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A CACKALACKY TALE

How a saucy local side-gig led to an extra kick for food everywhere

‘It felt really organic, the way the community just seemed to get what we’re doing’

BY PRESTON LENNON
News + Record Correspondent

PITTSBORO — Around the turn of the century, Page Skelton was working a corporate job at a telecommunications company in Research Triangle Park. In his spare time, though, he was concocting the recipe for a sauce that would eventually be tasted around the country.

He bottled it in Mason jars and sold it to his office buddies. “I was doing what I thought I was supposed to be doing, and that was working my way up the corporate ladder,” Page said.

One day, his wife Caroline, who was working on her Master’s degree at UNC’s Kenan Flagler Business School, told him that maybe it was time for a change.

“I just picked up the phone one day and said to Page, ‘Hey what if you left your corporate job and did this full time?’ and he quit the next day. So we never looked back,” she said.

Now Page and Caroline, along with their son Harry, 13, are running the hot sauce business Cackalacky out of a warehouse that used to be a Chevrolet dealership in Pittsboro. Made up of just the three of them, the company fulfills internet orders to sauce-lovers all over the country, and Page

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Cackalacky photo by by Matt Krull

Cackalacky’s product line includes a variety of sauces, flavored nuts and even a partnership with the makers of Cheerwine.



Photo courtesy of Cackalacky

Cackalacky founder Page Skelton and his son, Harry, 13, pose near the company’s facility in Pittsboro.

GENE BROOKS

Local historian: Chatham County was a big player in America’s independence

BY BOB WACHS
News + Record Staff

The Fourth of July holiday has come and gone on the calendar but memories — of long-ago and present day — are still with us.

And, says one local historian, had it not been for a turn of events, Chatham County could have played an even bigger role in America’s war for independence from England than it did.

It was July 4, 1776, when representatives from the 13 colonies met in Philadelphia and signed the Declaration of Independence, pledging “our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor” to the cause. But even though the colonies made their case, England wasn’t about to give up her interests without a fight. And a long fight it was — from April 19, 1775, when the Minutemen clashed with British troops at the Massachusetts towns of Lexington and Concord until the English surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1783.

Fast forward to today and you’ll find Gene Brooks living in retirement in Pittsboro, where he taught U.S. history from 1962 until 1991 at both Pittsboro High School and Northwood High. To folks who know him, it’s no surprise that he’s aware of considerable details and information about that war and Chatham County’s role in it

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Chatham County educator and historian Gene Brooks relaxes at his home.

‘Stop Killing Us’ group organizes at Justice Center, denounces white supremacy

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
AND CHAPEL FOWLER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Urging governments across the country to recognize and bring an end to a “cycle of white supremacist terrorism that historically raises its ugly head,” the Rev. Curtis Gatewood led a demonstration by the STOP Killing Us group Saturday at the Chatham County

Justice Center.

The hour-long event, held on the morning of July 4, drew about a dozen spectators, who filtered in as Sam Cooke’s “A Change Is Gonna Come” played over two loudspeakers. They watched from nearby sidewalks as Gatewood and other organizers addressed them from a podium on the courthouse steps.

Speakers noted the need for “true independence” for Black

Americans, referencing the Independence Day holiday, and several emphasized God’s justice and judgment in their calls to fight white supremacy. Next to the podium, organizers stood in Black Lives Matter T-shirts and held red stop signs featuring SKU, the group’s acronym, and a large black banner with contact information.

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THE CN+R Q&A DR. DERRICK JORDAN

What’s the plan for Chatham schools?

CCS superintendent talks re-opening the ‘learning gap,’ options

In this exclusive interview, Chatham County Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan discusses the current plans surrounding the reopening of Chatham County

Schools. Currently, no statewide strategy has been announced, but Gov. Roy Cooper announced last Wednesday his administration would release plans soon. In this Q&A, the News + Record talked with the superintendent about potential plans, remote learning, and more. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

NEWS + RECORD: Governor Cooper announced this week that his administration would be announcing a statewide directive for reopening soon and encouraged administrators to continue working on safe plans

for reopening. This is obviously a really complicated issue with lots of moving pieces. Could you share with us what Chatham County Schools current plan for schools to restart is, whether that’s on an August 17 date or another date?

SUPERINTENDENT DERRICK JORDAN: I would say first, there is no concrete plan. As you noted, the governor has directed the public officials to prepare for all three of the options that have been presented. Option A, which people probably see more as a return to normal, though I don’t think we’ll ever return to normal again. And Plan B is a plan that would allow some face to face but with greatly reduced density — no greater than 50% of maximum occupancy is the number that has been used, and then option C, which we have just experienced from March to June, will be virtual.

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CORA combats stress inside and out

‘To say we’re stressed out is kinda an understatement’

BY OLIVIA ROJAS
News + Record Staff

Editor’s note: This is the second in a series of stories about how stress is impacting Chatham County during COVID-19. According to research conducted by Body-Nutrition.org, North Carolina is the third-most stressed state in the country.

The notion of food insecurity — not knowing where your next meal might come from — is stressful enough, but the COVID-19 pandemic has

packed a double whammy at the Chatham Outreach Alliance: a record number of new clients, many of whom have never sought assistance before, and a smaller group of staff and volunteers working to answer the call.

The Chatham Outreach Alliance (CORA) has the mission of providing food to individuals and families within the Chatham community who are in need. Many in the community are facing hardships due to the pandemic — which has

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ANNOUNCING ‘CHATHAMLIFE’ News + Record teams with Chamber on new local magazine

CN+R Staff Report

Get ready for “chatham-life.”

The inaugural edition of this lifestyle magazine is being produced by the Chatham News + Record in partnership with the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, and when it’s published later this year, it’ll be the highest-circulation magazine of its kind in the county.

“Chathamlife” magazine will dive deep into our vibrant community with in-depth features and snapshots showing how we live — and what you might want to do to make your own Chatham life even more rewarding,” News + Record Publisher Bill Horner III said. “It’ll bring you the best in arts and culture, business and industry, food and dining, education and community, plus a lot more.”

The magazine is being

written and designed by the News + Record and the newspaper’s special projects editor, Chip Pate. Pate was the original designer and writer of the former “Chatham Living” magazine published by The Sanford Herald when Horner was publisher there. The earliest editions of Chatham Living received special recognition from the North Carolina Press Association as among the best niche publications produced by a newspaper across the state.

“Chip lives in Pittsboro and is working to make chathamlife the most informative lifestyles magazine Chatham readers can get,” Horner said.

The magazine will be distributed to News + Record subscribers and readers, through the Chamber of Commerce and its members and in various loca-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events are subject to change based on closures due to coronavirus. Verify with organizers prior to events.

ON THE AGENDA

The Chatham County Board of Education will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on July 16 at the Central Services Board Room located at 369 West St., in Pittsboro. For more information on how to attend, contact CCS Public Relations Coordinator John McCann at jmccann@chatham.k12.nc.us.

CANCELLATIONS

The Family Reunion for the William Lineberry (Billy) Poe and Adlaide Hackney Poe Family has been canceled this year due to the coronavirus.

Chatham County Council on Aging: both centers are closed at this time until further notice. If you need to pickup supplies, call the Siler City or Pittsboro location or check our website: chathamcoa.org.

Chatham County Historical Museum: For the safety of visitors and volunteers, the Chatham County Historical Museum is closed until further notice. See our website: https://chatham-history.org.

Chatham Community Library: Closed to the public at this time.

State Employees Credit Union (SECU) branches statewide have temporarily transitioned to drive-thru only. Members who need to access safe deposit boxes, drop off tax return information, or inquire about a loan should call the branch to schedule an appointment.

THURSDAY

The Pittsboro Farmers Market

is open with seasonable items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East St., Pittsboro.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church provides 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.

FRIDAY

A drive-thru food drive to benefit CORA will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 20 at Connolly Walker's State Farm office located at 11470 US 15-501 N, Suite 105 in Chapel Hill. Volunteers will be masked so it is a contact-free opportunity to make food contributions.

The Racial Justice Task Force of the 18th Judicial District (Chatham/Orange) of the N.C. State Bar will host a community conversation for all Chatham residents from 10-11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 10. The topic is "Racial Justice in Chatham's Criminal Justice System." Numerous public officials and nonprofit leaders will speak to this topic from their perspectives. Facilitators will then invite all Chatham residents to join the discussion of those and other topics.

UPCOMING

Chatham Community Library will offer free classes on Microsoft PowerPoint and resume writing in July. While the library is closed, all classes will be presented virtually via GoToMeeting. A description of each class and a registration link can be found at www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses. Resume Writing at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 20, Microsoft PowerPoint Basics, Part 1 at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, Microsoft PowerPoint Basics, Part 2 at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29. For more information, call 919-545-8086 or email reference@chathamlibraries.org. A

full list of upcoming programs can be found on the library's events calendar.

Carolina Farm Credit is now accepting applications for the 12th year of the Ag Biz Planner program and the 5th year of the Ag Biz Basics program. These e-learning courses teach financial and business planning, budgeting, and other farm management topics that are essential to a farm's success. Carolina Farm Credit will accept up to five participants for each program. All applications are due July 15. The program will begin with a kickoff webinar on September 21. The course will conclude with a conference in Raleigh, on January 6&7, 2021. Applications, a course outline, and program information are available at carolinafarmcredit.com/about/resources/educational-programs. Individuals selected for the program will be notified after August 15.

ALSO HAPPENING

The Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift Shop reopened for shopping. Face coverings will be required. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. We have a store full of adult summer clothing and accessories! Donations NOT accepted at this time. We are located in Pittsboro, on the Courthouse Circle, beside the Roadhouse. All proceeds support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

Descendants of Horton High School Alumnus or attendee of Horton High School are eligible to apply for the Horton High School Alumni Association Scholarship for 2019-2020. High school graduates, college students, and graduate students are encouraged to apply on the HHSAA website: hortonhighalumni.com. Deadline for application has been extended to August 1, 2020 due to COVID-19.

Girl Scouts offers Virtual Summer

Activities to Girls in Central and Eastern North Carolina with Virtual Day Camps and other events and activities available for girls to partake in safely, both indoors and outside. Girls and parents can learn more about the GS-NC-CP Beyond Summer Program by visiting the Girl Scouting at Home page on nccoastalpines.org. In addition to GS-NCCP offerings, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) has launched the Girl Scout Camp Adventures at Home Marketplace with even more opportunities for girls to get outdoors from home, and families are encouraged to explore those as well. These opportunities are available to all girls, not just Girl Scouts, and financial assistance is available to those with a need so that all girls are able to benefit from outdoor experiences this summer.

With COVID-19 sweeping the country, artists' livelihoods are being challenged like never before. The Chatham Arts Council has put together a relief effort specifically for artists and arts-workers called CAARE: Chatham Artist and Arts-Worker Relief Effort. For more information on CAARE, or to donate, visit ChathamArtsCouncil.org.

JMArts hosted a JMACorona-Concert via Twitter featuring performances submitted by JM students and faculty. Concerts can be viewed on its Twitter account @JMArts and by using the hashtags #JMACoronaConcert performances and #JMA-CoronaConcert program.

Adult Volunteers Needed at Chatham Hospital in Siler City, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Siler City and part of the UNC Health Care System. All prospective volunteers must complete an on-line application, a criminal background check, an orientation and have documentation of required immunizations. To learn more go to: www.chathamhospital.org/ch/about-us/volunteer.

Volunteers Needed — Nonprofit agencies in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many

projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, and care for animals. Chatham Connecting website lists many volunteer opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Scout News

Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information. Pack 924 of Siler City First U.M.C. meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts. Pack 900 in Bear Creek meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Meroney's U.M.C., following the school calendar. See http://pack900.com for more information.

Two events set to address racism, reconciliation

CN+R Staff Report

Two Chatham-based organizations will host events this week — one online, one in person — to address the issues of systemic racism and reconciliation.

On Friday, the Racial Justice Task Force of the 18th Judicial District is partnering with Chatham government and nonprofit leaders to host a virtual community conversation on racial justice in Chatham's criminal justice system. Founded in 2015, the Racial Justice Task Force works to understand how racial minorities are disproportionately represented in the criminal and juvenile justice system.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic and limits on gathering sizes, the event will take place over the Zoom video conference platform from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration for the event is required, but anyone who registers can attend.

N.C. Rep. Rep. Robert Reives II, Chatham Sheriff Mike Roberson and Hispanic Liaison founder Ilana Dubester are among a group of speakers who will talk about racial justice from their perspectives. Following the speakers, facilitators will invite Chatham residents to join the discussion.

Karen Howard, the chairperson of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and one of the scheduled speakers at the event, said she's grateful for the opportunity to have a collaborative conversation with people involved in different racial justice efforts in the community.

"My hope is that we will hear things from each other that are helpful but that also that we will not look at this as a one-off event — that we will recognize that there's work to be done, and we probably

need to keep having these kinds of conversations, and perhaps even committees arise out of those conversations that do work, research and bring information back to the groups represented by the speakers," she said.

Guided discussion in the event will include focus on the causes of race-based disparities in criminal justice, filling systemic and institutional gaps to eliminate inequality and setting

community goals. For more information or to preregister to participate in the event, go to: https://unc.zoom.us/j/6066666666/register/tJlQdO6rp-jMhN1W6xqJ1sQ9Jm5Y-0WfqwL

The following day, on Saturday, Chatham's Community Remembrance Coalition is sponsoring an in-person gathering where multiple speakers will call for support and action towards truth,

justice and reconciliation.

The event will take place at the Justice Center behind the historic courthouse in Pittsboro beginning at 4 p.m.

The Community Remembrance Coalition Chatham is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization made up of black and white citizens of Chatham County working together to foster equal justice for all of the county's citizens. The group is calling for a full accounting of the

county's racial history, public recognition of that history, memorialization of the victims of six lynchings in the county and, through recognition and acknowledgment of this history, further racial reconciliation within the county.

"More people in Chatham County need to learn the past history about what has taken place, so going forward we can have a better relationship among black, white

and brown citizens," said Mary Nettles, the president of the Chatham Community branch of the NAACP. "We need a county that works for everyone, no matter how or when we got here."

In addition to Nettles, scheduled speakers include the Rev. Carl Thompson, Chatham Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Charles Gardner and a number of elected officials. Social distancing and masks are required at the event.

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tions throughout Chatham County. Horner said total distribution will be at least 8,000 copies.

Businesses interested in advertising in the publication contact Dawn Parker of the News + Record via email at dawn@chathamnr.com or by calling 919-930-9668.

Most of the magazine’s premium ad positions have already been sold, Horner said.

Meanwhile, work on the 2021 edition of another News + Record specialty publication — Chatham 411 — is under way. The magazine-style publication, created in partnership with the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, serves as a community almanac with sections on the arts, business, education, government, services, homes, recreation, seniors, wellness and more.

“Our first edition of Chatham 411 was a real hit with readers and advertiser,” Horner said. “We’ve created this to be Chatham County’s go-to resource guide if you need to find critical information fast. There’s no other

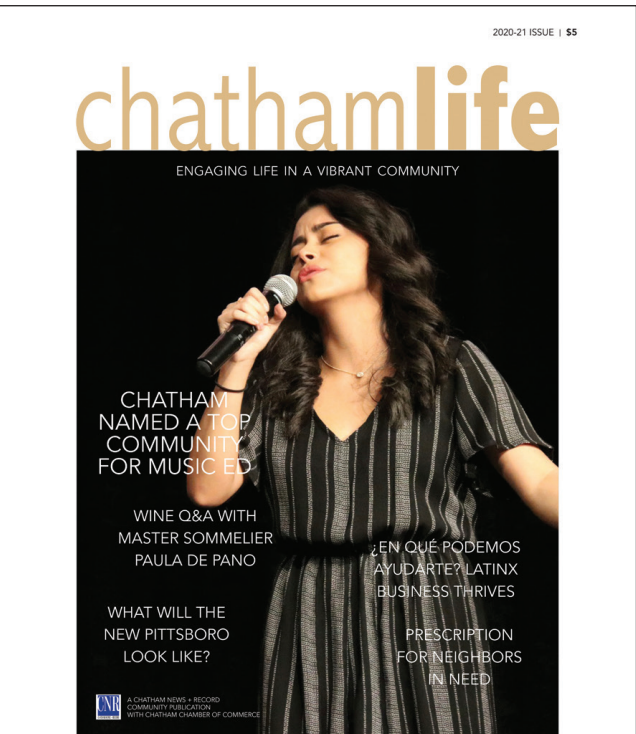
single-source publication to go to get this kind of content, and we’re delighted to have Alyssa Byrd and the EDC are working with us on this project.”

As with chathamlife, at least 8,000 copies of Chatham 411 will be delivered to News + Record readers and placed in public spaces throughout Chatham and replenished throughout the year. Chatham 411 — a 10-inch by 10-inch publication with a glossy cover and heavy-stock inside pages — will also be available digitally.

“We’ve all gotten used to going to Google to find information we need,” Horner said, “but this will be a finger-tip guide to find out what you need to know about Chatham County faster and more convenient. Another main benefit of Chatham 411 is that even long-time residents of Chatham County will learn about resources within our borders they didn’t know existed.”

For information about that, or other advertising opportunities, call Park, or call Horner at 919-774-2728.

For a limited time, businesses which advertise in both publications can take advantage of a 25% discount.



The first edition of chathamlife, a new magazine produced by the News + Record in partnership with the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, will be published later this year. Here’s a prototype of the first cover.

SAUCE

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attributes much of their luck and success to their decision to settle down in Chatham County.

“It felt really organic, the way the business community and the local community at large just really seemed to get what we’re doing,” he said.

“It didn’t require any explaining,” added Caroline.

Back in the days when Page was still making and bottling the sauce himself, he took a few jars to a party to share with his friends.

“We’re standing around the fire pit and one of my buddies is like, ‘Hey man, pass me some of that Cackalacky sauce.’”

Page froze. “What’d you call it?” he responded.

The name stuck, and the family trademarked it soon after that. Years later, Page now sees Cackalacky bumper stickers on cars while he’s stuck in traffic, and thinks about how lucky he is that Caroline convinced him to leave that telecommunications job.

“We’re not just some



Photo courtesy of Cackalacky

The Pittsboro company has partnered with its neighbor — Aromatic Roasters — adjacent to its warehouse for a line of coffee beans.

multinational conglomerate putting some stuff in a bottle or on a t-shirt or wherever, saying ‘buy our stuff and your dollars go somewhere,’” Page said. “You’re actually supporting our family.”

The company’s flagship product, Cackalacky Spice Sauce, is made with sweet potatoes and the brand’s “secret spice.”

“It’s not incredibly hot, which is kind of the whole point,” Page said, but then added, “A lot of people would say, ‘Hey

man, you got anything hotter than that?’”

So they worked up the Cackalacky Hotter Sauce, with Carolina Reaper peppers that provide an extra kick.

When Page decided to devote himself to his new business, he spent years hustling around the country at trade shows — in Baltimore, Austin, Houston, New York and other cities — where he would pitch his sauce to customers. They were asked to cook for the Panthers

Super Bowl tailgate party in 2004, and were able to start selling their products and merchandise at the then-popular, but now-closed Chapel Hill food store Southern Season.

Page credits Caroline and her business savvy for the brand’s explosion. She once offered him a piece of advice that would go on to define their route forward.

“Caroline said to me years ago, if you want to stay in business, you’re gonna focus on selling locally,” he said.

And so they did. They moved the operation from Chapel Hill to Chatham County, where they’ve been stationed for nearly a decade, and Page said he’s proud of the ties he has built with the community.

“I don’t know if it’s a case of Pittsboro aligning with fate or providing more opportunities for us, or both. It felt like people here really got what we’re doing,” he said. “People recognizing each other and lifting each other up, and that’s what’s been great about Chatham County. It just feels right here.”

A few years ago, Page said he launched an expansion with “a big box chain” that put him in 13 locations across a few southern states, but when that led to him and his family not seeing each other as much, they decided that bigger is not necessarily better.

“Part of our success is knowing when to say no,” he said. “It’s a balance between taking advantage of opportunities, and not just jumping on any opportunity that comes along.”

Page started Cackalacky as an adventurous side-gig. It soon became his career, and now, for Caroline and him, it’s a generational pursuit. Their son Harry is

involved in the business, pitching ideas for products and helping with social media outreach, and they look forward to the day when they can pass the reins to him.

“It went from a kind of whimsical idea,” Page said, “to this adventure seeking quest, to a little more humble ends, to now —”

“Now we’re looking at it as, ‘Could it be generational?’” Caroline added.

Harry completes the team of three, who by themselves handle most of the business’ needs.

“I’m looking forward to eventually taking control and actually running the company one day once I’m an adult,” Harry, a rising 8th-grader at Pollard Middle School, said.

Cackalacky has defined its place in the community by teaming up with other local businesses. Together with Bear Creek Brews, they make Cackalacky Hot Red-Rye, and donate a portion of the sales proceeds to CORA, the Chatham Outreach Alliance, which provides food to those in need in the county.

With Cheerwine, they developed a “sweet ‘n savory ‘tomato based’ dipping-grilling sauce & marinade,” made with both the Cheerwine formula and the “secret Cackalacky spice blend,” according to the company’s website.

In the executive boardroom of Cheerwine’s headquarters in Salisbury, Page pitched the soda brand on a one-time collaboration, but left the meeting with an agreement to start a longstanding partnership.

“We just really hit it off with the folks at Cheerwine,” Page said.

Both companies are family-owned N.C. businesses. He said when the deal was struck, that was the moment in which “we went

from having big dreams to realizing big dreams.”

Cackalacky collaborates on a coffee blend with Aromatic Roasters — located next door, just north of Pittsboro — and the “Cackalacky Chop” sandwich is available at 22 Biscuitville locations.

The company’s sauces and nuts are available at Lowes Foods, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Wegmans and Publix. Locally, Cackalacky products can be found at a number of locations throughout North Carolina, like the Chatham Marketplace, Carolina Brewery, Carolina Cravings and Pittsboro Feed. Products can be bought online at cackalacky.com.

Despite the economic effects the COVID-19 pandemic has had on county businesses, Cackalacky has managed to power through the changing times. Their business model is widely built around internet orders and deliveries, so it’s been able to withstand the pressure.

“We’ve definitely seen an uptick in the grocery business since people are eating at home,” Caroline said. “We’ve been O.K. We haven’t had too much of an interruption, just some changes.”

Despite his transformation from selling mason jars of homemade sauce on his lunch breaks, to collaborating with Cheerwine and other staples of N.C. business, Page likes to think humbly about his business, and above all, he just loves to make sauce.

“I don’t know if I had the idea to start a business, or if I just wanted to make a really good sauce,” he said. “I’ve never taken the time to analyze our customer data, but it’s a pretty broad spectrum of people, and I feel the same way about Chatham County.”



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7/11 Will Smith	7/11 Stone Dolls
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9/12 Tim Stelmat	9/12 Brick City KO
10/10 Robert Watson	10/10 Rob Matthews
11/14 Chad Spivey	11/14 Whiskey Revival











VIEWPOINTS

The Segway will soon be history. I’ll miss it.



BILL HORNER III
Publisher + Editor

There’s some good-natured debate (or ribbing) within my immediate family (meaning my kids — I mean, my wife thinks I’m good at everything) about my various and sundry skillsets, or lack thereof.

The older I get, my children will tell you, the better I used to be. But there’s one thing about which there’s no disagreement: I can ride me some pretty good Segway.

The fact that I’ve done it just four times in my life has little bearing on that ability. I chalk it up as a natural gift. I can do more than just get around on one of those two-wheeled, self-balancing personal transportation devices.

I can almost make one fly. Well, scratch the word “fly.” Let’s just say “dance.” I’m recalling the famous New York Times headline from September 2010 which read, “Owner of Segway Company Dies in a Segway Accident,” detailing the death of millionaire British businessman James W. Hes-

elden, who, while touring his West Yorkshire property on a Segway, plunged over a cliff to his demise.

Heselden — a witness later said he went airborne over the cliff after backing up his scooter to make room for a passing dog walker — didn’t invent the Segway. A genius named Dean Kamen did, releasing the first device in 2001 to great fanfare. At the time, Segways were so highly hyped that even Steve Jobs of Apple fame said they would be more popular than the personal computer. Kamen himself said the Segway would be “to the car what the car was to the horse and buggy.”

That didn’t pan out. Aside from use in the tourism and law enforcement industries — and despite a boost from the “Paul Blart: Mall Cop” films and Weird Al Yankovic’s wickedly funny “Ridin’ Nerdly” music video — only about 140,000 Segways were ever sold. With the recent announcement that current owner Ninebot would finally stop production on the devices next week, I was reminded that part of my master-level skill has to do with the fact that I literally learned to ride a Segway the hard way.

My first foray into the world

of Segway was about eight years ago during a trip to the California coast. In San Diego, my wife Lee Ann and I sought out interesting sight-seeing excursions; touring the famous Balboa Park and harbor area of that naval town on a Segway sounded ideal.

It can’t be that hard, I thought.

Turns out it wasn’t, but if you’ve never ridden a Segway, understand that operating one is a bit counter-intuitive. Your feet act as the gas pedal (put your weight on your toes to go forward, on your heels to go backward; the more pressure, the higher your speed) and you steer mostly by leaning. Your hands serve little function, and there’s no brake. It’s a nuanced way to get around.

Our San Diego experience began with a training course which included a 10-minute safety video, the highlight of which was an endless collection of animated riders having a wide variety of wild mishaps and crashes — interspersed with “this could happen to you, too, if you screw up” warnings.

Next was a brief test drive in an alleyway about the size of one-car garage. Once you could demonstrate you could stop and dismount the device without

hurting yourself or others, you passed.

That was all a piece of cake, but it got scary quickly when it was finally time to head out. Upon leaving the tour office near the San Diego harbor, we rolled a half a block along an uneven sidewalk before turning left and going uphill — UP-HILL! — on a steep, steep ride, six or seven blocks as I recall, toward Balboa.

It was baptism by fire. Picture it: a single-file line of Segway neophytes rolling slowly up a 20-degree incline, stopping and idling at every intersection (easy with practice, but fraught with the potential energy and disaster from a slight misstep), navigating around bumps and hazards and, once we were finally in the park, skirting moving, living obstacles — other park visitors, at least one of whom of whom alternately talked to himself and hurled insults as he shuffled beside us.

That somewhat terrifying introduction ended up with no injuries in our small (eight, if I remember correctly) group and had the benefit of instilling confidence in us for the rest of our tour. By the time we headed back downhill to the tour office, a few of us took

to showing off our skills with rapid bursts of acceleration and sudden stops, as well as a few pirouettes when our guide wasn’t looking.

My other Segway experiences also involved taking tours while on vacation: in downtown Nashville, in a trendy Asheville tourist area, and in historic St. Augustine, Florida, on what turned out to be one of the coldest days on record there. That was particularly fun; the flat, open terrain gave us lots of chances to go really fast, but I think it was probably the closest I ever came to frostbite.

In each of these subsequent trips I proved to be increasingly adept. I could ride circles — literally and figuratively — around my kids and the other tourists, and could accelerate quickly and then stop on a dime.

I don’t know what’ll become of Segway tourism expeditions. I hope they continue. My kids already think I’m a dinosaur, and I’m not quite ready to retire this particular skill if Segway tours go extinct, too.

Besides, remember the St. Augustine jaunt? It was so cold that day the tour operator gave us a gift card for a free excursion. My skills are declining, so I’d hate to see that go to waste.

Inflection points and the courage to change society



ANDREW TAYLOR- TROUTMAN
Hope Matters

An “inflection point” is the point in a curve in which a change in direction occurs. Lately, the goal has been to “flatten the curve” of the exponential increase in coronavirus cases.

Yet, this time is also an opportunity for Americans to change directions in terms of our police force.

Apocalyptic novelist George Orwell is often credited with the idea that citizens are only able to sleep peacefully at night because there are men with big guns ready to wage violence on their behalf. In the 1950s, the police chief of the LAPD popularized the phrase “thin blue line,” referring to the police force as the only thing standing between order and chaos.

We take it for granted that peace must be maintained at the point of a gun. A candidate would not win a school board election, much less a national election, without claiming that the threat of violence maintains law and order.

But recent videos of police brutality tell another truth. The evidence is clear that people of color have been targeted and terrorized by police officers. Black men, in particular, suffer the most from police brutality, but this violence does not make our country safer for anyone. Think of it this way: The constant threat of violence does not make happy marriages, safe childhoods or dear friendships. Instead of making peace, it is abusive to use violence as a means of control.

There was a time in America when some people peacefully resisted state-sponsored violence. The Underground Railroad was not for trains, but runaway slaves. In antebellum America, a secret network of former slaves and their allies — known as abolitionists — aided and abetted escaped slaves fleeing to the free states in the North. These brave men and women, both black and white, risked their lives to oppose the violence of slave states.

The majority of abolitionists believed that peace — true peace — was created by the social uplift of their fellow human beings. In addition to helping slaves escape, abolitionists met the basic needs of runaways with things such as food, clothing and shelter. Once slaves had safely arrived in the North, abolitionists also provided apprenticeships in job trades so that the newly freed might make a life for themselves and become part of the fabric of society.

Here is a heartbreaking fact: For-profit prisons look at the percentage of Black boys in the third grade when deciding where to build a prison. Modern abolitionists work to break free of these corrupt economic, judicial and legislative systems in order to fund services such as employment training, healthcare and affordable housing. As a democratic society, we should put our money into our people. Investing in the people of lower-income neighborhoods is the best way to ensure safety in our society and to flourish. It is also our moral responsibility.

When I first learned about the Underground Railroad, I used to wonder if I would have had the courage to help runaway slaves. Now I know the real question is will I have the courage to help change modern society? Will I advocate for people of color, for justice for victims of terror and for equal rights for all?

Power over people creates violence that begets more violence. Instead, we can live into a value of empowering people. This represents an inflection point — a change in the values of our society. We must have the courage to change. True peace is not merely the absence of violence, but the presence of harmony, wholeness and unity.

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Clothes are not the only thing that made the man



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

Not so terribly long ago, I was rummaging through my closet searching for some article of clothing; I just don’t remember exactly what it was I was looking for.

It may have been a favorite tie or a shirt that didn’t come equipped with gravy stains on it or even a pair of pants with the stretchy expandable waistband that serves me so well these days.

As I searched here and there through the racks, I came upon an item I had forgotten I had and obviously had not seen in quite some time.

But there it was — hanging on the Clubman coat hanger just as I’d left it some years prior. Still looked good, I thought ... the article of clothing, that is, not me. I turned the pockets inside out to see if I’d squirreled away any money but found only half a stick of gum and some tissues.

But, hey, I thought, I think I’ll try it on. I slipped it off the rack and onto my torso and then remembered why it was living in the back of the closet. It was something I wore when I wore a younger man’s clothes.

But it was still a good looking blazer and the label inside told me why: “Arthurs’ Men’s Shop, Pittsboro, NC.”

I never really got over William Ray closing his shop. After all, he had practically raised me through the world of fashion. After Mama stopped making me go to the bar-

gain basement in Belk in downtown Raleigh to try on jeans and let me slide into teenager years, I became a frequent customer of William Ray’s shop on Pittsboro’s Main Street, a habit that endured through the years as long as I was in town and he was in business.

In addition to the high quality, William Ray offered several other benefits. Along with quality was, I thought, good prices. Actually, he ruined me as a shopper today because I still think shirts should be about \$5 and pants around \$10. I just can’t find them anywhere these days.

The shop also provided other niceties — like the formals we rented in high school for the Junior-Senior Banquet. Today I think the equivalent of that event is something called “the prom” and is an occasion for young ladies to spend a gazillion dollars on an outfit they may wear at the dance for an hour until they leave to go who knows where.

Arthurs’ Men’s Shop was also the place to go when I rented a monkey suit for Shirley’s wedding a few years ago. It was the first time I ever saw those little fasteners with black heads that you used instead of buttons to button your fancy shirt.

William Ray was on the cutting edge of fashion for a small town. I still remember the time I was in the store and he told me of this new fashion product I should try on because it was so lightweight you wouldn’t think you were wearing pants. It was there I slipped on my first pair of polyester pants and they felt so good I bought several then and there. Later I moved

along in the world of high fashion as I purchased my beautiful light blue leisure suit (complete with a matching dark blue shirt with huge collars) from William Ray.

Now as I think of those days I realize that while all those features and more were part of the place, it was really the people I went in to see. At the back of the store was an elevated platform the width of the store. It was only six to eight inches higher than the rest of the store but it had several stuffed chairs and a couch or two just right for sitting and wasting ... er, I mean enjoying, a visit with William or his good wife Gladys or Wade Lemons, a sharp-dressed man in his own right. Many times I was in the store not for a purchase but to visit with those good folks and whoever else happened to be there.

I remember when they laid William Ray to rest at the Methodist Church in Pittsboro several years ago. I would see him around town from time to time, occasionally bumping into him at one of the local eateries, often with one or both of his lovely daughters with him. He always asked about my two brothers since they, too, had dropped a dollar or two with him from time to time in their efforts at looking good.

On the day family and friends said “goodbye” to a good fellow, I wasn’t there. Had planned to be; can’t remember what it was that came up that prevented me from going to the service.

I think I may try another fitting of that sport coat as a token of thanks and respect for William.

Couldn’t hurt.

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Choice should guide school reopening



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If you are among the minority of North Carolinians who haven't supported the expansion of parental choice in education over the past two decades — in the form of charter schools, open enrollment among district schools, and aid to private-school students who have special needs or modest household incomes — the challenge of COVID-19 presents you with an excellent opportunity to reconsider your position.

School choice isn't some scary conspiracy or ideological scheme. It is a basic tool for addressing a practical reality: people are different. One size does not fit all.

Gov. Roy Cooper and his aides are grappling with this reality right now. Faced with the critically important question of

how to reopen North Carolina schools for the fall semester, the administration initially sketched out three options.

Plan A would have all students return to school with "minimal social distancing" (which, in reality, would involve extensive daily precautions that will consume lots of time and resources). Plan B would limit schools to 50% capacity, in effect requiring students to stay at home for at least half the semester through some kind of alternating-day or alternating-week schedule. Plan C would keep schools closed for the semester.

Originally, Cooper set July 1 as the date he would announce which option would be the statewide default. School districts were to be allowed to adopt a more-restrictive plan but not a less-restrictive one. When July 1 arrived, however, the governor flinched. No announcement came.

For many students, parents, educators and employers trying to make plans for August

and beyond, Cooper's delay was infuriating. But it was also unsurprising. North Carolinians have varying needs, perspectives and tolerance for risk. We simply don't agree on school reopening. According to a recent Elon University poll, about a third of North Carolinians agree with Plan A, just over a third with Plan B, and just under a third with Plan C. The views of parents are distributed similarly.

Whatever the statewide policy may be, a significant share of the population will disagree with it — passionately in many cases. That is precisely why there should be no statewide policy, at least not in the way state politicians have been thinking about it up to now.

Based on their comments, it is clear that Cooper and his aides have read the American Academy of Pediatrics guidance on school reopening. They know that, according to the best available evidence, children face an extremely low risk of

suffering serious symptoms from a COVID-19 infection and are very unlikely to transmit the virus to teachers, parents, or other adults.

They also know that if schools do not reopen on a normal schedule, hundreds of thousands of North Carolina children will suffer. Many will fall further behind academically. Some will suffer harm to their physical and mental health. Moreover, many of their parents will be unable to care for them at home without losing income or even their jobs. The state's economic recovery will stall. And the costs will be disproportionately borne by disadvantaged North Carolinians.

As you can tell, I remain firmly convinced that the state's schools would be reopened under a light version of Plan A. But I also know, as do Cooper and his team, that many North Carolinians will disagree. Some parents will refuse to send their children back. They will insist on some

other solution. And they have every right to do so.

Many districts are already planning to offer virtual academies with more robust offerings than the meager fare the schools came up with during the spring shutdown. Private associations and vendors are doing the same, in response to record interest in homeschooling. Some private schools have long offered hybrid schedules, and would welcome new enrollees. The state should expand opportunity scholarships, at least temporarily, to ensure greater access to that option.

I may not agree with the preferences of the more risk-averse parents, but I support their right to choose the publicly funded option they think best for their children. I always have.

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Hail to the Redskins, or what?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

What would Joe Oxendine say to the Washington NFL football team about its nickname?

Oxendine, a proud Lumbee Indian and a personal hero of mine, died in April at the age of 90. He was chancellor of UNC-Pembroke from 1989 to 1999 and served as interim president of Catawba College, his alma mater, in 2011.

Both schools use Indian nicknames for their athletic teams.

Oxendine was an outstanding athlete at Catawba and after graduation played three seasons of minor league baseball.

As a professor for three decades at Temple University, he was recognized as an expert on Indian sports history. In the 1995 edition of his widely praised book, "American Indian Sports Heritage," he wrote, "Neither the highly commercialized nature of professional sports today nor the more casual attitude prevailing in amateur activities captures the essence of Indian sport."

Through sport, he wrote, Indians sought blessings from a higher spirit. Sport that evolved from religious rites retained a spiritual dimension, as seen in the attitude and manner of preparing and participating.

In the book, Oxendine described the games that were a part of everyday life in Indian culture, including lacrosse-type games, running, archery, swimming, snow snake, hoop-and-pole and games of chance. He followed the career of famous athletes such as Jim Thorpe in what he calls the apex of Indian sports during the first three decades of the last century.

As an expert on American Indian sports, he worried about the negative effect of Indian nicknames and mascots on the self-image of their people.

Oxendine grew up in Pembroke but had been away for many years when he returned to lead the university. UNC-Pembroke's nickname is "the Braves." At Oxendine's first basketball game as chancellor, a "Brave" mascot ran out on to the court to excite the crowd. Actually, the mascot was a costumed caricature of an Indian who ran around the court acting like a clown. Oxendine was upset and offended.

But, as he told me later, the local Lumbee Indian sports fans loved the nickname and the clownish mascot. He had to proceed carefully and respectfully. Eventually, the "Brave" mascot was banished and replaced with a red-tailed hawk, a bird revered by Indian people, but acknowledged to be a bit mischievous. Before Oxendine retired, he arranged for a prominent statue of a red-tailed hawk to be erected in the center of the campus to seal the mascot's transition from demeaning caricature to a mischievous but admirable hawk.

The university's athletic teams still use "Braves" as their nickname. Their logo features a brave with a hawk on his shoulder. Because all these representations are dignified and supported by the Lumbee Tribe and surrounding Indian community, the university has avoided controversies and had good answers for NCAA inquiries about Indian-themed nicknames and mascots.

Meanwhile, the owners of the Washington Redskins have resisted years of heavy pressure to change the team's name. In 2013, the current owner, Dan Snyder said, "We'll never change the name. It's that simple. Never — you can use caps."

But times are changing and Snyder may be bending. FedEx, one of the team's financial backers with its name on the stadium where the team plays, is applying pressure. Others such as Pepsi and Bank of America have expressed concern. Nike has removed Redskin items from its online store.

If Oxendine were still alive, could he help Snyder work his way out of the emerging trap? What action would accommodate the pressures for change?

I can dream of Oxendine saying, gently as was always his manner, "Maybe you all could use the red-tailed hawk that won the day for me at Pembroke. Or you could shorten it to just red hawks."

Maybe. Just think.

Hail to the Red Hawks!

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North Carolinians are a recalcitrant people



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

The uncooperative attitudes some are currently exhibiting brings back memories of

North Carolina's history of recalcitrance.

In 1677, Culpeper's rebellion unseated the governor for two years. In protest of Governor Tryon's burdensome taxes, a group named the Regulators engaged in a battle in Alamance County against the Royal Governor. In 1765, colonists in Wilmington held a mock funeral in defiance of the Stamp Act, and we all remember those ladies in Edenton who refused to pay taxes on English tea, substituting a brew steeped from Yaupon leaves. On May 20, 1775, some 80 citizens of Mecklenburg signed the first Declaration of Independence and the 1776 Halifax Resolves was passed by the colonial assembly. The best example was our state's refusal to ratify the 1787 Constitution until a Bill of Rights was attached.

Our independent streak runs deep, but those protests were intended to benefit many, not just a few. Governments func-

tion because of the "consent of the governed." Anarchy results if too many refuse their consent. Currently, our refusal to consent to reasonable restrictions will ensure the coronavirus will spread faster, more will die, and we will further delay the return to more normal times.

Our doctors, nurses and specialists have few tools with which to fight COVID-19. No vaccine is expected to be available for widespread distribution until early next year. There are no therapeutic treatments widely accepted, however the very expensive drug remdesivir is showing modest success. Steroids are less costly and appear to help in other instances.

Responsible scientists, epidemiologists and government leaders are fast to say they are learning more about this virus every day and applying that knowledge to fight it. Their best preventatives at this moment are to avoid close contact with others as much as possible, wear facial coverings and wash hands frequently.

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Everyone is weary from the restrictions, from deaths, the economic chaos and from the disruptions to our lives. We refuse to give credence to conspiracy theories that some in positions of authority are deliberately trying to prolong our agony or distort the data for some personal or political gain. We all want this to go away, which makes it hard to understand those unwilling to cooperate to help make it happen.

trying to prolong our agony or distort the data for some personal or political gain. We all want this to go away, which makes it hard to understand those unwilling to cooperate to help make it happen.

There are still those who refuse to accept the severity of this pandemic or the data compiled by scientists. They must think they can, by sheer determination, avoid COVID-19 and it will go away. They protest and refuse to accept the authority of leaders earnestly striving to do what's best for the most. They cite their rights as reasons not to wear face masks, keep safe distances or any other dictates they don't like.

Here's my spin: I have long admired North Carolinians' independence but am even more proud of our history of pulling together for the common good in times of crisis.

Much of what I see now feels ugly, self-serving, divisive, petulant and uncaring. Remember that people didn't like having to wear seat belts, but they obeyed this and other laws for safety reasons.

The only plan I've heard from those who don't like our governor's executive orders is to just let everything reopen. Ask folks in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Texas what happens when restrictions were relaxed too soon. They are now trying to put the genie back in the bottle and finding it isn't easy to reinstate restrictions.

There is a time for recalcitrance and a time for cooperation. This moment requires cooperation.

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Christmas in July — in 2020

TO THE EDITOR:

Christmas in July began in 1933 in the North Carolina Mountains, Camp Keystone, a girls' camp in Brevard. In 1935 the journal "Recreation" reported the event as a summer camp activity including a parade, carols, gifts and Santa.

Years past Christmases in Julys had Santas in parades, at pool parties, neighborhood and July 4th celebrations, birthdays and weddings. Not this year.

The 1940 movie "Christmas in July" tells the story of a dreamer who enters an advertising jingle for Maxford coffee. He wins through an administrative error. With the winnings, he buys gifts and a wedding ring for his girlfriend. Once the error is discovered he's asked to return the money until it is learned he spent it on others. He won second place and is hired as an advertising executive.

During the 1980s Irish Tourists in the mountains of New South Wales Australia began Christmas in July celebrations. Now it's a very popular celebration in "Down-Under," where it is winter.

In 1987 West Jefferson, Ashe County, N.C., began its Christmas in July festival to promote their Christmas tree farms. The event included a parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus and a Christmas tree judging competition. In 2015 the National Christmas Tree Association recognized Ashe County as the most productive Christmas Tree County in the country. In May of this year the Chamber of Commerce cancelled its Christmas in July event.

Now, because of the COVID-19 pandemic we must find healthy and socially responsible ways to celebrate. Our culture is evolving as we look for new avenues for healthy, joyful, encouraging and loving interactions.

One Santa and Mrs. are planning a hayride in an R.V. park. The Clauses will be with out masks on top of the hay bales. The wagon driver is masked. All of the campers will stay at their R.V. sites. Santa and Mrs. will travel up and down all of the lanes in the campground

greeting all with a "Happy Christmas in July, HO! HO! HO!"

Another example is a virtual video call. You can schedule a five-minute video call with Santa Claus for July 30th. The Capital City Clausus with the North Carolina Friends of Santa Claus are sponsoring an opportunity to have a personal conversation with St. Nick. Their link is: <https://www.capitalcity-clausus.org/jingleinjury>.

Funds raised from "Call with Santa" will go to the Give Play Initiative, the City of Oaks Foundation. For other electronic connections some Santas are doing virtual visits. Google "Santa doing virtual visits" some are free.

We are sharing the Christmas Spirit all year long.

"Happy Christmas in July!"
"Santa" Al Capehart
Pittsboro

Chatham Park's public park story needs clarification

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week's story "Town approves first public park built by Chatham Park" (July 2-8 edition) needs some clarifications.

The article describes this as "the first of seven public parks [Chatham Park] will build before handing them over to the Town of Pittsboro," and later says "As part of the agreement the developer has with the town, the company is to construct seven parks at approved locations spending a minimum of \$500,000 each."

Chatham Park's Master Plan and Elements requires them to provide the land for seven approximately 10-acre public (town) parks, and to propose master plans for the first two, but not to actually "build" any town parks, let alone all seven, and couldn't for \$500,000 each, especially decades from now.

Chatham Park previously agreed to pay \$500,000 towards each of those seven parks, capped at \$3.5 million total, so if they spend more than the minimum on one park that means less in future. Now, Chatham Park Investors suddenly claim

that spending an extra \$1.5 million on this first park (and we don't have the final cost yet) won't affect that minimal funding per park in future.

We don't know yet if this is just marketing cost, or if the developers will want to claim "excess park spending" as on offset against other types of required park land acreage, or as fee waivers under which the town indirectly, and gradually absorbs the extra park cost.

The town couldn't afford the rest of the cost for this first park this early, rather than by the time it would be officially required, three years after the 1,500th housing unit in Chatham Park, around 2027. Chatham Park has stated in writing that the accelerated timeline for construction is in order to have the park open in time for this year's Parade of Homes, to attract homebuyers, which as some Pittsboro Town Board members stated, is not the town's job.

Chatham Park's estimate for annual operation and maintenance was \$150,000 not \$100,000, a 50% increase in the town's budget of previous years for all town parks.

Chatham Park's added future revenues will have to cover all increased town costs, and the town can ill afford a 50% increase in one department's budget, whether a year from now or two, without knowing what the budget impacts of these new developments will be overall.

Liz Cullington
Pittsboro

Let's open our schools

TO THE EDITOR:

In a July 1, 2020, news conference, the governor of North Carolina said, "My number one opening priority is classroom doors." However he remained indecisive with no action plan. Importantly, Dr. Mandy Cohen at the same news conference said, "The emerging scientific evidence is that going to school is less of a risk as we think about the potential spread of COVID-19".

What are the benefits of resuming classroom instruction? Children expe-

rience a structured education by highly trained instructors who motivate/supervise students on a daily basis. African-American and Hispanic families have been especially set back by school closure since internet access does not substitute for the meaningful in-person teaching. Re-entering the classroom allows especially these students more potential for upward mobility to close the achievement gap. Shuttering schools may further widen the education acheivement gap worsened by remote learning.

What are some proposed action plans the governor could implement to begin August classes? Personal Protective Equipment could be offered at each classroom doorway, i.e. face masks and hand sanitizer. Healthy students and teachers could proceed with brick and mortar classroom instruction. Those with underlying health problems could remain at home, teaching and learning remotely via internet. The school system should invest in more teachers rather than more brick and mortar by increasing baseline teacher salaries and hiring more teachers to decrease the number of students per classroom.

Schools should return to a classical curriculum of reading, writing, and arithmetic (the "3R's"), enabling future leadership in society, science and industry. Who can make a persuasive speech, if one cannot write a coherent paragraph? Who can perform critical scientific analysis and write valid results, if one doesn't have a basic science education? Who can build highways, bridges, and buildings if one cannot perform mathematics/physics to understand structural endurance? What retail business can survive, if one cannot effectively advertise and calculate profits/losses? Aforementioned skills require mastery of 3R's, subjects which are being trespassed by ideology creeping into the education curriculum.

If the governor is an education advocate, he should unambiguously proceed to open schools this August.

Frank Dunphy
Pittsboro

You should smile more



RACHEL HOROWITZ

Millennial Musings

Last month, after donating blood for the first time, my significant other found me slumped over in a chair. He asked what was wrong, and I replied, "I'm fine," right before passing out into a puddle. During the (many) minutes the blood drive staff spent reviving me, I apparently uttered an unconscious jumble of "I'm sorry" and "I'm OK." Even though I was clearly not OK.

Before you cautiously skim for gory details, this column isn't about donating blood. It's about that reflex to apologize, and the phrases engrained in young women as soon as they start their careers. It's about why my automatic reactions run contrary to how modern feminism wants me to act.

Because many of us are coming back to an office, let's talk about gender norms in a work environment. The business website Fast Company reported that women who do not act modestly, passively, and warmly are given lower status in the workplace. This is because other staff perceive them as bossy or arrogant.

During my college internships, I can't count how many times I apologized to employees for mistakes that weren't my fault. I just wanted them to accept me, to see me as a hard-working professional. Even at my current job, a healthy environment with many confident female staff (hi guys!), I sometimes sprinkle my emails with "maybe we should" and "hopefully I can" in attempts to seem less intimidating. And of course, using just the right amount of exclamation points.

OK, now you've read this far and realized you once said something to a female coworker like "you should smile more" or "wow, you're a manager?" Maybe you've made a subliminal snub by asking only female staff members to cover receptionist duties or act as your personal secretaries from time to time. Or walking in and assuming the young woman who greets you isn't experienced enough to answer your basic question.

Let's say you didn't mean any harm and were just trying to be polite. I get it — I've been guilty of calling a fellow adult "sweetie" or "dear" at my wit's end. But you are leading by example when you continue using these verbal slights. Female-identifying staff members shouldn't have to weigh the costs and benefits of correcting you every time.

No matter your career fields or workplace experiences, you can and should hold one another accountable. Call out sexist words and phrases when you hear them. Back up your non-abled coworkers if you see them being ignored in meetings. While some of these seem like small issues, they feed into much larger ones like the gender pay gap and un-diverse leadership.

Finally, I will end this column with an (essential) apology to the other blood donors on the bus that fateful day. That super polite, collapsing zombie must have terrified you, but rest assured that you are now prepared for the apocalypse. Until then, let's get our workplace gender biases in order.

Resources:

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90241506/women-do-more-emotional-labor-than-men-at-work>

<https://www.fastcompany.com/3031101/the-new-subtle-sexism-toward-women-in-the-work-place>

<https://www.glassdoor.com/blog/women-apologize-at-work/>

GUEST COLUMN | JUSTICE BOB ORR

How 'Black Lives Matter' should really be interpreted

Once again, a prominent leader in North Carolina is coming under intense criticism for responding to a "Black Lives Matter" inquiry with the "But All Lives Matter" retort.

UNC-Wilmington Chancellor Jose Sartorelli, upon being requested to allow a "Black Lives Matter" painting to be placed on campus responded with the all too familiar, "No. All lives matter."

I confess that it is in so many ways presumptuous for those of us not in the communities of color to try to articulate the meaning of this movement sweeping the country. It is particularly presumptuous for those of us who grew up in a segregated South, whose life experiences in no way can be compared or identified with the life experiences in those communities.

But I'm going to try. At first blush, the response of "all lives matter" seems perfectly logical. The value of lives across the broad spectrum of our communities, state and nation does not just matter, but is an integral part of the fabric of our very existence.

The discomfort of focusing in on one community of color and acknowledging its unique importance, undoubtedly has left many outside that group uncomfortable. With few exceptions, most people don't want to openly disagree with the declaration that Black lives matter. Thus, the easy retort is that "all lives matter." In doing so, the chancellor and so many others miss the point.

My personal perception to all of this is that many of us don't really understand the point of the declaration that "Black

Lives Matter." There is an extraordinary gap in the general public's understanding and appreciation of the history of the Black race in America.

Sure, people recognize that they were slaves, and went through the eras of white supremacy and "Jim Crow," but this is the 21st century — and things have changed. Or have they, as seen in the brutal reality of the George Floyd killing?

I would submit that the phrase "Black Lives Matter" is a recognition that for virtually 400 years of this country's history, Black lives didn't matter — or if they did, they didn't matter much. From the brutal and dehumanizing experience of institutional slavery (a condition those of us in contemporary society can hardly appreciate) to the systematic repudiation of freedom from slavery, through violence and intimidation in Reconstruction, Black lives did not matter. From the rise of the "white supremacy" movement to deprive and deny basic human and legal rights, through the institutional machinations of the "Jim Crow" era, Black lives simply did not matter.

Read the history of this state and country in its full, revealing and disturbing truth, and it is patently clear that Black lives have not mattered. Ironically, the controversy over Chancellor Sartorelli's comment took place in Wilmington, the site of one of the most brutal and repressive acts of violence in the history of our state. In 1898, the Black community and elected leaders of Wilmington were systematically killed and run out of the state by white supremacists backed in part by

"revered" leaders of North Carolina like Charles B. Aycock and Josephus Daniels.

Interestingly, having grown up in North Carolina and being educated in the public schools and at UNC, I never knew or read about this stain upon our history. The history books I grew up with ignored what happened and glorified "The Lost Cause" of the Confederacy and leaders like Aycock and Daniels.

Black lives simply did not matter. My sense is that the phrase "Black Lives Matter" isn't so much a declaration focusing on Black lives, to the exclusion of any other group. I believe it represents a poignant reminder of our sordid history where for so long Black lives didn't matter. Too many of our leaders — from Donald Trump, to leaders in our state, to the average citizen on the street — fail to fully appreciate and understand the message being articulated across the country.

"Black Lives Matter" is a reminder to all of us, of our collective failings over the generations, to fundamentally believe and honor that declaration. The challenge to all of us today outside the communities of color is to fully embrace the present and move forward into the future understanding and committing to the proposition that finally — Black lives do matter.

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GUEST COLUMN | KATE MILLER

We need SNAP more than ever, especially in Chatham

As we drove along the gravel drive-through the mobile home park, slowing to squint at the passing house numbers, we saw a woman in an arm sling sitting on her front stoop with a pit bull and small kitten by her side. She raised her uninjured arm to signal we were in the right place.

Megan and I introduced ourselves as the medical students with whom she had spoken to on the phone, and gave a brief recap of our program — which focuses on providing support to under-resourced patients who use the Chatham Hospital Emergency Department. We learned that this woman struggles to make ends meet and due to her shoulder injury, she has not been able to work for the past six months. When she can get a ride from her roommate, she goes to food pantries to re-up on groceries.

As a J. Bradley Wilson Schweitzer Fellow, I have been given an opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of life in rural Chatham County. My project partner

and I reach out to patients who have been referred to us by providers and we offer our services. In conducting home visits in Siler City and surrounding underserved areas, we have seen firsthand how home environments and social situations affect health. Food insecurity is the number one concern for every family we have visited.

Under the Trump Administration, there have been several changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also known as food stamps). The most recently approved change imposes stricter work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents. According to the Urban Institute (Nov. 2019), 755,000 Americans are expected to lose their benefits this year as a result. This change is meant to encourage people to enter the workforce, but it only adds to their financial hardships and increases reliance on local food pantries.

Other changes to SNAP will also take effect this year. Households receiving other government benefits may

lose their eligibility for SNAP benefits. According to the Urban Institute, this would reduce eligible households by 9 percent and cause nearly one million students to lose their automatic eligibility for free meals at school.

Immigrant families are also taking a blow. The Trump Administration has enacted a new rule that makes it more difficult for individuals to be approved for their green card if they are using SNAP or other public services. Because of this, immigrants may be more likely to rely on food pantries than government-funded public service programs.

As the government whittles away at SNAP, it is important to point out that SNAP benefits not only help the recipient, they have a multiplier effect. The money is fed back into the local economy as SNAP households spend money on the goods and services they need. Cutbacks in SNAP increase the burden on those who are no longer eligible for the program and impact local businesses.

All these changes, not to mention the glaring COVID-19 crisis, have resulted in an increase in the use of food pantries. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities or are able to contribute food donations or money, Chatham County food pantries need your help. Take time to call and ask what you can do. Though giving food donations may feel more satisfying than donating money, keep in mind that food pantries often get discounts from local grocery stores so your monetary donations go further and give food pantries an opportunity to shop for what they need. We saw only the tip of the iceberg on our home visits, but there are many more families in need.

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PLAN

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In our efforts to prepare for all of those we've convened a group of folks in our school district whose job it is to join alongside of me in digesting all of the information that's coming from the state in the way of those documents that we received from the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the Department of Public Instruction. We are also working alongside our local public health officials to make some determination around what options A, B and C look like for us.

At this point, what I feel comfortable with saying is that we are soliciting input from our stakeholders by virtue of surveys and we've just completed some focus groups where we are desiring to get insights into one people's comfort level with returning to school. To the remote learning piece of this, what we know is that folks had to pivot very quickly. And as is the case with anything there were some folks who appreciated the pivot and walked away with some positive feedback. And then there are others who had a not so good experience. Our desire, obviously, is to make some determinations about what we did well, and what we need to improve. And our next survey will be specifically around Plan B. Our goal is to gather people's thoughts on an A day, B day or alternating weeks or basically the state gave us six options within Plan B to contemplate.

And so we will be soliciting our stakeholders input on some of those options, the ones that we know that we have the capacity to do — some of those options I think might be a bit of a challenge when you have the rubber meet the road, particularly with the transportation piece of it.

What have you all learned from the springs remote learning experience? And what does potentially using remote learning in the future school year look like, particularly with Chatham sometimes unreliable broadband services?

I think that sometimes people conflate the idea of remote learning with virtual learning, and there are two very distinct pieces of that because the broadband is problematic. And for those students who don't have reliable access to broadband, how they receive their at-home learning is certainly going to be different from those who have full access to say Zoom or other platforms.

I think that we have learned a lot as a result of this work, but I'll first begin by saying that virtual learning certainly is not new to all teachers, and that is the case with any instructional delivery method. I think that some of the takeaways that come to mind right away, as we've discussed this ad nauseum, are that we need more consistent scheduling. And I want to just note this in particular, because I think some folks have lost sight of this — just as our students and families have inconsistent broadband, that is the case for employees. And so having teachers to deliver virtual learning or at home learning, period can be a bit of a challenge, depending on what the employee's access to resources is.

Folks have probably also lost sight of the fact that these teachers who were front-line in trying to pivot and deliver and home learning, many of them also had children of their own, so they had to figure out how to deliver instruction for others, while also delivering instruction for their own and or figuring out the childcare piece of that.

But we're focusing on more consistent scheduling, trying to figure out how we get our arts in, how we balance the fact that virtual learning in moderation is generally going to be positive, but we don't want to overdo it. We know what the research says about screen time. And so realizing that in the confines of a school day, we're able to do a lot more face to face, and break up the monotony, if you will, then we are able to do via recordings, via packets or via some type of synchronous learning platform.

We heard loudly and clearly that our students had feelings of isolation, and

we know that the social emotional piece is huge, even in normal circumstances and so now certainly there's the potential for students to have increases in feelings of isolations and yearning for a desire to engage with their friends and with their teachers. So we learned and heard loudly and clearly that our folks would like to see more opportunities for engagement.

We also learned that what works for the classroom very well may not work virtually, for students what stimulates or excites a student face to face very well may not stimulate or excite students while they are away from us. So that is certainly something also for us to grapple with.

We heard that students can have lost motivation and were no longer interested, particularly when some of the grading decisions were made statewide. And we realized that the accountability piece is a necessary component of this. And I think that everybody will have the benefit of hindsight moving forward, and we'll be better able to put some time in place. I think that, one, as I said earlier, this is my first pandemic, the same is the case for so many others.

And what we know is that we were up against the time clock, knowing that June was quickly approaching. And so, rather than critique I'm of the mindset that we need to zero in on making sure that we acknowledge that there was a difficult set of circumstances that folks were up against and now we have the opportunity, perhaps, to right some of those things that we thought may have been wrong and to improve on those things that were not right at the level that we would have preferred them to be.

We know that learning gaps and the “summer soon” already typical of the summer off months from school have certainly been exacerbated by the pandemic. How is the school system planning to catch students up and provide support mechanisms for students negatively impacted by the disparities created by remote and alternative learning solutions?

The state is requiring all school districts to engage in what they have termed as “Jump Start.” That is designed to help fill gaps either through the summer or in the fall, or both. And with there being so many unknowns, folks are still kind of chomping at the bit to plan for the fall. They'll need to be curriculum compacting, where we kind of backwards map with the goal of filling the gaps in a way that hopefully ensures that we can keep students able to continue moving in a forward direction.

We're going to have to zero in on formative assessments in a more targeted way, so that we can more appropriately gauge at various points throughout the school year, where the holes are. Formative assessments certainly are not new to us and I know that I have my own opinions on the nature of testing, but a formative assessment is part and parcel to instruction. It's a necessary part of diagnosing where things are so that we can chart a course towards making sure that they are ultimately accessing the standards and are making progress from one standard to the next.

If I had to summarize I would say that the biggest pieces of the puzzle in terms of filling gaps will obviously be adjusting curriculum in such a way that we are able to ensure that the pieces are tied together appropriately, assessing in a way that will help us stay ahead of the gaps and then planning and responding in a cohesive way that will allow us to provide supports for students.

In a typical school year, many teacher and instructional contracts are decided at the time that COVID-19 really started causing havoc this year. How is CCS that for the coming school year in terms of personnel?

We are continuing our normal approach in that we are having personnel meetings in the summer where the board is committed to having more meetings to bring people on board.

Good news — we have applicants who are applying and interviews are occurring and hiring recommendations are being made. We are certainly optimistic that we will be able to do those things that are necessary for the opening of the school year. Now, what we don't fully

know is what will be the outcome of the ultimate decision, meaning we don't know how many folks will ultimately decide that due to health concerns or due to them being in high risk categories that they are unable or unwilling to return to work. We are proactively engaging with our employees with the hope of being able to plan accordingly. But the simple answer to your question is that hiring is taking place, certainly a little bit differently than it would otherwise. But we are absolutely excited that even in the midst of the pandemic, there are folks who are applying for positions and are being hired.

It's also worth mentioning that even with all of the stress of this pandemic, our normal work is still continuing. I don't know that people have really zeroed in on that. It's kind of a double load in that we have to do the normal business and prepare or engage in business that we have not yet experienced — it has been overwhelming. And still, we move on and we have to because ultimately the kids count on us.

Knowing there haven't been many decisions made yet regarding sports and extracurricular activities, what kind of factors are you personally looking for in order to feel good about the prep for fall sports starting up?

I think probably four parts: I'm looking to make sure that we appropriately educate our students, our staff, our parents, guardians.

I think that we want to make sure that at whatever point we are able to start re-engaging, we want to guarantee that there are screening processes that are in place and practice social distancing appropriately. We are certainly always bound by public health requirements related to cleaning, but we have new requirements and we want to make absolutely sure that we are availing ourselves of those requirements and actualizing those requirements in an appropriate way.

Ultimately, safety is the top priority. I know that people think that educators know everything, but we know education, and we don't know public health and so we have to lean on our local and state and federal public health officials to tell us what we should be doing in order to ensure, to the extent possible, the safety and well being of our staff when they and visitors when they're under our charge.

As much as it seems simplistic, it's not as quite complicated, it's again, a work in progress. But the education piece is going to be critically important in making sure that we social distance in an appropriate way, making sure that we are clean and making sure that we also screen such that those people who are coming to campuses with any kind of sickness or any kinds of symptoms that we indicate to them, that we will need to have them return home and seek medical advice. And you'll hear from us, regardless of what plan ultimately the state enacts, we're going to encourage folks who are sick and or have any of those symptoms to not come to work, school or practice.

In regards to that, for students and for teachers, are there plans to update attendance and work policies to adjust for any unexpected sick days?

Yes, and both will require state officials to weigh in on. For example, many of the attendance requirements related to students and employees are dictated by state law or policy, and then what we have at the local level are policies and regulations that are operationalized within those frameworks. And so there will absolutely be the need for some adjustments. As an example, and we've heard this over and over and over, and again, it's a simple thing, is perfect attendance awards. You know, I'm amazed by the number of people who are definitely really engaged in the notion of the perfect attendance award. We obviously want good, solid, perfect attendance for students and employees, but we don't want them to forgo their safety and well being and then of others to maintain perfect attendance. That's a small example, but there are many other examples that I could proffer that would clearly require some

change in law or policy.

Can you address the school's budget position, particularly in regard to new facilities, as well as any updates you can give on the status of those new school facilities?

This is a prime example that the work must go on even during the pandemic. So Chatham Grove, which is our newest elementary school, we have a certificate of occupancy. They are in the process of outfitting it with all of the necessary furniture and resources and we are on track as of today — I know that can change tomorrow, but we're on track with opening that in August. Seaforth High School is also on track — the last report I saw earlier this week is that it's 82% complete. Both schools are definitely on track and we're looking forward to seeing those receive their first group of students.

We're fortunate that in Chatham there is a Capital Improvement Programming 10-year-plan. They are proactive in generating the funding necessary for those capital projects. We don't have any reason to believe that the projects will — good news, it's too late for them not to have money for Chatham Grove, but for Seaforth, we don't have any reason to believe that the funding to continue building will be adversely impacted. The work is continuing, and we're looking forward to getting to the point where Chatham Grove is — reaching that same finish line.

Obviously a lot has happened in the last couple months. But what is one of your biggest takeaways from all that has happened, especially as it pertains to instructional methods and practices?

I think my biggest takeaway is that people are more committed to humanity than they likely were before March. I think that we are more interested in the well being of one another. We are more aware of the fact that the notion of the “microwave society,” where we put it in a microwave and press a button and it's ready for us in a minute. I think people are more aware of the fact that that's probably not reality. And we all need each other and we all need to be patient and committed to working together for positive outcomes.

At the end of the day, our young people are watching us. We are supposed to be fully committed to making sure that they have what's necessary and that's going to take patience and collaboration. So I think that I have fully come to realize, even more than I did previously that at the end of the day, we are all in this together. And I am so grateful for the kindness and the patience that has been shown to us over the past months.

I can tell you that we want kids back in school as quickly as possible, and as safely as possible. We're going to allow the folks who are experts in public health to make those decisions and we will spend the bulk of our time doing what we have been trained to do, and make sure that the instructional components and the pieces of schooling that are left to our to our charge are met with the best work that we can provide.

Last but not least, if I can, how are YOU doing? And how is your staff handling all this?

That question means more to me than you can ever imagine, because I think many times folks fail to realize that very rarely is the work as easy it seems.

We are struggling with the same things folks are struggling with personally with respect to our families, with respect to our own health — both physical and mental health and I can tell you we're all trying to hang in. What has been so, so, so important for me is that people realize we're human and we're absolutely doing the best that we can. No one got into this work with the desire to see how we can do any less than our best for the folks that we serve.

We're all hanging in there, we're leaning on each other — we're not always in a good place, but what I've said to everybody is we can't all be down at the same time. So we're working together to support one another and support our community, but definitely realize there's a lot of tough days ahead of us. We'll keep doing our best to make the best decisions possible while realizing we do have to take care of ourselves and one another.

CORA

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left people unemployed, stressed and in need of assistance.

CORA's Summer Nutritional Assistance for Chatham Kids Program (SNACK!) helps to provide relief to those searching for meals for their children through biweekly food distribution throughout the summer months. These distribution events occur in Siler City, Moncure, Pittsboro and Goldston.

According to CORA, 50% of public school children in Chatham County receive free or reduced meals through the federal school lunch program because their household income is at or near the poverty level. And this summer, more than 4,300 school children in Chatham County will not have adequate replacements for these meals during the summer of this year.

According to staff, the need for CORA's help has seen an increase.

“We've seen more new clients in a short period of time than ever in our history,” said Executive Director Melissa Beard. “So many people are coming into the system that have never had to use any kind of assistance. They don't even know where to begin. It's extremely traumatic for them.”

Beard said she often thinks about the stressful situation clients might be.

“You can only imagine what they are dealing with when they're having to come to us for the first time,” she said. “How bad has it gotten? What are you balancing that you can no longer afford food? If you've ever gone through John

Moore's COPE simulation and you think about all the different trade-offs that there are, it's just incredibly stressful. You're thinking about food, daycare or transportation. It's a big cause-and-effect.”

The staff at the SNACK! Program are not only trying to mitigate stress for others, but they are coping with “superior amounts” of stress as well — working “well beyond double” and trying to find food to distribute as the pandemic has caused a shortage.

“Normally in the summer, even though it's busy at CORA because of SNACK!, we would work with 20 or 21 distribution sites but we would basically take the food to those sites and that was when our work was done,” Beard said. “This year, instead of hundreds of volunteers being involved at 20 sites all over the community, it's a small core group of volunteers at five sites and staff.”

“It occurred to me a couple weeks ago, that we got a core group of about seven or eight staff over the summer doing what literally a couple hundred people used to do. To say we're stressed out is kinda an understatement.”

Beard said the lack of volunteers stems from her worry about exposing others to COVID-19.

“I've been really reluctant to use volunteers because the numbers just kept going up,” she said. “I don't want to be responsible for any of our volunteers getting sick or God forbid — something worse happening. I don't want anyone from outside bringing it in and making any of my staff sick. I feel like I'm re-

sponsible for keeping everyone safe and healthy as much as I can.”

However, Beard said she is grateful for the people who are working right now.

She said: “Everyone's jumped in and they've been great. Nobody complains. It's a really good group, there's a lot of good comraderie. The volunteers that we are working with are so hardcore and fantastic and committed to the mission.”

At the SNACK! distribution event at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro last week, volunteers and staff came together to give each child a box of dry and canned goods, a box of fresh produce and a family meal from Pittsboro Roadhouse. Families drive through the site, never getting out of their car as the volunteers fill the trunk with the boxes.

“We pack up the boxes with two weeks' worth of meals,” said CORA Intern Meredith Katibah. “Those boxes have anything from canned vegetables to pasta and spaghetti sauce as well as snack foods like chips and crackers.”

Greg Lewis, owner of Pittsboro Roadhouse, said he got involved in the SNACK! Program to help with the food insecurity that the county is facing.

“There are families out of work that COVID has affected,” he said. “There's just a need. There's poverty everywhere — different levels of it. Folks get up and wonder what they're going to feed their kids for dinner. This helps alleviate that stress for them.”

Registration is required for the SNACK! Program. You can register



Staff Photo by Peyton Sickles

The distribution is drive-thru style with volunteers placing the boxes in the trunk of car.

online or on site. For more information, go to: <https://www.corafoodpantry.org/our-work/snack/>

Stay tuned next week for final part of this series. In addition, be on the lookout for an interactive digital project on the topic.

OBITUARIES

JAMES ROBERT HINKLEY



October 8, 1933 - June 16, 2020
Pittsboro
God’s faithful servant, James Robert Hinkley, was called home June 16, 2020 at the age of 86.
Jim was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on October 8, 1933 to loving parents, Clara Marie (Reed) and Henry Robert Hinkley. After graduating high school, Jim joined the Air Force and proudly served during the Korean War. Upon returning home he continued his education receiving a bachelor’s degree from the University

of Florida and at a later date earning a Master’s in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina.
Jim loved his North Carolina roots and spent over forty years as a certified and dedicated professional city, regional and state planner. He was an early advocate of functional, safe and organized communities and was devoted to the conservation of North Carolina’s land, air and water resources. Not only was he an early advocate for the world we live in, he was also a champion of equal opportunity, affordable housing and civil rights for all. He was proud to have been a viable candidate for the Pittsboro Town Board in 2007.
Jim’s dedication to his faith was longstanding and steadfast. He loved serving as a lay Eucharistic Minister at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal church in Pittsboro. He will be remembered there in the hearts of those who knew him.
Jim is survived by his fiancé Ruthie Gregorie; brothers, David, William and Kerry Hinkley; his daughters, Karen Miller, Chris Barone, Cathy Ainslie as well as five grandchildren.
A celebration of Jim’s life will be held at a later date when it is safe for all to gather together to remember the life of this man who made the world a better place.
Jim’s wishes were that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, 204 West Salisbury Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

JACK CLEVELAND BEAL



Jack Cleveland Beal, age 79, of Siler City died Saturday, July 4, 2020 at Siler City Center, Siler City.
Mr. Beal was born December 27, 1940 in Chatham County, to Thomas Bailey and Mary Elizabeth Womble Beal. He was retired from Boling Chair and formally worked at Carolina Stockyard. He was a member of Brookdale Baptist Church. He enjoyed working with cows and getting up hay. Some of Jack’s favorite hobbies were watching his grandchildren’s baseball and softball games, watching NASCAR, and going deep sea fishing.
Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his wives: Christine Welch Beal and Jean Stevens Beal; brothers: Lewis, Ernie, Charles, and Cecil Beal.
He is survived by daughters, Sharon Beal Parrish and husband Tony of Pittsboro, Donna Phillips Brewer of Staley, and June Phillips Price of Siler City; son, Burl Phillips, Jr. and wife Kristy of Siler City; sister, Faye Beal Frazier of Ramseur; brothers, J. Clyde Beal of Ramseur and Tommy Walker Beal of Goldston; grandchildren, Karen Cox Phillips and husband Gary, Torris Price Jr. and wife Cassidy, Dana Brewer Cain and husband Wes, Marshall, Miller and Mason Phillips, and Christie McCaul; and six great-grandchildren.
A private graveside service will be held Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Chatham Memorial Park, 13260 Hwy 64 West, Siler City with Dr. Rob Roberts officiating.
In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Brookdale Baptist Church General Fund, P.O. Box 428, Siler City, NC 27344.
Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Beal family.
Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

ROBERT LARRY SKOWRONSKI
Robert Larry Skowronski, 37, of Cameron, passed away Monday, June 22, 2020 in Society Hill, SC.
Robert is survived by his mother, Helen Skowronski; daughter, Nevaeh Skowronski; sisters, Kathy Bogan and Kim Wilson; and step-daughters, Amaryllis McBryde and Aubriana Shipman.
Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

GREGORIO ESPINOZA GOMEZ
Gregorio Espinoza Gomez, 67, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2020 at his residence.
Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.
HELEN STEARNS
Mrs. Helen Stearns, 93, of Siler City, formerly of New Hampshire, passed away July 03, 2020 at her home.
Services entrusted To: Knotts and Son.

ETHEL JEAN (RIGGSBEE) JACKSON
Mrs. Ethel Jean Jackson, 82, of Chapel Hill, Npased away Friday, June 5, 2020, at her residence.
Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro.

MONIQUE A. MILLIKEN AGE: 39
Monique A. Milliken, 39, of Siler City passed away Monday, June 29, 2020.
Arrangements by: Cremation Society of the Carolinas
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ARTHUR HAROLD PRICE
Arthur Harold Price, age 75, of Siler City died Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at First Health Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst.
A graveside service was held at 12 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Gees Grove AME Zion Church, with Pastor Victor Womack officiating.
Mr. Price was born November 17, 1944 in Chatham County, the son of Isaiah and Stella Price. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Frank Price.
He is survived by a son, Joey Farrar of Asheboro; daughters, Kim Price and Tara Winstead, all of Siler City; sisters, Lois Butler of Siler City and Lynette Butler of Lexington; brothers, Jimmy Price of Siler City and Wade Headen of Graham; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association, Mid-Atlantic Affiliate, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060, www.americanheart.org or strokeassociation.org.
Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

DANNY ALVIN GARNER
Danny Alvin Garner, 67, of Seagrove, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at his home.
A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the Chriscoe Family Cemetery with Rev. Alex Shelton presiding.
Dan was born in Randolph County on January 20, 1953 to Dorothy Lee Maness Garner and Willie Howard Garner. He worked with Colon Green Sawmill and was owner/operator of Dan Garner Sawmill and Dan’s Salvage Company. Along with his parents, his brother, Boyce, preceded him in death.
Survivors include his daughter, Tracey Craven of Seagrove; brothers, Ray Allen Garner of Seagrove, Willie C. Garner of Asheboro; and four grandchildren.
Condolences may be offered online at: www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

CARLIE GODFREY MARQUINA
Carlie Godfrey Marquina, 32, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, June 29, 2020 at her home.
Graveside services were held on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the New Life Fellowship Church in Olivia with Pastor Gail Dickens officiating.
She was born January 7, 1988, daughter of the late Carlie Dale Godfrey and Dawn Brumley Delguidice. She was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving is her husband, Josue Orlando Marquina and their children, Melisa Leann Marquina, Ana Alycia Marquina and Joshua Orlando Marquina; sisters, Chasitie Aleman and Brittany Burch; and grandmother, Judith Godfrey, all of Sanford.
Online condolences can be made at: www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com.

CARY BENJAMIN “BEN” JONES



May 4, 1919 – June 23, 2020
C. Ben Jones, 101, passed away peacefully at his home and was received into the loving arms of God on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.
He was born on May 4, 1919 in Apex, North Carolina to Bessie Sprinkle Jones and Cary Braxton Jones at their family home. His father passed away from influenza in 1923, leaving behind a young wife, two daughters, and Ben. As “man” of the house, Ben took his role seriously and with great responsibility, with memories of helping his dad guiding him along the way. His mother was a school teacher and principal, and his family raised cotton, oats, soybeans, wheat, poultry, cattle and hogs. He vividly remembered everyone piling into the car and driving to Raleigh to sell their goods. He plowed his first field at the age of 6, not having much of a clue what he was doing, but his grandmother told him that “can’t was a coward too afraid to try.” From an early age, his commitment to a job well done and the fortitude to accept and overcome challenges was ingrained in him for life. He attended Fairview School for seven years, and graduated from Apex High School in 1937, where he was a star athlete and boxed, ran track, and played football, baseball, and basketball. He was student body president, football co-captain, baseball captain, and voted most popular fellow in his senior class.
Following high school, he enrolled in North Carolina State College where he studied Textile Management, lettered in football and baseball, and was nicknamed “Jackrabbit Jones” for his speed and agility. He participated in the Flying Cadet program and Sigma Nu fraternity.
In the fall of 1940, he went to visit his older sister, Frances, in El Centro, CA, and took a job there with Bank of America and helped his brother-in-law on the weekends with vegetable farming and cattle feeding. Ben came to love all facets of the cattle industry and spent time in San Diego learning the meat packing end of the business. This all came to a screeching halt with the tragic bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Without hesitation he went to the Military Recruiting Office in San Diego, CA and committed to serve his Country.

On January 20, 1942 he was sworn in to the Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet at Fort Rosecrans in San Diego, CA. During Primary Flight School in Hemet, CA he found that flying upside down in an open cockpit was quite an experience! He much preferred Basic Flight School in Bakersfield, CA with enclosed cockpits. His advanced training was at Luke Field, Arizona, where he earned his pilot wings and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He was sent to Philadelphia, PA and Norfolk, VA for training in Curtiss P-40 Warhawks for overseas combat. He was assigned to the 316th Fighter Squadron (“Hell’s Belles”) of the 324th Flight Group.
Prior to going overseas, he married his sweetheart, Agnes Marie Fitzgerald of Princeton, NC, on November 5, 1942. His service as a fighter pilot during World War II took him to the Mediterranean, specifically North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, and included 22 combat missions with the British and 80 with the Americans. He remained overseas through the initial invasion of Anzio, Italy in January of 1944.
Upon his return to the United States, Captain Jones was stationed at Luke Field where he was an Engineering Officer and Test Pilot for whatever aircraft the Army Air Corps had to fly at the time including P-51 Mustangs, P-47’s, P-38’s, B-25’s, and the workhorse C-45. From Luke Field he went to Connecticut continuing his engineering and test pilot work. Ben was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps on January 18, 1946, a recipient of various Air Medals and Distinguished Unit Badges.
The family, which now included a baby girl named Susan, moved to El Centro, CA, where he and his brother-in-law, John Jackson, planned and built a beef processing plant, Anza Meat Packing Company. During construction of the plant, Ben owned and operated IV Meat Company, which held meat lockers for cold storage. To make ends meet, he also drove a sugar beet truck at night during harvest time. Once completed, the Anza Meat Packing Company was written up in Meat Magazine as the most modern meat packing plant ever built. Ben served as President and Manager of Anza for 25 years and partnered in a cattle feeding business.
He coached youth sports and served on the boards of various organizations including the El Centro Chamber of Commerce, Airport Planning Board of California, and National Meat Packers Association. He held leadership positions in the First United Methodist Church of El Centro and was a charter member of the Stockmen’s Club of Imperial Valley. He planned and coordinated the first El Centro Chamber of Commerce Fly-In which included aircraft of many types and vintages. He was honored with a Gold Card Life Membership to the California Midwinter Fair for his countless hours given to the 4-H and FFA animal projects. He was active for many years in the Military Reserves and was proud to support the Naval Air Station in El Centro, CA – the winter training home of the Blue Angels. He was a caring and fair boss who is respected and fondly remembered

by his employees and their families. In the late 1950’s he was a campaign manager for a Congressman, and also dined with special friends including Women’s Aviation Pioneer Jacqueline Cochran Odlum (the first woman to break the sound barrier), Chuck Yeager (the first pilot to break the sound barrier in level flight), Pete Everest (who piloted the Bell X-2 Rocket Plane in 1955), and President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Everett and Yeager he had known during WWII.
He purchased a newly modified North American Navion, which he flew for business, to visit family in North Carolina, and in the occasional race. He enjoyed taking guests up in the air and many on their first plane rides, some of whom later became pilots.
In 1970, Ben and his wife, Velda Percival Jones, moved to Apex, NC. They purchased land in Chatham County between Pittsboro and Siler City, and started a cow-calf operation. Hugged by rolling hills and pastures, their dream home was built in 1974 in a place where Ben said his soul was restored each day by the beautiful creations of nature and abundant, never-ending sunsets.
Ben was inducted to the North Carolina State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame in 2000. He was a life member of the Military Officer’s Association of America and a longtime member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Schools and Veterans groups enjoyed his presentations regarding his military service and patriotism during World War II. Even after retirement from the cattle business, he continued mentoring and advising others.
All who knew him can easily relate to lessons learned from him regarding love, kindness, respect for others, and a strong work ethic. He will be fondly remembered and missed by the family and friends who enjoyed his quick wit, incredible memory, random acts of kindness and love, practical jokes and humor, and the twinkle in his eye that kept him from ever growing into an elderly man.
He loved watching sports in person, and held football season tickets for the Los Angeles Rams in the 50’s and 60’s. He regularly attended various college and professional sporting events, and remained a loyal NC State Wolfpack fan. Daily news was always part of his routine, as well as studying and keeping up with the financial world on his iPad, taking drives in the country, and watching nightly sunsets. Siler City celebrated his 100th birthday with a wonderful Chatham News article, and in June 2019 the Town of Siler City honored him with a Key to the City for his courageous service during World War II. To him, his 100th and 101st birthdays were just another day in his blessed gift of life.
Having grown up experiencing hardships, loss, and struggle, he felt privileged to be able to make a contribution and help others however he could. He often shared that nothing helped him prepare for his future more than playing football because of the life lessons of teamwork and learning to make quick decisions. Ben is quoted as saying, “I want to say that anything we have achieved in our lives was because of good family, good friends, good partners, good customers, and wonderful employees.” His Faith was unflinching and he always had an encouraging word to say, wishing all family and friends to “Be Happy!”
He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Velda P. Jones, former wife Marie F. Kearney, sisters Frances J. Jackson of El Centro, CA, and Katharine Jones Ogburn of Apex, NC, nephews John D. Jackson and Chrisman Ben Jackson, and niece Sara Jackson Crosby.
Left to cherish his memory are: His daughter, Susan Jones Brock (James) of El Centro, CA and their children: Benjamin Warren Brock (Alison) of Imperial, CA; Suzanne Brock Vanlandingham (Joshua) of Houston, TX; Sarah Brock Sprecco (Nicholas) of Alpine, CA; and Robert Malan Brock (Alejandra) of El Centro, CA.
His stepson Walter J. Wylie (Lana) of Little River, SC and their children: Kimberly Wylie Tuemler (Jim) of Charleston, SC and Robert Whitacre Wylie (Sara) of Murfreesboro, TN.
His dear companion of many years, Jean Wilson Watkins of Siler City, NC.
21 great-grandchildren: Amelia and Elizabeth Brock of Imperial, CA; Madeline, Emily, and Sarah Vanlandingham of Houston, TX; Gracie, Laney, and Brock Benjamin Sprecco of Alpine, CA; Hector and Alyssa Cazares, and Sophia and James Alexander Brock of El Centro, CA; Ryan, Paul, Carolina, Nicolas, and Rhett Tuemler of Charleston, SC; and Edward, Walter Benjamin, Ann Whitacre, and Lana Jean Wylie of Murfreesboro, TN.
Four loving nieces: Carol Ogburn of Boise, ID; Kit Ogburn (Ron Walther) of Asheville, NC; Elizabeth O. Nelson of Burns-ville, NC; and Dr. Cindy O. Donnelly (Tim) of Apex, NC.
Numerous great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.
The family thanks Dr. Magnus Ohman, Julie Marshall, PA, Dr. David Gibson, the UNC Hospice team (especially Pat, Cynthia, Annie, Megan, and Dr. W), Lorene, and Von for their loving care, prayers, and laughter.
A graveside service will be held for family and friends at such a time when all can safely travel and be together.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial contribution to a charity special to you, UNC Hospice, or the Wounded Warrior Project.
Condolences to: www.ApexFuneral.net.

EVELYN REYNOLDS KIDD
Evelyn Reynolds Kidd, 93, of Highfalls passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at The Laurels of Chatham in Pittsboro.
A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Pleasant Hill U.M.C., where she was a member, with Kyle Lamb presiding.
Evelyn was born in Moore

County, December 14, 1926 to Blanch Evelyn Spencer Reynolds and Thomas Jackson Reynolds. She retired from Deering-Millikan after 30+ years of service. Along with her parents, her husband, Joe Kidd, an infant daughter, a sister, Catherine Howard, brothers, Elwood, Vernon, Elijah, and Wendell preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Diana Wroe, of Cameron and Jeanne Lamb of Asheboro; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
In addition to flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill, U.M.C., 1535 North Moore Rd., Robbins, NC 27325.
Condolences may be offered online at: www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

TAUANDA LAVETTE (MASSEY) REDWINE
Tauanda Lavette Redwine, 48, of Sanford, passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 4, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home with interment following at Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery in Broadway.

Chatham BOE to discuss remote learning at July 16 meeting

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN

News + Record Staff

The Chatham County Board of Education is set to consider the district's drafted plan for continued remote learning at its July 16 meeting.

The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Services Board Room.

The draft, available online on the Chatham County Schools website at www.chatham.k12.nc.us, spans 44 pages and details information regarding community survey and consultation sessions, technology training and support, student and staff expectations by grade

level range and more.

The drafted plan for remote instruction is due July 20 to the North Carolina State Board of Education under Senate Bill 705 and SBE SPLN-006. The plan must be developed in consultation with teachers, administrators and instructional support staff, parents, students, community partners and other stakeholders and approved in open session by the board of education.

"The purpose of the plan is to ensure quality teaching and learning outside the traditional classroom," the draft reads. "The legislation requires that the plans address 15 issues, ranging from parent involvement

and effective instruction to equitable access and provisions for monitoring student attendance."

Citing June survey results from Chatham teachers, parents and students, the document said more than 94% of teachers feel "prepared or very prepared to manage the at-home learning process" during the 2020-21 school year and 65% of students and parents who responded feel prepared or very prepared to participate in at-home learning.

The document also examines policies regarding internet connectivity and technology support, engagement with community partners, standards for

learning, equal access for students with disabilities and tracking attendance.

Community members can provide feedback on the draft by submitting it to the link available on CCS's website. The school system encouraged community participation in their listening sessions for teachers and the public on June 22 and 23.

"We have a seat waiting for you this evening at a virtual meeting about our remote learning plan," Chatham County Schools said regarding the session in a June 22 Twitter post.

In addition to the online feedback mechanism, surveys for feedback are also open. At the time of publication, surveys

for students in 6th-12th grade, parents and teachers could still be submitted. The link to the surveys is available in the draft document.

Last week, CCS Superintendent Derrick Jordan spoke with the News + Record regarding reopening plans. Though he said making final decisions will not be possible until Gov. Roy Cooper announces North Carolina's statewide reopening strategy, he said the school system is considering survey results and feedback as they plan for a variety of possible plans.

"At this point, what I feel comfortable with saying is that we are soliciting input from our

stakeholders by virtue of surveys and we've just completed some focus groups where we are desiring to get insights into one people's comfort level with returning to school," he said. "We want to identify the opportunities for improvement. We want to improve those and certainly, for those who have done good work and have been celebrated, we want to continue pushing and replicating their work and growing them to propel them to higher heights. But it's a team effort and always a work in progress."

Reporter Hannah McClellan can be reached at hannah@chathamnr.com.

OBITUARIES

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MARY ELLEN JESSUP CREASON



Mary Ellen Jessup Creason, age 94, of Siler City died Sunday, July 5, 2020. Mrs. Creason was born July 13, 1925 in Stokes County to Levi Martin and Doasha Mae Tilley Jessup. She was a seamstress at A.J. Schneier and Sons, Mrs. Creason was also the first female bus driver in the state of North Carolina. She was a member of Oakley Baptist Church and the Pauline Powers Friendship Sunday School Class. Reading her Bible, baking cakes, tinkering in her yard and

volunteering at the Chatham PTA were some of her favorite things to do. She also enjoyed hosting Saturday lunches at her house for anyone and everyone to attend. Mary enjoyed feeding and watching the hummingbirds.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rev. Buel Creason; son, Ronald "Ronnie" Creason; sisters, June J. Dixon and Eva J. Ward; brothers, Lester, Levi, Howard and Marvin Jessup.

She is survived by daughter, Emily C. Harris of Bear Creek; sons, David Creason and wife Carolyn of Asheboro, Ray Creason and wife Terry of Siler City, and Glenn Creason and wife Dawn of Siler City; daughter-in-law, Wanda Creason of Siler City; sisters, Linda J. Sink of Winston-Salem, Inez J. Brown of Siler City, Laura J. Hauser of Walkertown and Rachel J. Johnson of Siler City; brothers, Rex Jessup of Siler City and Richard Jessup of New Jersey; ten grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

The body will lie in state on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 12-1:45 p.m. at Oakley Baptist Church, 2300 Siler City-Glendon Road, Siler City. A private family service will be held at 2 p.m. with Dr. Jeff Johnson officiating. Speakers will be set up outside the church for those who would like to attend the service in their cars for proper social distancing. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in the church cemetery. All are welcome to attend the burial with proper social distancing. The family will be receiving friends at the home in Siler City.

Memorials may be made to Oakley Baptist Church, 2300 Siler City-Glendon Road, Siler City, NC 27344 or Community Home Care & Hospice, 1836 Doctors Drive, Sanford, NC 27330. Smith & Buckner is assisting the Creason family.

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

DANIEL EDWIN CHEEK



Daniel Edwin Cheek, age 36, of Bennett died Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Mr. Cheek was born July 3, 1983 in Moore County, the son of Ronald and Deborah Cooper Cheek of Bennett. He was a 2001 graduate of North Moore High School, attended Sandhills Community College and was a 2012 graduate of ECPI University of Greensboro. Daniel was employed as a Certified Medical Assistant with Delo Medical Associates. Daniel was a loving husband, father, brother, and friend, who never met a stranger.

He was a comedian and always helped others. He loved cars and motorcycles, deer hunting, fishing and enjoyed playing a round of golf.

Surviving is his wife, Christian (Chrissy) Cheek, son, Jaxon Edwin Cheek and daughter, Lilly Claire Cheek, all of the home; parents, Ronald and Deborah Cooper Cheek of Bennett; sister, Kimberly Cheek of Siler City; brother: Casey Cheek and wife Carrie, of Bennett; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Reverend Rick and Dianna LeBaube of Lexington; sister-in-law, Katy Gregg and husband Kevin of Reidsville; nephews, Braxton Cheek and Samuel Gregg; along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The body will lie in state on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 12 to 1:45 p.m. at Oakley Baptist Church. A private family service will be held at 2 p.m. with Dr. Jeff Johnson officiating. Speakers will be set up outside the church for those who would like to attend the service in their cars for proper social distancing. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in the church cemetery. All are welcome to attend the burial with proper social distancing. The family will also be receiving friends at the home in Bennett.

Memorials may be made to Oakley Baptist Church Family Life Building Fund, 2300 Siler City-Glendon Road, Siler City, NC 27344 or to Ronald McDonald House, 101 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517, www.rmhc.com.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Cheek family.

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

CHARLES RICHARD SMITH

Charles Richard Smith, 48, of Moncure, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at the UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born in Lee County, son of John Charles Smith and Rosie Brown Smith.

Surviving are his parents and a son, John Smith; a daughter, Amanda Smith, both of Sanford; step-children, Danielle Sherrill of Cameron, and Jeanna Sherill of Gastonia; sisters, Cheryl Smith Sanchez of Cameron, and Tess Bogue of Carolina Beach; brothers, Tony Smith of Washington, DC and Chris Smith of Deep River; one granddaughter, and four step-grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made at: www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com.

JAMES WAYLON FORE

James Waylon Fore, 87, of Sanford, died Sunday, July 5, 2020 at his home.

A graveside service will be held at Ephesus Baptist Church Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, with Rev. Larry White officiating.

James was born in Lee County on June 6, 1933 to the late James R and Mary Bunnell Fore. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Lewis Fore and a great-grandson. He worked for a brick company as a machine operator.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Oldham Fore of the home; a daughter, Connie Bursleson of Swan Quarter; a brother, Joe Fore of South Carolina; a sister, Jeannette Carter of Sanford; eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

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

BETTY LOU SMITH DETSCHER

Betty Lou (Smith) Detscher of Villa Rica, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

A Celebration of Life will be held this fall in Villa Rica, Georgia. Betty Lou's friends should contact daughter Carla for additional information at carlakalo@me.com.

Betty Lou was born on May 20, 1938 in Siler City, the only daughter of Decie Adcock Smith and Jesse Smith. A graduate of Siler City High School and a 2-year business program at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She had a long, career in sales. She was preceded in death by a brother, Dalton Smith.

Survivors include her husband Tom of 59 years, and children: Carla Kalogeridis, Melissa McAfee, Chuck Detscher, and Greg Detscher; as well as twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gerald Smith of Greensboro.

MARIA VALENTINA URIETA CHAVEZ

Maria Valentina Urieta Chavez, 51 of Clayton, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2020 at UNC Johnston Health in Clayton.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

THOMAS WESLEY MACORMIC

Thomas Wesley Macormic, 74, of Sanford, died Monday, June 29, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital.

A graveside service was held Friday, July 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Rocky Fork Christian Church Cemetery with Rev. Vanya Mullinax officiating.

Mr. Macormic was born in Phelps County, Mo. on September 1, 1945 to the late Charles Macormic and Verna Mae Gulley Towell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Emma Barbarick. He worked in construction.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda Wilson Macormic; daughters, Katrina Dickens of Sanford, Lisa Johnson of Sanford; sisters, Janet Scott of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Ruth Hudgens of Springfield, Mo., Betty Wallace of Katy, Texas, Patty Harris of Rolla, Mo., Dixie Schaffer of St. James, Mo.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

ANN PHILLIPS WOMACK

Ann Phillips Womack, 80 of Sanford passed away Saturday July 4, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Cool Springs Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

Born in Chatham County, she was a daughter of the late Robert Anderson Phillips and Eutha Hilliard Phillips. She was a member of Cool Springs Baptist Church.

Mrs. Womack is survived by her children, Kelly W. Vernon, Keith Womack and Kerri W. Wells, all of Sanford; nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren; brother, Charles E. "Bucky" Phillips of Sanford. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Ray Womack; sisters, Edna Kate Durham, Bobbie Jean Atkins, Frances Crowson, and Naomi Perry.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Kent Bullard Memorial Scholarship Fund at Cool Springs Baptist Church, 1313 Cool Springs Road, Sanford, NC 27330; or to Young Life of Lee County, PO Box 3135, Sanford, NC 27331-3135.

Online condolences may be made at: www.rogerspickard.com.

LORA ANN MCNEILL

Lora Ann McNiel, 60, of Sanford, passed away Monday, July 6, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

CAESER DECARLOS HOOKER

Caesar DeCarlos Hooker, 42 of Sanford, passed on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Wake was held Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home.

EDGAR "E.C." CLIFFORD WADDELL

Edgar "E.C." Clifford Waddell, 81, of Sanford, passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at his home.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. at Jonesboro Cemetery on Saturday, July 4, 2020, with Rev. Joel Murr officiating.

E.C. was born in Lee County on August 25, 1938 to the late John and Addie Page Waddell. He worked for Goodyear Tire Manufacturing in Fayetteville in maintenance, craftsman division.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Waddell of the home; son, Robert Wayne Waddell of Sanford; daughter, Diane Waddell Donaldson of Sanford; sister, Nellie Waddell Wilson of Cameron; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

SHAE ELISHA SMITH

Shae Elisha Smith, 20, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, at the Cameron Hill Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Rev. Charlie Hickman officiating.

Mr. Smith was born in Lee County, son of Gerald Edward Williams and Amy Danielle Smith. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Andra Faye Smith.

Surviving are his parents, Gerald Williams of Sanford, and Amy Danielle Smith of Sanford; siblings, Gerald Williams Jr., Trayshawn Stepney, Jon Jon Williams, Tiaya Stepney and Yasmine Williams.

Online condolences can be made at: www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com.

JIMMY DALE MADDOX

Jimmy Dale Maddox, 58, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, June 29, 2020 at Duke University Medical Center.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Shallow Well Cemetery with Rev. Scott Yow officiating.

He was born in Dade County, Fla. on October 7, 1961 to Shirley Ann Womack Maddox and the late J. Lacy Maddox. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Darren Lynn Maddox. Jimmy worked for the NC Department of Transportation, and with the J.D. McDuffie Race Team.

Jimmy is survived by his mother, Shirley Maddox; brother, Joel Brian Maddox; daughter, Caroline Ayers; son, Jordan Salmon.

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

BURMA JEWEL BULLOCK

Burma Jewel Bullock, 92, of Sanford, passed away Friday, July 3, 2020 at her residence.

Service entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

JASON WILLIAM ARNOLD

Jason William Arnold, 45, of Sanford, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2020.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

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CHURCH NEWS

Events listed are subject to change in consideration of closures due to the coronavirus. Reach out to the individual Churches prior to events to verify.

PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Homecoming services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 12 at Providence Independent Methodist Church. Reverend Brian Caldwell will bring the morning message with special music by Brooks Bristow.

We will practice social distancing with masks recommended. (Masks will be provided if needed). (919)742-7339

NEWS BRIEFS

Churches unite for fish fry to help Union/Taylor's center

BEAR CREEK — Three Chatham County churches — Mays Chapel and two African-American congregations, Union Grove and Taylor's Chapel — are working to revitalize the Union/Taylor's Community Action Center in Bear Creek.

Mays Chapel Pastor Greg Lamb said the vision for the work was spurred by Union Grove's Michael Cotten and a desire by members of the church communities to see the center restored not just to its former state, but to be a flourishing center for learning, after school tutoring and activities, fellowship and more.

"We have ideas for using the property to serve free meals to the community, a possible food bank, etc.," Lamb said. "Essentially, the vision is for the center to be a hub of service to the community for all who would desire to participate."

The effort, Lamb said, "stands in stark contradiction to the cultural unrest and racial tension we currently see in our country."

The group's first collaborative effort for the project is a free "Grab and Go Fish Plate" fish fry for the community. It'll take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, at the Community Action Center at 530 Mays Chapel Road in Bear Creek. Face coverings and social distancing are required. Plates are limited to one per person, and donations will be accepted.

Chatham seeks applicants for Agriculture Advisory Board vacancies

PITTSBORO — Chatham County seeks applicants for two vacancies on the Chatham County Agriculture Advisory Board. Applicants must be a Chatham County resident actively engaged in farming, agribusiness or a representative of agricultural interests.

The Agriculture Advisory Board advises the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on agricultural and related land-use issues. The advisory board also reviews applications for farm properties to be designated as a Voluntary Agriculture District to make sure they meet state requirements.

The Agriculture Advisory Board especially needs a member from the southeast and northeast quadrants of the county. The board typically meets eight to ten times a year at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

One member's term will expire June 30, 2022, and the other will expire June 30, 2023. To complete an online application, visit <https://chathamnc.seamlessdocs.com/f/AgBoardApplication>. Applicants may also contact Lindsay Ray at 919-545-8302 or lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org to obtain a printed or emailed copy. The deadline to apply is at 5 p.m. on July 13.

— CN+R staff reports

CORE ask health board to declare racism a public health crisis

'We need to relish and lean into that uncomfortable in order to affect change'

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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Around the country and in Chatham County alike, structural racism impacts public health outcomes.

That's what Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity co-chairperson Karinda Roebuck told members of the Chatham County Board of Health at the group's June 22 meeting — a meeting at which she asked the board to formally designate racism as a public health crisis.

At the session, which was held via video conference, Roebuck read a statement prepared by CORE, a multi-racial group of Chatham residents that brings awareness to personal, cultural and systemic racism through hosting a series of two-day Racial Equity Institute workshops.

Black women are up to four times more likely to die in pregnancy-related deaths than white women, regardless of socioeconomic status and education, the statement said. Additionally, the average life expectancy of African Americans is four years lower than the rest of the U.S. population. And amidst a pandemic, data shows Black Americans are dying from COVID-19 at 2.3 times the rate of white people. In Chatham County, Latinx residents account for 47% of the county's confirmed coronavirus cases, despite only making up 12% of the population.

"Structural racism also affects and permeates other determinants of health, including poverty, the court system, law enforcement, health care, education, banking, housing, and transportation," Roebuck read. "People of color are measurably and significantly worse off than their white counterparts for almost every indicator of well-being. This burden is felt throughout our nation and also here in Chatham County."

The week before Roebuck presented CORE's statement, the Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte commissioners unanimously declared racism a public health crisis. Other public health organizations, such as the American Public Health Association and the American Medical Association, have also declared institutional racism an urgent public health issue.

Roebuck said one of CORE's concerns is that Chatham County has not directly made a statement addressing the systemic nature of racism.

"The CORE does more boardroom work instead of standing out protesting," she said. "We do protests, we do rallies but not on a large scale. We protest in the boardrooms — we walk in; we help try to change policies. We discussed approaching the Chatham County Commissioners and trying to find ways that we can actually get our system leaders to be held accountable for racial equity work. And that's our hope of where we can actually grow in organizing, to not just hold them accountable, but to be a resource as well in this county for these institutions that need help."

At that June 22 meeting, the board of health unanimously endorsed a motion calling on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to require the wearing of face coverings inside all Chatham County government facilities, while "strongly encouraging" face coverings in other public settings. After the passage of this motion, the health board also discussed its role in ensuring health equity, referring to the statement Roebuck read during the earlier public input session.

During the board's

discussion, members suggested writing their own statement rather than just endorsing a letter written by someone else. There were questions raised about writing a statement that addressed concerns in a non-political manner. Concluding the discussion, board members Lewis Lampiris, John Kessler and Stephanie Freece volunteered to draft a statement on behalf of the board with Interim Health Director Mike Zelek.

"We know about those disparities, I mean, that's not rocket science," Lampiris said during the discussion. "One of the major factors that has led to those disparities are issues of structural racism — so we're just putting that in there. We can talk about diet, nutrition and healthy foods but bottom line, it's structures that are in place that are keeping people oppressed. So it's not a political statement. It's just an honest affirmation of a condition people living under that we want to eliminate."

At the time of publication, Zelek told the News + Record there were no updates, to his knowledge, to report. He said communication between board and staff members had taken place to confirm participation but not specifically regarding writing the statement.

"This past month's board meeting had quite an interest(ing) and full agenda," he said. "I hope we have more to share in the coming weeks related to the statement and ongoing efforts."

Accompanying a copy of the statement on the group's Facebook page, CORE urged members and citizens to continue to ask the board to declare racism as a public health crisis at its next meeting on Aug. 24.

Though CORE hopes to see the board of health make a statement regarding the danger of racial health disparities, Roebuck emphasized that "it's not enough to simply issue a statement." Rather, statements and new committees, she said — referencing the Health department's equity subcommittee and the health alliance — must result in action items. The CORE statement said an important next step would be the initiation of a racial equity resource "to assess potential biases and develop specific metrics, plans, and procedures to reduce racial bias in the public health system."

"It's actually incorporating the practices into the entire system, into the entire workflow of each agency," Roebuck said. "We would like to see policy change — we want to change the culture, and we want to be that resource for them to change that culture. As I always say in racial equity work, there's always the uncomfortable that is a must, and we need to relish and lean into that uncomfortable in order to effect change."

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THREE-TO-FIVE FIRST NAMES

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and how, if a planned surprise attack had happened, the war might have ended near Moncure.

Somewhere it must have been written and pre-ordained that Brooks would be a historian.

It's in his DNA.

After all, it was his ancestor Isaac Brooks — “seven or eight generations; I don't know how many ‘greats’ that is,” he says — who came up to Chatham County from the Fayetteville area around 1750 to settle in western Chatham County a few miles south of Siler City where his reconstructed cabin sits along the road named in his honor.

“The interesting thing about him,” Brooks says today, “is that before he came to Chatham, his family farmed 600 acres on Rockfish Creek around today's Cumberland County. But in that day, England would give land to a family for every man, woman and child in it because their only hope for making money was trade with the colonies. There wasn't any gold or anything like that so England needed settlements. But before moving, he sold his 600 acres for a brace of pistols.”

Although his classroom days are over, Brooks still believes strongly in history and its importance and will produce a mini-lesson in a moment about Chatham County's place in it.

“It's that old dull saying that if you don't study history, you're doomed to repeat it,” he says. “I just feel an obligation to tell the stories of the folks who made us.”

A big part of the story of Chatham County's people, places and participation in the Revolutionary War came about because of England's strategy.

“The British planned to cut the colonies in two, cutting the south off,” Brooks says, “and raise a force of Loyalists, folks loyal to the King and to England.”

After news of Lexington and Concord reached North Carolina, both Patriots and Loyalists increased their recruitment efforts and when news came in January 1776 of a planned British army expedition to the area, Royal Governor Josiah Martin ordered the Loyalist militia to gather in anticipation of their arrival.

“There were a lot of Scotch Highlanders,” Brooks says, “some who had gathered near Carthage and were marching to Wilmington where they were to join the British troops.”

But not only had Loyalists mustered — so had Patriot militia and Continental troops who blocked several routes to the coast until the morning of Feb. 27, 1776, when the under-armed Loyalists were met at Moore's Creek Bridge, about 20 miles north of Wilmington in present-day Pender County.

Early that morning, Highlanders charged across the bridge, brandishing swords, only to be met by a hail of musket fire resulting in overwhelming defeat for the Loyalists. Official records say Loyalist casualties were 420 killed or wounded and 850 captured, some several days after the battle while the Patriots

suffered one killed and one wounded. For all intents and purposes, that ended both Loyalist recruiting and warfare in North Carolina until 1780.

“The Loyalists lost interest in recruiting after that,” Brooks says, “and a change in British tactics led to the war coming to our area.”

British General Charles Cornwallis was in the colonies after several trips back and forth to England, partly to care for his ailing wife who died in 1780, and after a series of victories and losses in battles in the northern colonies.

“The strategy becomes to capture cities in the south,” Brooks says. “Cornwallis takes Charleston and Savannah and begins establishing enclaves, outposts into the back country of South Carolina. Along the way, Patriots harass the British with guerrilla strikes, most notably by Francis Marion — the Swamp Fox — and Andrew Pickens and Thomas Sumter. But in August 1780, Gen. Horatio Gates, who has been put in charge of the southern Continental army, is routed by Cornwallis at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina. His reputation is ruined, partly because he outruns his troops in retreat and he never gets over this.”

At this point, George Washington sends Nathanael Greene south to pick up the pieces and reorganize the army. He does this, bringing with him cavalry officer Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee, the father of Robert E. Lee. “Cornwallis decides to go all in,” Brooks says, “and chase them. He cuts his supplies loose and takes off with about 2,000 troops, including German mercenaries. The British then send word to areas in western North Carolina that if citizens there don't join with the Loyalist militia that his troops will destroy the area.

“That,” Brooks says, “was the wrong thing to say to those mountain folks. When Cornwallis sent his favorite officer, Major Gen. Patrick Ferguson, to the area, he was soundly defeated and lost his life in a battle — Kings Mountain — on the border of the two Carolinas on Oct. 7, 1780.”

Patriot losses were put at approximately 30 men while the British suffered more than 1,100 killed, wounded and captured.

“Cornwallis lost an important part of his army there,” Brooks says, “but there was another engagement before action began to shift toward Chatham County. In January of 1781, Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton — known as ‘the Bloody Butcher’ for his tactics — met a colonial force near a place where they used to gather cattle, Cowpens, South Carolina, and was soundly defeated. After that, it was a race between Cornwallis and Nathanael Greene to cross the Dan River in Virginia — Greene to get away and Cornwallis to capture him.”

But by that time, according to Brooks, Cornwallis, who had suffered tremendous loss of life and was running out of supplies, began to give up on his strategy of subduing the south and turned toward Wilmington. Green got to the river first, crossed it and took time to rest and reorganize.

“Two months later they met one more

time at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse,” Brooks said.

Historians point out that statistically that battle was a British victory but Cornwallis suffered the loss of 25% of his 2,100 troops, prompting British Whig Party leader and war critic Charles James Fox to say, “Another such victory would ruin the British army.”

It was shortly after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse that war and fighting came to Chatham County. Following that battle, British troops remained on the field for two days, burying their dead and treating the wounded. A week later found them encamped at Dixon's Mill near Snow Camp in Alamance County, heading south and east toward Wilmington, still under British control.

“The British came across Hickory Mountain toward Pittsboro,” Brooks says, “probably crossing somewhere around where the Catholic church is between Pittsboro and Siler City.”

While camped at Snow Camp, British troops slaughtered most of the local livestock for food and Cornwallis took over Simon Dixon's house as his headquarters.

By now, Nathanael Greene was back in North Carolina and was pursuing Cornwallis, who had come through Pittsboro, camped briefly south of town and was headed toward southeast Chatham County and on to Cross Creek (Fayetteville) and the coast as quickly as he could.

Arriving at Ramsey's Mill, near the present day Lockville Dam near Moncure, Cornwallis camped for two days and stationed troops at the mill while he used the Ramsey Tavern as his headquarters. Troops spent those days building a makeshift bridge out of rocks from the mill dam so they could cross Deep River. Throughout the encampment, Col. Henry Lee and his troops — Lee's Legion — had harassed the British while they worked. At the same time, Greene's army was within about 10 miles of Ramsey's Mill and plans were made to confront the British there, but reconnaissance parties showed the timing and strength of both armies wouldn't allow the Americans to pull off the attack. When Cornwallis learned of the nearness of Greene's forces, he crossed the bridge, destroyed it and hurried off east as quickly as he could.

“Just think,” Brooks says, “if there had been a little more time and that plan had come to pass, the war might have ended at Moncure. Eventually, of course, British troops moved on to the coast and then north, where they were surrounded and surrendered at Yorktown.”

For the remainder of the war years, Brooks points out, there were skirmishes and hostilities in Chatham County. One of the better known is the raid on the Chatham Courthouse in July 1781, after Cornwallis had escaped the area, by the British Loyalist David Fanning and his Tory militia. On July 18, 1781, Fanning led a raid on the town and courthouse and captured more than 50 patriots, many of whom were members of the local and revolutionary governments and officers in the Continental army and Patriot militia. He took 14 of those he considered

most dangerous to Wilmington, where they were imprisoned on British ships.

Fanning was captured 14 times by Patriot forces between 1785 and 1788 but always managed to escape. In August 1789, he agreed to a conditional pardon in exchange for his abandoning the Loyalist cause. He kept his agreement until Cornwallis captured Charleston in May 1780. After that, he dedicated himself to the Loyalist cause, culminating in the raid at Chatham Courthouse, an attack on Hillsborough, the state capitol, and the skirmish at House in the Horseshoe in Moore County.

After the British surrender at Yorktown, Fanning fled the area, going first to Florida and then to Canada, where he died. He was one of three people specifically exempted from a round of pardons in 1783.

Although the period was one of combat and violence, Brooks says Chatham County's Revolutionary War history wasn't all about violence.

“I think it's interesting to note,” he says, “that, for instance, while Chatham was part of Orange County a man named William Hooper from Hillsborough served as clerk to Chatham County. Folks may remember him, along with John Penn and Joseph Hewes, as a signer from North Carolina of the Declaration of Independence. And when Chatham's five representatives to the Constitutional Convention, who believed strongly in limited government, arrived in Hillsboro for that session, only one of the five signed the document because there was no Bill of Rights at first.”

Brooks traces his love — and life — of history to his childhood.

“I've always had a deep respect and appreciation for older folks,” he says. “My father died when I was young, 8 years old, and I spent considerable time with my grandparents and older family members. I just think older folks and history are very important.”

When he finished his college years at what was then East Carolina Teacher's College, Brooks approached Chatham County school personnel for employment.

“I thought I might get a job on the western side of the county,” he says, “but they didn't need a history teacher. (Principal) Roy Kidd needed one at Pittsboro and he hired me on the spot. Turned out what he really needed was a big man physically so we shook hands on it. Later my mother said I should call him to make sure I still had a job since we hadn't signed a contract and I hadn't heard from him all summer. So, I did and he sent me a letter as a contract. There was a misspelled word in it and my mother said to me, ‘I believe you can work for this man,’ since I can't spell either.”

Later, after Pittsboro High School and Horton High School combined to form Northwood when integration came to the county, Brooks served as a vice principal along with the late Bishop Leach.

“It's been a good experience,” he says of his teaching career. “I just wish more people would understand that real history is complex and convoluted and complicated, just like people. We're all flawed individuals. I wish we could spend more time honoring people for the good they did along the way.”



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During his opening statement, Gatewood said the purpose of the demonstration was to bring an end to the “terrorism that is infiltrating law enforcement across the nation.” Gatewood, a former high-profile NAACP member suspended last fall after allegations of sexual misconduct, has led a number of other STOP Killing Us events in recent weeks.

“We’re here to present a national plan of zero tolerance for white supremacist terrorism to be considered by (electoral) candidates and others,” Gatewood said in his opening remarks. “We the people demand that we gain respect and not allow people to continuously blame Black people and kill Black people. We’re here to say stop killing us. Enough is enough.”

‘We continue to suffer’

Gatewood said he planned the rally after watching a Facebook Live video of a June 17 protest near the former site of Pittsboro’s Confederate monument.

The video, taken by Raleigh activist Kerwin Pittman, showed a man hitting a woman with a Confederate flag attached to a hockey stick. Following the event, a warrant for Tommy Parnell of Surry County was issued with multiple charges. Gatewood said he started raising awareness for a rally to speak out against the disturbance shortly after seeing the video.

On Facebook, a graphic cover photo for the event, “Stand Against White Supremacist Terrorism” depicted a police officer wearing a Ku Klux Klan hood holding a gun at the head of a Black child, with a Confederate flag in the background.

Despite the low turnout, Gatewood said he received a lot of support for planning the event. Though he said he would have preferred someone in Pittsboro lead the rally, he said he was invited but did not mention anyone by name.

In September 2019, Gatewood was suspended from the national NAACP following allegations that he sexually harassed a former NAACP employee. Prior to his suspension, Gatewood was the president of the Durham County and Alamance County NAACP chapters. He resigned during the organization’s investigation but has repeatedly



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

‘We’re here to say stop killing us. Enough is enough,’ the Rev. Curtis Gatewood said at the demonstration he led Saturday at the Chatham County Justice Center, calling for the end of white supremacy with the STOP Killing Us group.

denied the allegations.

Last week, Bob Pearson, a member of NAACP Chatham Community Branch who works with the local Equal Justice Initiative, told the Chatham News + Record he didn’t know of any group in Chatham County that had sponsored the event or invited Gatewood. Neither Chatham NAACP branch is affiliated with Gatewood or the SKU event.

After Gatewood’s opening remarks, four local organizers from across the state stepped to the podium for brief speeches. Kathy Greggs, the president of the Fayetteville Police Accountability Community Taskforce, outlined how police departments need “independent civilian oversight” boards.

In an interview, she also highlighted two points of focus for her group: weeding out white supremacy, which she said is “everywhere in the community,” and holding accountable some Black elected officials who she said are “not willing to help” advance social justice initiatives.

“I’m not just going to talk about white supremacists,” Greggs said. “I’m going to talk about Black elected officials that are not doing anything at all as well.”

Speaker Elizabeth Crudup, an Our Revolution organizer from Harnett County, called

for criminal justice reform and said the current system is “just a synonym for slavery.”

“We have suffered and we continue to suffer the multi-generational consequences of racism institutionalized into the American legal system,” she said. “And this must end.”

Scottie Brooks, who works with Fight Imperialism Stand Together, said it was a “crying shame” that he, at age 49, was still fighting the same issues his 70-year-old mother did. His group’s main push now is for equity — which, he said, goes further than just equality.

“We want equal access to money,” he said. “We want equal access to jobs. We want equal access to everything, because we’re all Americans. I was born in America. I will die in America ... We just want the same rights and privileges that everyone else enjoys.”

The event’s last speaker was Darrion Smith, a 47-year-old healthcare worker and union organizer. He critiqued the idea of celebrating “freedom” on the Fourth of July, given the country’s longtime history of oppressing Indigenous Americans and Black enslaved people.

“How can you celebrate freedom, and you’re oppressing people yourself?” he said. “See, America was built on genocide and on the backs of enslaved

Africans — my ancestors — and this country was built on the premise of oppression.”

Smith, who is also active in the Black Workers for Justice group, said in an interview that to enact change, “we must change the hearts of America.” He called on white people to initiate tough conversations with their friends and family on race, racism, privilege and the United States’ past.

“Acknowledge it,” he said, addressing white people in general. “It’s an ugly history. Yes, it’s really ugly. But that doesn’t mean we’ve got to stay there. You didn’t do it. Your ancestors did it, but you didn’t do it. But guess what’s fallen on you? Their sins have fallen on you. You have to change it.”

‘Stand for what is right’

Gatewood said he received intimidating messages telling him to stay away from Pittsboro after he posted information about the July 4 event on Facebook. He said these threats were not just directed at him personally.

In a memo distributed to SKU supporters on July 2, Gatewood said his organization was taking the widely distributed threat alerts seriously and coordinating high levels of security with local law enforcement. On Monday, Rik Stevens, a spokesperson for the sheriff’s office, said Gatewood had

reached out to the office and Pittsboro’s police department a week ahead of time “to convey his desire to peacefully express himself.”

“In anticipation of an unknown crowd size, Chatham Street in front of the Judicial Center was closed for a short period of time, much like it has been for similar events in the past,” Stevens said in an email. “The Sheriff’s Office and Pittsboro Police Department were able to staff this event in much the same way we have for similar events in Pittsboro. The event was peaceful.”

About 45 minutes into the event, a man and a woman pulled into the parking lot across the street from the courthouse, got out of their car and watched the event from a distance. The man was concealed carrying a handgun, and two deputies approached him a few minutes after he left his car. After a short conversation, the man walked back to his car and put the handgun in the passenger seat.

“There was a warning given to an individual who was in the vicinity about a county ordinance against carrying a firearm on county property,” Stevens said. “He was cooperative and compliant and secured the weapon in a lawful manner. We had no further incident with him.”

In an interview, Gatewood said “there was a lot of intimidation going on” before the event.

“So I’m not surprised that there’s not a mass of people here,” he said. “Not at all. In fact, I’m so proud of the people who came in spite of it.”

In his closing remarks, Gatewood announced SKU’s “zero-tolerance initiative” for law enforcement to identify and investigate white supremacists as terrorists, in the same way it has for foreign threats such as Al Qaeda and ISIS. Adopting such strategies, he said, would legitimize politicians “who claim to work as defenders of democracy when they’re actually defenders of hypocrisy.”

“I’m going to leave by saying God stands with those who stand for what is right,” Gatewood said. “And as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said: a man that has not found something worth dying for is not fit to live.”

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Chatham Park Donates 17 Acres to Thales Academy

Chatham Park has donated 17 acres of land to Raleigh-based Thales Academy, making it the first school in Chatham Park. Located in the Vineyards neighborhood of Chatham Park, Thales Academy, a private, non-profit school, plans to open in July 2021 - aligning with new home occupancy in the neighborhood. Being built to accommodate K-12th grades on a year-round curriculum, the school will offer K-3rd grades in its first year, adding subsequent grades in future years.

“Chatham Park will be an ideal live, work, play, learn community for Thales Academy families, which supports our commitment to educating the whole person,” says Bob Luddy, Founder and Chairman of Thales Academy. “Providing a particularly valuable opportunity for students to live in close proximity to their school community and learn where they live, Chatham Park’s well-rounded, long-term vision offers fertile ground for the future leaders we foster at Thales Academy.”

“When you look around the world today at what cities are growing, they are the knowledge cities,” says Bubba Rawl, Co-founder of Preston Development Company, the company developing Chatham Park. “The Research Triangle is already one of these cities and Chatham Park will be too. Our ultimate goal is to create the perfect community for our future residents. By donating this land to Thales Academy, and eventually donating school sites to Chatham County Schools as well, we’re giving the children of Chatham Park the perfect place to learn and thrive.” This is Preston Development Company’s second partnership with Thales Academy, the first was in Knightdale Station in Knightdale, N.C.

Thales Academy cultivates critical thinkers by teaching students how to think, not what to think, fostering often-ignored skills such as writing and grammar, and developing confident leaders with strong integrity. Consistently outranking nationwide peers on objective, standardized tests Thales ensures its students are well-prepared for success in college and beyond.

“We look forward to offering the value of a firm and balanced, superior educational foundation for Chatham Park families,” adds Luddy.



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The Thales campus will be similar to existing Thales Academy facilities balancing a modern, yet classical, aesthetic, allowing students to learn in an environment modeled after beauty and order. Campus features will include: floor-to-ceiling glass windows - flooding classrooms with natural light; an iMac lab, Apple TVs in every classroom, and shared iPad carts - ensuring students are well-versed in technology. Additionally, the school will be outfitted with the latest safety and security features, including controlled-access doors, security cameras, and background check systems for all visitors.

Enrollment into Thales Academy is open to the public.

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Casey Golden, a former Jet and current minor leaguer, is working from home this summer

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — For the last three years, Casey Golden has spent his summers traveling and playing baseball games at a breakneck pace all across the country, from Grand Junction, Colorado, to Asheville to Lancaster, California.

Such is the life of the minor leaguer.

But this summer, his home base is, well, his actual home.

Golden, a former Jordan-Matthews and UNC-Wilmington baseball player, has been living with his family in Siler City since mid-March, when the coronavirus pandemic canceled the second half of his spring training with the Colorado Rockies. On June 30, Minor League Baseball's season was canceled in full.

With his steady rise in the Rockies' farm system on hold — Golden has moved from rookie league to Class A to Class A-Advanced the last three seasons — life has been an adjustment for the 25-year-old.

Golden has substituted live at-bats for late-night hitting sessions at a local batting cage with his younger brother, Trevor. And instead of trying to draw intentional walks at the plate, he's now taking them with his two dogs: 8-year-old beagle Lucy and 4-month-old Labrador mix Ruby.

"It's definitely not the routine I'm used to, but I've had to adapt," he said. "I'm used to



Submitted photo

Casey Golden, a former Jordan-Matthews baseball player, has played in the Colorado Rockies' farm system since 2017.

playing 25 to 27 games in 30 days. Now I'm not playing at all."

The first couple of months, he said, were "definitely the weird-

est." Golden had a productive offseason and was bumped up to the Rockies' spring training roster on Feb. 29. At camp in Arizona, he said he was "feeling

good" about his progress in the first two weeks — and excited for some in-game opportunities. They never came. MLB canceled the remainder

of spring training on March 12 in reaction to COVID-19, and teams dispersed promptly.

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Q&A: DENA FLOYD

Woods Charter's AD talks race, soccer and parenting

'You need to have those conversations'

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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In last week's issue, the News + Record featured Dena Floyd, the athletic director at Woods Charter School, in a story on the intersection of racial injustice protests and sports.

In this extended Q&A with the News + Record, Floyd, 38, touched on her experiences in soccer as a Black woman; using sports as a platform for tough conversations; and how

her 5-year-old son, Jase, has changed the way she thinks about race, racism and implicit bias.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

What's the role of sports in a moment like this one?

The beauty of sports in all of this is that we all come together. We all come together on this platform. And I think my kids and my staff (at Woods Charter) trust me. We can have these conversations because we know each other. There might be tough conversations, but why not? Why not have them?

I told the athletes at Florida and American University (whom she spoke to on a large alumni Zoom call organized her former UF coach, Becky Burleigh) that when I was at Florida, I got really fit. I wasn't the fittest kid, but I wanted to play. Basically, they told me, 'You've got to do X, Y and Z, or you're not going to play.' Florida is hot, and they basically trained you like you were in boot camp at the time. I was uncomfortable, and a lot of times I didn't want to do it. But guess what? I did it, because at the end of the day I wanted to play. So I tried to tell them, yes, it's uncomfortable to have that conversation with your teammate. Because, you know, you're Black and it's hard for you. You might not feel like they understand you. Or you're white, and you don't feel like you do the racist things every-

one's talking about. But at the end of the day, you need to have those conversations. And these are the best people to have them with, teammates. You're going to trust them. It's best to be open about it.

It's not about politics. It's about knowing each other and trying to really understand each other. I want to understand why a white person doesn't understand why this is the way it is, you know? I think if you're willing to have this conversation and listen — like, really listen and not just yell at each other — then that's where you're going to have growth. I think the really important thing is having those important conversations and changing lives that way in your community.

How has racism, explicit or subtle, affected you personally throughout your life?

I think for me, being a Black female (growing up and playing soccer in the Richmond area), it was being different. I was one of the only ones — so being thicker, body-wise, and there might have been comments about my hair. Just things that were inappropriate. I wasn't looking for someone to be racist toward me or have that covert racism. I was young. I wasn't watchful. But now that I look back, maybe me having to work really, really, really hard and still sometimes not getting that spot, or my parents having to think about pulling me off a team if things didn't sit right ... I'll think, 'Hey, that was kind of messed up.' The most (prevalent thing) for me was growing up in a predominantly white community, and people not understanding you as a Black female.

I played club soccer in northern Virginia my last couple years. My coach was Asian. I still keep in contact with him. And I remember him saying to me, for whatever reason, 'You're going to have to be better' ... It's not like I'm in a sport where it's predominantly Black. He's like, 'You can't mess up.' I was like, 'What? I'm so confused?' He's like, 'No, not in the sense you can't mess up on the field. You can't get in trouble (legally), because if you get in trouble, it's going to be worse for you. (A college or

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COLLEGE SPORTS RE-BOOT

Athletes returning to campus for an uncertain fall season

BY KHAALIQ VAN-OTTOO
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It was Thursday, March 12, when the NCAA announced what had seemed unthinkable — it was canceling March Madness and all other winter and spring championships as the COVID-19 pandemic began to spread.

Just like that, college sports — and soon the entire sports world — was put on indefinite hold.

Now after nearly four months, college athletes are poised to return to campuses and prepare for an unprecedented and uncertain fall season.

"Normally we would have been back on May 28 and started summer classes and training by now," said Jaylan Thomas, 20, a Carrollton, Georgia, native and starting running back at Elon University. "But with everything being pushed back, we report on July 5."

Elon is one of several college sports programs that have either already resumed team training or are planning to in the next couple of weeks. UNC-Chapel Hill's football program began returning players to campus in phases early last month. Most of the football teams in the SEC began voluntary workouts on June 8.

"I wouldn't say I was concerned, but I just think we need to be smart about it," said Sam Howell, UNC's sophomore quarterback, in a recent Zoom call with reporters. "Obviously everyone wants to play football. But at the end of the day, we've just got to do things the right way."

Some of the new protocols and safety measures announced for Elon football include mandatory testing for every player upon arriving to campus; daily health screenings and temperature checks; restricted and limited use of locker rooms; and a maximum of 10 players in the weight room at once. Almost all NCAA Division I programs have adopted similar measures.

While these procedures mitigate the risk, there's only so much you can do to prevent passing the virus in sports like football, where close contact in huddles and tackles are a necessary part of the game.

In the case of Alabama and Louisiana State, early results have shown that student-athletes in these settings are prone to contracting and spreading the virus. Eight

Alabama football players and 30 members of LSU's football program have tested positive for COVID-19 in just the first few weeks of workouts.

"It's not surprising we're seeing the rise right now," Shelly Mullenix, LSU's senior associate athletic trainer, recently told Sports Illustrated. "It's a pandemic. We should not be shocked. The story is that it's exactly what we said it would be. We were prepared from the get-go for a lot of virus."

Athletic directors and sports information directors at Duke, UNC and Elon were contacted, but all declined to comment.

As far as some student-athletes are concerned, the return of sports can't get here soon enough.

"The thing I am most looking forward to is getting back with the boys, and just talking with each other and being around each other, and recreating that atmosphere," said Thomas, who is entering his junior year at Elon. "When you are around a group of people as much as we are as teammates, they become your family. So it's been weird not having that."

The athletes expressed little trepidation about returning to play.

"It seems like everyone on the team is excited and just ready to play," said Taylor Otto, a senior on the UNC women's soccer team. "Right now, we expect a season, but we also realize that it could end midseason or before it even starts, to be honest."

College athletes aren't the only ones itching to get back. Professional athletes, coaches and fans all across the country have been pushing to get back to the playing fields and courts for months.

But the process of getting them back hasn't been so simple.

"It's such a challenge, not just because of the virus, but how we play sports," Dawn Comstock, a sports epidemiologist at the Colorado School of Public Health, recently told the New York Times. "The activities are so ingrained and part of the culture that even when the sport can be played safely, it's not likely that the participant will be willing to adopt the guidelines needed to do that."

Student athletes say they

recognize there will be changes this fall and are committed



Williams

to following whatever new guidelines or protocols are put in place to ensure their ability to play and remain safe. Even if that means playing to empty stadiums.

"Something that I know has been in the back of everyone's minds is the idea of playing with no fans," Thomas said. "I mean, I'll do it, but it would definitely be weird. It would be a quiet game."

Otto voiced similar emotions: "A lot of people are kind of sad, especially freshman and sophomores, at the prospect of us not having fans."

Jabrill Williams, 19, an offensive lineman at Elon, said having no fans is a small price to pay if it means having a fall season.

"I'm looking forward to the season regardless," said Williams, a Statesville native going into his redshirt freshman year. "I just really want to play."

Otto, who has been living in a house close by campus with six of her teammates, said they have already been holding themselves and one another accountable.

"We have been kind of like bullying each other to make sure no one is going to bars, no one is throwing parties, making sure we all wear masks when we go out," Otto said. "Just trying to do all the major things that are within our control."

She is a part of a UNC women's soccer team that sits at the reigning ACC champions. This past season they made it to the women's College Cup final for the second consecutive season, but came up just short. If they can overcome the challenges of the virus and play a full season, they will be looking for a bit of redemption.

Just the opportunity to be out there again would be a gift, Otto said.

"For me, I just really want to play and be with my teammates one last time," she said. "I can't imagine ending my college career early or when I did not expect it to end."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Workouts resume at four more local schools

For three weeks, Chatham Charter was the only high school in the county holding summer workouts. That's not the case anymore. On Monday, the county's four other high schools — Northwood, Jordan-Matthews, Chatham Central and Woods Charter — resumed summer workouts under the NCHSAA's Phase One guidelines, which don't allow contact between athletes, among other regulations. Northwood, Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central began workouts for fall sports only. Woods Charter's workouts were open for all sports but participation leaned mostly toward fall sports. Josh Harris, the Jets' athletic director, tweeted pictures of pre-practice tem-

perature checks and socially distanced workouts on Monday with the caption: "We're back ... kinda." At Jordan-Matthews, the football team has resumed workouts, with cheer, volleyball and cross country set to return later in the month. Boys soccer and girls tennis are not yet scheduled for workouts. At Northwood, the football, cross country and volleyball teams had "tremendous workouts" Monday, co-athletic director Jason Amy said in a tweet. "So proud of the Northwood High School Athletic coaching staff, parents and especially our student athletes!" Amy wrote. "We planned, communicated and had high expectations to make this work to give everyone hope — we're on our way back."

SilverArts competition sets drive-by time

The Chatham County Senior Games were canceled this spring, but the SilverArts competition continued online. Now, the games have added a final send-off. Participants can reserve a spot for a drive-by ceremony on either July 22 or July 30, where they can collect medals (if they won a SilverArts event) and a commemorative T-shirt. The July 22 event will start at 10 a.m. in the Western Chatham Senior Center parking lot in Siler City. The July 30 event will start at 10 a.m. in the Eastern Chatham Senior Center parking lot in Pittsboro. Parking is limited, and coordinator Liz Lahti asked those interested to reserve a spot at either location by July 17. Lahti

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Jets distribute sports awards

Jordan-Matthews, like many a high school in the area, had to move its end-of-year sports banquet online. But it still found a way to physically give out some of the awards announced June 17. From 10 a.m. to noon on July 2, athletes stopped by the high school's cafeteria entrance to pick up awards ranging from team MVP to most improved. Conference awards and all-conference awards were available, too. Harris, the athletic director, said athletes can "stay tuned" for another date to pick up their hardware if they couldn't last week.

— CN+R staff reports

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pro team) isn't going to push it under the rug.' So, not in the senses of play or X's and O's. He meant more in the sense of life. And I did see that in work. I never did anything catastrophic, but I did see things like, 'If I did that, I'd be fired.' When I was at Stanford (in the mid-2000s), this girl was getting away with everything ... but I felt like because she was a cute, petite white female, (nothing would happen). Those were the thoughts in my mind. I was in my early 20s, and other people thought it, too, not just black people: 'How is she getting away with this?' Where anyone else would have been fired.

'It's not about politics. It's about knowing each other and trying to really understand each other.'

DENA FLOYD, Woods Charter athletic director

How has your son changed things for you? I think having my son has been the game-changer for me. My dad's Black, and obviously my brothers are Black. I was aware, but now I'm even hyper-aware (about my son) because you know, that's my seed. I'm very cautious of what he does. He's 5, but I try to be like, 'You can't do this.' He's a bigger kid, too. He's athletic. He actually already had an incident. This was last fall. He was 4 and playing soccer.

He's been around soccer all the time, obviously, and picked it up at an early age. He's pretty good — but he's huge. He's tall. We went out for the local i9 (rec league) team and I decided to coach. You practice and play right afterward, all in the same day. I realized (in the first practice) I should have put him in the next highest age group, but it was fine. He was of age for the 3- and 4-year-old group. Sure enough, when we get out to the game, he's killing it. I have to sit him down (to even the game out). He's not ruthless in the sense that he's pushing people — he's just a big kid. The next weekend, we played this team and he bumped into this girl (after bumping a boy earlier in the game). Granted, he went for the ball. If it was a regular game, it wouldn't be

considered a foul. But the girl fell over and she was crying. Her mom was furious. She picked up her daughter, walked over to the tent and basically told on us: 'How old is he? He's too old.' And thank God the i9 people had my back. They told her: 'Look, it happens. It's soccer. It's a contact sport in a sense.' They told her (my son) was of age. She didn't think he was the right age. Why would I want to play my son down already? Why would I want to get that advantage? So we've already had to deal with it in that sense. At that point, so I wouldn't get myself into an incident and because we play everyone twice, we just moved up to the 5- and 6-year-old age group. It was perfect for him: the size, the skill level, everything. But that's kind of what goes in the back

of my mind. He has to be perfect, you know? He has to get it together. He can't mess up in the classroom, because people are going to judge him. When he gets older (and taller), he's going to be considered a threat. He's going to be considered a threat even if he does everything right. That's the thing. All the males in my immediate family are very educated — college degrees, master's degrees — and they still have to deal with these aggressions, this overt racism when they step out into the reality of the real world.

Do these current protests feel tangibly different than others in recent history? I don't think it's any different (conceptually) — I think the times

are different because of COVID. Everyone's stuck at home watching the news. Everyone has a lot more time on their hands. If we were doing this and it was last year, I don't think it would have the same impact. It's also an election year, so the news is covering that more. But because of COVID, we're stopped, and these incidents happened back to back to back, that's why it's so prominent right now ... I don't think any of this would have happened if we weren't in a standstill with school and work and COVID.

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GOLDEN

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dispersed promptly. Golden said the Rockies organization was "hands on" and very helpful. "This thing hit, and it really hit," he said. "We knew about it. We probably left the complex within 48 hours. It happened really fast." Thankfully for Golden, his North Carolina ties made his next few days easy. One of his friends and former teammates, Robbie Thorburn, still owns a house in Wilmington. Golden and other UNCW baseball alums spend off-season time there, working out in the Seahawks' facilities, and use it as a launch point of sorts. "We know that we're going to pack it up in mid-February, spend a few weeks back in our hometown with our family before spring training, then we won't be back at that house until October," Golden said. "So that was already planned ahead. My stuff was already back in Siler." All he needed to haul back home to Chatham County was the suitcase he took to spring training. His weeks are now full of Zoom meetings with everyone from athletic trainers to strength and conditioning coordinators

to hitting and outfield coaches. "There's definitely a schedule," he said, "but instead of in-person meetings, you're doing everything virtually. It's a change of pace. You have to stay awake for some sessions of it." But Golden's quick to add "it's all valuable information." He's embraced the challenge of staying in shape and up to speed in an environment that relies heavily on him, as an individual, to maintain it. Lots of his work has come at The Factory, a batting cage facility in downtown Siler City that also has a full gym and space for throwing and fielding exercises. The owner, Reggie Allred, reached out to Casey and his brother Trevor, a rising senior who plays baseball, basketball and soccer at Chatham Charter, to offer full access. "They were great to us," Golden said. Back in North Carolina, Golden's also found time to reminisce on his four years at Jordan-Matthews and UNC-Wilmington — two stints he'll always look back on with fond memories. With the Jets, he was a four-time all-conference selection from 2010 to 2013 and hit .584 as a senior, the same year he was named team MVP and an all-state selection.

'It's definitely not the routine I'm used to, but I've had to adapt.'

CASEY GOLDEN, former Jordan-Matthews baseball player

With the Seahawks, he was again a four-year starter and saved his best for last. As a senior in 2017, he batted .310, hit 21 home runs and was named the Colonial Athletic Association's player of the year. The Rockies drafted him in the 20th round that spring. The only negative? His 21 homers tied a single-season record at UNCW, as did the 40 career home runs he left the team with. "I had a home run called foul that year," Golden said with a laugh. "It wasn't foul, but I don't want to talk about it." A 6-foot-2 righty currently playing in left field, he's picked up a few honors in the Rockies organization, too. He was the 2018 South Atlantic League MVP for the Asheville Tourists and a 2019 midseason all-star for the Lancaster Jet-Hawks. "You have to enjoy it," Golden said. "Playing pro baseball was a life-long dream. The ultimate

dream hasn't come true yet but I'm checking the boxes slowly." At home, he's doesn't have many complaints either — his biggest issue is having to sleep in the same room as Ruby, the family's new and often restless puppy. But more quality time with his siblings, his parents and his nieces have been a welcome addition. Three weeks ago, as the family celebrated Father's Day, Golden realized it was the first time he'd physically been there for the event in six or seven years. Coronavirus-induced cancellations and all, he still had to smile. "It's kind of been a blessing in disguise," Golden said.

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REAL ID enforcement deadline extended to October 2021

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If you're one of the more than 6 million eligible North Carolinians without a REAL ID, no need to fret. You've got time to get one if you need it.

The Department of Homeland Security announced on March 26 that it was extending the REAL ID enforcement deadline by 12 months to October 1, 2021, due to the coronavirus pandemic, citing concerns over social distancing and overcrowding in Division of Motor Vehicles offices.

The identification switch stems from the REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, that set tougher minimum security standards for the identification needed for select "official purposes," including boarding federally regulated flights, accessing some federal facilities and entering nuclear power plants.

Federal facilities that will no longer accept standard ID cards for entry may include federal courthouses, federal prisons and military bases, among others. Other federal facilities that don't presently require ID for access — post offices, for example — won't require a REAL ID.

N.C. REAL IDs, which are marked with a star in the upper right corner of the card, are optional and act in place of your standard ID card and driver's license.

The primary benefit of switching to a REAL ID is convenience, since it would be the only ID you would need to board domestic flights.

However, if the October 2021 deadline passes and you don't have a REAL ID, other forms of ID — such as a U.S. passport



Courtesy N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles

A sample of a Real ID.

— will be accepted at TSA checkpoints and federal facilities, but will need to be shown alongside your standard ID. You will not be able to board domestic flights with just a standard ID card.

Minors (those under the age of 18) will not be required to apply for a REAL ID since they don't have to provide ID when flying domestically.

As of June 29, the N.C. DMV has issued 1.9 million REAL IDs since May 2017, when the state began producing them. Now, the N.C. DMV is recommending that one should only apply for a REAL ID if they don't already have a passport, military ID or a permanent resident card.

In March, many DMV offices began temporarily closing across the state primarily because they had a lack of space needed to allow patrons to be 6 feet apart and meet social distancing standards.

Now, while more than 70 of the approximately 120 offices are officially open, and there are plans to reopen more each week, the N.C. DMV is asking people to wait until later this year to get a REAL ID, if possible.

"Because we got an

extra year to provide a REAL ID if someone wants one, we are not too concerned about the office closures," said Steve Abbott, the assistant director of communications for the North Carolina Department of Transportation. "We are recommending that people wait until later this year or into 2021 to get one as the license office situation will hopefully be much improved by then."

The cost of applying for a REAL ID varies. If you are renewing your license, getting a REAL ID will cost the same as the renewal (\$40). If you are applying for a REAL ID outside of your renewal period, it costs \$13.

If you're already at the DMV office getting a new ID or a first-time ID for yourself, then it makes sense to go ahead and get a REAL ID, according to Abbott. But he said there shouldn't be any real reason to hurry or go out of your way to do so right now.

To make the process simpler, the N.C. DMV has created a wizard to help you determine whether or not you'll need a REAL ID and prepare you for your visit to your local DMV office.

For more information, go to ncdot.gov.



Erin Dillon and Liz Mauney (right) distributed grab-and-go kits on Monday outside the the North Carolina Cooperative Extension-Chatham County Center in Pittsboro.

Staff photo by Olivia Rojas

4-H proceeds with its summer fun event

BY OLIVIA ROJAS
News + Record Staff

Chatham County 4-H is set on giving local youth some "summer fun" through its virtual camp and remote grab-and-go kits during the months of July and August.

The camp, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, was made virtual this year to follow N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper's reopening guidelines.

"Usually we have a hands-on camp type of situation where we have several different camps offered throughout the summer," said Liz Mauney, a 4-H program assistant who focuses on youth development. "This year we switched to a virtual camp where we invited presenters to make short videos about what they do, interesting facts about their job and things they get to do during the course of their day to share with our summer fun campers."

Mauney said the idea for video presentations came from the original pre-COVID camp schedule.

She said: "Basically we took our normal — what we were used to — and said 'how can we make this work?' Everybody is using Zoom and pre-made videos. We reached out to

our usual presenters who came to our camp and asked them if they would be interested in making those videos to help us continue camp in a virtual fashion."

Presentations will be made by representatives from different organizations across the county, such as Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area and Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling, as well as volunteers who are retirees that have a background in STEM or electricity.

In addition to the virtual camp, Chatham County 4-H is giving the youth free grab-and-go camp kits that allow them to engage in educational activities. This summer's kits include summer blast rocket kits, beginner's sewing kits, build a can lamp kits and investigating water quality kits.

About 1,200 kits were assembled by hand from 4-H staff. Erin Dillon, a Chatham County N.C. Cooperative Extension intern, said her home was "filled" with kits.

"I helped organize the supplies and I took a lot of them home with me because I work mainly from home," she said. "I assembled all the kits together and I designed a flyer telling people about Chatham County 4-H and

N.C. Cooperative Extension."

Registration will be open online until the kit distribution date — which is also available online. Once registration has been completed, parents will be contacted and will receive a scheduled pickup time to come by the extension center office to receive the kits.

Dillon said she hopes the kit will allow participants to get outside and take a break from screen time.

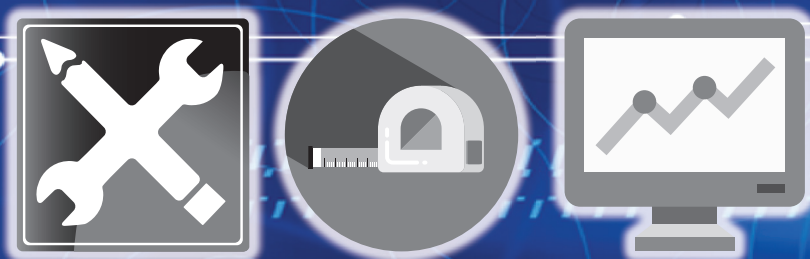
"I'm hoping that these kits are a way for the kids to step away from the TV screen or step away from the Zoom calls that they've been doing so many of," she said. "My main hope is that kids will be able to use their hands and be outdoors and learn new things this summer."

Youth between the ages of 5-18 are allowed to participate in the activities, regardless if they are currently enrolled in 4-H.

For more information and registration details go to: chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/06/registration-for-4-h-virtual-summer-camp-and-kits-now-available/

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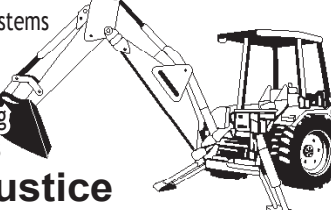


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GRANNY LIB TURNS 100

Pittsboro’s Elizabeth Farrell, a ‘perfectionist’ in all she did, celebrates a milestone

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Grandchildren on golf carts flashed handmade signs, passengers shot confetti from car windows and Fords and firetrucks alike honked horns on Friday afternoon.

It was an impromptu birthday celebration for Elizabeth “Granny Lib” Farrell, but she didn’t mind.

Sitting in her wheelchair under a blue pop-up tent on the front lawn of 114 J.A. Farrell Street, she smiled, waved to friends and at times dabbed away tears of happiness with a handkerchief. She wore sandals, white khaki pants and a teal T-shirt that made her milestone crystal clear.

“This queen,” it read, “makes 100 look fabulous.”

On July 3, the day Farrell hit triple digits, family members gathered at her Pittsboro home for a drive-by, pizza and cupcakes. They celebrated a woman whose daughters, Barbara Nance and Vicky Brady, described her as a “perfectionist” with a non-stop work ethic.

“She was an over-achiever,” Nance said.

“She was,” Brady said. “She could do anything — the yard work, the inside work. Everything, really.”

Farrell, who raised her two daughters from her first marriage in Greensboro, re-married J.A. Farrell Jr. in the late 1960s. Farrell would go on to serve as Chatham County’s sheriff from 1972 to 1978.

Jay Farrell, a current Pittsboro town commissioner, was about 10 years old when his father re-married Elizabeth. Jay lived with his biological mother growing up, but he’s a longtime Pittsboro resident and said he was consistently “in and out” to spend time with his



Granny Lib waves to family and friends in a drive-by parade on July 3, 2020, with step-son Jay Farrell and daughter Vicky Brady by her side.

step-mother.

“She (Elizabeth) was always real good to him,” Jay said of his father, who died in 1994. “That was the main thing.”

Elizabeth Farrell had a decades-long career at UNC Hospitals, working as a supervisor in the sterilization department. When she retired, her daughters said Farrell did a slew of in-home projects before complaining she was bored.

After a short stint at a boutique shop, Farrell applied for a job at a nearby drug store (now a Walgreens) when she was 80. She got the job and worked the cash register for almost 10 years. Farrell won three employee of the month awards in her time there: two for her store, and one for the entire company.

“She said the saddest day was when she had to quit work,” Brady, her younger daughter, said. “She loved work.”

Up until a year and a half ago, Farrell lived on her own and only got assistance from a biweekly house cleaner. After a

fall, she went through six weeks of rehab and starting using a wheelchair, and her family hired two caregivers to alternate caring for Farrell a week at time.

“But she still has her mind,” Brady said. “Her memory is incredible. It’s just her physical body has given out.”

Margaret Dodson, one of those caregivers, has worked with Farrell since last April. Every other week, she drives an hour and 45 minutes from her home in Robeson County to spend a week in Farrell’s home. Dodson said Farrell has a “great appetite,” especially for country food: bacon and eggs for breakfast, tomato sandwiches with pickles for lunch. They’ve developed a running joke where they both refer to each other as “Granny.”

Dodson retired at age 62 to care for her own mother, who had a “bad case” of Alzheimer’s and died after four years. Farrell was Dodson’s first official client after that, and Dodson recalled an emotional conversation in



Staff photo by Kim Hawks
Lisa Cockman drives by Granny Lib’s birthday celebration on July 3, 2020. Leslie Purvis is in back seat with children Emsley and Allen Purvis.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks
Elizabeth “Granny Lib” Farrell, a lifelong lover of working and completing tasks, held a job until she was almost 90.

guests as they reminisced on her “strong-willed” life. She was an excellent housekeeper, a masterful cook and a skilled seamstress — she sewed curtains, furniture slip covers and Nance’s wedding dress.

“She really could do it all,” Brady said.

And the fact Granny Lib reached 100 years old? “I’m not surprised,” Nance said.

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20 questions and a corresponding number of answers, part 2



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook
ty chef.

When it's going to be a while before you make a grocery run, what's your favorite pantry pandemic meal?

I have developed a recipe for a simple bean salad using canned beans with a mirepoix of onion, carrot, and celery combined with fresh herbs that are good and good for you. I do also keep dried beans on hand, but being able to open a couple of cans for a hearty, healthy side dish is pretty great.

What's your best food-related activity suggestion for staving off quarantine cabin fever and the resulting mayhem?

I have been fermenting like mad! It's been a lot of fun and since I am at home more and obviously not traveling, I have a lot more time to babysit fermentation projects. I signed up for a cooking class with Root Kitchens with Dr. Julia Skinner and it was been wonderful. I've made kombucha from scratch, including my SCOBY, lots of krauts, and veg, as well as fermented mustard and fire cider. I am curious about the culinary techniques and excited about the health benefits, too.

Many chefs name you as one of their influences. Who is your biggest culinary influence?

Well, that's very kind. I love to cook, that's for certain. I would say one of my greatest culinary influences is Jacques Pepin. There is not a time that I watch him on television that I do not learn something. His breadth of knowledge is stunning.



I also like his French sensibility and emphasis on technique.

What was the most valuable lesson you learned from working with Nathalie Dupree?

I'll never forget when she told me "to get my hot little hands off the

pastry." Truly, Nathalie has taught me so much it would be impossible to choose what the most valuable lesson actually is. She is a dear friend and mentor.

Anne Willan?
Test recipes carefully and retest them again and again

Pickled Green Tomatoes

These pickles come from the website Garden Betty.

1 pound green slicing tomatoes (or 1 & 1/2 pounds green cherry tomatoes)
2 teaspoons dill seeds
Cut larger (slicing) tomatoes into 1/2-inch wedges, and cut smaller (cherry or grape) tomatoes in half.
In a small saucepan, bring all of the brine ingredients to a boil and stir until the salt is dissolved. Remove the brine from heat.
Fill a hot, clean quart jar with the pickling spice mix of your choice. Pack the jar tightly with the tomatoes.
Pour the hot brine over the tomatoes, covering them completely and leaving 1/2 inch headspace.
Stick a chopstick or "bubbling" tool into the jar and move it around to release any trapped air bubbles.
Wipe the rim clean, seal with a lid and band, and process in a boiling water bath for 15 minutes.

Jalapeño Pickled Pineapple

This is my approximation of a ridiculously delicious dish they serve at my favorite Hipster bar, Durham's Ally 26. It's nature's candy times two if eaten while sipping on an old school pineapple daiquiri that evokes the era of sophisticated 1950 motor lodge resorts in Miami.

1 pineapple, cut into bite-size chunks, don't use the hard rind part
3 cups apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
Prepare the jalapeño
Cut the top and end off the jalapeño. Cut it in half length-wise and cut each piece in half again, so that you have four long strips. Discard all the seeds. Carefully, using a paring knife, shave off all the vein, so that all you have left is bright green flesh.
Place the vinegar, sugar, lime juice, peppercorns and kosher salt into a small saucepan and bring to a simmer. Stir until sugar dissolves.
Put half of the pineapple into each jar. Place two strips of jalapeño in each, sliding them down along the outside of the pineapple, against the glass.
Pour the vinegar mixture over the top of each jar, allow 1/2 inch headspace. The vinegar should barely cover the fruit.
Place the lid and ring on each wide-mouth jar. Refrigerate overnight before enjoying.

until they are perfect.

Martha Stewart?
Attention to detail is incredibly important. There's a "feel good" meme that says "progress not perfection." I am not too sure Martha would agree.

Bobby Flay?
As big as a superstar as Bobby is, he has always been very nice. On that note, Julia Child was always very nice. Not everyone is as nice! And, I think it's important just to try to be nice to people.

Describe cooking in the Chopped kitchen.
HOT! Stressful. I am just glad I didn't cut

myself.

You give your time and skills to many causes. What pandemic-related things are you doing?

One of my leading causes is food insecurity and hunger. The thought of hungry children in one of the wealthiest countries on Earth is criminal. One in four children in the United States could face hunger this year because of the coronavirus. I have been working for years with No Kid Hungry and have tried to do what I can during this crisis. The coronavirus has closed schools nationwide, and millions of vulnerable children have lost the school meals they

depend on. America's kids need us.

If you had a magical pantry that had any item you wanted, regardless of season, what is your ultimate homemade comfort food?

There's absolutely nothing like a vegetable plate in the summer with butterbeans, corn, tomatoes, and okra — all squished around with mayonnaise-tinged juices. Fresh butterbeans are one of my favorite all-time vegetables from childhood.
Next week is the conclusion of our chat with Chef Willis.
Thanks for your time.
Contact me at debbie@bullicity.mom.

NEWS BRIEFS

Carolina Tiger Rescue to host virtual Tiger Day 5K fun run

Carolina Tiger Rescue is hosting its first virtual Tiger Day 5K in celebration of International Tiger Day on July 29, with all proceeds benefiting the animals who call the sanctuary home.
Interested parties can register individually or create a team, then walk, run or ride a 5k any time between July 24 and July 29. The sanctuary will wrap up the event with a virtual celebration on July 29 for International Tiger Day.
Registration is \$35, and all participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt from Big Frog Custom T-Shirts of Durham. Those who register before July 24 will also receive their very own "pawcasso," created by one of the cats at the sanctuary. Participants may also create teams, and teams with five or more members will be entered to win a private tour of the sanctuary valued at \$500.

To register for the Tiger Day 5k, please visit: <https://one.bidpal.net/tigerday5k/welcome>.

Ceremony for support and call for action

PITTSBORO — The Community Remembrance Coalition Chatham will be hosting "a ceremony for support and call to action" at the Chatham County Justice Center from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. Social distancing and masks are required.

Chatham County Schools summer meals

Chatham County Schools will not be operating the week of July 6 due to scheduled maintenance required at the five food sites. Summer meals will resume July 13 at the five curbside locations and along three bus routes throughout the county.

Bill to support livestock and poultry producers affected by COVID-19

The Responding to Epidemic Losses and Investing in the Economic Future (RELIEF) for Producers Act was recently introduced. This piece of legislation would provide relief to livestock and poultry producers amidst the coronavirus pandemic. The bill would support producers that are faced with euthanizing their animals due to COVID-19, provide resources for animal health laboratories as they develop solutions to defend against emerging animal disease spread and give additional authority to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary through the existing Commodity Credit Corporation Charter to deal with removal and disposal of livestock for any public health emergency moving forward.

— CN+R staff reports

2020 COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

MARS HILL UNIVERSITY

Emily Michea Nona of Pittsboro has been named to the Dean's List at Mars Hill for the spring 2020 semester.
In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.5 Quality Point Average during the semester.

PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Haley Taylor of Snow Camp has been named to the Dean's List at Pensacola Christian College for the spring 2020 semester. The school is located in Pensacola, Florida.
This honor was the result of earning a semester grade point average of 3.00 or higher.



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Second Bloom of Chatham seeks volunteers



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Second Bloom of Chatham is seeking volunteers to help serve victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Chatham County.

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Second Bloom of Chatham has been working for two years to build an agency to address the needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Chatham County. Now, the organization is seeking volunteers and other community support to ensure its current services, including a 24-hour hotline, can continue to serve those in need. Second Bloom of Chatham Inc., a non-profit organization focused on domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and services in the county, began raising money for the project through the recently re-opened Second Bloom of Chatham thrift store located on the circle in Pittsboro. The organization has been funding by donations over the past two years, but will be eligible for grants starting this year since it's providing services, according to the

group's program director, Tamsey Hill. "Volunteers and support from the community are vital to all our services, especially as we are a new and developing agency," Hill said. "Our volunteers assist with the HelpLine and many other aspects of services." The 24-hour HelpLine, which was started last July, is manned by volunteers seven days a week. Volunteers help callers with crisis intervention, resources and information referrals, protective orders and other support services that victims may need. Volunteers that manage the HelpLine in the evening and on the weekends can do so from their location. All volunteers go through specialized training to "prepare and equip volunteers to meet clients at their point of need." In the age of COVID, Second Bloom has changed some of the ways it does training to protect the health of its volunteers. Some of the training is virtual, but some will take place

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in the auditorium of the Old Ag Building near the Chatham County Annex in Pittsboro. They have enough space to hold "socially distanced" training and conduct it safely, Hill noted. Volunteers who participate in more than 30 hours of training, will be able, if they choose, to provide daytime, in-office advocacy to support walk-in clients, assist with protective orders, support in the courtroom or respond to hospital calls.

off from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays at the thrift shop. They can also be donated from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Second Bloom office on Small Street. "While COVID-19 has affected many services and businesses, Second Bloom of Chatham is still open," Hill said. "We are committed to providing services safely as possible, abiding by government orders and guidelines for client, volunteer, and staff safety."

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

POLICE REPORTS

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Brandon Sercy, 24, of Pittsboro, was charged July 1 for assault on a female. Sercy was jailed under domestic violence 48-hour hold with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Luis Puente of Bear Creek was cited June 29 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Hwy. 64 in Siler City. James McCarthy Jr. of Sanford was cited July 4 for exceeding safe speed on U.S. Hwy. 1 near Pittsboro.

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Bray Park pool now open

The Town of Siler City has announced that the Bray Park Aquatic Facility officially opened for the 2020 season last week. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Siler City Parks and Recreation staff, along with Carolina Pool Management, have modified the operations of the Bray Park pool and amenities to ensure compliance with State and Federal guidelines. Guests will notice several changes to the operation of the Bray Park Aquatic Facility. Changes include the following:

- 50-participant capacity.
- Masks and face coverings are required while inside the bathhouse and on the pool deck when social distancing is not possible.
- Pool furniture has been removed and will not be available at this time. Outside chairs are not permitted.
- Waiver/sign-in: Guests must sign a waiver at the front desk acknowledging that they are not symptomatic of COVID-19.

- Time blocks: Time blocks for open swim hours include the following: Block #1: 12-2:30 p.m.; Block #2: 3-5:30 p.m.
- The facility will be closed for deep cleaning from 2:30 to 3 p.m. (All guests must exit facility.)
- Reduced entry fee: \$2.50 per time block.

Staff has increased disinfecting and cleaning procedures for the Bray Park Pool to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Staff will deep clean the facility twice daily and will frequently be disinfecting highly touched surfaces. Day Cares and Summer Camp programs are encouraged to contact Carolina Pool Management to scheduled swim times due to limited capacity at 336-854-8884 as well as all pool rental information and scheduling. At this time, programs to include swim lessons and the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Exercise Program are postponed until further notice. Please contact Siler City Parks and Recreation with any questions or comments at 919-742-2699 or email recreation@silercity.org.

Pittsboro Community Lunch reopens on carryout basis

PITTSBORO — St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church's free community lunch will resume Thursday, July 9, but only on a takeout basis. Unlike the traditional community lunch, which was held in the church's parish hall, everyone who participates will have to register in advance — by calling the church or signing up while waiting for lunch. The main dish for Thursday's lunch will be Maple Sausage Grits Puff, a grits-egg casserole with Swiss chard on the side. To sign up, call 919-542-5679 and leave a voicemail with the church including your name, phone number and how many people your lunch(s) will feed. Meals will be handed out from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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BY PEYTON SICKLES
News + Record Staff

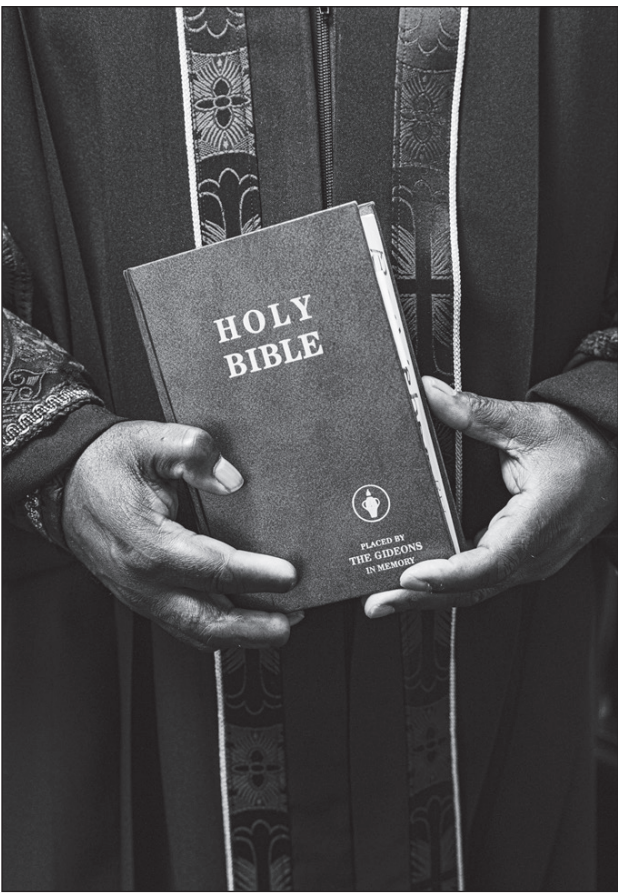
Pastor Jerry Powell has always been a man of faith, but in this time of social distancing and civil unrest, his congregation is counting on him to be a leader in the conversation on race, politics, and religion — and how they intersect.

Pastor Powell has been at Alston Chapel United Holy Church for nearly 20 years, but his first congregation, Bethlehem United Holy Church, was in his hometown of Durham. As a Black man in the south, Powell says he understands the struggle for equality, strength and dignity — and he is teaching his congregation and the community how to approach this renewed fight for civil rights with compassion, purpose and peace.

“This world was built on good, ethical morals, which have been totally ignored and disrespected,” he said. “And when you disrespect the constitution of the land, you disrespect the congregants of the world.”

The Chatham County community has joined the nation in demonstrations honoring the lives of Black men and women killed by police over the last few years. Powell is a proponent of creating a new dialogue within the community between citizens, law enforcement, and communities of faith.

In June, he took his peaceful resolution to the courthouse steps and shared a message of hope. Along with Reverend Charles Matthew, he led a community forum



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Powell holds his Bible at waist level, spotlighting the rich texture and detail both in his robe and the holy book.

for unity in downtown Pittsboro, denouncing the state of widespread racism and police brutality. In a nation filled with daily reports of violent protests, Powell said he wanted to make it clear that people can protest peacefully and directly without losing momentum. He sees the protests that are happening now as this generation's chapter in the fight for Civil Rights.

“This is an opportuni-

ty for love,” he said. “If there's demonstrations and protests, let it be done in peace and with compassion. Let it be done to bring awareness and attention to what's happening and how to resolve and move forward.”

Powell believes that, as a country, we need to ask ourselves if we are ready to sit down and have the conversation on race and



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Pastor Jerry Powell's warm yet questioning gaze down lens captures his trepidatious hope in recent months.

the dire need for change. Furthermore, he believes that the key to all of this is love.

“The tragedy of all of this would be to let it die down until the next thing happens,” he said. “How you bring about change is you have to vote. We do all of this talking and fighting, but then we don't vote and nothing changes. Our next move is to educate people on the importance, necessity and power of voting. In all of that, you have the voice of the people.”



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Powell rests below a stained-glass piece depicting Jesus holding a black child. It's a beautifully unique characteristic of his church.



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As part of the June 6 event, demonstrators participated in an 8 minute, 46-second moment of silence to honor George Floyd.



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Powell rests his hands on the edge of the railing within his sanctuary; here, you can see the fine craftsmanship of a cross embedded in the wooden column.



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One of the stained-glass windows in the church sanctuary shines a light in an unoccupied room



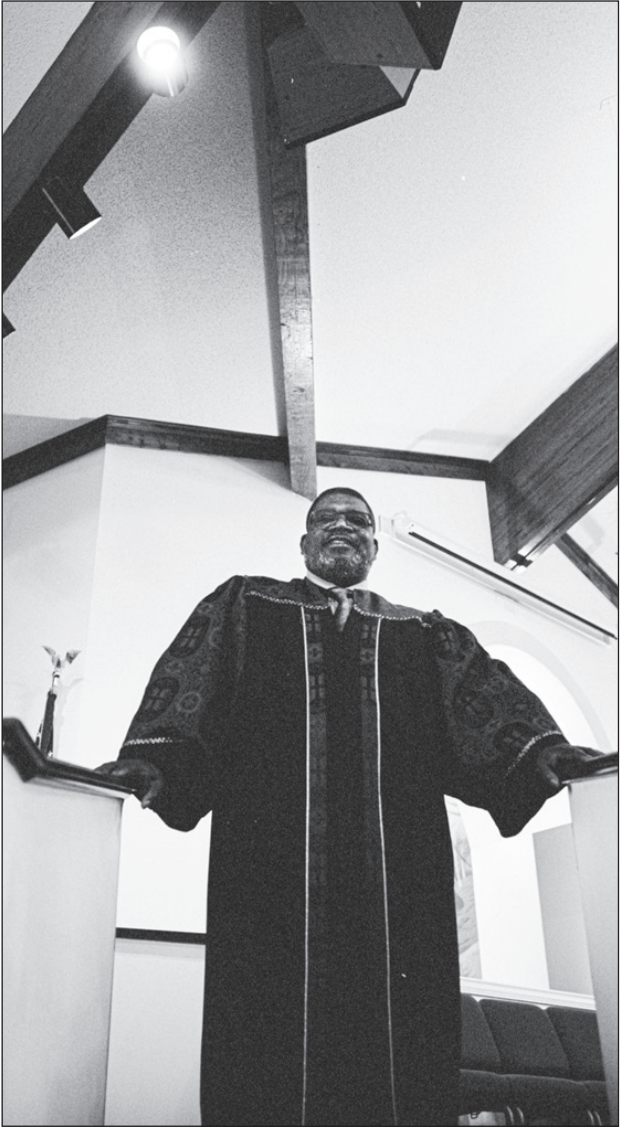
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A wide-angle shot of Powell addressing citizens in front of the Justice Center on June 6.



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Powell addresses citizens in front of the Justice Center during a protest event in Pittsboro on June 6.



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Powell stands atop one of the staircases at his church; this allows the viewer to see the intricate workings on the ceiling within the sanctuary.



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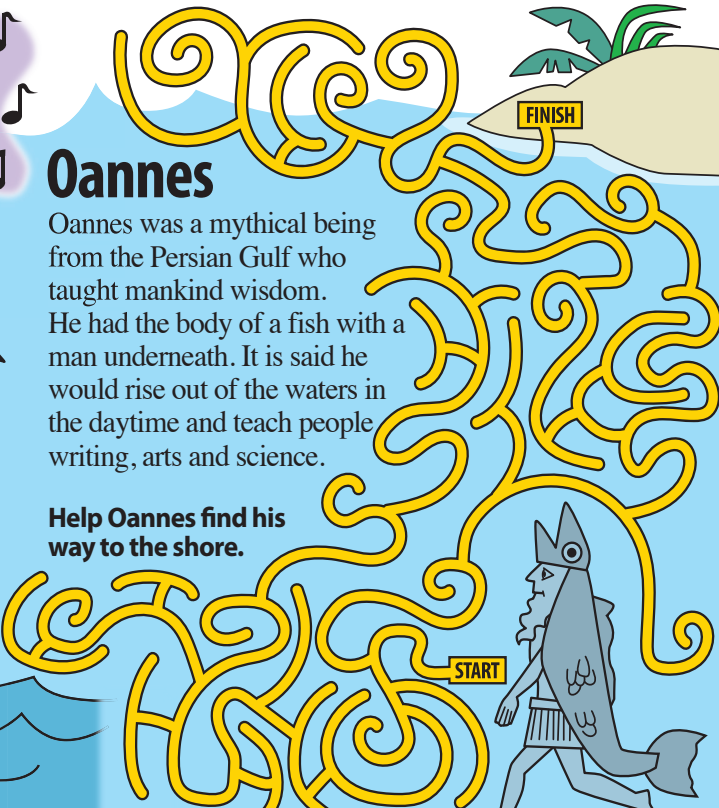
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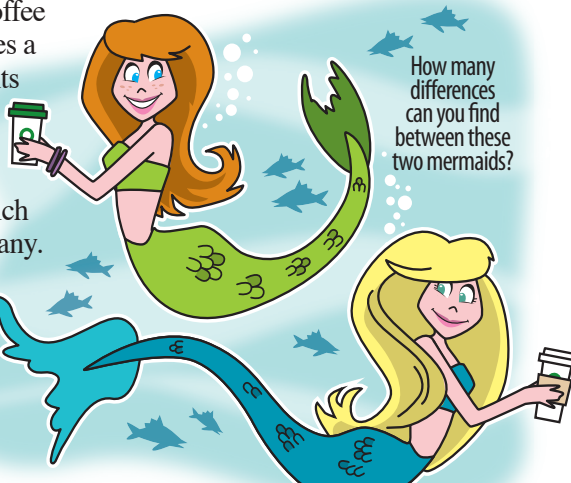


Coffee Mermaid

A popular coffee company uses a mermaid in its logo. Circle every other letter to discover which coffee company.

JSATR
ATRUB
MULC
WKTS
S

How many differences can you find between these two mermaids?



The Fiji Mermaid

In the summer of 1842, a report went out that there was proof that mermaids were real. What looked like a mummified creature was displayed at P.T. Barnum's American Museum of Oddities for many years. **Was it real?** No. The dried skeleton was manmade by combining the skeletons of two animals. Unscramble the letters to find out which two.

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Extra! Extra!



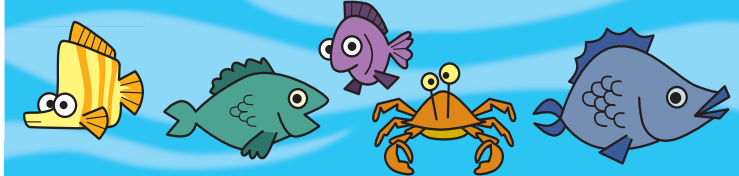
Create a Creature

Cut out different body parts from people and animals in photos in today's newspaper. Combine these in new ways to make a new creature. Give your creature a name and write a story about it.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cross out the one thing in each row that does not belong.




Double Double Word Search

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

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S	G	E	L	E	E	L	D	N	T
A	W	R	S	L	R	I	A	O	A
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L	S	T	S	M	N	G	L	I	O
O	D	A	R	S	U	N	S	W	P
R	O	E	I	E	C	K	A	S	A
S	M	R	T	O	S	X	R	O	V
I	E	C	N	I	R	P	E	S	E

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




FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Words That Go Together

Look through the newspaper and cut out 10 nouns. Then put the nouns into groups. Give each group a name. Can you group the nouns in different ways?







Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students extract and group information from text.


How does a mermaid make friends with a dolphin?



ANSWER: On porpoise!

Kid Scoop Together: How to Draw a Mermaid

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VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: MYTHICAL

The adjective **mythical** means a story existing only in imagination.


The child's story was about riding a **mythical** dragon.

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

Write On!

If I Were an Animal

Which kind of animal are you the most like? What kind of animal would you like to be? Write about it!



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Man arrested in Pittsboro protest scuffle

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A Stokes County man was arrested by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department on charges resulting from a melee near the former site of Pittsboro's Confederate soldier monument.

An arrest warrant was issued for Tommy Dale Parnell on June 26 following the incident where he used a Confederate flag as a weapon which resulted in the injury of a woman. He was apprehended on July 1.

On June 25, a group of pro-Confederate protesters and counter-protesters clashed in the parking lot adjacent to Beggers and Choosers, located on the northeast quadrant of the circle in downtown Pittsboro, where pro-Confederate protesters had parked. As a result of video evidence, Parnell was charged with felony assault with

a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury and four misdemeanor charges including assault on a female, inciting a riot, disorderly conduct and impeding traffic.

On the video — widely circulated on social media — protesters shouted at each other, with counter-protesters using a bullhorn.

Several counter-protesters stood in front of one the pro-Confederate's vehicle while counter-protesters tried to urge them to let them leave. As the counter-protesters moved away, a fight broke out with pro-Confederates using their flags — some of which were attached to hockey sticks — as weapons. A woman was injured in the scuffle, suffering lacerations to her face.

According to the Stokes County Jail, Parnell was arrested, but had been released from custody. He is awaiting his first day in court scheduled for July 20 in Chatham County District Court.

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

Mobile pop-up playground comes to Chatham County communities

CN + R Staff Reports

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Parks and Recreation is launching a fun and safe way for families to exercise this summer through a traveling activity center called the Pop-up Playground. The mobile mini-playground is full of recreation equipment for residents to play with outside.

The Pop-up Playground kicked off its 2020 summer tour Tuesday in the Briar Chapel community.

The goal is to set up the pop-up playground in different locations around Chatham County that do not have access to parks and recreation resources immediately near their homes for a couple of hours at a time, a few times per week. The playground can be set up in parks, church parking lots, open fields or local businesses.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Chatham County Parks and Recreation team has offered fun and creative resources, such as virtual programming, for families to remain active, and this is another great resource that we're excited to offer our residents," said Tracy Burnett, the director of Chatham County Parks and Recreation. "It is vitally important for both their physical and mental health that individuals be

active, and we hope that the Pop-up Playground will be a fun way to make that happen."

Every Pop-up Playground participant will be required to sign a waiver. A parent or guardian must sign for anyone under the age of 18. With COVID-19 still being prominent, parks and recreation staff will follow necessary health guidelines to mitigate risks of spreading the virus. Participants will have their temperature checked, be given hand sanitizer and will be required to maintain physical distance while playing. Staff will sanitize all equipment after it is used, and they will wear face coverings. Participants should wear face coverings while they are in attendance and not exercising. The governor's executive order does not require face coverings during strenuous exercise.

For updates about the Pop-up Playground and other information from Chatham County Parks and Recreation, visit chathamnc.org/parks-recreation. Communities may request the Pop-up Playground by completing this online form or contacting Mallory Peterson at the Parks and Recreation Department at 919-545-8555 or mallory.peterson@chathamnc.org.

MARIUM ALSTON, PART 3

In 1855, a Chatham woman set her slaves free. This is the story

BY STEVEN E. BROOKS & BEVERLY B. WIGGINS
Special to the News + Record

Editor's note: In 1855, one Chatham resident emancipated 28 slaves she owned, provisioning in her will that they be freed. Local historians Steven E. Brooks and Beverly Wiggins, members of the Chatham County Historical Association, recently researched and wrote an academic paper on this piece of Chatham County's history. Here's the story of Marium Alston. Last in a series.

The document by which Dr. Henry B. Marley emancipated these people on May 31, 1859, reflects the care and diligent legal efforts Marley had taken to fulfill Marium's final wishes, stating that Marium Alston, "by her last Will and Testament which was duly established in the proper Court according to Law" bequeathed her slaves...

"(i)n number to Jesse Marley, her Executor in Trust for them to be free, and for him to remove said slaves, or cause them to be removed, from North Carolina to some free State, & there to be emancipated & enjoy the rights of Freedom. And the said Jesse Marley having caused said slaves by his son & Agent, Henry B. Marley to be removed to the State of Ohio, with his consent & by his own direction, that they may there be free..." He then named all of the newly freed people, gave their ages, and further stated that his actions were "in consideration of the promises, and the desire of said Jesse Marley to carry into full execution the Trust reposed in him by his Testatrix (Marium Alston) by her last Will & Testament, and, to do the same according to the Laws of North Carolina & the State of Ohio, & all said slaves being now in the State of Ohio, the said Jesse Marley by his Agent and Attorney in fact Henry B. Marley doth hereby emancipate & set free the whole of the afore named slaves; and doth hereby invest them & each & every of them with all the rights & privileges of Free persons of color according to the laws & constitution of the State of Ohio."

The careful legal language of this document and its emphasis on the compliance of Marley's actions with both North Carolina and Ohio law, suggests just how tense the political and legal climate of the United States had become by fall 1859.

In Ohio, the newly-freed people were given a modest amount

of cash (\$9 each for single individuals and \$27 each for the three families) from Marium's original bequest. Marium's allocation of \$300 at the time of her death in 1855 was equivalent to \$8,846 in 2019. The supplies and equipment from the journey ("five horses, two wagons, one carriage together with harnesses") were turned over to the two United Brethren ministers who witnessed the emancipation document per a receipt included in the estate papers and the proceeds were to be distributed to the freed people in shares specified by Henry Marley.

After a full accounting was made of income from the slave's labor before their emancipation and expenses incurred during the time between Marium's death and their journey to Ohio, as well as the journey itself, the surplus, approximately \$1,800 was to be distributed among the freed people, according to Marium's estate papers. This distribution was more substantial. Each single freed person was to be given \$100.62 (or \$2,967 in 2019 dollars), and each family \$301.86 (or \$9,297 in 2019 dollars).

In addition to the support of the local anti-slavery advocates and the resources willed to them by Marium, the freed Alston slaves surely must have benefitted from the support they derived from one another. Other accounts of escaped or freed slaves highlight the effort they expended on trying to find ways to free their still-enslaved family members. By freeing whole families in this large group, Marium Alston helped prevent this common source of suffering and gave the freed persons the benefit of their families' support.

Lives Forever Changed

The story of the Alston freed slaves can still be found within the history of Delaware County, Ohio. Various versions, with some errors, have been told and recorded over time, but the documents available in North Carolina show with certainty that this is where Marium Alston's freed slaves ended up and clearly show Marium's own hand in this outcome.

The Westerville Public Library web pages contains the following:

This group of slaves ended up in East Orange. It is not know why they came to that community or how difficult the journey was that they made. It is known that the residents welcomed them, housed them, hired them

The impact on the lives of those persons of being granted freedom and helped to settle in a relatively safe place can hardly be fathomed.

to work on their farms and made them part of the community. The freed Alston slaves became landowners, musicians and artists and also participated in hiding runaway slaves who travelled to the village. Their descendants served in the military and became educators.

The impact on the lives of those persons of being granted freedom and helped to settle in a relatively safe place can hardly be fathomed. Sharon Lytle's research in Ohio focused on identifying and learning about the Alston freed slaves who settled there. Although the details of that research have not been published, the information is on file at the Westerville Public Library, and Ms. Lytle has shared highlights with us via personal communications.

• The births, deaths and marriages of the Alston freedpersons are recorded in several Ohio communities. For example, Peter's marriage was conducted by the Rev. William Hanby (Bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and an active conductor on the Underground Railroad.)

• Ms. Lytle documents that several of the Alston freedpersons (including Peter, Andrew, and Anthony) became landowners in Ohio in Franklin County, Delaware and Worthington.

• At least two of the freedmen, Wesley and David, served in the Union Army. Other Alston descendants served in the Spanish-American War and in WWI.

• The freed Alstons became affiliated with local churches. For example, burial records for Viny and Sarah are recorded in the parish register of St. Johns Church in Worthington.

• Mary Frances Alston Austin's obituary notes her acquaintance with Bishop William Hanby's son, Benjamin Hanby, author of several popular songs. She was an artist and art teacher, according to her obituary.

There is also evidence that the Alston freedpersons may have helped others settle in Ohio after Emancipation. We know that they were in touch with still-enslaved persons back in North Carolina after their settlement. For example, the June 6, 1860 entry in Rachel Bowman's diary says she helped Susan Alston write a letter to her friends still in

bondage back in NC. A number of former slaves from Chatham and Randolph Counties moved to the central Ohio area after Emancipation. Some of these have documented connections with the Alston freedpersons.

Marium's actions, from the time of Oroon's death through the posthumous efforts of her faithful executor, Jesse Marley, deserve recognition in North Carolina, as they have gained in Ohio. Her actions have historical significance in North Carolina precisely because they represent the hidden history of women and of anti-slavery sentiment in the state. The impact of her actions reaches beyond the twenty-eight slaves she sent to freedom and even beyond their descendants.

About the authors

Steve Brooks is a native of Siler City, where he lived until age 18, when he went to college in Chapel Hill. He now lives in Durham. He has maintained an interest in Chatham history and people and is a member of the Chatham County Historical Association. He holds a Masters degree in American History, and his specialty was race relations both before and after the Civil War. Bev Wiggins contacted him about the Marium Alston story, and together they began a lengthy process of piecing together the details of what happened.

Wiggins has lived in Chatham County, near Bynum, since 1978. Before her retirement she worked at UNC's Odum Institute for Research in Social Science. She has been involved for many years in the Chatham County Historical Association (CCHA) and currently serves as the website coordinator and maintains the Association's Facebook page. She became intrigued by the story of Marium Alston, having seen a posting about the Ohio marker by Sue Ashby. That story, especially in these times of renewed focus on racial justice, is a relevant and important piece of Chatham County history. But it has remained obscure until now. The authors hope that the people of Chatham will be inspired by reading this previously unknown episode of our past and that telling Marium's story will help her take a deserved place among historical Chatham County figures.

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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **AMY ELIZABETH BUCKNER** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of September, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 15th day of June, 2020. Gary Cyr, Administrator of The Estate of Amy Elizabeth Buckner Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER &

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Jane Carroll Livziey having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **ROY CARROLL**. Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on June 17, 2020, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before September 23, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 17th day of June 2020. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150, Chapel Hill,

NC, 27517.
This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1.
Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record
50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150
Chapel Hill, NC, 27517
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 270
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **MICHAEL RAY KIDD**, 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 September 25, 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 18th day of June, 2020. Lauren Rebecca Kidd Punch,

Administrator
62 Jubilee Ct.
Clayton, NC 27527
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NOTICE TO CREDITOR
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
20 E 286
The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **MARY PATTISHALL ALSTON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 54 Pattishall Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 25th day of September, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 18th day of June, 2020. Henry R. Alston
54 Pattishall Road
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
GUNN & MESSICK, LLP
P.O. Box 880
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
20 E 287
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **HAROLD E. TRUELOVE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 2501 Dockery Lane, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27606, on or before the 25th day of September, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 19th day of June, 2020. Dwight Jones, Executor
2501 Dockery Lane
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606
GUNN & MESSICK, LLP
P. O. Box 880
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880
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TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Board of Adjustment will conduct a **public hearing on July 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave.** Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following request: Ernest F. Evans requests a variance from §243 to reduce the required vegetative buffer setback from 200 feet to 121.79 feet for a proposed single-family residential dwelling, access drive, and private well. The subject property is located off of Kirkmans Ford Rd & along the Rocky River. The property is identified as Lot 2 in Plat Book 2004, Page 415 & parcel # 82011. The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. 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 item. 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
THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 16th day of June, 2020, as Executrix of the **ESTATE OF PHILIP H. KOHL a/k/a PHILIP HOWARD KOHL**, 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 2ND day of October, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 2nd day of July, 2020. MARY S. KOHL, EXECUTRIX
ESTATE OF PHILIP H. KOHL a/k/a
PHILIP HOWARD KOHL
c/o Jennifer E. Dalman, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
Jy2,Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,4tc

CHATHAM COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
NOTICE OF SERVICE
Robert Terrell III hereby notifies **General Shale Brick Inc**, all per-

sons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate; to notice by the adjustments of the court to determine the orders and judgment of claims preceding conditions. The mandated trial merits are fulfilled formulating issues as their prerogative writs.
Robert Terrell III
126 West Presnell Street; Apt c
Asheboro, North Carolina 27203
(910) 580-9261
Robertintel.o@gmail.com
Self-Represented
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
20 E 300
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **JOSHUA EDWIN MAYNOR**, deceased,late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on June 2, 2020, are notified to exhibit the same to undersigned on or before the 3rd day of October, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 2nd day of July, 2020. Virgilgia Elizabeth Barber, Administrator
Manning, Fulton & Skinner, P.A.,
c/o Ansley Chapman Cella
P.O. Box 20389
Raleigh, North Carolina 27619-0389
Jy2,Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 277
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **DOLORES G. BRENT**, 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 October 2, 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 29th day of June, 2020. Alison Brent, Executrix
250 Columbine St., Unit 316
Denver, Colorado 80206
Jy2,Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 299
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **MARION GUTHRIE WILLIAMS**, 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 October 2, 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 29th day of June, 2020. Sandra W. Tysor, Administrator
PO Box 43
Goldston, NC 27252
Jy2,Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Michael J. McMahon, having qualified at Executor of the Estate of **JAMES PROSSER MCMAHON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th Day of October, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of July, 2020. Michael J. McMahon
1332 Whisper Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
1-757-510-5684
W. Ben Atwater, Jr.
Attorney at Law
P.O.Box 629
Siler City, NC 27344
919-663-2850
batwater@pinehurst.net
Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,4tc

Public Notice
(Including Private/Home School Personnel)
The **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA – Part B, Public Law 108.446)** Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Chatham County Public Schools proposes for Federal Funding for the 2020-2021 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the period of July 9-23, 2020 in the office of Melvin Diggs, Executive Director of Exceptional Children Program, located at Central Services-South, Rm. 804, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATIVE TO APPLICATION
BY THE TOWN OF SILER CITY
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS
AMENDED
The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on July 20, 2020, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, at the City Hall Courtroom, 311 N Second Avenue, Siler City, NC, to solicit public input on local community development needs in relation to funding

for a project in the community. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on Siler City's use of CDBG-NR funds in person, by zoom or by emailing your comments to Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at johnson@silercity.org by 4:00pm on Monday, July 20, 2020. All interested citizens are encouraged to via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87865268213 Meeting ID: 878 6526 8213. In July 2020, the Town of Siler City will submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-NR) Neighborhood Revitalization application to the NC Department of Commerce for funds to assist with housing improvements for low and-moderate income households residing in the Town of Siler City. All project activities will serve households with incomes at or below 80% of the Chatham County median income for appropriate household size. The proposed budget includes the following housing-related CDBG activities: Rehabilitation: \$675,000 Planning: \$3,500 Administration: \$71,500 Total Project Budget: \$750,000 The Town will make every effort to minimize displacement; however, all applicable requirements of 49CFR24 and 24CFR570 related to the proposed rehabilitation and reconstruction activities will be implemented, and temporary relocation assistance will be available to owners who are displaced from their residences during construction activity. For project information, contact Jack Meadows, Director of Planning and Community Development, at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact Nancy Hannah, Grants Administrator, at 919-726-8625, or nhannah@silercity.org (TDD #919-807-4420 or Relay North Carolina 1-800-735-2962) by Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Accommodations will be made for all who request assistance with participating in the public hearing. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah, Grants Administrator, at 919-726-8625, 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, Grants Administrator, at 919-726-8625, or nhannah@silercity.org de alojamiento para esta solicitud. Jy9,1tc

Town of Siler City Public Hearing Notice
The Board of Commissioners will conduct a **public hearing on July 20, 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:
1. Gary L. Smith proposes to re-zone ~3.194 acres to Office-Institutional (O-I) & ~34.033 acres to Light-Industrial (L-I). The subject property is currently zoned Highway-Commercial (H-C) (~5.9 acres), Residential (R-10) (~14.3 acres), & L-1 (~17 acres). The subject property is located along the southern boundary of E. Raleigh St. and is identified as 1002 E. Raleigh St. & parcel # 16864, 16865, 67041, & 67042.
2. 22 Davie LLC (William F. Milholen) proposes to rezone ~6.65 acres from Agricultural-Residential (A-R) to Light-Industrial (L-I). The subject property is located along the western boundary of Harold Andrews Rd. and is identified as parcel # 66749.
The proposed items are available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. 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 Jul. 13 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board. 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. Jy9,Jy16,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20-E-266
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Yolanda Shark, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIAM DENNIS DOWDY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the under-

signed on or before the 9th day of October, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 9th day of July, 2020. Yolanda Shark
Administrator for the Estate
C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds
Attorney for the Estate
Hopper Cummings, PLLC
Post Office Box 1455
Pittsboro, NC 27312
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20-E-267
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Phyllis Greene, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **RONALD P. GREENE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of October, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 9th day of July, 2020. Phyllis Greene
Executor for the Estate
C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds
Attorney for the Estate
Hopper Cummings, PLLC
Post Office Box 1455
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20-E-168
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Linda Childress, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **HELEN PEELE MASON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 9TH day of October, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 9th day of July, 2020. Linda Childress
Executor for the Estate
C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds
Attorney for the Estate
Hopper Cummings, PLLC
Post Office Box 1455
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **LORI A. LOVE**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 9th day of October, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 9th day of July, 2020. Frederick W. Miller, Executor
Estate of Lori A. Love
Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC
501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against **FRANK WALTON AVERY** deceased, ate of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of October, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 9th day of July, 2020. Laura Bailey Avery, Executrix
Estate of Frank Walton Avery
166 Legacy Club Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Young Moore and Henderson, PA
PO Box 31627
Raleigh, NC 27622
Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 35
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **CHESTER RAY CHURCHILL**, 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 October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020. Dale J. Churchill
4207 NC Hwy 751
Apex, NC 27523
Bagnell Holt Smith, P.A.
111 Cloister Court, Suite 200
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,J30,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 274
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **ROBERT F. TRESNAK**, 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 October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020.

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2. Lynn C. Sykes
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Lenexa, KS 66215
Bagwell Holt Smith, P.A.
111 Cloister Court, Suite 200
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 292
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **HERBERT DEWITT MATTHEWS**, 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 October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020.
Carolyn M. Matthews, Administrator
PO Box 854
77 Matthews Drive
Siler City, NC 27344
Jy9,Jy16,Jy23,J30,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 579 NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **FRED WOODY JR.**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020.

Tracy Woody, Executrix
223 Pine Crest Dr
Bear Creek, NC 27207
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 254
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SHIRLEY COUNCILMAN LINDLEY**, 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 October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020.
Robert L. Lindley, Executor
410 Victoria Ct NW
Vienna, VA 22180
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 315
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Administrators of the Estate of **RUBY BREWER BRADY**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does here-

by notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020.
Co-Administrator
Michael L. Brady
620 Lane Mill Road
Bennett, NC 27208
Darlene B. Brady
620 Lane Mill Road
Bennett, NC 27208
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BY CASEY MANN
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BEAR CREEK — Shyquaule Javon Fisher, 25, of Chapel Hill, suspected in taking part in the murder of a Bear Creek man in May, is still at large, according to law enforcement officials.
Fisher is one of three suspects charged in the murder of Emerson Batsche, who died of a gunshot wound to his chest at his home off Pittsboro-Goldston Road in Bear Creek on May 20.
Kenneth Joseph Bass Jr., 18, of Chapel Hill, was arrested early on June 8 in connection with the crime and charged with second-degree murder, aiding and abetting armed robbery and obstruction of justice. He is being held at the Chatham County Detention Center on a secured bond of \$501,800.
A second man, Tyree

Allsbrook, 19, of Apex was arrested on June 25 on charges of first degree murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to sell and deliver a schedule VI drug, possession with intent to sell and deliver a schedule VI drug and possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number. Schedule VI drugs include marijuana and marijuana derivatives.
Allsbrook is also being held at the Chatham County Detention Center with no bond. Both men have a court date of July 20 where they will likely be assigned legal representation if they have not secured it on their own.
Fisher has a warrant out for his arrest for second-degree murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon and obstruction of justice. Fisher, who has ties to New Jersey, may have fled the area, according to law enforcement officials. A warrant for his arrest was issued nationwide.
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Sidewalk work in Siler City done, for now

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SILER CITY — As a part of the town government’s efforts to freshen up the look of downtown, two sections of sidewalk along W. Chatham Avenue were replaced last week.
The sections, which run along the north side of the street between E. Second and E. Raleigh streets, were the first of several that are slated for replacement.
According to Chris McCorquodale, Siler City’s public works director, the idea to repair the sidewalks was the suggestion of the town’s Downtown Advisory Committee. McCorquodale said that when he saw the deteriorated areas of sidewalk, he felt that “patches” would not be adequate and instead chose to replace them.
Replacing the two sections cost \$25,000 for which the town used Powell Bill funds, state funds that are provided to municipalities for upkeep of state roads. With the start of the new budget cycle on July 1, McCorquodale hopes to get at least two more sections complete by the end of the year.
The plan is to eventually replace all the sidewalks on W. Chatham Avenue — something that was expected to take two and a half years. But McCorquodale believes that with the progress made so far, that time may be cut to a year and a half. The total cost is not yet determined as it depends on the depth of the concrete and the placement of infrastructure under and around the sidewalks.

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The town of Siler City’s Public Works Department has finished replacing two sections of sidewalk on the north side of W. Chatham Avenue. The project, which cost \$25,000, is the first phase to replace all the sidewalks on W. Chatham Avenue in downtown.

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