the right baseline seven seconds later that reclaimed the lead for Northwood, the Bulldogs answered with Davis Molnar's layup off the right baseline to regain the advantage at 54-53 with 12.7 seconds to go.

The Chargers' Jack Thompson then missed a layup in the closing moments, and in a scrap for the rebound the ball was swatted into the back-court, where Northwood's Alex Snively chased it

down as time appeared to have run out, setting off a wild celebration by Terry Sanford.

However, the officials ruled Chargers' coach Matt Brown had called a time-out with 1.2 seconds left and requested that amount of time be put back on the clock.

When play resumed with Northwood looking to inbound the ball at midcourt, McAfee-Marion heaved a long pass to deep in the right corner, where Powell made the

catch and launched his game-winning shot as the Chargers' bench erupted in jubilation while the Bulldogs looked on in disbelief.

"I'll count this win as a blessing," Brown said. "I thought we played hard and defended well for the first 28 minutes before we almost let the game slip away. Both teams shot well down the stretch, but they went to man coverage in the fourth quarter, something we hadn't seen in awhile and it threw us off. We gave up too many offensive rebounds which led to a lot of their second-chance points, and that's one area we need to clean up."

Powell finished with 17 points and McAfee-Marion totaled 12 for the victors, while Snively and Thompson contributed 10 apiece.

Molnar led Terry Sanford with 13 points, while Kyron Kelly and McMillan chipped in a dozen each.

Although Terry Sanford shot 44 percent (20-of-45) from the field compared to Northwood's

37 percent (17-of-46), the Chargers won the battle of the boards by a 27-18 margin and went 18-of-24 from the charity stripe, while the Bulldogs made five-of-10 attempts from the line. Northwood committed 17 turnovers, whereas Terry Sanford turned the ball over 20 times.

Bulldogs' coach Karl Molnar said that while Powell ended up hitting the deciding bucket, he felt Northwood really won the game in the first half.

"Obviously I'm proud of our guys making a comeback after battling uphill all night," said Molnar. "I thought both teams started out slow, but Northwood got hot in the second quarter to open up a 13-point lead at intermission. Their defense kept us back on our heels most of the night, never letting us get into any kind of offensive rhythm until six three-pointers in the fourth quarter finally got us going. We gave ourselves a chance to pull it out at the end, but we don't spend much time in

practice on how to defend shots with 1.2 seconds on the clock."

Despite only connecting on three-of-15 field goal attempts in the initial stanza, the Chargers built a 9-6 advantage behind treys from Snively and Powell before Thompson and Powell combined for 10 second-quarter points as Northwood surged to a 27-14 lead at the break.

Following back-to-back lay-ups by Yates Johnson and Cooper Barco to begin the third period that drew Terry Sanford within nine, the Chargers closed out the frame with a 9-4 run to take a 12-point advantage into the final eight minutes.

But the Bulldogs then managed to unleash a furious offensive assault over the course of the fourth quarter, fueled by two three-pointers apiece from Kaylon Keys and McMillan coupled with single treys by Molnar and Johnson, to catch up with and eventually surpass Northwood, setting the stage for Powell's dramatic game-clinching hoop.

## Chatham Charter powers past Cherokee 76-58 in second round action

BY DON BEANE  
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SILER CITY — Chatham Charter outscored Cherokee 23-11 in the opening quarter here on Thursday night in Siler City and never looked back in a convincing 76-58 triumph over the Braves in second round action of the 1A NCHSAA state playoffs.

Chatham Charter improved to 30-1 overall in the west bracket win while Cherokee closes the season at 18-10.

"It was a great win, our kids played very tough defensively and on offense we moved the ball around well the entire night," said Knights coach Jason Messier. "We controlled their three-point shooters for the most part as well as them leaking out on fast breaks. We gave up some of both, but it was limited."

Offensively, the inside tandem of 6-foot-5 senior Jordan Hamilton and 6-foot-4 junior Trevor Golden simply destroyed Cherokee in the paint, combining for 47 points and 23

rebounds. Hamilton had 24 points and 15 boards for the Knights while Golden chipped in 23 points and eight more rebounds as the hosts outrebounded the Braves 39-to-17 in the contest.

"That was a big key, controlling the glass," said Messier on his club, which also saw Connor Murphy chipped in 13 more boards to go with seven points, two assists and three steals.

"Sometimes that's difficult especially on those long rebounds against a team like Cherokee who's game is perimeter oriented. But tonight we did a good job of it."

The in excess of a four hour bus ride appeared to affect Cherokee early as the Braves fell behind 9-0 at the outset and saw the deficit grow to 23-11 after one period of play.

Sterling Santa Maria would score eight points in the second and Don Bradley added three more as the Braves closed the deficit to 29-24 with 40.9 seconds left until the intermission.

After the Knights re-

sponded with a free throw by Hamilton, the Braves turned the ball over and Hamilton was fouled when heaving up a shot at the buzzer from just inside the midcourt stripe. Hamilton made all three foul shots with all the players off the court to extend Chatham Charter's lead back to 33-24 at the break.

With the stifling defense of Chatham Charter, the cold shooting continued for Cherokee in the third period as the Braves put up just 12 points including four by Bradley, and a trey each from Santa Maria and Jordan Arkansas. Hamilton answered with eight points down low and Ryan White added five more including a trey to keep the hosts in a double digit lead most of the frame.

Golden had 10 points for the Knights in the fourth and sank a perfect 6-of-6 foul shots down the stretch. Cole Milholen chipped in six points in the final period, Amir Mapp six and Hamilton four as Chatham Charter pulled away in the waning minutes.

Santa Maria poured in 10 points in the final stanza and Arkansas added five including a three-pointer but Cherokee could never get the lead under nine points at 62-53 with 2:53 remaining following a Santa Maria driving hoop.

Cherokee suffered 17 costly turnovers from the field and was only 5-of-17 from behind the arc.

White added 10 more for the Knights in the triumph while Milholen and Mapp chipped in six apiece.

Santa Maria led the Braves with 24 points and Bradley chipped in 11.

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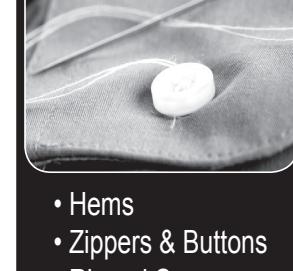
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was paced by a game-high 18 points from Hamilton. The 6'5 senior also chipped in six rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Connor Murphy added a great game and was all over the court, collecting 12 points, four boards, two assists and

five steals while Golden added 10 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals in an outstanding performance. Rounding out the scoring for the Knights was White and Cole Milholen six points each, Amir Mapp with four, and Clay Griffin with two. Milholen added two assists and a steal from the point and the senior turned the ball over just twice for the Knights who had 11 as a team and shot 54% (21-of-39) from the field.



# Record-breaking season comes to a close for Chatham Charter girls down in Edenton

BY DON BEANE  
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EDENTON — A record-breaking season for the Chatham Charter girls basketball team came to an end on Saturday night down in eastern North Carolina as Edenton Holmes used runs in the second and fourth quarters to pull away from the Knights for a 63-41 victory in third round action of the 1A NCHSAA state playoffs.

Chatham Charter coach Jennifer Dameron saw her club close at 27-4. Dameron, a shoe-in as

the Coach of the Year in the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference, witnessed her team shatter the win record with the 27 victories in the sixth year of the program. The previous high had been just 12 in 2015-2016 season.

On Saturday in Edenton, Chatham Charter battled fiercely but Holmes won every quarter including 16-13 in the first, 17-9 in the second, 11-9 in the third, and 19-10 in the fourth.

Morgan Lineberry led the Knights with 16 points while Rebecca McGaughnea chipped in 12, Tamaya

Walden six, and Lillian Jones five.

McGaughnea also added 11 boards, one assist and four steals in the loss while Lineberry chipped in eight rebounds, Walden four rebounds, three assists and four steals, and Olivia Cheek four rebounds and four assists.

The Aces improved to 23-6 with the win and move to battle Bishop McGuinness.

On Thursday night in Siler City in second round action it was Chatham Charter pounding Tarboro 62-46.

The Lady Knights pulled

out to an 11-5 lead after one period before taking a 25-18 lead at the half.

Entering the fourth quarter with a 43-34 advantage, Chatham Charter outscored Holmes 19-12 in the closing stanza to pull away for the easy win.

Lineberry had 24 points, 12 rebounds and three steals to pace the Knights while Walden chipped in 14 points, five boards, six assists and seven steals. Also, McGaughnea added 10 points, 11 rebounds, an assist and two steals for the locals while Jones

chipped in eight points, eight boards, an assist and one steal, and Cheek four points, three rebounds and two assists.

Tarboro closed the season at 15-13 overall.

Chatham Charter opened the state playoffs on Tuesday in Siler City and trounced the Gates County Red Barons 66-47.

The locals used a 25-6 spurt in the first quarter to take control from the outset and then outscored the visitors 19-10 in the second to go up 44-16 at the intermission.

From there the Knights cruised in taking the easy

triumph.

McGaughnea had 19 points, 11 boards and an assist in the win while Lineberry chipped in 18 points, 14 rebounds, four assists and a steal to the Chatham Charter cause.

Walden also added 11 points, 12 rebounds, eight assists and a steal in the win while Jones and Taylor Brewer chipped in six points each with Brewer adding two boards, two assists and three steals and Cheek two points, four rebounds and four assists.

Gates County, hailing from Gatesville, closed the season at 10-14.

## Second half surge leads to opening round win for Lady Chargers

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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PITTSBORO — As they say, there's no place like home.

After fending off a scrappy Southern Alamance team to carry a four-point advantage into halftime, Northwood outscored the Lady Patriots 14-7 in the third period to open up a comfortable lead before pulling away down the stretch to claim a 50-35 victory in first-round action of the NCHSAA 2020 Women's 3A East basketball state playoffs last Tuesday in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Winning their 12th game in a row while improving to 13-1 at home and 21-5 overall, the sixth-seed Lady Chargers moved on to 22nd-seed Person (16-8) Thursday evening, whereas 27th-seed Southern Alamance finished 9-16 for the year.

Te'Keyah Bland tossed in 20 points for the victors, while Natalie Bell and McKenna Snively chipped in eight each. Northwood connected on 41 percent (19-of-46) of its attempts from the field while turning the ball over a dozen times.

Alyssa Jacobson topped the Lady Patriots with 16 points as Southern Alamance shot 38 percent (12-of-32) from the floor and held a 27-18 edge in rebounds, but it wasn't enough to offset 25 turnovers.

"I wasn't pleased with our defense

the first half as we gave up too many drives inside while allowing Southern Alamance to box us out on the boards," said Lady Chargers' coach Cameron Vernon. "But I thought we came out and set the tone for the rest of the night in the first four minutes of the third quarter when we went from a zone defense to man-to-man, pressuring the ball to force turnovers while moving our feet to not let them beat us to the basket. We also got better rotation on our help-side defense, while offensively we had good ball movement in the second half that forced them to chase us as we looked for good shots."

Lady Patriots' coach Amy Sarratt stated after keeping the game close in the first half, her team's drop-off on offense along with its inability to handle Northwood's press after intermission paved the way for the Lady Chargers' triumph.

"They picked up their defense in the second half and forced us into making bad passes, while we just couldn't convert on offense," Sarratt said. "Rebounding was a big key that kept us in the game the first half, but Northwood did a much better job on the boards after the break and didn't give us many second-chance opportunities."

After Jacobson's turnaround bucket in the paint gave Southern Alamance its only lead at 4-2 with 5:28 left in the initial stanza, Bland's jumper in the lane

followed by Rae McClarty's midcourt steal and layup a minute later put the Lady Chargers ahead to stay.

Behind a pair of Bell three-pointers from the right wing, Northwood surged to a 16-7 advantage with 1:29 remaining in the opening frame prior to a Jacobson charity toss and Brianna Gallagher's jumper from the right side that drew the Lady Patriots within six at the end of the period.

Following Jacobson's trey from the right wing that pulled the visitors from Mt. Hermon within 21-20 with 3:39 to go in the first half, the Lady Chargers countered a Lacy Mills foul shot with baskets by Bell and Jillian McNaught to forge a 25-21 lead at intermission.

Gianna McManaman's three-pointer from the left wing to begin the third quarter sparked a 7-2 Northwood run that boosted the winner's advantage to 32-23 midway through the stanza, and after Caity Russell's layup trimmed Southern Alamance's deficit to 36-28 with 1:20 left in the period, Hannah Kanapkey's trey from the left corner with 25.7 seconds on the clock sent the Lady Chargers into the final quarter with a 39-28 lead.

Northwood then never let its advantage dip below double digits the rest of the night while fashioning its largest lead at 48-30 on a Chandler Adams layup with 3:55 remaining to play.



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Northwood's Te'Keyah Bland goes for a layup against Person High in their state playoff championship game Feb. 27 in Pittsboro.**

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# Pivotal fourth quarter run sends Northwood past East Chapel Hill in state playoff opener

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — After East Chapel Hill narrowed a 14-point third-quarter deficit to two at the start of the final period, Northwood reeled off nine unanswered points to regain control and held the Wildcats in check the rest of the way to collect a 63-57 triumph in opening-round play of the NCHSAA 2020 Men's 3A East basketball state playoffs last Tuesday in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Defeating their Big Eight 3A Conference rivals for the third time this season, the third-seed Chargers extended their current win streak to seven games and climbed to 24-2 overall while preparing to host 19th-seed Terry Sanford (18-6) Thursday night in second-round clash, whereas 30th-seed East Chapel Hill concluded the year with a record of 11-15.

Jalen McAfee-Marion led four Northwood starters in double figures with 17 points, Alex Snively contributed 15, including a trio of treys, Aaron Ross notched 13 and Deuce Powell added 12 as the Chargers shot 40 percent (21-of-52) from the field while turning the ball over 11 times.

Will Tyndall registered 20

points and Miles Merriweather added 11 for the Wildcats, who connected on 48 percent (24-of-50) of their attempts from the floor and held a slight 28-27 margin in rebounds while committing 15 turnovers.

"East Chapel Hill played us tough in both our earlier games with them so our plan tonight was to pressure them early and get stops while creating turnovers," said Northwood coach Matt Brown. "I thought Jalen had an outstanding game scoring, rebounding at both ends of the court and defending, while he and Aaron hit some key free throws late, combining to go 11-of-12 at the line down the stretch."

Wildcats' coach Ray Hartsfield said he was proud of how his squad competed in the second half after finding itself trailing by 11 at intermission.

"After Northwood had a few runs in the first half we found some energy in the third quarter to speed things up while taking good shots and getting stops on defense to cut the difference to two and give ourselves a chance to pull out a victory," Hartsfield said. "But then we didn't get the stops we needed in the fourth quarter, while Northwood did a good job knocking down free throws to

extend its lead far enough out that we couldn't catch up."

Following the first five minutes of play the teams were deadlocked at 7-all before the Chargers seized the advantage for good on a Ross trey from the left corner with 2:20 to go in the initial period.

After a Merriweather foul shot cut the lead to two with 1:56 left in the quarter, McAfee-Marion's midcourt steal and windmill dunk gave Northwood a 12-8 advantage at the end of the opening stanza.

Back-to-back Snively three-pointers two minutes into the second period spearheaded a 13-5 Chargers' run to boost their lead to 25-13 with 3:54 remaining in the first half prior to East Chapel Hill closing the gap to 28-21 on Charles Stanley's layup with 1:32 left until intermission.

But Northwood then answered with a 6-2 quarter-ending spurt, climaxed by Jack Thompson's jumper from the right wing at the horn, to forge a 34-23 advantage at the break.

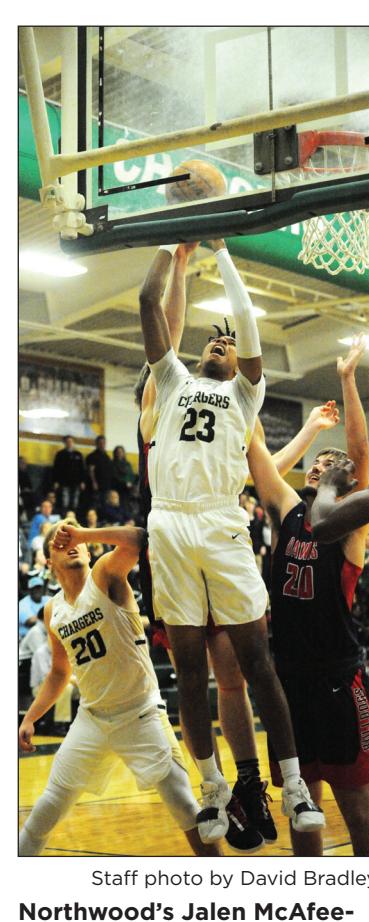
After McAfee-Marion's put-back in the lane increased the Chargers' lead to 41-27 with 5:23 to go in the third frame, the Wildcats narrowed the difference to 44-39 on James Riley's conventional three-point play

with exactly two minutes remaining in the period before Justin Brower's drive off the left baseline at the horn sent Northwood into the final eight minutes up by seven.

Following Tyndall's three-pointer from the left wing and Merriweather's layup to start the fourth stanza drew East Chapel Hill within 46-44 with 5:50 to go in the contest, Ross and Powell combined for seven consecutive points during the Chargers' 9-0 burst as the winners' advantage grew to 55-44 with 2:08 remaining.

"After opening up a double-digit lead at halftime we didn't finish plays in the third quarter, didn't take good shots and gave East Chapel Hill too many second-chance opportunities that aided in their comeback," Brown said, "but this senior-heavy group knows what it takes to win and didn't panic when the score got close in the fourth period."

After a pair of McAfee-Marion charity tosses stretched Northwood's lead to 63-51 with 37.2 seconds left, Tyndall tallied all of the Wildcats' points during a 6-0 game-ending run on two free throws, a put-back in the paint and one off the right baseline to account for the final spread.



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Northwood's Jalen McAfee-Marion rises for a layup Feb. 27 past the defensive efforts of Terry Sanford High.**

## State playoffs swing through Chatham



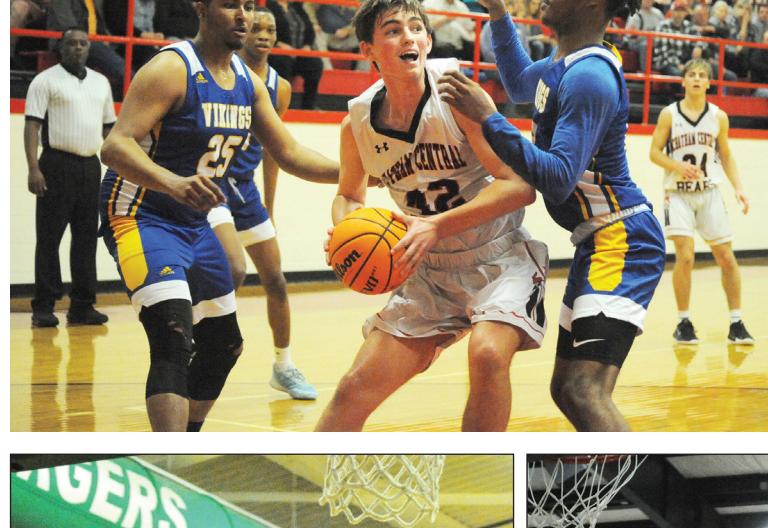
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**Chatham Charter co-captain Connor Murphy lets one fly over the heads of the Highland School of Technology's defensive line in their Feb. 25 game in Siler City.**



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Chatham Charter's Taylor Brewer (5) comes in for a layup in the fourth quarter Feb. 25 in Siler City past Gates County defenders.**



Chatham Central's Nik Wilson (32) tries to make space against Northwest Halifax defenders late in the teams' state playoff game in Bear Creek Feb. 25.

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**Northwood's Chandler Adams (23) shoots over the heads of the defense of Person High in the squads' Feb. 27 game in Pittsboro.**



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Chatham Charter's Jordan Hamilton (42) snags a rebound from a Highland School of Technology defender Feb. 25.**

## Chatham Charter's 64-44 win leaves Highland Tech feeling low

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Connor Murphy pumped in 15 points and Jordan Hamilton added 14 as Chatham Charter dominated Highland Tech early and often enroute to a convincing 64-44 triumph in opening round action of the 1A NCHSAA state playoffs.

The West Bracket win raised the Knights record to 29-1 on the season while the visiting Rams from Gaston County close at 7-18.

"We started very fast and came into tonight with a lot of intensity and focus," Chatham Charter coach Jason Messier said after the win. "Defensively we were aggressive, and that played into our offensive game with some easy baskets early."

The result was a commanding 23-6 lead after one period of play before the locals used a 16-9 spurt in the second to take a commanding 39-15 advantage into the intermission.

Chatham Charter out-scored Highland Tech 13-10

in the third to pull in front 52-25 before settling for the 20-point win.

Also reaching double-figure scoring for the Knights was Trevor Golden with 11 points while Ryan White chipped in 10 while Cole Milholen added five and Clay Griffin four. White sank a pair of treys for the locals while Golden added another.

Hamilton closed out an all-around great game with 14 boards, eight assists and two steals while Murphy added six rebounds, an assist and two steals.



Photo courtesy of Central Carolina Community College

**Members of the Central Carolina Community College golf team are pictured, left to right: Carter Fuquay, Lee Bass, Robert Langley and Justin Jarrett.**

## Bear Creek's Fuquay, CCCC golf preparing for spring season

CN+R STAFF REPORT

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College golf coach Jonathan Hockaday is looking forward to the spring season.

"This group has a chance to win some tournaments if we play well," said Hockaday.

Members of the

CCCC golf team are Lee Bass of Dunn (Triton High School), Carter Fuquay of Bear Creek (Chatham Central High School), Justin Jarrett of Mocksville (Southwestern Randolph High School), and Robert Langley of Sanford (Southern Lee High School).

2020 spring schedule: March 1-2 — at Sandhills

CC Tournament (Longleaf Golf Club, Southern Pines); March 21-22 — at Johnston CC Tournament (Pine Hollow Golf Club, Clayton); March 29-30 — CCCC Cougar Classic (Quail Ridge Golf Club, Sanford); April 17-18 — at Regionals (Quail Ridge Golf Club and Whispering Pines Country Club, Whispering Pines).

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## CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Hiring people, Fortnite slips and the coronavirus

Two weeks ago, I made a reference to the U.S.



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version of "The Office," which is far and away my favorite TV show ever. I hope to make more

references in the future. Truthfully, "The Office" taught me a few things about businesses and how they work prior to ever really learning about business. Among them:

- The importance of customer service for local businesses, especially when you can't compete price-wise with big box/chain stores

- The meaning of the terms "downsizing" and "human resources"

- And what to do when

## How companies are hiring

Something I've noticed perusing business newsletters and news in recent weeks is how companies are hiring workers and how that's changed.

The Body Shop, a UK-based cosmetics and skin care company, will begin utilizing an "open hiring" policy beginning this summer, according to a report in The Morning Brew e-newsletter. By this summer, the report says,

"potential employees at all of The Body Shop's retail stores will only need to meet three criteria:

1) authorized to work in

the U.S. 2) can lift over 50 pounds and 3) can stand for eight hours. Drug tests and background checks will be removed from the application process; jobs will be doled out on a first-come, first-serve basis."

The Body Shop's distribution center first tried out the policy last year, and employee turnover dropped from 43 percent in December 2018 to 16 percent in December 2019. The company also said productivity improved.

The News & Observer reported late last month that a large portion of companies in the Research Triangle Park area are becoming more willing to train their own tech workers. There were more than 28,000 job postings in the IT field in December, a 10.8 percent jump from last year according to the N.C. Tech Association.

In 2017, IBM's RTP

location began a 12-month apprenticeship program that, according to the story, has provided coding and cybersecurity instruction to more than 200 employees without advanced degrees and has hired around 90 percent of them. Additionally, one survey found 46 percent of Raleigh-area chief information officers were "willing to be more flexible on skill requirements and provide training to new hires."

## Fortnite bringing in less revenue

I've written about Cary-based Epic Games and its flagship offering Fortnite in this column many times. It's my attempt to keep up with what the kids are doing these days.

And what are they doing? Well, it seems like they might be playing a little less Fortnite. January revenue from the game hit its lowest level

since November 2017, according to a report last week. The popular shooter game, launched in 2017, has seen monthly revenue drop below \$100 million since last September, but is still the reigning top-grossing online video game of the year.

## Business tips re: coronavirus

It seems that everywhere you turn, there's news about coronavirus, or COVID-19, officially. In response, a task force was created within North Carolina's state government. Last week, that task force released some tips for businesses to help deal with potential spread:

- Practice good hand hygiene and encourage your employees and patrons to take common-sense precautions to protect themselves from the spread of respiratory illnesses

- Review your poli-

cies and procedures for remote or teleworking where possible

- Cross-train employees for key functions so that daily schedules can continue relatively uninterrupted by potential employee absences

- Review absenteeism policies to make sure employees are not being encouraged to come to work if they are sick

- If you have not already, establish a relationship with your local health department and communicate with them if you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19

In this week's edition of the News + Record, I have a story on the virus and how Chatham County is responding.

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

# Won't somebody think of the puppies?

I think everybody can agree that dogs are too good for us broken, damaged humans. We're just lucky they take pity on us, and share their



**DEBBIE MATTHEWS**  
The Curious Cook  
lives with us.

I mentioned in my very first column for you, Gentle Reader, that I love dogs.

Yeah, I didn't want to scare you, but I really, really love dogs. Most of the time I like them way more than humans. War, natural disaster, and famine is tragic, but a puppy with a limp? I dissolve into a puddle of my own tears.

Petey and I are on the same page when it comes to our canine friends (although his love is a little more stoic, like a rigid New England farmer: "Aye pup, you're a good boy"). Our entire marriage we've either had a dog, or been in that heart-breaking, hopeful intervals when you've lost



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

## A big batch of dog treats.

one pooch and slowly become ready for a new pup.

Growing up was the same way. We almost always had dogs, which for a nomadic Coast Guard family is quite a bit more complicated.

Harry was our first dog as a married couple. We saw him in a pet store in a mall in Virginia. He'd been there at least a month and had outgrown the largest cage. He spent his days crouched in a too

small crate and tortured by children visiting the mall.

We knew, even back in the 80s that the dogs sold in pet store very often came from puppy mills. So we'd never get a puppy from a mall pet store.

Except.

Except this dog was in an intolerable situation, and his future looked bleaker every day. Petey and I agreed, we couldn't sleep at night if left

this puppy in these dire circumstances and went home.

He rode home on my lap.

For the first three weeks, when not eating or outside, he hid under our bed. We'd go in every once in a while and gently talk to him, hopefully letting him know he was safe and home.

He was sweet, gentle, and affectionate with us. We adored him.

## Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Dry ingredients:

2 1/2 cups flour

1 cup self-rising cornmeal

1 cup oats

Pinch of salt

Wet ingredients:

1/2 cup water

1/2 cup oil

2 eggs

1/3 cup peanut butter (approx)

1/3 cup canned pumpkin (approx)

Put dry ingredients into bowl of mixer. Add wet on top. Mix until it forms dough ball and comes away from the sides of the bowl.

Knead on kitchen counter a few times until it is a nice neat ball. Cut in half.

Roll out first, lay on parchment lined cookie sheet and score into 1 inch squares (I use a pizza wheel). Repeat with other half on second cookie sheet.

Cook 10 minutes at 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Spin pans 180 degrees and switch racks. Bake 10 more minutes. Turn off oven and allow the biscuits to cool in oven until crisp and hard. Store in airtight container.

But he was a ghost. He was petrified of almost everything and everybody everywhere else. I had two photos of Harry. They're both of his cause — as he ran away.

But most of all, he was afraid of people. The most our friends saw our vanishing Chow Chow was his south end, as he was

fleeing north.

They took to calling him, "Scary Harry."

My recipe this week is the favorite of hundreds of dogs. I came up with the recipe for our dogs. Our vet now gives it to dog owners looking to make their own dog food.

So, to all the dogs I've loved before, I give you:



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## Crowley's cookies.

# Local Girl Scout earns Gold Award for creating education program

## CN+R STAFF REPORT

**APEX** — Erica Hollis, a Northwood High School senior, has earned the Girl Scouts' Gold Award for her work to create an interactive special education program to teach seniors a variety of basic technological skills to ensure they can stay connected in today's modern world.

Hollis earned the Scouting honor by creating the Youth

Engaging with Seniors Technology Workshops, which were conducted at North East Baptist Church and Pruitt Health – Carolina Point Rehabilitation center, both in Durham.

During the workshop, Hollis taught the participating senior citizens various skills, such as how to create an email account, how to send group texts, and more.

Hollis said she hopes her workshop has

helped seniors learn the skills needed to stay connected in today's world and is excited that the Youth Ministry at North East Baptist Church will be continuing the workshops in the future.

The Gold Award is "the mark of the truly remarkable," according to a spokesperson for Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines.

The award is "earned by a high school Girl

Scout who works to address an issue she's passionate about in a way that produces meaningful and lasting change," a press release from the regional Girl Scout organization said.

"Whether it's on a local, national, or global level, Gold Award Girl Scouts provide innovative solutions to significant challenges."

Lisa Jones, chief executive officer, Girl Scouts – North Carolina

Coastal Pines, said Hollis addressed an important issue through her recent work.

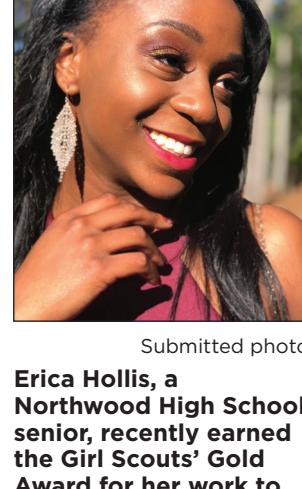
"Gold Award Girl Scouts don't just change the world for the better, they change it for good — and Erica embodies everything this achievement stands for," said Jones. "Erica addressed an issue that's important to her—technological literacy—for her Gold Award, and we congratulate her on this momentous accomplishment."

Hollis is the daughter of Alan and Shellarnetta Hollis and she is a senior at Northwood High School in Pittsboro.

Currently in Girl Scout Troop #1581, led by Kris Mayfield, Hollis has been involved since 2006.

In addition to Girl Scouting, Hollis volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House, the N.C. Food Bank, and Urban Ministries. She is also an active member of North East Baptist Church, where she participates in the youth ministry, youth choir, youth praise team, and serves as a youth usher.

By earning the award, Hollis has "become a community leader," according to the Scouting organization. "Her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart." A challenging feat, earning the Girl Scout Gold Award requires the Scout to demonstrate significant leadership, planning, networking and organizational skills, as girls



Submitted photo

**Erica Hollis, a Northwood High School senior, recently earned the Girl Scouts' Gold Award for her work to create an interactive special education program for seniors.**

spend, on average, one to two years working to complete their projects.

Girls must follow the steps of identifying an issue, investigating it thoroughly, getting help and building a team, creating a plan, presenting your plan, gathering feedback, taking action, and educating and inspiring others.

Since the council unification in 2007 through 2018, 698 Girl Scouts have earned Gold Awards as a result of their efforts to transform an idea and vision for change into an actionable plan with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching impact.

Girls and families interested in learning more about the Girl Scout Gold Award may visit [www.nccoastalpines.org](http://www.nccoastalpines.org).

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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

David Stellhorn, 49, of Chapel Hill, was charged February 21 with resisting a public officer and driving while impaired. He was issued a written promise with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Santinique Adams, 26, of Moncure, was charged February 23 with larceny by an employee. She was issued a written promise with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Brittany Hoover, 34, of Pittsboro, was charged February 23 with simple assault and damage to personal property. She was issued a written promise with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Cindy Lupek, 34, of Pittsboro, was charged February 23 with simple assault. She was issued a written promise with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Ronald Perry, 23, was charged February 24 with obtaining property by false pretense, identity theft, financial card fraud, larceny, possession of stolen goods/property, possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises, felony possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Perry was issued a written promise with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Caitlin Bell, 22, of Bahama, was charged February 24 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$25,000 bond with a March 19 court date in Durham.

Ricky Greeson, 48, of Siler City, was charged February 24 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,500 bond with a March 30 court date in Asheboro.

Andrew Pease, 37, of Pittsboro, was

charged February 25 with obtaining property by false pretense. Pease was issued a written promise with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Justin Haith, 22, of Bennett, was charged February 25 with possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, felony possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Pamela Johnson, 51, of Pittsboro, was charged February 25 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$2,000 bond with a March 3 court date in Raleigh.

Mia Bolunger, 18, of Bear Creek, was charged February 27 with failure to appear on charges of disorderly conduct at a school and simple affray. She was held under a \$200 bond with a March 10 court date in Siler City.

Cherice Underwood-Hazley, 38, of Greensboro, was charged February 27 with failure to appear on charges of having an expired registration card/tag and driving while license revoked. She was held under a \$300 bond with a March 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Robert Patterson, 53, of Siler City, was charged February 27 with assault on a female. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a March 24 court date in Siler City.

Tiffany Murdock, 21, of Siler City, was charged February 27 with simple assault. She was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a March 24 court date in Siler City.

Eduardo Vasquez, 21, of Siler City, was charged February 27 with failure to appear on charges of driving while impaired and driving while license revoked. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a March 12 court date in Asheboro and a March 31 court date in Siler City.

Mason Lupek, of Pittsboro, was charged February 27 with obtaining property by false pretense. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with a March 30 court date in Pittsboro.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stephanie Caviness, 37, of Bennett, was taken into custody February 24 on a charge of failure to appear in Montgomery County. She was held under a \$12,000 bond with a March 26 court date in Troy.

Michelle Powers of Siler City was cited February 26 for a safe movement violation on East Cardinal Street in Siler City.

Cornelio Juarez of Siler City was cited February 26 for no operator's license on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Quintisha Scotton of Siler City was cited February 26 for failure to yield right of way in an intersection on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Taylor Clark-Odee of Siler City was cited February 27 for failure to yield right of way in an intersection on East Third Street in Siler City.

Walter Watkins IV of Siler City was cited February 27 for failure to reduce speed

on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Guadalupe Rodriguez-Miranda, 25, of Bear Creek, was charged February 27 with simple assault. She was released on a written promise with a March 24 court date in Siler City.

Robin Craven of Siler City was cited February 28 for expired registration card/tag and expired inspection on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Ella Milliken of Siler City was cited February 28 for failure to stop steady at a red light on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Santiago Paulino Jr., 19, of Siler City, was taken into custody February 29 on an order for arrest from Orange County. He was held under a \$300 bond with a March 9 court date in Hillsborough.

Randy Jones of Las Vegas, Nevada, was cited February 29 for failure to reduce speed on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Nicholas Hollander, 26, of Siler City, was taken into custody March 1 on 11 orders for arrest from Chatham County. He was held under a \$200,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Kevin Cifuentes of Siler City was cited March 1 for driving while impaired-alcohol/drugs, driving while license revoked, hit and run and leaving the scene of property damage and failure to stop at a duly erected stop sign on East Raleigh Street.

Timothy Person, 40, of Siler City, was cited March 2 with resisting a public officer. He was given a March 30 court date in Pittsboro.

## Chatham couple charged with hosting cockfighting exhibition at New Hill residence

### CN+R STAFF REPORT

**NEW HILL** — The Chatham County Sheriff's Office arrested a New Hill couple on February 23 regarding allegations of a cockfighting operation.

Margarita Juarez, 33, and Jesus Ibarra, 32, both of New Hill, were charged with felony cockfighting and misdemeanor cruelty to animals in connection to a bust at the pair's Old U.S. Highway 1 residence.

Deputies responded to allegations at the site and, on arrival, encountered a cockfighting exhibition in progress and multiple individuals fled the scene. Additional staff members were requested to assist with processing the scene, including securing animals and towing more than a dozen vehicles as evidence for further investigation.

After obtaining a search warrant, deputies confiscated dozens of animals, "many of which were sick or injured,"

according to a sheriff's office press release. The agency also said it worked with members of Guilford County Animal Control, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and several veterinarians from NC State College of Veterinary Medicine to evaluate the medical condition and specific needs of the animals seized from the property.

"Our staff appreciates the hard work and partnership of these organizations as we examine this case," said Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson. "All animals connected to the investigation are considered living items of evidence and are not available for adoption at this time."

Juarez was released on a written promise to appear March 30 in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro. Ibara was assigned a \$2,500 bond with the

same court date. Both individuals are under orders not to possess or acquire any animal of any kind as a result of the charges against them.

Any member of the public with information regarding the investigation is encouraged to call the Chatham County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 919-542-2911.



Jesus Ibarra and Margarita Juarez

## Siler City seeks outside help for Third Avenue closure

### Town seeking engineer to assess Mountaire request

#### BY CASEY MANN

News + Record Staff

**SILER CITY** — The Siler City Board of Commissioners decided on Monday night to seek out the assistance of an engineer who specializes in traffic flow and design to assist in assessing Mountaire Farms request to permanently close a portion of East Third Street in front of its facility.

In October 2018, Mountaire Farms — the Delaware-based poultry processing company which built and operates a plant on East Third — requested the town consider closing the road to "increase safety" around the property, according to a letter sent to the town by Rose Law Firm, which represents Mountaire in the matter. Since that time, town staff has been working with Mountaire and the N.C. Dept. of Transportation to address concerns in the proposal before the board considers whether to issue a resolution declaring the town's intent to close the road.

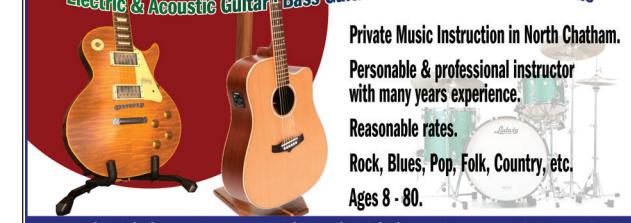
Mountaire is proposing to close the road and redirect traffic to North Avenue to Eleventh Avenue through a new access it would construct. Mountaire noted previously that 50 percent of its truck traffic would also be using North Avenue.

Most recent comments from board members

involved the closures impact on area businesses, the N.C. Dept. of Transportation's intention to create a "super street" on Eleventh Street and the impact on North Avenue.

After a presentation to the board by Siler City Planning Director Jack Meadows, the board was still apprehensive about the proposal. Responding to a question from Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek, Meadows noted that he had been approached

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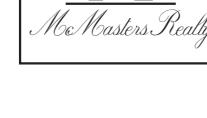


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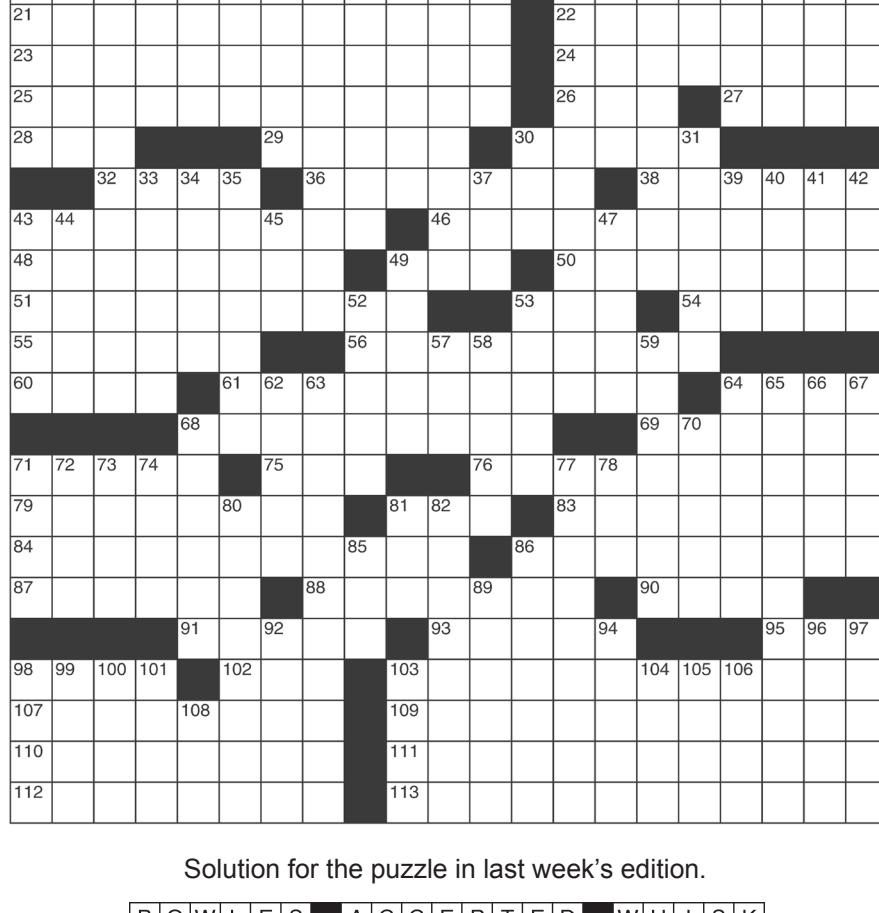
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## VOGT RECEIVES CPA LICENSE

Announcement has been made by the N.C. Board of CPA Exam-

iners that Erica Marie Vogt of Pittsboro has been licensed, effective

as of Feb. 17, 2020 as a North Carolina certified public accountant.

## YORK GRADUATES

Dominique M. York of Pittsboro, has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Kutztown University, located in Kutztown, PA.

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## County mulch sales begin this weekend

Mulch sales will begin March 7. Mulch sales take place Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon at 28 County Services Road Pittsboro. (No sales April 11 because to Easter.)

Sales will continue each Saturday through May 16 or while supplies last.

We load, you haul. Mulch is \$5 per scoop; each scoop is about one cubic yard. We will load large trailers and dump trucks only with a large scoop for \$10 per scoop. All loads of mulch MUST be secured.

If there is mulch available, we plan to have sales on Wednesdays in the summer. Check [chathamnc.org/recycle](http://chathamnc.org/recycle) for more details in May.

ATTENTION: Chatham County is not responsible for damage caused by the mulch or for any damage that you or your property may suffer from loading of mulch.

Contact the office with any questions: 919-542-5516 or [recycle@chathamnc.org](mailto:recycle@chathamnc.org).

## N.C. NAACP calls for 'emergency action' related to alleged voter intimidation in Pittsboro

The North Carolina branch of the NAACP announced Feb. 24 that it would be calling for "emergency action" in relation to alleged voter intimidation at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center on Feb. 15.

In a letter sent to the N.C. State

Board of Elections, the group argued that individuals waving Confederate flags and "reportedly yelling slurs and chant(ing) 'Trump 2020'" caused witnesses to report "feeling intimidated and harassed" when attempting to use the Ag Center's early voting site. The individuals were protesting an event on Confederate history occurring at the Ag Center at the same time as the early voting.

"Due to the single-road entrance to the complex, it was impossible for potential voters to avoid seeing these racially intimidating symbols as they entered the early voting complex and polling location," the letter stated.

"Witnesses reported feeling intimidated and harassed. Some potential voters apparently left the area rather than park their cars, which would require them to enter the demonstration area."

As a result, the NAACP wants the SBE to investigate the incidents on Feb. 15 and create an advisory group to combat voter intimidation this year.

Early non-Chatham media reports of the incident described the protests as a possible instance of voter intimidation, but county officials said they believed the flag-waving and chanting was "specific to the event."

"We did not have any type of response at any of our other early voting sites," Carolyn Miller, the director of Ag Center, said at a Feb. 17 Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting. "We do believe this was a response specifically to that event, and it was an expected response to that event."

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

Served at Elementary and K-8 Schools

\*\*Middle and High School Menus

## Monday, March 9

**BREAKFAST:** Cinni Minis, Fruit Cocktail (\***Chicken** Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

**LUNCH:** Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Barbecue Chicken w/Roll, PB&J

w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Corn, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Chilled Applesauce (\***Big Daddy's** Cheese Pizza, Barbecue Chicken w/Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick)

**LUNCH:** Pasta w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread, Corn Dog Nuggets, Build a Pizza Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Fresh Fruit)

**Tuesday, March 10**

**BREAKFAST:** Cheesy Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon and Croissant, Mandarin Oranges (\***Breakfast Round**, Fresh Fruit)

**LUNCH:** Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Pancakes w/Cheese Stick, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Fruit)

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**Tuesday, March**

## CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

## Angie Brigham | Bennett School

**Grades/subjects you teach:** Third grade  
**E-mail address:** abrigham@chatham.k12.nc.us

**Date, place of birth:** Sept. 8, Lexington

**Education (high school & college attended, degrees):** Faith Christian School; Elon University, Bachelor's Degree

**Brief work history:**

Two years at Chatham Academy, seven years at Robbins Elementary, 18 years at Bennett School

**Honors/awards:** Two-time teacher of the year at Bennett School  
**Hobbies/interests outside of educating:** Reading, walking, spending time with my two girls

**Family:** Husband and two daughters

**What led you to a career in education?**: I always wanted to be a teacher. Played school all the time when I was little. My mother was a preschool teacher.

**Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them?:**



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

**Angie Brigham, shown working with her students at Bennett School, has been named 'Teacher of the Year' twice.**

Mrs. Boniface. She had a lot of patience and spent numerous hours outside the classroom helping students.

**Has becoming an educator been all you expected it would be?:** Yes  
**How has education**

**changed since you were a student?:** A lot more is expected from students.

**What "makes your day" as an educator?:** When something "clicks" with a student and they are so proud of their accomplishments.

**What's working in schools today?:** Meeting the needs of individual students, small group lessons and incorporating a lot of technology.

**What's not working?:** Students are being tested too much.  
**For parents?:** Encourage and support your child, but don't give them an easy out.

**What's your favorite memory of your first year in education?:** Teaching non-readers how to read.

**Best piece of advice for other educators?:** Get to know your kids, and let them know you.

**For students?:** It's OK to make mistakes and ask for help.

**For parents?:** Encourage and support your child, but don't give them an easy out.

**What about your job would most surprise your friends who are not educators?:** How much time is spent on school work outside the classroom. There is never a dull moment in the classroom.

**If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be?:** Always do your best work even when no one is watching.

**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?:** Kind.

**Favorite movie about school or education:** "The Breakfast Club."

**How would you summarize your philosophy as an educator?:** I believe an outstanding teacher accommodates the academic, social and emotional needs of their students. The classroom experience is exciting and memorable for the students. Being a teacher requires a lot of patience, good communication skills, problem solving and the ability to motivate students.

It requires thinking outside the box, lots of hands-on-learning and hours of thoughtful planning.

**What five things must every educator know?:** Have a positive attitude, good relationship with students, consistency, clear expectations and teach different learning styles.

**What's special about your school?:** Teachers collaborate and share ideas.

**Most unusual question you've ever gotten from a student?:** Did you help out during the Civil War?

## Steer: learning to write out loud

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
 News + Record Staff

"To thine own self be true," said Polonius in Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Gaines Steer, a local member of the National Association of Personal Historians, and raconteur, would agree. But who are we?, he asks. What makes us who we are? Some would say that we are a collection of memories, that we look back into the past to really know who we are.

As for Steer, he uses his self-written memoir as a touchstone, a guide to his students in the process of finding themselves. His journey is documented in "A Story Worth Tellin,'" a work that shares the joys and sorrows of his life in 100 chapters — two divorces, time in the National Guard, and his life growing up in Greenwood, S.C., combine with joys on the farm, raising children, and his business, "The Last Unicorn."

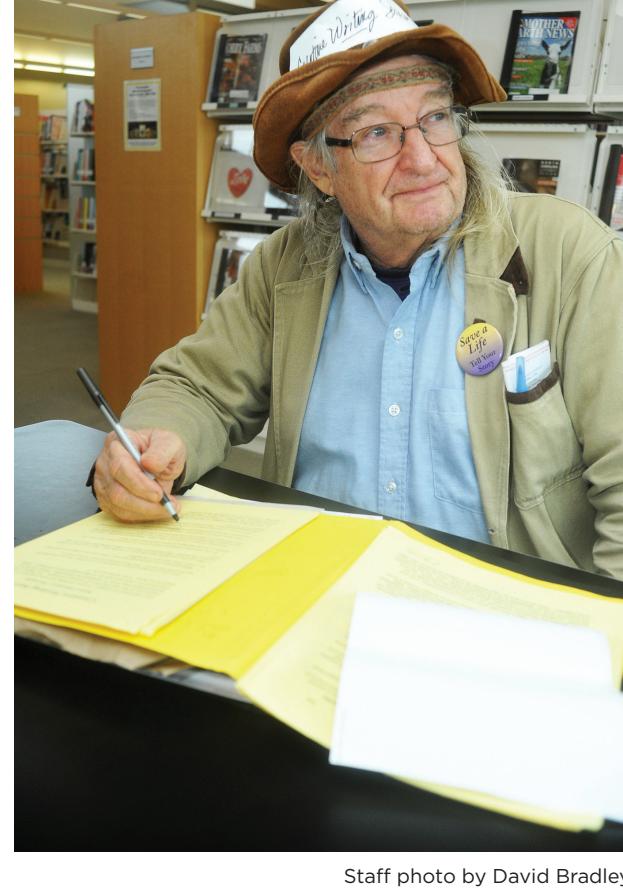
Steer is a creative writing specialist who holds a master's degree in community leadership, and he is offering a free seminar on the art of creative writing — and how to find your writer's voice — at the Pittsboro Library at 2 p.m. on March 7. His program is an introduction to those that want to preserve a family's memories and stories in a memoir.

"Everyone's life is interesting," Steer says. "The legacy of personal history is a most important gift to your family and to yourself."

Steer says that many people start thinking about creating a memoir while in their 60s, and write in their 70s. You may wait too long, he said, because if you wait until your 80s, these memories may be gone.

Another problem is the answer to the question, "Who are you writing for?"

"People think that they are writing for their grandkids," Steer said, "but I'm sorry, they're not interested, they don't have a strong enough motive. One of the main points that I make to those with whom I work as a personal historian is the most frequent discovery that that memoir 'is written for you.' You are the beneficiary, instead of 'the grandkids,' as originally presumed in most cases. Memoir is potentially about discovery. Memories, lost to the active recall, surface in a most interesting and intuitive ways. This may be especially true if there is a 'presence' [a wordsmith] to aid in the telling and writing."



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Finding your inner voice is what Gaines Steer is all about. His writing workshops are designed to introduce the concepts of the art of creative writing, finding the unique perspective of each writer and assisting them in finding the stories to be told.**

These new writers discover that writing is an art form.

"When you discover the art form unique to you, it's damn exciting," Steer said.

The writing process for Steer involves remembering the past through writing prompts. These are more than 50 memory ticklers that Steer employs, such as the pets that you had over the years, tough times or the music played in the home. All of these can bring back associated memories.

One of Steer's clients involved in writing a memoir now, Carmen Hogan, was using prompts and an outline when she began her work. She had stopped work on the project, but went back to work on her memoir with assistance from Steer. She's been working with him now for several months. Hogan feels that Steer's inspiration may do the trick, she said. She thought it would take about a year.

"Now I feel like I finally got some help to get it finished, or to the point where I am happy with it," Hogan said. "People say they will write a book, but writing a book is a lot harder than people realize."

Steer added, "It helps to have a wordsmith to get

energy in writing, quotes, construction and energy."

Hogan is using Steer's guidance in writing her memoir. She decided to write one after a traumatic medical incident that changed her whole life. The incident created a dramatic short term memory loss. Her therapist suggested that she write a memoir, starting with one paragraph a day.

"I started out and next thing I knew I had seven pages," she said. "I'm more about words [now] than analysis. It's been cathartic."

Part of Gaines' seminar is to access the real "you," whoever that may be, and to write in your authentic voice. It's the discovery of your voice that makes your memoir unique. Steer worked on his memoir for about 10 years and published it in 2007. The voice came first.

"If you want to try and publish before you find your writer voice, you'll become a boring writer without that," he said.

Hogan added, "There is a difference between telling a story and writing a story, and one thing I learned is anyone can tell a story, but writing a story is a completely different ballgame."

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**Kid Scoop Together:****Busy Beavers!**

Busy beavers chewed some words from this list of fun beaver facts. Replace the words to find out some amazing things about beavers.

SLOW COIN TREES  
AGE YEARS  
ALARM TAIL BARK

- Using their broad, scaly \_\_\_\_\_, beavers will forcefully slap the water as an \_\_\_\_\_ signal to other beavers in the area that a predator is approaching.

- Beavers are \_\_\_\_\_ on land but using their webbed feet, they are very good swimmers. A beaver can stay under water for up to 15 minutes.

- Beavers are **herbivores**. They like to eat the \_\_\_\_\_ and wood of \_\_\_\_\_. They also eat pondweed and water lilies.

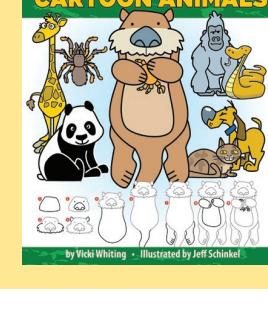
- Adult beavers are around three feet long and have been known to \_\_\_\_\_ over 55 lb (25 kg). Females are as large or larger than males of the same \_\_\_\_\_.

- Beavers can live up to 24 \_\_\_\_\_ in the wild.

- The beaver is the national animal of Canada, and is on the Canadian five-cent \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS**

This week's word:  
**SAVE**  
The verb **save** means to keep or store something for use in the future.

Jeremy plans to **save** his allowance for three weeks to buy a gift for his sister.

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

**Write On!****How I Earn Money**

How do you earn money? Do you do chores? What kind of jobs do you do?

**Buddy B. Beaver's Goals****Be Like Buddy: How to Reach a Goal**

Sometimes there are things you want in life that are not possible right now. For example, maybe you want to buy something that is expensive. If you are serious about that purchase, make buying it a **goal**.

In order to reach that goal, be like Buddy. Make a list of small steps or small goals that would help you reach your big goal.

**ANGIE'S GOAL: Earn \$50 for a new coat!**

- Mowed the lawn: \$3.00
- Made my bed: \$0 (Mom expects me to do this every morning!)
- Walked the dog: \$2.00
- Took out the trash: \$1.00
- Did the dishes: \$2.00

**EXAMPLE:** Angie wants to buy a new coat. The coat costs \$50.

Angie decides that instead of trying to earn \$50 all at once, she will make ten goals that will help her reach her big goal. She makes a goal of earning \$5. If she earns \$5 ten times, she will reach her big goal of \$50!

How can Angie earn \$5? Put a check in the box next to each of Angie's jobs. If you checked the right boxes, they add up to exactly \$5.

If Angie can earn \$5 per week and save the money, how long until she will have enough money to buy the coat?

**MY GOAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

JOBS I CAN DO TO EARN THE MONEY: \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MUCH I CAN EARN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG UNTIL I REACH MY GOAL? \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra! Extra!****Busy Builders**

Beavers are builders. Look through the newspaper for examples of things people build. What are the kinds of jobs people do to build things?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Can you put these mixed-up beaver facts in the correct order?

are powerful swimmers that can swim  
the second largest in the world. Beavers  
shut to keep water out. Transparent inner eyelids  
underwater for up to 15 minutes.  
When a beaver swims underwater, its nose and ears  
built-in swimming goggles!  
Beavers are the largest rodent in North America and  
close over each eye to help the beaver see like

**Double Double Word Search**

EXPENSIVE PURCHASE  
EARNING EYELIDS TOPPLES  
RODENT BEAVER STREAM  
STREAM LODGE WATER  
BITES BARK SWIM GOAL  
TREE

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

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

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY****Build a Sentence**

Select a headline from today's newspaper. Expand the headline into a longer, complete sentence by adding adjectives and other words. Diagram your sentence to show all of the parts of speech.

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

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CHATHAM CHAT | DANA HAVEN, CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# Chatham's reference librarian serves as teacher, CCCC liaison and more

Dana Haven grew up in a military family and took her first library job when she volunteered at a military base library in Florida during her high school years. She went on to work in public libraries and ultimately decided to move to Chapel Hill to pursue a master's degree in library science at UNC after earning bachelor's degrees in English and psychology from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida.

"During my graduate studies at UNC, I worked in the Geological Sciences Library and the E-Resources Department in Davis Library," she says. "My academic and public library experience were a good fit for the Reference & Instruction position at Chatham Community Library, a joint-use public and community college library. I started working at Chatham Community Library right before the new building officially opened in 2010, so I'll be celebrating 10 years this fall, as will the library itself!"

Haven lives in Chapel Hill with her husband and daughter. This week, we spoke with her about her role at the library.

#### What does your role as Reference and instruction librarian entail?

My role is fairly wide-ranging, but it broadly includes research assistance, digital and information literacy instruction, collection development, and technology assistance. I work with public patrons as well as community college students, so patrons come to the Reference Desk with a variety of information needs, from learning how to create an email account to finding peer-reviewed resources for an assignment, and that helps keep my work interesting. I've also been involved with the technical aspects of several recent library projects,



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Dana Haven, the reference and instruction librarian for Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro.

including self-serve print stations, wireless printing, and the Chatham PASS program, a partnership between Chatham County Public Libraries and Chatham County Schools that automatically provides K-12 students with public library accounts.

**How has a library's traditional role as the "home" for research changed with the internet and the fact that, with a smartphone, most of us have libraries in our pockets?**

The role of Reference Librarians has certainly evolved over the years, especially with the rapid growth of online content, and one thing we do less of these days is answer simple questions that can easily be found online. We're helping patrons with more complex questions and, increasingly, we're showing people how to do something rather than how to find something. We spend a lot of time these days teaching people how to use and troubleshoot technology. We see all sorts of devices at the Reference Desk, and I feel as though we've become tech experts by necessity!

In the age of the internet

and easy access to information, some may wonder whether a library's information services are as vital as they once were. During the last fiscal year, our staff logged more than 16,000 reference transactions, and it's clear that patrons still need help locating and evaluating information, despite (and sometimes because of) the vast amount of information available at our fingertips these days. It's often assumed that everything is available online, but there's a lot of information that hasn't been digitized, or is just not freely accessible. We can help patrons locate this information, whether that means searching for articles in library databases or requesting materials through interlibrary loan. Our ultimate goal is always to connect people with the information they need, whatever form that may take.

**You serve as liaison between the Chatham Community Library and CCCC, on whose campus the library is located. What does that role entail?**

Chatham Community Library is unique in that we're one of three branches in the Chatham County

Public Library system, and we also serve as the library for the Chatham campus of Central Carolina Community College. My main role as liaison to CCCC is supporting students and faculty through reference services and information literacy sessions. I also help to ensure that the college material in our collection is up to date and adequately supports the college's programs. Being located on the CCCC campus puts us in a position to collaborate with departments such as the Human Resources Development program, which has provided employment assistance sessions in the library's computer lab, and NC Works, whose coordinators have taught classes on job searching and creating résumés. I've also worked with the Academic Assistance Center to provide research skills workshops for students outside of formal instruction sessions.

#### What's included in your role in instruction?

One of my roles is overseeing our public computer classes, which are taught by reference staff. Last year we offered 32 classes on a wide range of topics, helping 239 par-

ticipants learn how to use a computer and navigate the internet, use Microsoft programs such as Word and Excel, collaborate using Google Apps, and download free library eBooks through OverDrive.

Digital literacy classes such as these help provide community members with the skills they need to apply for jobs, conduct research, and communicate with others online. We've had patrons come back to tell us that the skills they learned at the library helped them secure jobs or connect with friends and family, and it's always so rewarding to hear about the impact that libraries and library programs can have on people's lives.

My instruction role extends to Central Carolina Community College as well. I teach information literacy classes for students on the Chatham campuses, as well as early college students and high school students who are earning college credit through CCCC. I also serve as the online librarian in sociology courses, ensuring that distance education students receive similar information literacy instruction and research support to those in seated courses.

Along with formal classes, we also provide a lot of informal, one-on-one instruction at the Reference Desk every day. We teach people how to use the library catalog and online resources, navigate job websites, find their next read, print tax forms, download eBooks, and much more.

#### What resources or services does the library offer that someone might be surprised to learn about?

We have such a great variety of programs and services at Chatham County Public Libraries. Most people probably know that the library provides free

computer and Wi-Fi access, a wealth of children's and adult programs and, of course, plenty of reading material! What people tend not to know as much about is all of the amazing online resources they can access with their library accounts. Many of our online resources are available through NC LIVE, which is a collection of over 100 databases and other curated resources that all North Carolina library patrons can access for free with a library card. NC

LIVE contains resources such as Mango Languages for interactive language learning, NoveList Plus for reading recommendations, Auto Repair Source for repair and service guides, and Films on Demand for educational and documentary films. We also have an ever-growing collection of downloadable books, audiobooks, and magazines available through OverDrive.

If you're interested in researching your family history or our local history, check out our Local History & Genealogy (LHG) collection, which includes family histories, church histories, troop lists, census records, and more. You can also access records from across the country and around the world through our genealogy databases: African American Heritage, Ancestry Library Edition, and HeritageQuest. Our dedicated genealogy volunteers provide one-on-one assistance by appointment. In addition to our LHG collection, our North Carolina collection includes titles covering all aspects of the Tar Heel State.

Reference staff are happy to speak with you about any of these resources. Call us at 919-545-8086, chat with us online (look for the orange tab in the corner of our website), or visit us at the Reference Desk to learn more.

# Council on Aging receives Duke Energy storm resiliency food supply grant

#### CN+R STAFF REPORT

PITTSBORO — Duke Energy has awarded the Chatham County Council on Aging a \$5,000 Storm Resiliency Food Supply Grant that will help the local agency offer meals to its clients during weather emergencies.

A formal check presentation took place February 6 at the Council's Eastern Chatham Senior Center, with Indira Everett, District Manager of Government & Community Relations at Duke Energy

presenting the grant award to the members of the Council's Board of Directors.

"We are grateful to Duke Energy for their generous grant, which will help the Council provide frozen and shelf-stable meals to homebound seniors who cannot presently be served on one of our 12 Meals on Wheels routes," said Dennis W. Streets, director of the Council on Aging.

For more information on the Chatham County Council on Aging and its services to seniors, visit their website at www.ChathamCOA.org, or call its Eastern Center at 919-542-4512 or its Western Center at 919-742-3975.

The Chatham County Council on Aging is a nonprofit organization celebrating more than 45 years of serving seniors and their families. Its goal is to help older adults remain living safely at home and stay healthy and active in the community.



Duke Energy presented a \$5,000 storm resiliency food supply grant to members of the Chatham County Council on Aging's Board of Directors Feb. 6 at the council's Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro.

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29 Men's Bocce  
29 Men's Singles/Women's Doubles Tennis  
30 Horseshoes  
30 Bowling  
30 Mixed Doubles Tennis

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2 Cycling  
4 Mixed Doubles/Singles Pickleball  
5 Basketball Shoot & Corn Hole  
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7 Table Tennis

**For More Information:**  
Liz Lahti, 919-542-4512 • [liz.lahti@chathamcoa.org](mailto:liz.lahti@chathamcoa.org)

# Pittsboro approves next stage of Mosaic

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

**PITTSBORO** — The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners has unanimously approved the final plat and individual lots for Phase 1A of Mosaic, a 226-acre and \$500 million mixed used development currently under construction on Russet Run across from Northwood High School in Pittsboro.

The town had previously approved the project's preliminary plan in

August, but the development process mandates a review of the "final plat" was also required.

The first phase will include a 114-room hotel, movie theater, a live performance theater, as well as space for tenants which include Town Hall Burger + Beer, People's Coffee, EDGE Aveda Day Spa, CMG Financial and UNC Urgent Care. There will also be apartments and condominiums available. The anticipated "open date" for Phase 1 is this fall.

According to Pittsboro Town Planner

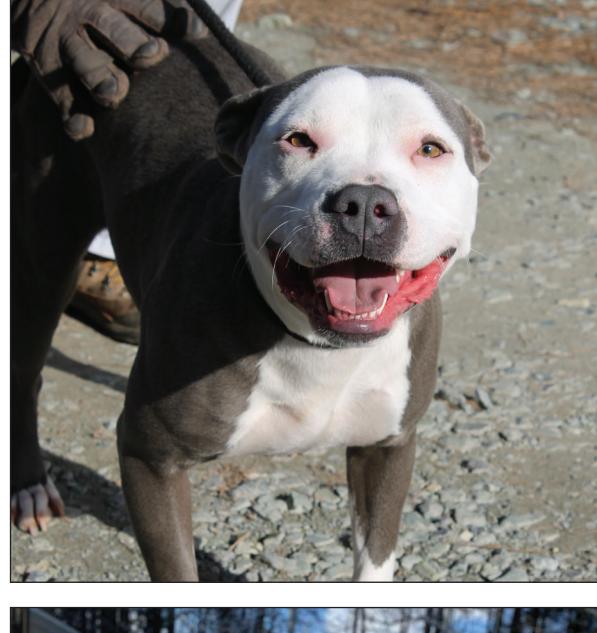
Victoria Baliff, no "significant" changes occurred between the preliminary approval in August and the final plat presented at the board's Feb. 24 meeting, where the final plat was approved. There were questions from the board to Mosaic's developer, Kirk Bradley — a part of the ownership group for the News + Record — for clarity.

For example, Bradley noted that he had purchased additional land adjacent to the project to ensure it would fulfill the "open space" requirements in the

Chatham Park Elements, noting that it could not be allocated for any other project's open space requirement. Bradley also noted that the engineering plans were designed to try to "capture" as much run-off from the impervious surfaces of the development. The site will also include a bus stop for Chatham Transit and several electric car charging stations.

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at [CaseyMann@Chathamnr.com](mailto:CaseyMann@Chathamnr.com).

## Pet of the Week: SIRI



Photos courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Siri, a beautiful 1.5-year-old with a big heart! When Siri first arrived at the Animal Resource Center, she was a very timid and reserved dog. However, after spending a little play time with staff members, Siri blossomed into a playful canine with a loving personality. Siri is very calm and attentive to her humans, soaking up cuddles and affection at every opportunity. She lights up whenever staff take her on walks or bring out toys for playtime, proving she is still a pup at heart. Visitors often comment on Siri's attractive coloring and warm personality. Siri would do best in a peaceful household that balances outdoor activities with lots of doggie snuggles and belly rubs. She is spayed and available for same day adoption! For more information on how to meet or adopt Siri, swing by the office at 725 Renaissance Drive or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an animal resource officer.

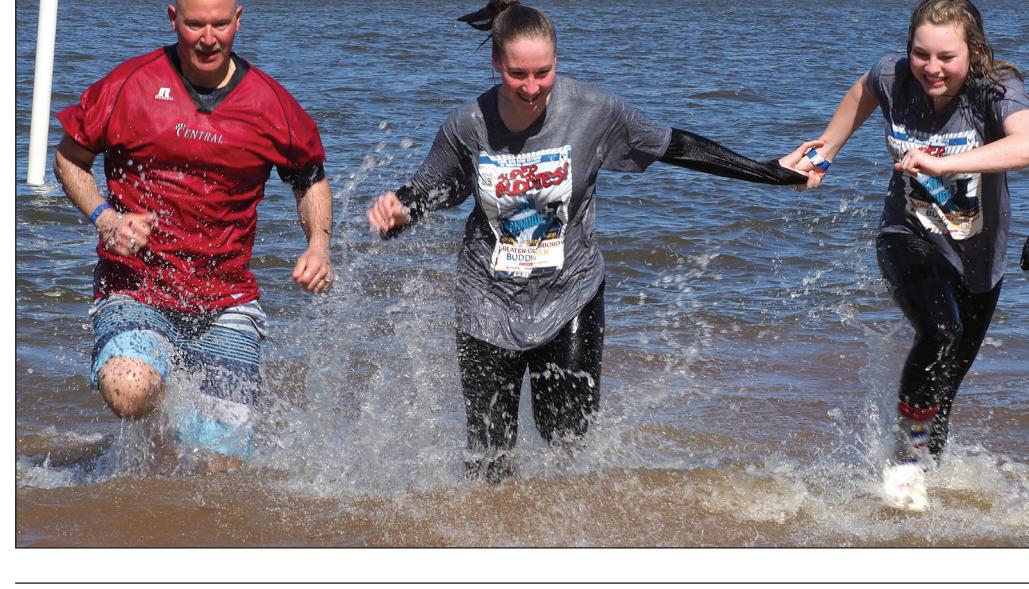
## Polar Plunge!



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**Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson and his wife Annette always begin the Polar Plunge by being the first to plunge or leap into Jordan Lake. More than \$14,000 was raised for the N.C. Special Olympics at this year's event, sponsored in part by the sheriff's office.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks  
**Sheriff Mike Roberson, dressed up as a 'bounty hunter,' poses with Morgan Simmons (middle, with Bryan Henry of the Special Olympics) who raised the most money as an individual at Saturday's Polar Plunge.**



A group of 'plungers' emerge from the frigid waters of Jordan Lake during Saturday's event. Team Chatham Central was made up of (from left) Chatham Central Student Resource Officer Herbie Stubbs, Kaitlyn Barrows and Allison Bender.

Staff photo by Kim Hawks

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Chatham Library hosting writing, Women's History Month events

Chatham Community Library will host a "Writing Out Loud" workshop with local resident and author Gaines Steer at 2 p.m. on March 7 in the Holmes Meeting Room.

This introductory seminar will focus on the art form of creative writing as storyteller and on finding your writer's voice.

Steer holds a Master's Degree in Community Leadership and Development from Springfield College and is a member of the North Carolina Writers' Network and the National Association of Personal Historians. This event is free and open to the public. For questions about this program, please contact Steer at [gainesunicorn@gmail.com](mailto:gainesunicorn@gmail.com).

In celebration of Women's History Month, the library will host a presentation by North Carolina's Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green at 1 p.m. on March 21 at the Holmes Meeting Room.

Green's discussion, "Culture and Personal Experience Inform a Writer's Work," examines oral traditions in her own family. Reading from her poetry, she discusses stories, icons, and idioms as a way of preserving the history and culture of her community, and invites the audience members to recognize their shared humanity.

A native of Orange County, Jaki Shelton Green has been active in North Carolina's literary and teaching community for more than 40 years. She has written eight books of poetry, one play and co-edited two poetry anthologies. She was a 2014 N.C. Literary Hall of Fame inductee and the recipient of the North Carolina Award for Literature in 2003.

Upon her selection as the state's Poet Laureate, Gov. Roy Cooper is quoted as saying, "Jaki Shelton Green brings a deep appreciation of our state's diverse communities to her role as an ambassador of North Carolina literature." Ms. Green is the first African American and third woman to serve as North Carolina's ambassador for poetry and the spoken word.

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events

in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8. In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1988, U.S. presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women's History Month.

Copies of Shelton's books will be available for purchase and signing. This event is free and open to the public. Funding for this program comes from the continued support of the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Center in Pittsboro. This workshop is an all-day event that will provide research-based info to market growers and gardeners.

Agenda:  
• Blackberry Production — Gina Fernandez — Extension Specialist, NC State University — Site selection and prep, high tunnels, varieties, planting, fertility, irrigation, pruning and training, harvesting

• Blueberry Production — Bill Cline — Extension Specialist, NC State University — Site selection and prep, varieties, planting, fertility, irrigation, pruning, harvesting

• Pests of Blackberries & Blueberries — Hannah Burrack — Professor and Extension Specialist, NC State University — Primary pests + integrated pest management

• Diseases of Blackberries & Blueberries — Sara Villani — Plant Pathologist, NC State University & Bill Cline — Extension Specialist, NC State University — Primary diseases + integrated pest management

• Postharvest Handling — Penny Perkins-Veazie — Professor, NC State University — Handling and storage of blackberries and blueberries

• Pollination — Debbie Roos — Agriculture Agent, N.C. Cooperative Extension — Primary pollinators of blackberries and blueberries

• Small Fruit Resources — Debbie Roos — Agriculture Agent, N.C. Cooperative Extension — Plant nurseries, production guides, websites, etc.

• Q & A Panel

Advance registration is required for this workshop. The registration deadline is March 10.

Call 919-542-8244 or email [debbie.roos@chathamnc.org](mailto:debbie.roos@chathamnc.org) if you have questions.

Visit [growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/01/register-now-for-blackberry-blueberry-production-workshop/](http://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/01/register-now-for-blackberry-blueberry-production-workshop/) for more details and to register.

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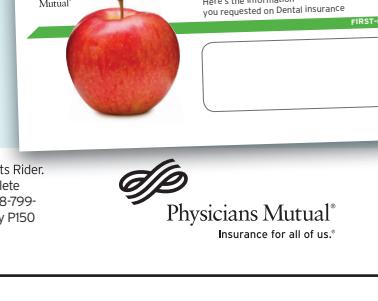
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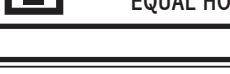
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currently seeking a Data Analyst for the Asheboro Office. Successful candidate will preferably have a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science or equivalent experience. To apply go to <https://www.randolphemc.com/careers>. Open Until Filled. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or veteran status. F13,20,27,M5,4tc

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## LEGALS

### 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 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

### 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 their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

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,M5,4tp

### 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 decedent 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 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 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 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.

Joann Allred, Executrix of The Estate of Jack Allred

Post Office Box 665  
Siler City, North Carolina 27344  
F20,F27,M5,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED and been duly appointed as executor of the Estate of **ALLEN EUGENE DOYLE**, 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 their recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 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 decedent 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  
F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

### 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. 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

#### 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.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JOHN FRANCIS**

206 Olde Salem Drive

Jamestown, NC 27282  
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**20 E 77**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **DELORA 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 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  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**20 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 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  
F27,M5,M12,M19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**2020 E 78**

**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the

**on Mar. 16, 2020 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom** located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:

Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §147 Table of Permissible Uses (motor vehicle repair/maintenance outside completely enclosed structure, motor vehicle painting/body work/towing, and storage outside completely enclosed structure within C-C & G-C zoning districts), §168 Residential Density (C-C zoning district), and §172 Building Height Limitation (O-I zoning district) of the UDO.

The proposed items are 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 comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on Mar. 9 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board.

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2. A legislative public hearing for a request from Bold Development Group, LLC for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Section 10.12.F Exterior Boundary Setbacks for mixed use developments to reduce the setback to 50' for surface parking when the property adjoins US 15-501.

Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions.

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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons having claims against **RICHARD FENTON SMITH** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 15th day of January, 2020, are notified to present them to Alexander Fenton Martson, Executor of the Estate of Richard Fenton Smith in c/o David R. Frankstone, 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 June 11, 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 Richard Fenton Smith. Those indebted to Richard Fenton Smith are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.  
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834

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the North side of said Highway J.B. Stout's new corner, thence with Stout's line N. 11 deg. E. 313' 6" to an iron stake another corner with Stout, thence on with his line S. 38 deg. E. 280' 6" to a iron stake in Austin Roger's line, thence with Roger's line S. 11 deg. W. 313' 6" to a point of the Beginning, and containing 2 acres more or less. Being the property in Deed from J.B. Stout to Phillip and Shirley Hill dated 9/23/1963 and recorded 9/27/1963 in Book 290 Page 439 Chatham County Registry. Tax ID: 0000726. Tax Map Reference: 0000726

Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at **4844 Silk Hope Liberty Road, 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, or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29

in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination.

Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

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Fayetteville, North Carolina  
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[https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com](http://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com)  
Case No: 1288766 (FC.FAY)  
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Town of Goldston will submit a request to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure (the Division) for the release of funds under Community Block Development Grant for Infrastructure (CDBG-I) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Activities being conducted as part of the Phase II Sewer System Improvements Project for which the funds are being requested are described below.

#### Purpose and Need of Project:

The project will provide access to a centralized sewer system for 28 homes and businesses. There are currently six confirmed failed septic systems within the project area, and providing sewer system access will protect public health, downstream surface waters, and groundwater in the area from hazards associated with failed and failing septic systems.

#### Project Description:

The project will install approximately 3,400 LF of 8-inch gravity sewer line along Pittsboro Goldston Road and Pinecrest Drive in Goldston, NC. This gravity sewer will flow to a new pump station located at the southern end of Pinecrest Drive. The wastewater will then be pumped approximately 3,400 LF through a 4-inch force main before discharging into an existing manhole on Pittsboro Goldston Road.

#### Estimated CDBG-I Funding Amount:

\$1,999,950.00

Other Funding Source(s): N/A

Other Funding Amount(s) (if applicable): N/A

#### Finding of No Significant Impact

**Impact** - The Town of Goldston has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and may be examined at the Goldston Post Office at 610 E Goldbar Avenue, Goldston, NC 27252 and at the Goldston Public Library at 9235 Pittsboro Goldston Road, Goldston, NC 27252. It may be copied at the Goldston Public Library Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., Thursdays from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M., Fridays from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., and Saturdays from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

#### Public Comments

- Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Michael Wicker, PE, the designated officer responsible for receiving and responding to comments, at [mwicker@withersravenel.com](mailto:mwicker@withersravenel.com) or at the address listed below.

All comments received by March 19, 2020 will be considered by Town of Goldston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

Michael Wicker, PE, WithersRavenel, 115 MacKenan Drive, Cary, NC 27511

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required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;

3. The grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Division; or

4. Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Julie Cubeta, Supervisor, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1633 or [julie.cubeta@ncdenr.gov](mailto:julie.cubeta@ncdenr.gov)

Potential objectors should contact the Division at 919.707.9189 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Timothy J. Cunnup, Mayor

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Michael Wicker at 919-469-3340 or at [WithersRavenel](mailto:WithersRavenel), 115 MacKenan Drive, Cary, NC 27511 for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Michael Wicker al 919-469-3340 o en [WithersRavenel](mailto:WithersRavenel), 115 MacKenan Drive, Cary, NC 27511 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### 20 E 632

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **PAUL GOLDS顿 BRIGHT** 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 June 5, 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 28th day of February, 2020.

Carol Ann Wynne,

Limited Personal Representative

30060 Benbury

Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### 20 E 632

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **PAUL GOLDS顿 BRIGHT** 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 June 5, 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 5th day of March, 2020.

Randall Glenn Bright, Executor

1125 River Forks Rd.

Sanford, NC 27330

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### 20 E 112

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Co-Limited Personal Representatives of the Estate of **KATIE LEIGH SANDERS** 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 June 5, 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 5th day of March, 2020.

Co-Limited Personal Representatives:

1. Clyde Gilbert Sanders

PO Box 4

Siler City, NC 27344

2. Frederick D. Sanders

PO Box 1184

Pittsboro, NC 27312

3. Jerry L. Sanders

3949 US 64 W

Pittsboro, NC 27312

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#### NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 4, 2020

Town of Goldston, PO Box 527,

Goldston, NC 27252-0527, 919-

469-3340

These notices shall satisfy two

separate but related procedural

requirements for activities to

be taken by the Town of

Goldston.

#### Request for Release of Funds

At least one day after the end

of the Comment Period, the

#### TOWN OF PITTSBORO

#### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE ON THE

#### FY 2020-2021 BOARD RETREAT

March 7, 2020, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### MEETING ROOM LOCATED AT

65 East Street, Pittsboro, NC

27344

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### 20 E 115

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JOSEPH ALBERT GILBERT** 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 June 5, 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 5th day of March, 2020.

Joshua Bailey Gilbert,

Administrator

3735 Bonlee-Bennett Rd

Bear Creek, NC 27207

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