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## CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

### ‘Virtual Academy’ option offered to students

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Following the Chatham County Board of Education’s July 16 decision to start the first four weeks of the 2020-21 school year school under Gov. Roy Cooper’s fully-remote “Plan C” option, the district followed up this week by announcing details regarding its Virtual Academy.

Meant as an option for students and families who prefer 100% remote instruction for the upcoming school year, the Chatham County Schools Virtual Academy (CCSVA) is now open for applications with a priority deadline of Aug. 3.

There is no cost to enroll in the academy, but it does require applicants to commit through the end of the first semester, which ends Jan. 15, “unless there are unique and compelling circumstances.”

“This option is designed for those who are concerned about sending students back to a school building environment during COVID-19,” the district said in the language included on the Google Docs application for virtual academy.

The application form specifies CCSVA will use curriculum

from Edmentum, a provider of online and specialized learning programs, in all grades with a licensed educator, and that enrolled high school students will “also be served through North Carolina Virtual Public Schools, Central Carolina Community College and other course offerings as appropriate.”

All CCSVA students will be required to take state-required tests.

While the application states a separate form should be completed for each student, a FAQ page provided by the district says there is currently no limit on the number of students who can enroll in CCSVA, though start dates could be delayed for students with applications sent after the Aug. 3 deadline.

The document lists the following things as necessary “for students to be successful in CCSVA classes” — dependable internet access, regular use of email by parents and students, an electronic device, a quiet space, strong home support and the setting aside of time five days a week “to keep pace with the assignments.”

CCS will work with stu-

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### BLM billboard next to Confederate flag to be removed

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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PITTSBORO — Last month, a GoFundMe started by a Chatham County resident to protest the large Confederate flag that stood on U.S. Hwy. 64 East Business Route in Pittsboro raised nearly \$11,000. Since July 13, the flag has had a new neighbor — a 24-foot Black Lives Matter billboard.

The GoFundMe raised enough funds to cover the cost of keeping the sign for a year, but now, the billboard will likely be taken down in September. That’s because Pittsboro resident Sam White — the owner of the property both the sign and flag sit on — is deciding not to renew his lease for the billboard, according to an email from Lamar Advertising Company, which owns and updates the board.

In that email, posted to the Facebook page Chatham Takes Action, Lamar Advertising said the owner’s decision to not renew the lease “will cause the board and the entire structure to be removed from that property.” The company said it would assist in finding an alternate location for the billboard or grant a refund for the unused time.

The billboard, funded by residents as a way to show Confederate flags “do NOT represent” Pittsboro, was backed by social justice organizations Emancipate NC and RREPS (Recidivism Reduction Educational Program Services) after Lamar Advertising required a legal entity or organization to accompany a “Paid for” tagline at the bottom of the billboard. Kerwin Pittman, the founder and director of RREPS, organized the backing from

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**A 24-foot ‘Black Lives Matter’ billboard was recently installed on U.S. Hwy. 64 East Business in Pittsboro, adjacent to a large Confederate flag. The billboard was paid for through a GoFundMe campaign started by a Chatham County resident in protest of the display of the flag.**

## CHATHAM’S AG CENTER

### CCACC converts space into Emergency Management distribution point

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
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PITTSBORO — As North Carolina remains in Phase Two of the state’s three-phase coronavirus reopening plan, some entities have used the last four months as an opportunity to shift their focus from profits to public health.

This was the case for the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center (CCACC) — the county’s largest multipurpose venue — which was among many organizations affected by Gov. Roy Cooper’s announcement of the statewide stay-at-home order on March 27.

Cooper’s order banned the gatherings of 10 or more people, a decision that had direct implications for the CCACC, which earns most of its revenue from renting out its space for large gatherings.

From there, the CCACC decided to use its space to help those in the community impacted by the coronavirus.

“It was a quick pivot when it was readily apparent that this was not going away anytime soon and events were having to be canceled,” said Carolyn Miller, Chatham County’s human resources and risk management director. “We converted a portion of our space into the central receiving



Submitted photo

**Lacey George (left) and Marty Allen work on unloading boxes of supplies at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro, which has been partially re-purposed during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

and distribution point for Emergency Management.”

Hall A of the exhibit space — which offers a roll-up door with ground-level access and concrete

floors, perfect for unloading and storing personal protective equipment (PPE) — has been converted

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

### In Good ❤ Farms

**You’ll find a colorful world of vegetables and a lot more at Chatham County’s In Good Heart Farms, where a variety of tasty treats are grown and sold at local farmers markets. CN+R Photographer Kim Hawks paid a visit there and shares her story. See page B4.**

### Chatham communities take financial hit on water/sewer defaults

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

Nearly 700 public water and sewer users in Chatham County are behind on their payments, owing more than \$132,000 to county public utility providers, based on information provided to the News + Record.

On March 31, as the COVID-19 pandemic was shuttering businesses and putting hundreds of thousands of residents out of work across the state, N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper issued an executive order prohibiting the shut-off of utilities such as water

and power until July 31 in an effort to “help families stay in their homes and keep vital services like electricity, water, and communications going,” as the state implemented “stay at home orders.”

A recent Associated Press report noted that nearly 1 million residents across the state have fallen behind in their utility payments. It’s unclear whether Gov. Cooper will extend the moratorium on shut-offs prior to the July 31 sunset, but one thing is for certain: because Chatham County has

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### Paycheck Protection Program loans preserve more than 4,200 Chatham jobs

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON AND OLIVIA ROJAS  
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Without a Paycheck Protection Program loan, Chatham Habitat for Humanity wouldn’t have been able to afford building families affordable homes.

“The money allowed us to continue to pay people to build those houses,” said Executive Director Jerry Whortan. “If we hadn’t had the PPP money, we would have shut down

the whole organization, and there would have been several families just out in the cold.”

Chatham Habitat is one of more than 540 Chatham County small businesses and nonprofits that received federal PPP loans, according to data released by the Small Business Administration and U.S. Treasury earlier this month. This loan program — established by Congress in late March — offers small businesses forgivable loans of up to \$10 million to help owners

retain their employees and weather the pandemic’s economic fallout.

An analysis of the data shows these loans — which ranged from \$300 to \$2 million — helped Chatham businesses save more than 4,200 jobs between April and July.

Jon Spoon, the director of Central Carolina Community College’s Small Business Center, called the numbers “encouraging” and said they show that the PPP was an

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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 **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 3 from the town hall courtroom. This is a virtual meeting. For more information, contact Siler City Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at [jjohnson@silercity.org](mailto:jjohnson@silercity.org).
- The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 10 from the Pittsboro Town Hall. This is a virtual meeting. For more information, contact Pittsboro Interim Town Clerk Cassandra Bullock at [cbullock@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:cbullock@pittsboronc.gov).

CANCELLATIONS

- The **E.A. Brady reunion**, scheduled for August 8 has been canceled 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](http://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://chathamhistory.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 Epis-

copal 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.

SATURDAY

- **Second Bloom of Chatham** will begin accepting Fall/Winter donations on August 1 during regular store hours, Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to space limitations, a two bag/boxes maximum. We accept clean, new and gently used men and women's clothing, shoes, accessories and jewelry. We accept credit cards. We are located on the Courthouse circle at 10 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro. All proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

UPCOMING

- Chatham Community Library is offering **free classes on Microsoft Word, genealogy basics, and job interview skills** in August. 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](http://www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses). Microsoft Word Basics, Part 1: 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4; Microsoft Word Basics, Part 2: 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11; Genealogy 101: 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25; Job Interview Skills: 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26; For more information, call 919-545-8086 or email [reference@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:reference@chathamlibraries.org). A full list of upcoming programs can be found on the library's events calendar.
- Central Carolina Community College will offer the **Teacher Preparation degrees** this fall. To register for the programs, visit [www.cccc.edu/apply-register/](http://www.cccc.edu/apply-register/) or call **CCCC Student Services** at 919-718-7300. Students can earn an Associate in Science - Teacher Preparation degree or Associate in Arts - Teacher Preparation degree in only two years, and then transfer to a four-year

institution and enter as a junior. These degrees allow students to pursue a teaching degree in the K-12 field of education.

ALSO HAPPENING

- 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](http://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-NCCP Beyond Summer Program by visiting the Girl Scouting at Home page on [nccoastalpines.org](http://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](http://ChathamArtsCouncil.org).
- JMArts hosted a **JMACoronaConcert** 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 #JMACoronaCon-

cert 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.chathamCBA.com).
- **Narcotics Anonymous** — For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps! Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings!
- **Al-Anon Meeting** — Pittsboro Serenity Seekers Al-Anon Family Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pittsboro.

NEWS BRIEFS

Edward Jones financial advisors rate the firm highest in Overall Employee Advisor Satisfaction, according to J.D. Power

For the 11th time, financial-services firm Edward Jones ranks “Highest in Employee Advisor Satisfaction among Financial Investment Firms” by J.D. Power.

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Edward Jones has been the top performer among employee channel firms in 11 J.D. Power advisor satisfaction studies, which were completed in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012-2015, 2017-2020.

Laura Clapp is a financial advisor in Siler City. Clapp’s branch office is located at 301 E Raleigh St. in Siler City.

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# Siler City seeking rep for Cheek's District 2 seat

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SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners is seeking residents interested in filling the board's District 2 seat, left vacant with the passing of long-time commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek.

Cheek, who died on May 26, had been re-elected to a four-year term last November.

Residents interested in completing the term are eligible if they are registered and able to vote in the district. They're asked to submit letters of intent by 2 p.m. on August 31 to Siler City Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson.

Depending on the office, elections laws vary as to how a vacancy in an elected position is replaced. In the case of municipal-

ities, a vacancy on a town board is typically filled by someone appointed by that town board to complete the term.

The Siler City Board of Commissioners decided at its regular meeting on July 20 to use the same process to fill Cheek's vacancy as it used in 2013 to replace a District 4 vacancy. At that time, the District 4 seat was left vacant when then-commissioner John Grimes was appointed by the board to complete the term of Mayor Charles Johnson, who died in office. Bill Haiges was appointed to the District 4 seat by the commissioners; he was later elected to the post and continues to serve on the board.

Siler City Town Manager Roy Lynch said the process began with no-

tices on the town's website, emails out from the town's email database and information disseminated through the media. Interested parties will be interviewed by the board during open session, which means that anyone can attend. In 2013, those interviews took place over two meetings. After the interviews were complete, the board was provided ballots which lists each interested resident's name.

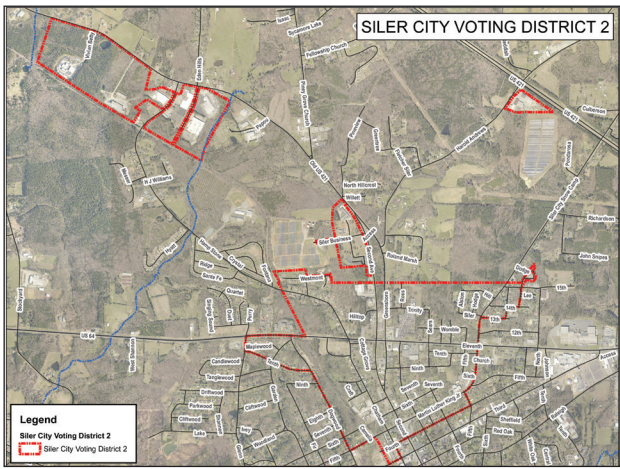
"The town wants the appointment to be one of transparency and allow time and opportunity for those interested to reply," Lynch said.

District 2 encompasses the center portion of the northern part of Siler City but also includes several areas to the far northwest where

annexation has taken place. According to Chatham County GIS/Mapping Division, the district has a population of about 1,700 people, about 40% of whom are white, making it a majority-minority district. The district also trends young, with a median age of 33 years old and with about 30% of the population under 18.

Though the town created a deadline for receipt of letters of interest, no timeline for the interviews and voting have been established, but the vacancy will likely be filled before the end of the year, according to Lynch.

"We all agree that Mayor Pro-Tem Cheek was such a valuable member of the board and he can't be replaced," Lynch said. "But as stated at the pre-



Chatham County GIS/Mapping Division

Map of Siler City Board of Commissioner District 2

vious board meeting by one of the commissioners, it's time to move forward in filling the vacancy with a resident from District 2."

Letters of interest can be sent to Johnson via

email at [jjohnson@siler-city.org](mailto:jjohnson@siler-city.org) or by mail to P.O. Box 769, Siler City, N.C. 27344.

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## CCCC'S COVID-19 PREP

# How Central Carolina Community College is readying for the start of classes

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Central Carolina Community College will remain open with student services available virtually and in a curbside service capacity, according to an announcement by the college last Thursday.

Along with many public schools in North Carolina, including Chatham County Schools, fall semester classes at CCCC will begin Aug. 17.

Precautions are being taken to support physical distancing in campus buildings, the release said, and many classes will be offered online or as a blended, in-person and online, format. There will be 30 to 50% fewer students in all courses and labs with seat re-

quirements and students 65 years old or older, or those with high-risk medical conditions, are being encouraged to take fully online classes. CCCC President Lisa Chapman told the News + Record that a college task force, with representatives from all areas of the college, has been coordinating all of the work required to prepare for reopening.

"We must put safety and wellness for our students and employees at the forefront right now," Brian Merritt, CCCC's vice president & chief academic officer, said in the release. "In fall 2020, we will offer over 90% of our courses through distance education. Approximately 60% of those courses are fully online — a 50% increase from fall 2019."

Merritt said many of the blended courses,

which "require a reduced amount of in-person time," will conclude in-person meetings at Thanksgiving and finish up the remainder of the course online. He said many online courses will include synchronous meeting requirements — meaning meetings will occur during specific days and times for all students — to "keep the learning experience as personalized as possible."

CCCC's Chatham County Provost, Mark Hall, said the college has been working with CCS to decide if CCS students enrolled in CCCC courses will do any in-person learning or follow CCS's timeline of four weeks of remote learning. He said there are currently 280 CCS students enrolled in courses for the fall, though he expects the

number to increase before the first day of class.

CCCC will be requiring synchronous class meetings for many online courses, and Hall said the college is discussing how to serve students with limited or no broadband service. There are plans to open up computer labs, he said, as well as boosting Wi-Fi around campus and attempting to provide laptops and hotspots to students in need.

"We recognize serving these students is something we must do," he said. "So we're trying to figure out the best ways to do that."

Faculty have generally been very willing to take precautions to teach in-person, Hall said, but CCCC has worked with those who have health concerns to set them up to teach completely remote-

ly. Chapman praised her team, emphasizing that their work has continued as many new challenges related to the pandemic emerged.

"These demands take their toll on all of us, including our college employees," she said. "In addition to taking care of their families they have taken care of each other and strive every day to find effective ways to serve our students. They are in this business because they believe in CCCC and its importance to the community — I am so honored to be a part of this college."

All students and employees will be required to follow health and safety protocols on campus, the release said, including the three W's: wear a mask, wait six feet and wash your hands. Masks will be

required inside all CCCC buildings, social distancing will be required and there will be hand sanitizing stations at classroom and building entrances.

"We are striving to prioritize the safety of our students and employees while still addressing our responsibility to the community to provide education and training for the jobs that are available and those that are coming," Chapman said in the release. "We all know these are unprecedented challenging times, but our college family continues to rise to the challenge."

More information can be found on the school's website containing coronavirus updates at [cccc.edu/covid](http://cccc.edu/covid).

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## VIRTUAL

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dents to provide loaner Chromebook devices and mobile hotspots "as available," the application says, but also states that "a fully virtual program works best with connectivity."

The district also states in the FAQ document that the CCSVA curriculum "may not be appropriate for all students," including students in the Exceptional Children's

Program or those with learning-related disabilities that might prevent them from accessing the virtual academy.

"The CCSVA program requires that students be able to make progress through the general education curriculum, engage in remote instruction, and practice skills independently at home," the document says. However, it goes on to add: "Students in the CCSVA program may receive their related services through their base school according to individualized plans created by their IEP teams."

Along with CCS's at-home learning, CCSVA will start Aug. 17. A virtual academy has been in place at Chatham Central High School the last three years. John McCann, CCS public relations coordinator,

said the school system is working hard to get everything in place for the virtual academy and upcoming school year. The district's website will continue to be updated with information, McCann said.

"The fluidity of all things related to the upcoming school year is hard to put into words. Things are moving fast," he said. "But we have individuals in our school system with a whole lot of experience. They have the expertise to get their arms around all of the moving parts and put it all together. August 17 is the first day of school. That's our target. We'll hit it."

For more information on Chatham's virtual academy, visit the district's working document regarding the fully-remote option: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JN\\_YhGjTq6fiehV3X-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JN_YhGjTq6fiehV3X-)

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Reporter Hannah McClellan can be reached at [hannah@chathamnr.com](mailto:hannah@chathamnr.com).

### Virtual Academy FAQ:

**How much does CCSVA cost?**

The program is free for any K-12 student eligible to enroll in a Chatham County School. There is not currently a limit on the number of students who will be accepted to CCSVA.

**When is the deadline to apply?**

The preferred due date for applications is Aug. 3, so the district can enroll and register all students. Applications received after this date could result in a delayed start date for the student.

**How will work be graded, and grades communicated?**

Grading will follow CCS' accepted grading practices followed by all its schools, though a variety of acceptable work submissions are outlined in the CCS Remote Learning Plan. Teachers will send periodic progress reports to virtual academy students and post grades to PowerSchool weekly.

**Will students take standardized test?**

Yes. CCSVA students will be required to take all state-required tests. Any necessary transportation to test sites will be provided.

**How many classes per semester?**

High school students need to be enrolled in four classes per semester while K-8 students will enroll in grade-level core course offerings for English, math, science and social studies.

**Will online courses require specific times to log in?**

Though this depends on an individual teacher's preference, for the most part, students are allowed to log in at their convenience and class meetings that do take place will be recorded for future access.

**What support is available?**

Virtual Academy plans to use resources like Zoom and Google Meet to provide student support. Counseling services will also be available.

**What about tech support?**

CCS students can be loaned a Chromebook through their home school and the district is hoping to provide hot spots for students in need, though these will only help in areas with reliable cell service. Students and parents can also reach out to the Tech Support Line regarding CCS technology resources Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 919-642-5613.

**Can my student take dual language, AP or honors courses?**

At this time, dual language courses are not offered in CCSVA. AP and honors courses that meet graduation requirements will be offered, with limited elective offerings.

**How long will students be doing work?**

The district outlines that Kindergarten through 5th grade students should spend 15 to 20 minutes per class, per day, outside of their daily class meetings. Students in 6th through 8th grade should spend 20 to 30 minutes per class, per day, as well as the time required for "daily direct" instruction, which has a minimum of three class meetings per week for each class. Ninth through 12th grade students should work 30 minutes per class, per day, with the same daily direct instrument requirements for 6th through 8th grade.



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# VIEWPOINTS

## Life, like back porch, means taking good and bad



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

Some few years ago Better Half and I had a screened-in back porch added to our humble dwelling. It started out to be a deck but somewhere between starting and finishing, we had the inspiration: why not make it a screen porch?

The logic to that was, I thought, very logical. Namely, we could enjoy the benefits of the outdoors: fresh air, sights, sounds, and so forth, without the downside, namely the bugs and skeeters and gnats. So, the deed was done.

Since then, that room has gotten plenty of use. It's an outdoor dining room, a place for coffee and the newspaper and the site of lots of good naps in the metal glider that once graced my grandma and grandpa's porch (later handed down to my folks). It's at the top of the list of my favorite rooms in the house, somewhere in the mix with the study and the Necessary Room.

Another feature that makes it really nice is that a few months ago, the deal Bank and We struck was kaput. The 30-year "pound of flesh" arrangement was over. Bank was like Elvis — namely having left leaving the building. I have no complaints with the deal. The good folks who built our place did a

fine job. And in addition, the deal served as a great math lesson for me. I learned that because of something called compound interest we paid back about three times what Bank loaned us.

But that's OK. Both Better Half and I were away at work, plus we didn't have any usable skills to help and the folks who built the place probably would have charged us triple for just getting in the way.

So, after all is said and done, it's been a good deal.

The screen porch I mentioned earlier came later. And, as noted, it's been great. But in addition to the uses, I've also learned something from it about life. And that is that the best laid plans of mice and men

sometimes — often, in fact — can and do go astray.

The other morning, my mind was made up to take the morning paper and a cup of stout black coffee out to said glider. Throwing open the doors to the porch, I was greeted by the song of a quartet of birds, a gentle morning breeze even in the midst of our heat wave of the day, the early rays of the sunshine ... and a nasal announcement that Pepé Le Pew had crossed the yard.

Maybe that's why the family pooch barked all night.

From time to time, some folks have told me they've never smelled the presence of a skunk. Then they'll ask, "What does it smell like?"

All I can say is that when a

skunk or two has been by and done their skunk thing, you'll know.

Anyway, it made me realize life, of course, is like that. Sometimes the unique smell of a skunk of some sorts will come along and interrupt our good plans, ideas and thoughts, such as the midst of what's going on now with the pandemic and social unrest. So, I'm pretty sure the best response to what's going on — as well as visits from skunks — is to give things a little time, pay attention and do the right thing but don't get your underwear in a wad and go inside for the coffee and newspaper.

And give Pepé and all the other skunks lots of room.

## You don't look Jewish



**RACHEL HOROWITZ**  
Millennial Musings

I've spent the majority of my career working for Christian organizations, starting as a YMCA camp counselor and culminating at my current role with Chatham Habitat for Humanity.

Which is why it might surprise you that I'm Jewish.

Or maybe it won't, considering my last name is Horowitz.

Here is my semi-religious story. I started my existence as a "Yankee," born in New England and moving to North Carolina in elementary school. My family belonged to an amazing synagogue, but after we moved to North Carolina, we had trouble finding a new one. We were the "Christmas/Easters" of Judaism, visiting a new synagogue every year for the High Holy Days. Our reform nature often earned stares from Jewish friends ... probably because we ate sandwiches while they ate plain matzah during Passover.

Growing up, most of my friends were not Jewish, as there aren't quite as many of us in the South. Teachers always picked me to speak about Hanukkah during the holiday choir concerts. My one musical solo was to the Jerry Herman song "Shalom," which I lip-synched while fighting a bad case of the flu. I like to think Barbara Streisand saw a struggling Jewish actress who couldn't sing on key and saved me that day.

"You don't look Jewish" served as a backhanded compliment throughout my childhood. I'd ask the culprit what they meant by that. It seemed like Aaron in sixth grade based his assumptions off of 1930s Nazi propaganda. But it's not just gentiles who say these things. One time, in the middle of a crowded downtown Raleigh theatre, a man asked my father if he was "part of the tribe" (aka, Jewish) and handed him a business card. He was entirely basing his assumptions off of my dad's looks.

When I was a YMCA camp counselor, we were expected to lead weekly devotions. I kept mine centered around their Christian principles, which truly align with secular values — Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. My mother also worked in the YMCA system, and one time overheard a coworker leading a devotion about how Jewish people were to blame for Jesus' death. As a result, my mother almost left the job she dedicated herself to for 10 years.

My Judaism followed me to college, where students in a religious studies class wondered why I didn't know about certain Jewish traditions. I never had a bat mitzvah and never learned how to read the Torah. I resented others who knew way more about my religion and swore I would never set foot in the Jewish fraternity house.

One day, I arrived home and announced to my parents that I was agnostic.

My parents had quite the reaction, warning me that I am throwing away my family's entire history. I told them that my favorite parts of Judaism were celebrating the traditions, which reminded me of my relatives up North. I told them that I still lit Hanukkah candles and introduced my Christian roommates to kugel and Matzo ball soup. But the religious aspects just didn't resonate with me anymore.

I believe that if your religion makes you a better person, then it is something to be cherished. I also believe that if someone isn't religious, it doesn't make them a bad person. So if you want to put a label on me, let's say I practice secular Judaism. Pass the bacon and hold the judgment.

Which leads me to today, and my work with the faith community. I tell others that I am Jewish without hesitation. Chatham County has more than 200 churches, and I am learning from them every day. My hope is that as Chatham continues to grow, we'll create pace for a synagogue, a mosque and interfaith spaces where communities can gather and connect. Even though I can "pass" as non-Jewish, no one should feel like they have to. And while I can conceal my identity in the face of danger, I must recognize that people of color do not have the ability to do this. I am a white woman that must use my privilege to address racism, and other Jewish people cannot stay silent on this important issue.

Finally, if you are also secularly Jewish, Shalom! I hope this made you feel a little less alone.

Also, I am finally proud of my "stereotypical" nose because it can hold up a face mask without support.

Take that, Aaron.

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## Decency entails the right fit



**ANDREW TAYLOR- TROUTMAN**  
Hope Matters

On top of the 150,000 lives that have been lost to COVID-19 in the U.S., our society has suffered the loss of a shared and common decency. Instead of uniting against a lethal threat, this virus brings out the worst in certain people. The latest example is Rep. Ted Yoho.

According to a news reporter, Yoho, a Florida Congressman, confronted his fellow member of the House of Representatives, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, on a staircase in the Capitol and hurled insults at her. Though the accusations were collaborated by eyewitnesses, Yoho denied that he used profane remarks: "Having been married for 45 years with two daughters, I'm very cognizant of my language," he said.

In her rebuttal, Ocasio-Cortez pointed out that Yoho committed the logical fallacy of confusing correlation with causation. Sure, some decent men have wives and daughters. But that alone does not make a man decent. In Ocasio-Cortez's words, "Treating people with dignity and respect makes a decent man."

This should not have to be explained to Yoho. And yet, here we are.

I've been ruminating on the word "decency." While connotating a sense of modesty, decency also defines an appropriateness to a certain situation. The word is derived from a Latin root that had to do with

wearing clothes. "Decent" meant the right fit.

Wearing clothes that fit is actually a low bar. We are not talking about our Sunday best. A shirt can fit properly even if it is dirty or torn.

And yet, it is a starting point. Ocasio-Cortez is right to point out that Yoho is but a symptom of our culture that speaks of women in not only disrespectful but dehumanizing ways: "It is a culture of a lack of impunity, of acceptance of violence and violent language against women, an entire structure of power that supports that."

Poignant words for all Americans to hear. I wonder if, as a decent starting point, men should simply be silent more often. There's Biblical warrant for this: "My beloved brothers, every one of you should be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger" (James 1:19). The term "toxic masculinity" is relatively new, yet it is notable that the ancient text commends silence as a way to control anger.

When he does speak, a decent man might also take the counsel from the 13th-century Persian poet and Islamic scholar, Rumi: "Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates. At the first gate, ask yourself, 'Is it true?' At the second gate ask, 'Is it necessary?' At the third gate ask, 'Is it kind?'" I think these Three Gates of Speech would go a long way toward Ocasio-Cortez's definition of decency — treating people with dignity and respect.

Moreover, when I think of the men I've admired and try to emulate, they have all shared a common characteristic even though they came from different

**They did not attempt to appear strong by putting others down. They were not vain and did not need attention, especially not at the expense of someone else. Many of these men were soft-spoken. All of them chose their words carefully.**

backgrounds, races and cultures. I'll call this shared trait "quiet decency." They did not attempt to appear strong by putting others down. They were not vain and did not need attention, especially not at the expense of someone else. Many of these men were soft-spoken. All of them chose their words carefully.

One of my mentors rarely had an unkind word for anyone. Except that, if he regarded someone as arrogant or cruel, he'd say, "He's too big for his britches."

Decency entails the right fit. In these dire times, an appropriate silence would be a starting point to unity in the face of our challenges. I'll give Ocasio-Cortez the last word and ask that you, too, listen to her charge: "I will not allow people to change and create hatred in our hearts."

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## LETTERS

### Has the ‘Hitler Plan’ been implemented?

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Hitler’s first moves were to divide the nation, arrest Jews who were in assembly, disarm the citizens, get rid of local law enforcement and burn books to eliminate history when he implemented his plan to overthrow government. Are these moves familiar to what is now happening in the U.S.? Does it seem as if someone has implemented the “Hitler Plan”?

Since everyone is a descendant of Noah and we are one race, we should stand together as Americans and refuse to let a saboteur divide us.

We should never permit a saboteur to disarm American citizens.

Americans should never let anyone sabotage their local law enforcement. Americans should respect and protect law

enforcement officers.

American history belongs to all Americans from light beige to dark brown, and good or bad, we learn to correct our mistakes from our history. Sabotaging American history by removing monuments is as appalling as Hitler’s burning of books.

If someone has deliberately implemented the “Hitler Plan” in the U.S., they should be arrested and charged with treason.

**Carol Gene Good**  
*Conover*

### I like substance over style. I’m voting Trump.

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Responding to Steven Beckstrand’s letter to the editor (“For the second time in my life, I won’t vote Republican,” News + Record, July 23-29 edition), this individual lives in Morrisville, Wake County. Isn’t this a

Chatham paper? Undoubtedly President Trump ruffles feathers, but I voted for him in 2016 for that reason. He is a results kind of guy, delivering on his promises in extraordinary ways and in particular, by championing the constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners across our country.

Early in his administration, President Trump repealed an Obama-era scheme that forced Social Security recipients to choose between their benefits and their Second Amendment right to possess a firearm. He promised to transform the federal judiciary by reversing a disturbing trend of appointing activist judges. President Trump appointed a record-setting number of judges who respect and value the Second Amendment, including Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. I expect that his focus on the judiciary will continue to be a

high priority during a second term.

By “unsigning” the anti-gun United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, President Trump demonstrated his commitment to American freedom and sovereignty. This critical act effectively withdrew the United States from a global march toward international gun prohibition. During the flood of COVID-19 orders, the Trump administration declared that firearms and ammunition retailers are “critical infrastructure,” prompting states to reopen gun stores that had been forcibly closed. I’m grateful that President Trump opposes the notion that self-defense is “non-essential.”

He acted to abolish one of America’s biggest gun-free zones by ending the ban of possession of firearms on 12 million acres of federal land administered by the Army Corps

of Engineers. President Trump strongly supports America’s hunting, recreational shooting and outdoor heritage and has sought to expand millions of acres of public access, reverse nonsensical bans on traditional ammunition and prevent federal infringements upon wildlife management. Most importantly, the Trump presidency has defended Americans against the anti-freedom agenda of politicians who have contempt for our Second Amendment. Their obsession for more gun control laws that empower criminals over law-abiding citizens has been hindered thanks to President Trump courageously standing in their way.

Mr. Beckstrand is looking for style. I’d rather see substance. I’m voting for President Trump for the second time.

Yours in freedom,  
**Cathy Wright**  
*Chapel Hill*

## Government’s basic tasks need doing



**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

One morning in late March, I drove from my home in southern Wake County to my office in North Raleigh to pick up some files so I could work from home. As I exited the Beltline onto Six Forks Road, I noticed a deer lying beneath the overpass, the apparent victim of a high-speed impact.

It’s a familiar sight on the side of the road, in urban or rural areas, and I thought little about it at the time. I assumed it would be cleaned up by the next time I drove to my office.

But it wasn’t. I saw it again and again. By mid-April, it occurred to me that with so many folks sheltering at home or otherwise distracted by the COVID-19 crisis, dead animals in public rights of way were probably going unreported. So I perused the city’s website, phoned the number I found and then spent a frustrating half an hour trying to get to the right person after multiple transfers and a couple of dropped calls.

I finally succeeded. I assumed the deer would be gone within days. It wasn’t. Several weeks later, I called the city again, got cut off again and after some insistence was given the opportunity to report the dead animal a second time.

As of Friday, the badly decomposed deer was still beneath the overpass, at one of the most traveled intersections in North Carolina’s capital city, its skull twisted at an extreme angle into what looks like a mocking smile.

At this point, it would be very easy to launch into an extended rant about government inefficiency. It shouldn’t take multiple calls and the navigational skills of Ferdinand Magellan to reach the requisite public employee during a workday. There ought to be some other way to produce a work order. Then it should be acted on.

But as I’ve watched that carcass rot, throughout the spring and into the middle of summer, it has come to represent more than just garden-variety bureaucratic inertia.

Why haven’t I just carried it off myself? I don’t own a pickup truck but I know plenty of friends who do. Alas, private initiative isn’t an option here. The overpass in question is too dangerous, with high-speed traffic during the day and limited visibility at night. Even taking a snapshot of the carcass, as I did Friday morning, proved to be a harrowing experience. At least the right lane of this public highway needs to be blocked off by those duly authorized to exercise public authority, so that what’s left of the deer can be safely removed.

That neither city nor state workers have yet performed this straightforward task is emblematic, it seems to me, of a deeper issue. We are experiencing both a public health crisis and an economic recession. Hundreds of thousands are out of work. In several of our cities, including Raleigh, heartfelt protests have devolved into destructive riots. North Carolinians feel divided, anxious and, in some cases, desperate.

Handling just one of these problems would be challenging. Facing them all at once, interrelated and seemingly intractable, surely feels overwhelming. But we cannot let them overwhelm us — overwhelm our leaders, our governments, our private institutions, our communities, our families.

Becoming distracted, distraught or distrustful will help no one. We all have critical roles to play and jobs to do. We must be resilient and resolute, giving each other the benefit of the doubt when it comes to motives while also holding each other responsible for results.

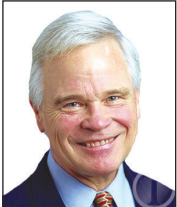
I wouldn’t go as far as to say that our governments and other social institutions are rotten. They haven’t languished long enough on the metaphorical side of the metaphorical road to reach that condition. But can you truly say you aren’t worried about their future soundness and vitality?

I can’t. And there is a now-putrefied deer in North Carolina’s state capital, at the intersection of Six Forks Road and the Beltline, that reminds me of those worries on a regular basis.

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## How North Carolina Bookwatch beat the coronavirus and got better doing it



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

For more than 20 years, UNC TV’s North Carolina Bookwatch has broadcast great conversations with North Carolina-connected authors.

An important part of the program’s makeup has always been

the warm and open spirit that authors bring into the television studio. Through the magic of broadcast television, their informative and entertaining conversations have made their ways into the living rooms and dens of many North Carolinians. It is one of the longest running locally produced UNC-TV programs.

At the beginning of this year, plans were under way to produce some programs at bookstores and college campuses, similar to the successful production of three programs at Isothermal Community College late last year. Bookwatch was also lining up authors and UNC-TV studio times for production of a new series.

Then came the virus. Bookstores closed. So did college campuses. UNC-TV’s studios and offices shut down completely, leaving its enormous facility an empty cavern.

It looked like a lost season for Bookwatch. Katy Loeblich, then the program’s producer, suggested a trial of

the distance-connecting program Zoom to see if it could be suitable for regular broadcast. David Zucchini, author of “Wilmington’s Lie,” agreed to be a guinea pig. From her home Katy connected to me in my house to David in his den.

The result was not perfect, a little patchy, but encouraging. Then, thanks to Katy’s editing, the program was more than a successful experiment. It passed muster and was aired last month. That success let us to try Zoom with Sue Monk Kidd, author of “The Book of Longings.” That program will be broadcast next month.

We found that we were able to produce the program without being in face-to-face direct contact with our guests. Subsequently, we have produced programs with author Lee Smith, who was spending the summer in Maine.

One of our prospective authors, Devi Lascar, author of “The Atlas of Reds and Blues,” grew up in Chapel Hill but now lives in California. With the new distance capability, we were able to interview her from her home thousands of miles away, an interview that might not have happened otherwise.

From her home in Cornelius, former Charlotte Observer reporter Pam Kelly talked about her book “Money Rock: A Family’s Story of Cocaine, Race, and Ambition in the New South.”

Other authors who might have been too busy to make their way to the UNC-TV studios have given us interviews, because they did not have to leave their

homes or travel to the studio.

For instance, William Darity Jr. and his wife, Kirsten Mullen, authors of “From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century,” sat down in their living room and talked to us about their recent work on reparations.

We are planning interviews with Kathy Reichs, who will be talking to us from Charlotte about “A Conspiracy of Bones.” Daniel Pierce, author of “Tar Heel Lightnin’: How Secret Stills and Fast Cars Made North Carolina the Moonshine Capital of the World,” will be able to save a seven-hour round trip from his home in Asheville by doing his interview with Zoom or Skype.

Some authors, such as Allan Gurganus, Jodi Magness and Jill McCorkle, came to specially adapted and newly reopened studios after being assured that they would be in a separate room from the host, reducing the risk that might have been involved in communication across the same table.

As bad as the coronavirus is, by adapting to it, North Carolina Bookwatch has made improvements that will be a permanent benefit for viewers and the authors who are the stars of the program.

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

## Our changing state



**TOM CAMPBELL**  
N.C. Spin

North Carolina, like the nation, is facing three crises: COVID-19, racial strife and the economy. Everyone wants to return to the way things were before the virus, but that’s not going to happen.

Few were prepared for the coronavirus and the shutdown of businesses. Most have reopened, but many cannot or have chosen not to do so. Even those that reopened report their revenues haven’t revived; the public doesn’t yet feel safe in shopping, eating or visiting.

There are some bright spots. Last week, we learned North Carolina’s unemployment rate dropped from May’s 12.7 to 7.6% in June. We added 173,000 jobs but still have 340,000 fewer jobs than one year ago, when the unemployment rate was almost half what it is now. The employment picture will improve, but very slowly.

Many changes will become permanent. Both workers and employers discovered that working from home might not be as productive as being together on site, but they could function relatively well. Companies discovered they don’t need nearly so much office

space, so vacancy rates will increase as leases expire. Workers learned it doesn’t matter where they work and can choose where they want to live. Expect to see relocations as workers seek less expensive housing, less congestion and closer communities.

If shoppers weren’t already accustomed to online purchasing, they developed the habit quickly, buying everything from groceries, clothing, and meals online, through delivery or takeout. Many won’t return to brick and mortar stores.

Instead of traveling long distances we now Zoom, FaceTime or Skype — saving both time and money. Many are wary of cramped seating, recirculated air and inconvenient air travel and passenger numbers have dropped precipitously. American Airlines reported it is furloughing 2,600 employees in our state. Airlines, along with many other businesses, received government loans which required them to retain their employees, but that requirement expires Sept. 30. Furloughs begin Oct. 1. Large numbers of us, tired of being confined, are rediscovering and visiting our many state resorts and parks. Our travel habits have likely changed permanently.

There are two additional factors adding to our state’s economic woes. Approximately 600,000 unemployed

North Carolinians have been cushioned from economic calamity by the \$600 weekly federal unemployment benefit but it expires July 31, and our Congress is embroiled in such divisive political arguments we don’t look for its continuance, at least anytime soon.

Our state’s unemployment insurance program adds insult to displaced workers. Ours is frequently described as the stingiest in the nation. In 2013, the legislature drastically cut the benefits. Prior to the new law, the unemployed could receive as much as \$535 in weekly benefits (average of \$275) for a period of up to 20 weeks. The new law cut the maximum to \$350 and the benefit period to 13 weeks. We have some \$3 billion in the state’s unemployment trust fund to help the unemployed, but our legislators are unwilling to increase benefits.

Make no mistake — the loss of these benefits will reverberate throughout our economy as the unemployed can’t pay their bills and another layer of economic problems result.

All changes don’t have to be bad. Many innovations have come from hard times. North Carolinians are a resilient people who have encountered and overcome adversity in the past. We might discover new products, services and benefits. We can be hopeful.



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“important lifeline” for Chatham County’s small businesses.

“People really have deep connections with their employees and want to make sure that their lives are OK,” he said. “The program did help (with) that, and I think taking the pressure of payroll off of people’s mind for at least a month or six weeks really, really helped the businesses.”

Statewide, banks approved nearly 122,000 PPP loans totaling about \$12.4 billion, which helped North Carolina businesses retain around 1.2 million jobs between April and June. National-ly, lenders have approved over 5 million loans worth more than \$519 billion, as of July 26.

Most Chatham busi-nesses received less than \$150,000, but a little more than 60 businesses — which federal data iden-tifies by name — received loans between \$150,000 and \$2 million. Federal data does not specify how much money these businesses received, only a range.

The data didn’t pro-vide company names for recipients of PPP loans under \$150,000, but it does include specific loan amounts, businesses’ ZIP codes and cities, industry type and the jobs re-tained. An analysis shows lenders approved these Chatham businesses for nearly \$16 million in PPP loans under \$150,000.

Dropping sales, dimin-ishing demand and growing uncertainty prompted Bold Construction owner Chris Ehrenfeld to apply for a PPP loan in April. The money he received from that loan — which fell between \$150,000 and \$350,000 — helped him re-tain about 18 employees.

“The PPP money definitely made it such that we didn’t have to lay people off,” said Ehren-feld, a partner in Cha-tham Media Group, which owns the News + Record. “Without it, we most definitely would have had to lay people off.”

The News + Record re-ceived a PPP loan of less than \$150,000.

Loan data and forgiveness

The data reflects what borrowers reported, according to the PPP fact sheet published with the data, and some media outlets like CNBC have reported the data contains errors. Some business owners con-



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Starrlight Mead owners Becky and Ben Starr were among the Chatham County business owners who received PPP — Payroll Protection Plan — funds from the U.S. Small Business Administration.**

tacted said they never accepted a PPP loan even though the data identifies them as recipients. Other information is missing or incomplete. Some entries do not specify how many jobs borrowers saved, and many others report zero jobs retained.

That’s because this data is preliminary, said Thomas Stith III, the SBA’s North Carolina district director.

“What we’re seeing now with the preliminary numbers is that people — and understandably so — quickly applied for the funds,” he said, adding the SBA will start receiving more accurate numbers once businesses apply for loan forgiveness.

Other businesses, he said, may have also underreported how many jobs they retained because they were still rehiring people.

“They may not have known what their actual number was going to be (for loan) forgiveness,” Stith told the Chatham News + Record in a phone interview on July 20. “They knew they were going to maximize the payroll component of the Paycheck Protection Program but may not have had full information themselves at that time.”

Securing loan forgive-ness is the next step for many businesses, and some owners are ready to apply now.

“We spent the money,” Ehrenfeld said. “We have documentation. We have the application ready to go, but the bank tells us we need to wait until their loan forgiveness portal

opens up, and that has not occurred yet.”

According to several lenders and banking asso-ciations, much about the loan forgiveness process still remains up in the air.

Changing rules and new guidance have since changed the PPP’s original loan forgiveness terms. Originally, PPP recipients had to spend at least 75% of their money on payroll expenses with-in eight weeks of receiv-ing their loans to secure forgiveness.

But on June 5, Pres-ident Donald Trump signed into law the Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act of 2020, which pushed the original June 30 deadline to rehire workers back to Dec. 31 and allowed loan recipi-ents 24 weeks to expend their funds.

The law also lowered the loan forgiveness threshold: Businesses now only have to spend 60% of their loans on pay-roll expenses to achieve full forgiveness — as long as they rehire all of their full-time workers at no less than 75% of their pre-pandemic pay before filing for forgiveness.

Though the loan for-giveness applications are out and guidance issued, the SBA signaled last week that they will not begin accepting applica-tions until Aug. 10, the day their loan forgiveness application portal – or PPP Forgiveness Platform – is scheduled to go live.

But that’s not set in stone, according to Fidel-ity Bank’s Chief Credit Officer Matt King.

“There is legislation in

the works that impacts the PPP,” he told the Chatham News + Record. “It is possible the date and process could change.”

One such Senate bill — sponsored by North Carolina Sen. Thom Tillis and several others — pro-poses to grant automatic forgiveness to small busi-nesses that took out loans less than \$150,000.

That would cover about 86% of all loans made through the PPP, said Peter Gwaltney, president and CEO of the North Carolina Bankers Associ-ation. This bill, he added, would make it easier for small businesses to apply for and receive loan for-giveness.

“It would also make it easier for the banks to forgive those (smaller loans) and spend their time on the larger loans that require more care and attention,” he said.

King said he supported the bill and thought it was the right thing to do.

“That would be a very large help to the banking industry that really ad-ministered the program and I think a big help to a lot of customers to not have to go through that exhaustive application process to get what in some cases could be a \$3,500 loan forgiven,” he said. “I’m hoping that they’ll get that done.”

Right now, he said, there are two forgiveness application forms — the long-form version and the EZ application. The EZ version is shorter and more streamlined, he said, and only certain businesses can fill it out.

“The EZ version is for those folks that did not have more than a 25% re-duction in payroll,” King said. “They can use the EZ application to apply for forgiveness. For those that did have a reduction in payroll, they would need to use the regular application to apply for forgiveness.”

But even the EZ ver-sion, King said, contains multiple pages and requirements whereas the automatic forgiveness Tillis’ bill proposes would truly be “a one-pager.”

“You sign a certifica-tion, and you’re done, and I think that’s the differ-ence,” he said. “Even on the EZ app, you still have to gather things together to submit versus this simplified process would truly just be, ‘Sign one document. Don’t worry about anything else. You’re done.’”

It’s similar to a process the IRS already uses for taxpayers who don’t have a lot of federal income tax deductions, Gwaltney said: Taxpayers attest to

certain things, sign their names under penalty of perjury, submit the forms and pay their taxes. It’d be the same for borrow-ers, he said.

“And then if there’s an irregularity or a problem down the road, the Small Business Administration can always come back and audit that borrower,” he said. “So we’re not saying, ‘Turn in the form, and you’re scot-free.’ We’re saying, ‘Let’s go with a process we already know that the IRS uses.’”

‘It’s a good start’

Small businesses and nonprofits have until Aug. 8 — as of right now — to apply for a PPP loan, and according to Stith, the SBA’s North Carolina district director, more than \$130 billion remains in the program.

Some of that money, Stith said, will probably be left over, and the SBA, Congress and the Treas-ury are working together to determine the next steps.

“While it’s been a sig-nificant response, there’s also a significant need,” he said, adding, “We anticipate potential for additional relief, just not at this point. That type of policy is being debated and reviewed now.”

Such relief could mean more long-term assis-tance, he said, pointing to several legislative initia-tives pending in Congress.

One proposes to extend the current August deadline, while he said another proposes trans-forming the PPP into a “more targeted initiative,” like extending a second loan to PPP loan recipi-ents that show additional revenue loss.

Many small business owners, nonprofits and consultants said addition-al, long-term aid would go a long way toward helping businesses recover.

While the PPP money has helped meet business-es’ immediate needs, Cindy Poindexter, president of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, said going forward is a “different question.”

“Nobody really knows exactly what it’s going to be like tomorrow (or in) the next couple of weeks,” she said. “And once you start paying loans back and you’re still kind of struggling, you’re still go-ing to be in a predicament there.”

The PPP was a “quick lifesaver designed to last for two months,” CCCC’s Spoon said.

To ensure they received forgiveness, many early PPP recipients spent their money within the

required eight weeks. But now, several months into the crisis, business isn’t quite back to normal: Many businesses con-tinue to struggle under restrictions meant to safeguard public health, while others — like gyms, bars and movie theaters — have been forced to remain closed.

“It’s a good start,” Spoon said. “But it’s just a really hard challenge to get your hands around be-cause people don’t know exactly how long it’s going to last or what the next steps in the phases are.”

Whortan said Chatham Habitat — and its employ-ees — can’t afford another shutdown.

“To date, what we got was fine,” he said. “It was great and it worked well for us. My concern is (for) October (or) November if this thing goes haywire again, then we’re going to have to look for some help.”

Starrlight Mead’s owner, Becky Starr, received her PPP loan back in April and spent around three-quarters of it on payroll. It’s worked a little too well: She said she was paying employees for more hours than they actually worked.

“We’re a retail business primarily,” she said. “I was paying people to stay home, and they can’t work from home. They were doing some things like generating content for our website and social media and stuff for me.”

Since then, Starr said business has been picking up, but she still has sever-al “huge concerns” — and extending or reconfigur-ing the PPP won’t help solve them.

Her six-month defer-ment on her mortgage payment ends in Septem-ber, and the pandemic has left her wondering wheth-er she’ll have the revenue to pay it off. She’s already had to cancel an on-site festival scheduled for September and wonders whether other cancella-tions will follow.

“I have no idea what holiday time is going to look like this year because families can’t get together,” Starr said. “Are people going to go out and spend money? I’ve got a holiday party on the books for a local group that I don’t know if they’re going to hold.”

With businesses facing such uncertainties, Poindexter said more long-term funding will probably be needed.

“It’s not going to be a quick fix,” she said. “It’s gonna take a while for everybody I think to get back on their feet.”

AGRICULTURE

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into the central receiving and distribu-tion point, where CCACC staff fills any supply request that comes through Cha-tham County Emergency Management.

They’ve received shipments of a variety of items from the state, Feder-al Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other agencies, including meals for the Chatham County Council on Aging, face masks, medical gowns and cleaning supplies, which are then distributed to those who need them.

“You hear a lot about other areas around the state and the nation that don’t have supplies, but I don’t think that’s ever been a problem here in Cha-tham County,” said Larilee Isley, event coordinator for the CCACC. “We have been able to get the supplies, stock the supplies and fill the orders as needed.”

The Center has filled supply requests for some of the county’s long-term medical care facilities, fire departments, police departments and nonprofit orga-nizations, as well as Chatham County Schools, among others.

Some staff members have also acted as “runners,” driving to pick up sup-plies at various locations if they aren’t able to get them delivered directly to the CCACC.

“I’m very proud of (the staff) because this is not something they have expe-rience doing,” said Miller, “but they jumped on it and looked at it as a way to continue to maintain the space and operate to the benefit of other folks.”

The CCACC is a mixed-use building that is essentially split into two sections. When looking at the front entrance of the building, the left half houses many agricultural organizations, including the offices for N.C. Cooperative Extension, Chatham County’s Soil & Water Conser-vation Department and the North Caroli-na Forestry Service, among others.

The right half of the building is the rentable conference center space, which hosts events ranging from weddings to birthday parties to government meetings.

Miller estimates that around 70% of the space’s usage is for “internal” pur-poses, which includes Chatham County Board of Commissioners meetings and Chatham County Schools events. The



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**The main hall of Chatham County’s ag center is now filled with boxes of supplies and medical equipment — not rows of chairs for a conference or tables for a large group gathering.**

other 30% consists of private revenue events.

The portion of the exhibit space not being used for Emergency Management services continues to host some internal meetings with a few minor changes, in-cluding newly integrated social distanc-ing measures and additional cleaning/ sanitation practices to keep staff and attendees safe.

However, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has caused the CCACC to either cancel or postpone all scheduled private events since March and issue full refunds to customers for their deposits.

“Folks were understanding to the extent they could be when their events were canceled,” Miller said. “We also decided very quickly at that point to issue full refunds. We told them, ‘This is outside of your control, it’s outside of our control, we’re going to issue a full refund,’ so there’s no loss on the part of

the client.”

Among the canceled events was Cha-tham County Spring Ag Fest, scheduled to take place in late March. More than 2,700 people attended the spring season, which is meant to showcase the agricul-tural highlights of the county.

All of the cancellations and refunds have undoubtedly forced the CCACC to take a financial hit, but despite all of the money lost during the spring season, Miller said the Center exceeded its rev-enue estimate for the just-ended fiscal year by \$2,000.

“A lot of the events we had scheduled for this summer have either resched-uled or postponed, with some cancella-tions like birthday parties and things like that which canceled completely,” said Isley, “but weddings, pastor appre-ciations, those sorts of things have just been postponed, so I wouldn’t consider those a complete loss of revenue.”

The CCACC has modified its revenue

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**CAROLYN MILLER**, *Chatham County’s human resources and risk management director*

estimate for fiscal year 2021 due to the uncertainty of when private events will be able to resume, but it remains to be seen whether they’ll hit the target mark.

While financial unpredictability is certainly a major concern, the challeng-es don’t end there.

“We really started making good momentum with people knowing we’re here, gaining momentum on the reve-nue end and people seeing our facility as a good place to hold a retreat or a meeting,” said Miller. “My fear, long term, is that there will be an impact on people’s willingness to gather in large groups and that momentum that we started to experience, we’re going to have to recreate.”

Despite the glaring challenges it’s created, this four-month-long “break” has provided the CCACC with a couple of positive opportunities that staff has taken advantage of, including preven-tative maintenance on the building and the audiovisual system.

All of the time spent without in-per-son events — and the increasing demand for remote meetings — has also given the Center a chance to explore the idea of hosting virtual or hybrid events, including commissioners meetings, which gives residents the chance to attend them from home, an option that will likely continue in the future.

“If we have that expertise and that technology, then we can offer that opportunity for organizations to come in and broadcast their virtual meeting from our facility,” said Miller. “I don’t think we did nearly as many virtual meetings as we could have before, but that sure is going to be a major option now.”



## DEFAULTS

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not been immune to the financial hit, local utility systems are working to create payment plans for its customers in default.

### Chatham County

The Chatham County system has about 10,200 active water accounts (the county does not provide sewer), according to Tracey Wilkie, collections supervisor for the county. Of those accounts, about 2.3% — 235 users — are in default. The total amount past due

to the county’s water system is \$38,000, or about \$162 per customer. Wilkie said that the county will allow customers to satisfy their outstanding balances on a six-month repayment plan.

### Pittsboro

The town of Pittsboro currently has about 3.6% of its 2,034 water and sewer accounts who are behind on payments, according to Heather Meacham, Pittsboro’s finance director. The past due amount for the 74 customers is approximately \$9,762 or about \$132 per user on average — not including July bills, which were sent

out on July 20, but are not in technically due until August 1. Pittsboro residents who are behind on their water bills will be able to set up a payment plan with the town over six months. The board voted to extend its policy of not disconnecting users for an additional 30 days beyond the order sunset to allow Meacham to create a payment policy that will allow users to pay while not getting their service interrupted in the process.

### Siler City

About 9% of Siler City’s 3,705 water and sewer users are in default, according to Tina

Stroupe, Siler City’s finance director. The 337 users owe a total of \$72,039 to the town, an average of just under \$214 per user. The Siler City Board of Commissioners recently approved a modified plan offering a six-month repayment period for services that were incurred between the original executive order on March 31 and July 31, the anticipated sunset date.

### Goldston-Gulf

Although it’s the smallest of the water systems, with only 499 customers in the Goldston-Gulf area, the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District has the largest per customer past

due amounts. 32 users — or 6.5% — are behind in payments, with a total due to the system of \$12,487. This averages to about \$390 per user.

Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District Chairman Ricky Beal said the system already has a normal policy of waiting 60 days for a cut-off of water and sewer services. The board, not knowing what Gov. Cooper is going to do on July 31, has been “holding back” on how to approach repayments. The discussion will be a topic of the Gulf-Goldston Sanitary District’s August meeting.

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## BILLBOARD

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the organizations.

The GoFundMe was organized by a Pittsboro resident who began going by the initials “LC” after the campaign gained traction on social media. In just two days, the GoFundMe raised enough money for the sign to be erected for six months. In the end, the group raised enough money to pay for the sign for a full year and to donate extra funds to local social equity organizations. On July 15, the organizer posted an update message to the GoFundMe that \$1,000 of the extra contributions was donated to both Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE) and Emancipate NC.

“It’s been an exciting couple of days since the billboard went up! And it is simply beautiful,” the organizer posted. “It brought me to tears the first time it came into view as I drove down business 64 into Pittsboro! I am so grateful for all of the messages of support I have received, and for those who are giving their input to the press and news outlets.”

Pittman, who has attended multiple protests in Pittsboro, said he believes the flag

is not representative of the majority of the town.

“My opinion, especially as a Black man — if I’m riding into a small town and one of the first things I see is a Confederate flag, that lets me know what type of town that is,” he said.

That’s why adding the Black Lives Matter sign right next to the flag was so important, he added.

“Seeing it ... seeing it was a triumphant moment,” he said. “But it was a sad moment at the same time — it was a triumphant moment because individuals in Pittsboro wanted that sign, and it was sad because they had to do this right beside this Confederate flag.”

This is not the first time there have been debates in Pittsboro surrounding Confederate flags.

On June 14, Chatham resident Tami Schwerin emailed Pittsboro and Chatham commissioners requesting “symbols of terrorism” be outlawed locally. Schwerin listed the Confederate flags throughout the county specifically as symbols of intimidation.

“This would also put us on the right side of history,” said Schwerin, who leads the nonprofit Abundance NC. “I guarantee it would make

national news and other municipalities would follow. Let’s set the trend for creating a place of peace, inclusion and prosperity for all.”

In the email, Schwerin included links to articles referencing NASCAR’s banning of Confederate flags at its events and the Department of Homeland Security’s addition of white supremacy to its list of domestic terrorism threats in 2019.

Chatham County Commissioner Diana Hales responded over email and said that though “we may disagree with their message,” all citizens are granted the freedom of speech. Hales added that the board asked the county lawyer for guidance, who advised that granting such a request would be a violation of First Amendment rights.

“What people display on private property is their business, as long as they adhere to whatever setback regulations the Town or County has in place for things such as flagpoles and signage,” she wrote. “(Some) may see it as hate speech, but they have the right to speak. And, others have the same right of free speech to put up a billboard countering their message.”

It remains to be seen whether this countering

billboard — standing for just a few days before organizers learned it would be removed from

its spot next to the Confederate flag — will be relocated.

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

## Timeline of BLM billboard, adjacent Confederate flag

CN+R Staff Reports

PITTSBORO — On U.S. Hwy. 64 Business East in Pittsboro, near the intersection with Hank’s Chapel Road, sits a nondescript peach-colored cinderblock building with garage bays.

The property, as well as several parcels around it, is owned by Sam White, a Pittsboro resident.

In early 2019, when the Chatham County Board of Commissioners began discussions on the possible removal of the Confederate monument that had been housed on the grounds of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse since 1907, White was the first in Pittsboro to lease a small portion of his land there to a known neo-Confederate group the Virginia Flaggers to erect a flagpole and Confederate flag. The group, which was founded in 2011 in response to the removal of a Confederate flag in Richmond, has erected Confederate flags throughout Virginia and North Carolina.

White, in an interview with the News + Record early last October said “I really don’t want to bother anybody,” but decided to allow to have the flag erected as “a direct response” to the commissioners’ considering removing of the monument that he said demonstrated “pride in southern heritage.”

Soon after, the Virginia Flaggers leased another piece of land on the property of Candace Burke on Sanford Road to erect another pole and Confederate flag. The property is across the street from Horton Middle School, named for the slave poet Moses Horton, which prior to desegregation served as the area’s Black high school.

As tensions over the future of the Confederate monument increased, so did the number and frequency of protests in Pittsboro. Late in October, during one of the largest protests Pittsboro had seen to date, opposing sides faced off on Sanford Road south of the courthouse area — pro-Confederates on Burke’s property with the flag and counter-protesters across the street. Several hours into the protest, a backhoe laden with Confederate flags and memorabilia came down

Sanford Road toward the protest. Sam White was later identified and cited for driving the equipment on a public road and for a probation violation.

As the controversy rolled on, so did the protests. And the statue was eventually removed in November following a court decision and is being stored at an undisclosed location.

Since then, the Virginia Flaggers Confederate flag on White’s property has continued to fly, though the one across from Horton has long since been removed.

On June 15, the GoFundMe account was created to raise funds to place a Black Lives Matter sign on a billboard on Sam White’s property — he’s been leasing the property to Lamar for years.

The GoFundMe campaign raised enough money in two days to have the Black Lives Matter sign erected for six months. The organizer, known online only by the initials “LC,” then upped the ante, asking for enough to a full year. In the end, the group raised more than \$10,000 and continues to raise more, with extra funds going to groups that fight for social equity such as Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE) and Emancipate NC.

Nearly a month to the day that the GoFundMe was started, the Black Lives Matter billboard was erected. Several local residents stopped to take photos of the site — a Black Lives Matter billboard next a Confederate flag. Anecdotes on Facebook said that pro-Confederates were hostile to those taking photos.


Communications from Lamar to the GoFundMe organizer which was posted on the Facebook Chatham Takes Action showed that White informed Lamar that he was severing its lease agreement with the company at the end of its term in September.

“We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause,” the company said in the email. “It was unexpected for the land owner to make this decision.”

The billboard will be coming down and it is unclear what will happen to the funds or the future efforts by the organizer, though Lamar noted the there will be a refund for the unused time.

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OBITUARIES

MICAH JOEL GURLEY



Micah Joel Gurley, 18, of Siler City, died Friday, July 24, 2020.

He was born on September 27, 2001, in Lee County, the son of Mitchell J. Gurley and Cindy Isley Gurley. He was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church and a 2020 graduate of Chatham Central High School. Micah played football, basketball and loved playing disc golf.

Micah was preceded in death by his father and paternal grandparents, Jerry G. Gurley and Jean Marsh Gurley Ludington.

He is survived by his mother, Cindy Isley Gurley; sister, Mallory Gurley Edwards and brother-in-law, William Stephen Edwards; brother, Marshall Jacob Gurley; maternal grandparents, Joel and Shelby Isley; and step-grandfather, Don Ludington.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church, 2430 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro with Rev. Steve Moore officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Chatham Central Athletics.

The family is requesting that you wear a mask.

Smith & Buckner funeral Home is assisting the Gurley Family.

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

MITCHELL JAY GURLEY



Mitchell Jay Gurley, 58, of Siler City, died Friday, July 24, 2020.

Mitch was born on May 22, 1962, in Chambersburg, PA, the son of Jerry Garner Gurley and Jean Marsh Gurley Ludington. He was employed as a mechanic with the DOT in Siler City, and a member of Emmaus Baptist Church. He was an avid golfer and loved all kinds of sports.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Micah J. Gurley.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Cindy Isley Gurley; daughter, Mallory Gurley Edwards and son-in-law, William Stephen Edwards; son, Marshall Jacob Gurley; sisters, Tami Stellern and Amanda Gurley; brothers, Mike Ludington and John David Ludington; and step-father, Don Ludington.

The funeral service was held on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church, 2430 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro with Rev. Steve Moore officiating. Burial was in Emmaus Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Emmaus Baptist Church, 2430 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

The family is requiring that you wear a mask.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Gurley Family.

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

HENRY B. BASS SR.

Henry B. Bass Sr., 81, of Siler City, died Saturday, July 25, 2020, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Bass was born September 25, 1938, in Franklin County, the son of Broddie E. and Harriett Edwards Bass. He was an Air Force veteran and a member of Rocky River Baptist Church. Mr. Bass had retired from UNC-G and also Cone Mills as a pipefitter, although he was an avid Duke Blue Devils fan.

He is survived by daughter, Diane King of Randleman; sons, Henry B. Bass Jr. and wife Beth, Patrick K. Bass and wife Manda, all of Siler City; grandchildren, Maddox Bass, Michelle Stanback and husband Noxfer, Travis Turner, Calie Brauer and husband James Dragon; and great-grandchildren, Lilly Stanback, Terrill Holt, and A.J. Dragon.

Mr. Bass was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Emma H. Bass; stepsons, Denny and David Perry; brother, Charlie Bass; sisters, Patsy Sikes, Betty Tedder and Carolyn Bass.

The body laid in state from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2020. A graveside service was held Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. at Rocky River Baptist Church Cemetery, 4436 Siler City-Snow Camp Road, Siler City, NC, with Dr. Greg Burris officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Bass family.

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

JOHNNY GRAHAM HAMMONDS JR.

Johnny Graham Hammonds Jr., 72, of Broadway, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Health Care.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Holly Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Yow and Rev. Jerry Parsons officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was born in Lee County on March 6, 1948, to the late Johnny Graham and Catherine Patterson Hammonds. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Johnny Graham Hammonds III. Johnny retired from GKN Automotive.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Smith Hammonds; daughter, Angie Bowers of Lillington; sisters, Patricia Zutavern of Virginia and Faye Hammond and Gail Dickson of Maryland; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to Holly Springs Baptist Church Community Food Pantry, 385 Holly Springs Church Road, Broadway, NC 27505.

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

**MATTHEW ROBERT THOMAS**

Matthew Robert Thomas, 20, of Sanford, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2020.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

JACKIE SWOFFORD CAMERON

Jackie Swofford Cameron, 75, of Sanford, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at Duke University Medical Center.

Private services will be held at a later date.

She was born in Lee County on May 31, 1945, to the late Horace Swofford and Nannie Mae Woodell.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Joel Cameron; sons, David Cameron of Missouri and Marshall Cameron of Sanford; brother, Jimmy Swofford of Georgia; sister, Judy Hansen of Sanford; and three grandchildren.

Due to Joel's current health concerns, please no visits to the home, food or flowers. Prayers would be greatly appreciated.

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

Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

**JAMES WALTER KNIGHT**

James Walter Knight, 93, of Sanford, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2020, at his home.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

**ELIZABETH BAUCOM RICHARDSON**

Elizabeth Richardson, 79, of Broadway, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2020 at her home.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

MARTIN A. 'MARTY' LINDLEY



Martin A. "Marty" Lindley, formerly of Snow Camp and more recently of Person County, passed to his eternal home on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

Marty was born in Chatham County on August 21, 1959, to Mark Darryle and Frieda Morgan Lindley. His mother preceded him in death.

Marty was a Chatham County native, living with his parents for the first 33 years of his life and a 27-year resident of Person County Group Homes in Roxboro, North Carolina.

Marty never met a stranger, his love for all people and the simple things, such as Coca-Cola, in life resulted in his being loved by all who met him. He loved Jesus and his Church and attended as long as his health allowed.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Nancy M. Lindley; brother, Julius Neill Lindley and wife Cori; nephew, Julius Neill Lindley, II and wife Katherine; nieces, Morgan and Alison Lindley; great-nephews, Julius Neill Lindley III and Mason Grey Lindley; maternal aunt, Connie M. Conway; and many cousins that he had the joy of growing up with.

The family extends a sincere thank you to the staff of Person County Group Homes for the loving care they provided through the years and also to Genesis Siler City Center for their assistance in bringing Marty home and the gentle care provided in his last days.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to South Fork Friends Church at 359 South Fork Bethel Church Road, Snow Camp, NC 27349, or Person County Group Homes at 411 South Main Street, Roxboro, NC 27573.

A visitation was held from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. A graveside service was held Sunday, July 26, 2020, at 2 p.m. at South Fork Friends Church with Andrew Needham officiating.

Smith & Buckner funeral home is assisting the Lindley family.

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

DELBERT GLENN 'WINKY' HOLT



Delbert Glenn "Winky" Holt, 77, of Siler City died Monday, July 27, 2020, at UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro.

Mr. Holt was born March 21, 1943, in Chatham County, the son of Wade A. Holt, Sr. and Dorothy Willett Holt. His parents and brothers, Gerald, Earl "Punk" and Rabon Holt, preceded him in death.

He worked at Clapp Brothers Tractor, where he was a lawn mower repairman and general laborer. He also enjoyed working on cars and loved drag racing. His favorite racecar driver was Dale Earnhardt.

Winky is survived by his wife of 42 years, Linda Cagle Holt; daughter, Cynthia Paulino and husband Santiago of Siler City; step-sons, Joe Anderson and wife Lori Ann of LA and Billy Ritter and wife Mae of Ramseur; sisters, Barbara Boone and Kathryn Powers, both of Siler City, Brenda Cox of Charlotte, Sandra Moody of Sanford; brother, Wade A. "Buddy" Holt, Jr. of Siler City; and grandchildren, Courtney Paulino, Santiago Paulino Jr., Jonathan Paulino and Araceli Paulino.

The body laid in state Wednesday, July 29, 2020, until 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. A graveside service will be held Thursday, July 30, 2020, at 1 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, N. Chatham Ave, Siler City.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Holt family.

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

JOHN RUSSELL MCPHERSON

John Russell McPherson, 62, of Siler City, died Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mr. McPherson was born May 12, 1958, in Chatham County to Ronald William "Billy" and Lucy Nance McPherson, who preceded him in death.

He was in maintenance at multiple apartment facilities and worked in carpentry for Ellington Construction. John was a member of Piney Grove United Methodist Church.

He is survived by wife, Arleen Olson McPherson of Siler City; daughter, Joy McPherson of Ellerbe; sisters, Gwen M. Johnson and Cheryl Smith, both of Siler City; and brother, Ronald Wayne "Ronnie Mac" McPherson of Snow Camp.

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

RICHARD EARL FOX

Richard Earl Fox, 53, of Bennett, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020, at Moore Regional Hospital.

Due to the current COVID-19 mandate, there will be no visitation. A private graveside service was held on Wednesday.

Richard was born in Chatham County on October 31, 1966, to Eva Louise Baker Fox and Albert Thomas Fox. He was of the Baptist faith and worked as a supervisor in maintenance at Townsend.

He is survived by Pamela Jean Gaddis, of the home; son, Timothy Earl Fox of Bennett; daughter, April Reene Hoskins of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; mother, Eva Fox of Siler City; father, Albert Fox of Asheboro; sister, Linda Weidman of Asheboro; brothers, Thurman Fox of Staley and Wayne Fox of Siler City; nine grandchildren; and several step-siblings.

Condolences may be offered online at: [www.joycebrady-chapel.com](http://www.joycebrady-chapel.com).

LASHAWN (BRAND) PENZA

Lashawn Penza, 58, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at Knotts Funeral Home.

MARGIE LILLIAN SEAGROVES RUBIN

Margie Lillian Seagroves Rubin, 78, of Carthage, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2020, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. at Farmville Cemetery on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, with Pastor Eugene Ussery officiating. The family greeted friends following the service.

Mrs. Rubin was born in Chatham County on December 17, 1941, to the late William Wharton Seagroves and Mary Jefferies Seagroves. She worked for Royster Clark Supply Store for many years. She was preceded in death by her sister, Irene Patterson, and brothers, Joe, Ed, Frankie, Charles and Horton Seagroves.

Surviving relatives include her husband, William Stanton Rubin Jr., of the home; son, Chris Cameron of Fuquay-Varina; brother, Larry Seagroves of Goldston; sisters, Ollie Marie Macko of Sanford, Lula Frances Braswell of Carthage and Mary Elizabeth Wilmoth of Sanford; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church, 632 McCrimmon Rd, Carthage, NC 28327.

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

CHERYL IRENE WILLIAMS GOULD

Cheryl Irene Williams Gould, 57, of Pittsboro, died Sunday, July 26, 2020, at home.

A visitation was held Wednesday, July 29, 2020 from 2 to 2:45 p.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church Gymnasium. The funeral service followed at 3 p.m. with Pastor Steve Moore presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Cheryl was born in Chatham County on May 6, 1963, to the late Grady Rudolph Williams and Mary Ruth Meyers Williams.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Mark L. Gould; son, Matthew Gould of Pittsboro; daughter, Allison Gould of Charlotte; brother, Danny Williams of Chapel Hill; and sister, Debbie Edwards of Mebane.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask for memorial contributions to be made in Cheryl's memory to Community Homecare & Hospice, 1836 Doctor's Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

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

FOY JENNINGS 'GIN' MORTON

Foy Jennings "Gin" Morton, 81, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at his home.

The family received friends on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kendale Acres Church. The funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. with Rev. Doug Western officiating. Burial followed in Poplar Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery.

He was born in Norwood, on March 25, 1939, to the late Grover Thomas and Annie Lorine White Morton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Veronica Morton Green; sister, Jewell Bean; brothers, Ernest Morton and Wayne Morton. Morton was retired from the Lee County School Bus Garage. He worked for the last 17 years with Lee County General Services Convenience Center.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons, Paul Goins, Vernon Morton, Jesse Goins and Reid Morton; daughters, Vicky Miller, Jenny Morton Thacker and Courtney Clack; sister, Shelby Jean Rouse; 22 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

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

GEORGE SIMMONS

George Simmons, 71, of Winston-Salem, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at his home.

Viewing was held Friday, July 24, 2020, at Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

**WILBERT ARNOLD ATKINS**

Wilbert Arnold Atkins, 72, of Robbins, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2020, at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro.

The funeral was held Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford, with interment at Alston Chapel UCC.

ROBERT STEWART FARMER

Robert Stewart "Rock" Farmer, 36, passed away Friday, July 17, 2020, at his home in Sanford.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

**NANCY MARIE GATTIS**

Nancy Marie Gattis, 92, of Chapel Hill, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at the Stratford Assisted Living Home.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

FRANKLIN MATTHEW 'MAC' QUICK

Franklin Matthew "Mac" Quick, 53, of Sanford, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Moore Regional Hospital.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

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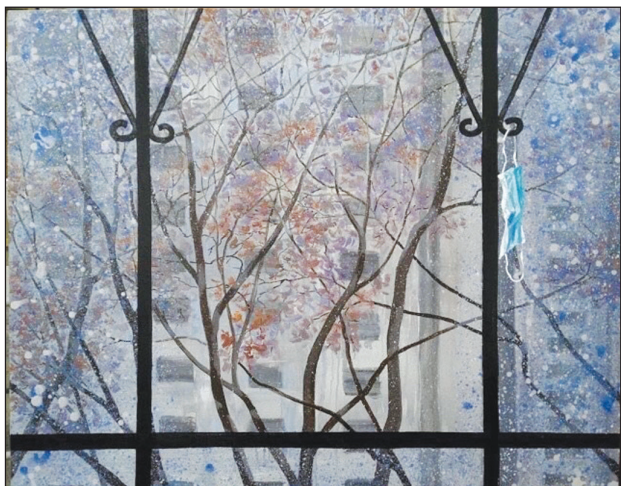
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## CHATHAM NEWS + RECORD ART CONTEST

# Every major moment in history deserves an image to remember



Submitted photo

Tian Yazhou, 51, a teacher in the School of Art at China Three Gorges University in Yichang, Hubei Province, painted this acrylic artwork, sized 110x88 cm, to depict 'ordinary Chinese people's anxiety and helplessness in responding to the government's call to isolate themselves at home.' He entitled it '2020 Valentine's Day.'

**BY BUCK RYAN AND SIQI ZHANG**

Special to the News + Record

Every significant moment in history — the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, World War II, Sept. 11th — deserves an image to remember, especially for historians looking back on Chatham County 50 years from now.

During the era of COVID-19, the News + Record is asking you to get creative to help document this moment in time. Feel free to pick up a pen, an iPad stylus, an artist's brush, a camera or a laptop — the artistic tool of your choice.

Maybe you prefer to sit at the piano and compose a song or stand up and choreograph a new dance step. Shake off the blues with a bout of creativity.

The contest, which will run from Monday, Aug. 3 to Monday, Aug. 24 — consists of three themes to fire up your artistic juices: food, heroes and love.

Pick one topic and your medium, or submit an artwork entry in all three categories — it's your choice. There's no entry fee or limit on the number of entries you can submit.

The voting process will be two-fold: our team will pick winners in each category, but we will also be inviting our readers to



Chen Yuting, 26, of Tianjin, China, depicts Wuhan, which was hardest hit by COVID-19, as the city's signature dish of hot dry noodles with other provinces as their favorite foods expressing love and concern. The image, submitted to a newspaper contest in China, went viral. The signs read, 'Hot dry noodles' and 'Stay strong.' To the left, Yuting followed up with an image of Wuhan opening back up on April 8 after 76 days. The signs say, 'Long time no see,' and 'We've missed you.'

weigh in for the "readers' favorites" category via social media during the week of Aug. 24. Winners will be announced on Aug. 31 and their masterpieces published in the newspaper, in print and online.

## Inspiration behind the contest

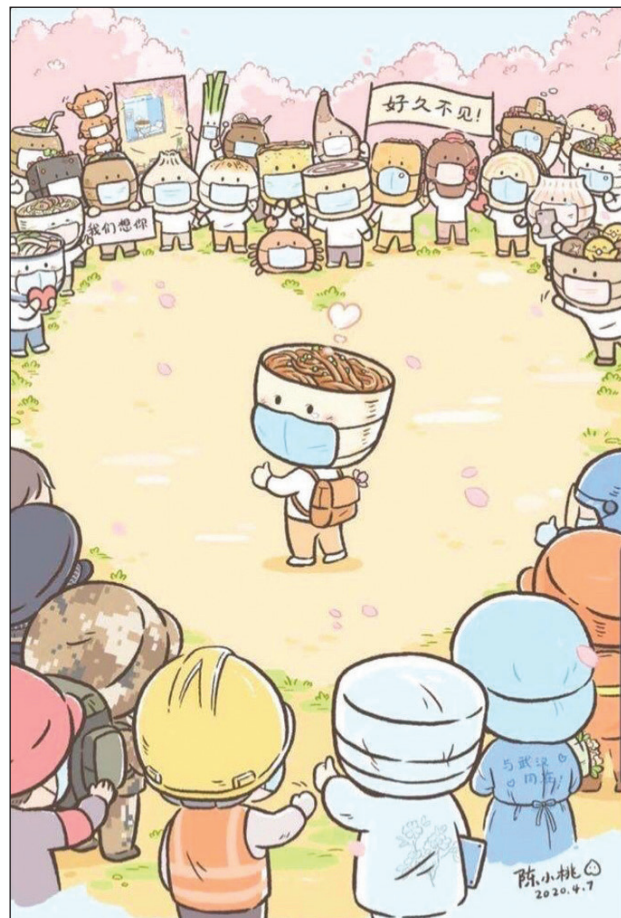
For a little inspiration for the first category — food — see Figures 1 and 2. Let's go back to where the COVID-19 crisis first began, in Wuhan, China.

Chen Yuting, a 26-year-old illustrator, was inspired by a newspaper challenge launched on China's Facebook, Weibo, to draw something "using hometown food."

She decided to depict hot dry noodles, a dish that is a staple in Wuhan, as a "patient" in a hospital that contracted the virus. For inspiration for the second category — heroes — see Figure 3. Ruby Wang, 13, depicted her idea of a real hero — the doctors and nurses fighting the virus. Wang was a 7th grader who was cooped up with her mom, Lei, and dog, Dora, for 76 days in Wuhan.

For inspiration for the third category — love — see Figure 4. Please meet Tian Yazhou, 51, a teacher in the School of Art at China Three Gorges University in Yichang, Hubei Province. His acrylic artwork, sized 110 x 88 cm, is entitled "2020 Valentine's Day," which features a wintry scene with a lone face mask appearing in the photo.

The Wuhan art pieces created an internet sensation. Now, it's time for Chatham County residents to turn the virus into some-



Submitted photos



Submitted photo

Ruby Wang, 13, a 7th grader in a Wuhan junior middle school, drew this image of China fighting the corona-virus with medical workers for a newspaper contest for kids 3 to 16 years old. Last year Ruby won a prize in a UNESCO online art contest.

thing viral. We are curious to see how they will depict the pandemic's impact in their hometown, whether it be Siler City or Pittsboro or elsewhere in Chatham.

You can submit your entries via Google Form under the "Art Contest" section of our website at [chathamnewsrecord.com](http://chathamnewsrecord.com).

If Google forms are not your thing, just send us a note ([cwatkins@chathamnr.com](mailto:cwatkins@chathamnr.com)) and we'll help you upload your entry.

Watch this space to vote on the finalists during the week of August 24.

Onward, artists! You're on deadline now — history awaits.

## About the judges

The contest is being organized by the same team that led to the donation in May of 1,500 surgical masks, 500 KN95 masks and 400 face shields to 17 of Chatham County's nursing homes and assisted-living facilities.

Siqi Zhang, the president of the North Carolina Chinese Scholars Sino-US Exchange Association, will help promote the art contest and enlist NCCSEA members as judges along with Buck Ryan, director of the Citizen Kentucky Project on civic engagement.

Zhang is an associate professor and doctoral supervisor in the School of Journalism and Communication at Jilin University in Changchun, China. She is vice director of the Institute of Chinese Culture at her university. At present, she is a visiting scholar at Duke University.

Ryan is an associate professor in the School of Journalism and Media at the University of Kentucky. He is conducting a case study of the Chatham News + Record, which he views as a model of success for community newspapers here and abroad.

The pair is joining forces with Caroline Watkins, the News + Record's digital media fellow, and Bill Horner III, the newspaper's editor and publisher.

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## USDA - Farm Service Agency Notice of Availability Poultry Facility Construction Final Environmental Assessment

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the poultry facility construction located at Moore county Tax Parcel number 00003056 and Pin Number 865300184320. The primary objective of this activity is to construct 4 poultry houses on the 66-acre property.

FSA is accepting comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through August 29, 2020. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the FSA office located at 3230A Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112. Comments should be submitted to Suzanne Simpson at 3230 Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112 or by email at [suzanne.simpson@nc.usda.gov](mailto:suzanne.simpson@nc.usda.gov).



E.A. BRADY FAMILY REUNION CANCELED

The family of the late E.A. Brady has canceled this year's reunion scheduled for Saturday, August 8 due to the virus and restrictions.

NEWS BRIEFS Virtual author talk with Thomas Wolf

The Chatham Community Library will be hosting a virtual author talk from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20 with Chard Hill resident and author Thomas Wolf as he discusses and reads from his new book, "The Called Shot: Babe Ruth, the Chicago Cubs, and the Unforgettable Major League Baseball Season of 1932."

To register for this event and to receive the online meeting ID, please email Rita Van Duinen at rita.vanduin@chathamlibraries.org. This virtual event is free and open to the public.

Chatham Food Hub is now operational

A team of Chatham County partners has collaborated with UNC Health and N.C. State to set up the Chatham Food Hub, a drive-thru food hall at Bray Park in Siler City. Each week, local restaurants and farms will sell fresh produce and meals through an online portal, for a COVID-safe pickup from Bray Park the following week. Customers who are lower-income can also reserve free emergency food boxes from CORA Food Pantry through the Hub, while supplies last.

Place your order online by Friday at midnight each week, then drive through Bray Park the following week to get your order. This week's orders close at midnight on Friday, July 31, for pickup in Bray Park from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5. Contact the Hub team at chathamfoodhub@gmail.com with questions and/or to help sponsor a meal through the hub for a family in need.

Motorcycle Road Skills Tests resumed this week

RALEIGH – The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is resuming motorcycle road skills tests beginning Tuesday, July 28, at 70 of the state's 78 current operational driver license offices.

The road tests will be available to the public by appointment only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, as the weather permits. An appointment can be set up online on the DMV website. Designated appointment times will be 8:30, 8:50 and 9:10 a.m., and 2:30, 2:50 and 3:10 p.m. Customers will be required to wear a mask or other face covering and will be subject to COVID-19 pre-screening.

An individual must possess a full North Carolina provisional, regular or commercial driver license and pass a motorcycle knowledge test within the last 90 days or possess a valid North Carolina motorcycle permit. The motorcycle used for the test will also need to pass inspection and be registered with the DMV.

Motorcycles represent about two percent of all registered vehicles in North Carolina, but account for about 10% of all fatalities on the state's roads. Proper training and safety precautions are the most effective ways to reduce the chances of being involved in a motorcycle crash.β

— CN+R staff reports



Pittsboro, Chatham County urge DEQ to do more on contaminants

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — As study after study is released showing significant levels of unregulated chemicals in the Haw River, the town of Pittsboro and Chatham County have each issued strong letters to the N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality urging the agency to do more to reduce the discharge of contaminants upstream.

On June 22, the N.C. DEQ provided a statement requesting feedback on a Special Order by Consent for T.Z. Osborne Plant in Greensboro. According to the DEQ website, a Special Order by Consent may be used if "a facility is unable to consistently comply with the terms, conditions, or limitations in an NPDES Permit." The T.Z. Osborne Plant in Greensboro was cited by DEQ on November 14, 2019 for elevated discharges of 1,4-dioxane, a likely carcinogen identified by the EPA.

"The purpose of the draft Order is to reduce the concentrations of 1,4-dioxane being discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and within two years meet a target of 35 µg/l, based on EPA's drinking water health advisory, to protect downstream drinking water intakes," the DEQ release read.

Both the Pittsboro and Chatham County letters were in response to the DEQ's draft Special Order of Consent.

Both letters urged DEQ to change the target level of 35 µg/l of 1,4-dioxane to .35 µg/l, a difference of 100 times, since the lower amount is the actual recommendation by both the EPA and the state to reduce cancer risk.

The letter from Pittsboro, which was signed by Mayor Jim Nass, noted the expense that the town has and will incur to studying the removal of these types of chemicals from its drinking water as well as other steps the town has been forced to take to address the issue. The town has spent \$88,540 in the past year and budgeted \$172,728 this fiscal year to address the issues.

"It is unfair to put the financial burden on a small town when it's more cost effect to prevent and treat pollution at the source," Nass' letter read.

Pittsboro urged



DEQ to modify the NPDES permit for the T.Z. Osborne Plant in Greensboro which would include having significant industrial users and pre-treatment facilities use "a best technology approach" to "capture and/or remove" 1,4-dioxane from the system. The letter also asks that Greensboro immediately contact Pittsboro when the levels are found to be above the standard. The town also asked for a report from Greensboro on the possible sources of the chemicals as well as quarterly reports of progress. The town also urged daily testing of the T.Z. Osborne Plant in Greensboro which would be shared with Pittsboro and other municipalities downstream.

The letter from Chatham County, which was signed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Karen Howard, asked that the source reduction and plans be "required" rather than "voluntary" as currently listed in the draft Special Order of Consent. In addition, the Special Order of Consent orders the T.Z. Osborne Plant in Greensboro to develop reduction plans and study feasibility of treatment technologies if the levels are not reduced within a year. The county has asked DEQ to make that effective immediately.

"Downstream water sources are already spending money to research and purchase treatment technologies to remove contaminants for which industries in other municipalities are significant contributors," Howard's letter read.

The deadline to provide comments to the DEQ was July 24. The notice from DEQ about the intent to issue a Special Consent Order said that a "public hearing may be held if there is a significant degree of public interest." There has been word yet from DEQ if that threshold has been reached.

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

USDA - Farm Service Agency Notice of Availability Poultry Facility Construction Final Environmental Assessment

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FSA is accepting comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through August 29, 2020. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the FSA office located at 3230A Presson Road Monroe, NC 28112. Comments should be submitted to Suzanne Simpson at 3230A Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112 or by email at suzanne.simpson@nc.usda.gov.

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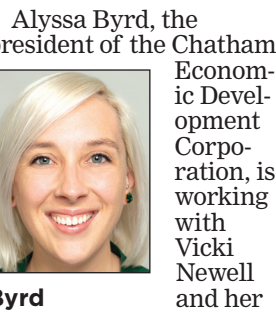


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Q&A | ALYSSA BYRD ON ‘READY, SUCCESS, GROW’

# Free skills-enhancement course offered by Chatham Literacy, EDC



**Byrd**  
from Chatham Literacy to provide free courses to help provide skills enhancement to those working to increase their employability. In this Q&A, Byrd discusses the collaboration and the classes.

**How did this partnership come about?**

Chatham Literacy received a grant from PNC Bank to conduct workforce soft skills training. As we have settled into a “new reality,” we realized it was more necessary than ever to deliver a brief training on job skills enhancement. In thinking innovatively about how to deliver this training, Chatham Literacy reached out to us at the Chatham Economic Development Corporation and NCWorks Career Center as logical partners who work with businesses and with workforce development programs.

**How does Chatham Literacy benefit?**

We have all had to adjust our programming and services in response to coronavirus and new community needs. Non-profit organizations are no exception. This effort allows us to deliv-

er relevant and useful information to anyone in the labor force. The goal is to enhance overall employability and the development of essential leadership skills. In addition, this training is a natural fit for Chatham Literacy since they offer life skills literacy services to prepare adults for the expectations and norms in today’s society and workplace.

**What can you say about each of the sessions?**

All of the sessions are tailored to help people enhance skills that are transferrable to any workplace. The topics were influenced by the feedback we received on our annual industry survey and on Chatham Literacy’s countywide literacy needs assessment, and help enhance key skills like teamwork, professionalism and networking.

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  - October 20, 22, 27, 29
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- To register, enter the link <https://bit.ly/2B0xTgG>, visit [www.chathamliteracy.org](http://www.chathamliteracy.org) or call Chatham Literacy at

919-742-0578.

**Do you have to attend all the sessions?**

Individuals can select which programs to attend, but we are encouraging everyone to attend all four sessions to receive a training certificate. Individuals will be eligible to win a \$25 grocery or restaurant gift card at the end of each session. An additional \$25 gift card will be available among those who attended the four sessions. All of the meetings will be in English and held virtually on Zoom.

**Will they be recorded?**

The plan is to deliver the content monthly for the next four months. We think the best way to have impact is to allow for an interactive experience, which is hard to achieve with recordings.

**What can participants expect?**

Participants can expect a thoughtful program for each course, and delivery of content that is relevant for today’s workplace and to employers in Chatham County.

**Who’s doing the training?**

The training is being conducted by Chatham Literacy and NCWorks, a program of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2B0xTgG>.

## NEIGHBOR2NEIGHBOR

# Her own health issues and COVID-19 ended Marta’s job — but not her work for others

BY MARCELA SLADE  
Abundance NC

*Editor’s note: This is another in a series of updates on Chatham’s “Neighbor2Neighbor,” a grassroots collaborative project of Abundance NC, the News + Record and the Caremongering Pittsboro Facebook group. N2N’s objective is to connect those in need during the pandemic with those who have the capacity to help. Marcela Slade, an organizer for Neighbor2Neighbor, is Abundance NC’s event coordinator and art director.*

It had been a while since I had been in touch with Marta. She joined the VecinoAVecino program because she has varicose veins that weaken her immune system. Because of COVID-19 and the higher risk of infection she had to stop working cleaning houses.

Marta needs help with paying bills and groceries; she also signed up for the produce box distribution. She asked me if it were possible to have her box delivered because she was stuck at home with no car and cooking tamales to make some cash.

Because of her location, I decided to leave Marta as my last stop. When I drove up, she was standing outside her trailer, with a whole kitchen set-up. A huge pot was steaming on an electric two-burner stove. It was about 99 degrees outside and maybe 10 degrees MORE where she was standing! There were tamales ready to be packed up and several packed ready to get picked up. The very familiar corn husk and flour vapor...



Drawing by Marcela Slade

**A portrait of neighbor helping neighbor.**

and meat...and chicken and beef roamed the very humid air. YUM!

Marta told me she shouldn’t be standing there in the heat because of her varicose veins and showed me her bruised ankle, but said someone called in an order of tamales and she had to take it to help her husband. Since she stopped working it was him trying to make ends meet and she didn’t feel it was fair. She said she’d taken breaks. I suggested she raise her legs at night and she said she did.

After I left Marta with an extra box of produce and toilet paper (the toilet paper had been donated to N2N), she sent me off with a pair of the most

succulent tamales you can imagine ... and many blessings more.

It was another good day.

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CHATHAM CHAT | GREG STAFFORD, SOCO DEVELOPER

Mixing in more retail, dining south of PBO’s Courthouse area



Stafford

Greg Stafford envisions something special in downtown Pittsboro with his “SoCo” — for South of the Courthouse — project.

This week, we spoke with Stafford about his plan to transform properties he owns on West Street and Sanford Road into a retail and dining hub for downtown. Stafford grew up in Chapel Hill and graduated from UNC before going to law school at N.C. Central. He moved to Chatham County in 1995 and worked as an attorney for 20 years before, he says, “starting to rehab old houses and renting them out.”

He’s working with Eric Andrews at Realty World and local architect Taylor Hobbs on the SoCo project — and looking, in the meantime, for potential tenants.

And when not at work, Stafford enjoys fishing and mowing grass. “It sounds like a joke,” he said, “but it’s not. I mow a number of lawns but do not charge because it would be more paperwork than I am interested in.”

He and his wife Paula have two adult children.

**Let’s start with a bit of history on the property in downtown Pittsboro you’re developing. How long have you owned the property at West Street and what’s the makeup of the property today?**

We bought the first buildings in November 2014 and most recently finished buying pieces in September 2018. All were bought from members of the Justice and Hamlet families. What we own encompasses the corner from 39 West Street to 56 Sanford Road.

**Can you talk about your vision for SoCo and your inspiration for it?**

Vision-wise, it’s to keep as much of the old as possible and add modern sewer, electric, etc., so that downtown Pittsboro can be on equal footing with Chatham Park. The name itself was coined by Tommy Edwards, who is a

famous Pittsboro north-erner.

**When it’s fully completed, how will that stretch of property change? And what types of tenants are you envisioning?**

The goal is a large amount of outdoor seating on the corner and opening up the buildings themselves to a quasi-outdoor experience.

Dylan Perry, who owns The Mod, has done an outstanding job with that and The Other Side bar. Both are unique in the area. Dylan was a first-time restaurant owner and has simply exceeded all expectations that such a status would bring.

In the current location of the Republican Party headquarters there will be a two-story restaurant and bar with outdoor seating on the roof and front patio. Depending on the tenant the old Pittsboro Roadhouse location will be either one or two spots. It is an extremely large space; time will tell how it goes. If I had my dream there would be a brewery in the old Roadhouse spot and in the two-story building fine dining of some kind. Pittsboro has missed the Oak Leaf restaurant and if we could come close to their quality in that location, we would be extremely happy. Chatham Business Services and Chateaux Realty currently occupy the center building on Sanford Road and we anticipate they will remain. Both have flourishing businesses and draw well to the block.

**Once completed, what will SoCo mean to shoppers and visitors — and other business owners — downtown? How will it help transform downtown?**

Hopefully it becomes a draw for new Pittsboro. It is strange to me when I go to Al’s, Virlies or The Mod, I see people I have known from Pittsboro and know most of the faces. When I go to Chatham Park to eat, I do not see anyone I know. It is like two totally different worlds. I want to draw the Chatham Park crowd to Pittsboro. That will be good for all of us.

**Why is a development like this critical to the sustain-**

**ability and success of a walkable downtown area like Pittsboro? And can you compare what you’re doing to a similar development nearby?**

I really do not know how to answer this. I am not a developer in the sense that I have never done this before nor have I ever paid much attention to projects like this before.

I grew up as Preston came to Cary and watched downtown Cary die. It took 30 years for downtown Cary to become a good place to visit. I really do not want to see that happen in Pittsboro and I do not believe it will. I want to make it clear that I do not blame Preston for Cary’s woes back in the 80s. There was simply a development explosion that was not answered by the existing downtown.

We have a very cool mix in Pittsboro and from the City Tap to John’s Pizza we have quality restaurants and bars. From Beggars and Choosers to Tommy Edwards’ place we have bookends of wonderful eclectic shopping. We have loads of parking and should be well positioned to enjoy the inflow of folks coming into Pittsboro for the way of life it offers.

**You’re planning to break ground by the start of 2021. What else do people need to know about the timeline for this project?**

We will break ground as soon as we have an anchor tenant in place. If we have a lease in place either for the old Pittsboro Roadhouse location or for the Republican Party building, we will start in January. Otherwise it will wait until we have one.

**Has the COVID-19 pandemic made any impact on your work on this project, or the timeline?**

COVID has not made an impact on the work or timeline, but it does keep me up at night. For my family this is a huge investment. In five years, I have the potential to look extremely dim-witted if we are still in fear mode as a community. I am betting that this is temporary and the huge amounts of outdoor seating will be a draw.

**Downtown business owners have told us on, and off, the record about how**



Courtesy of Hobbs Architects

These renderings show what ‘SoCo’ — an area south of the historic Chatham County Courthouse being developed by Greg Stafford — will look like upon completion.



**the demonstrators, many of whom are not from Chatham, have hurt business there. Is this a concern?**

I believe it is very clear

that the protests hurt business in a big way. Downtown has been hit with the protests, then COVID-19, and then there

will be the massive circle revamping by DOT — so it will continue to be difficult for downtown for awhile.



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FROM NFL LINEMAN TO HOMEBUILDER

## With custom creations, Ken Huff keeps reaping rewards

BY CHAPEL FOWLER  
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — At his home in Governors Club, the decorations in Ken Huff's basement paint a very different picture than the ones a floor above in his office.

Downstairs, you'll see four framed jerseys on the wall, a row of signed game balls sitting on the mantle and a slew of other keepsakes from his football career.

A blue and white Colts helmet rests the coffee table. A 1984 Super Bowl pennant hangs above the couch. And an old flyer for the 1974 Sun Bowl — featuring a young Huff with a head of thick brown hair and sideburns — leans against the beer tap in his well-stocked home bar, logically named Huffer's.

But upstairs, the mood changes.

On the wall by his desktop Mac, his UNC diploma hangs next to a general contracting license for the state of North Carolina and two Governors Club builder of the year awards. A nearby table is full of thick binders, blueprints, carpenter's pencils and notepads for ideas, instructions and ongoing projects.

From basement to office, it's a nod to the intriguing career path that Huff, 67, has taken in life. All American offensive lineman. No. 3 overall pick in the NFL Draft. And since 1986, the owner of Ken Huff Builders Inc., a custom homes business that works in Chatham County and beyond.

With it has come plenty of success — and a lot more stories.

"Since college, I've basically had two jobs: one was the NFL, and one was a builder," Huff said. "And I've been blessed with both of them."

### 'Lightbulb went on'

How did a lanky California teenager who went to Massachusetts prep school to focus on swimming get drafted ahead of Walter Payton? Huff, to this day, sometimes wonders the same thing.

His football career began with little fanfare in Coronado, a city on a peninsula across from San Diego. Surrounded (literally) by beaches and waves, swimming was Huff's end goal from age 6.

But he made strides as a defensive tackle as a junior and senior in high school, and starting putting on some weight. And by the time fall came at Deerfield Academy — Huff graduated high school at 17 and took a post-grad year — football looked like a mighty fine way to kill some time ahead of swim season.

After a few months of continued improvement and college interest, he dropped swimming in full and spent his winter on recruiting visits rather than in the pool.

"I got a little bit of heat from the administration for that," Huff said. "I tried to try smooth things over in the spring by playing lacrosse for them."

After one stroll down Franklin Street in February — it was 70 degrees, and he wore a T-shirt — Huff decided UNC was for him. He arrived in Chapel Hill in the summer of 1971 to play for coach Bill Dooley and staff, who converted him from a defensive tackle to an offensive lineman after two days of practice.

After a year on the freshman team, or Tar Babies, Huff latched on as a three-year, 35-game starter for the Tar Heels. UNC went 22-13 in his time at guard, winning the 1972 ACC Championship and two Sun Bowls. Huff grew to love the cerebral aspects and minutiae of the offensive

line position.

Still, he said, he had "absolutely zero clue or idea that I'd be playing in the NFL." He majored in psychology, something he saw as applicable to a business career, and kept an academic focus.

In a world devoid of social media and mock drafts, his first indicator that he might have a pro football career on the horizon was being selected to Playboy Magazine's 1974 preseason All-American team ahead of his senior year.

That fall, he raked in awards, including a consensus All-America selection and the ACC's league-wide Jacobs Blocking Trophy, while clearing the way for one of the country's top offenses. UNC scored 30.3 points per game, eighth in the country, and had two 1,000-yard rushers.

By Jan. 28, the day of the 1975 NFL Draft, Huff had an agent and a heads-up that he should be near a phone early that morning for call. But, he thought, he'd still have time for a 9 a.m. breakfast.

"I'm ready to step out, and the phone rings," Huff said. "I'm thinking, 'Gosh, that's too early. They just started.' My agent told me I'd been selected. The lightbulb went on at that point."

### 'One of the mainstays'

In the mid-1970s, Don McCauley opened a bar in Carrboro.

The former UNC star running back, then playing with the Baltimore Colts, enjoyed the restaurant business — but, truthfully, he also needed the extra money to supplement his not-so-flashy NFL contract in the offseason.

McCauley quickly bonded with

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Ken Huff, a former UNC and NFL offensive lineman and the current owner of a custom homes company, has built around 50 houses in Governors Club, including his own.**



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Ken Huff's old jerseys from high school, college and the NFL hang on a wall in his basement.**

## BASEBALL IN A PANDEMIC



Staff file photos

**Former Jordan-Matthews pitcher Kevin Cano Ramirez (left) joined the Deep River Muddogs this summer, and former Chatham Central pitcher Caleb Staley (right) is in his second summer with the team.**

## Local pitchers Staley, Ramirez get in on the summer league fun

BY CHAPEL FOWLER  
News + Record Staff

In his years on the mound, Caleb Staley has developed what he calls "a really bad habit."

Before he rears back for a pitch, he'll lick the fingers on his left hand. It started as a way to get some extra grip on the ball he was about to hurl — and pretty soon devolved into a routine for the former Chatham Central and current Queens University of Charlotte pitcher.

But this summer?

"I've refrained from doing that," Staley said with a laugh.

All in all, it was a minuscule sacrifice to get back on a baseball field again during the coronavirus pandemic, which has put a slew of other sports on hold or in flux around the state.

In the eight-team Old North State League, Staley and Kevin Cano Ramirez, a former Jordan-Matthews pitcher, represented Chatham County on the Deep River Muddogs' roster. (Former Northwood pitcher Tyler Johnson played for the Swepsonville Sweepers.)

The Muddogs played home

games last season at Craven Stadium in Ramseur but moved to High Point's ballpark, Truist Point, this summer. They went 10-16 during the regular season and will play the Mocksville Muscadines on Tuesday at 5 p.m. (past the News + Record's print deadline) in the second round of the league's playoffs, which end Friday in Swepsonville.

Still, Staley and Cano Ramirez — both left-handed pitchers — counted the last two months as a success for two main reasons.

"As far as me and Kevin are aware," Staley said, "we've played this whole season, and we haven't had any COVID-19 complications (in the league)."

"And," Cano Ramirez added, "it's just fun."

Familiar with each other from high school, Staley and Cano Ramirez both ended up on the Muddogs for the same reason: extra reps. Their respective baseball seasons had been cut short.

In his freshman year at Queens, Staley appeared in five games and pitched just six innings, logging a 3.00 ERA. And Cano Ramirez, who opted for a

post-graduate year at Combine Academy in Lincolnton, got to experience just around half of the spring season he'd hoped would boost his future college options.

Cano Ramirez was relieved when he showed up at an early practice and saw Staley, his old opponent now in his second summer with the Muddogs. Staley was a welcome face on an otherwise unknown roster.

That was the case for plenty of players — the Old North State League, by virtue of soldiering on while other leagues didn't, drew a pretty unique clientele base this summer.

Along with its usuals, the league pulled in some seriously talented players whose previous summer plans — in the Coastal Plain League, the Cal Ripken League and beyond — had been altered by league-wide or team-specific cancellations. A stream of local players who'd usually spend their summers working jobs or internships decided to hop in on the fun, too.

"Everybody's looking to get

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## AN ALL-AMERICAN JET



**Jordan-Matthews' Jennah Fadely competed in the 2020 NCHSAA 1A/2A Swimming and Diving Championships in February.**

Staff file photo

## After career-best time, Jordan-Matthews swimmer Fadely gets nationwide recognition

BY CHAPEL FOWLER  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Five months to the day after Jordan-Matthews' Jennah Fadely swam the best race of her high school career, she scored another major honor.

On Feb. 6, at the NCHSAA 1A/2A Swimming and Diving Championships in Cary, the junior scored a second-place finish in her best event: the women's 100-yard breaststroke.

Once out of the water, Fadely quickly learned her time, 1:03.32, met the 1:03.80 threshold for All America consideration. She wasn't an automatic lock — 1:02.58 was the magic number there — but she could submit an application to the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association.

And on July 6, Fadely got the news — she was an All American.

"It just came together really nicely," the 17-year-old said, "and I was very proud of that."

The NISCA announces consideration times the summer before prep seasons begin, and it takes applications from Nov. 1 through June 15. Outside of making time, swimmers must also log the time in a high school meet — not club — and be academically eligible.

Fadely met all those crite-

ria, of course, and her time in the 100-yard breaststroke ranked 67th on the organization's final list of 91 All Americans in the event.

"I wasn't really expecting it for certain date or time," she said. "Nobody really told me when it would happen. They just gave me a rough estimate. I was just like, 'I'll wait for some news' — and it came around."

The honor helped legitimize Fadely's career-best race in February, something she said has "never happened before" and hopes will give her a recruiting boost in the near future. (She's talked to three schools since last summer: Southern Methodist, Marshall and Kenyon College in Ohio.)

At state championship meets, she's also made a steady progression in the 100-yard breaststroke, which she calls her best and favorite event. In 2018, as a freshman, she finished 13th with a time of 1:11.64. In 2019, as a sophomore, she finished second with a time of 1:06.04 to Community School of Davidson's Emme Nelson, but she wasn't fast enough for All America consideration.

As a junior, Fadely set her sights on a first-place finish.

"I knew what I had to bring to the table to be able to compete with (Nelson)," Fadely

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# NCHSAA will allow athletes to share equipment under Phase Two guidelines starting Aug. 3

**BY CHAPEL FOWLER**  
News + Record Staff

Starting Aug. 3, athletes can share equipment such as footballs, basketballs and volleyballs within “small groups/pods” while maintaining 6 feet of physical distance under the Phase Two guidelines for workouts the NCHSAA released Tuesday morning.

The NCHSAA also reiterated it “remain(s) committed to administering sports/activities this fall, provided it can be done safely and in accordance with guidance from our state educational and medical partners. Decisions relative to the September 1 start date, will be made later in August.”

And “coaches of schools that have not participated in Phase One are strongly encouraged to ensure a gradual return to activities,” the NCHSAA said, “considering the condition of students who may have been physically inactive this summer.”

The association released the Phase

Two guidelines two weeks after it delayed the start of official fall sport tryouts and practices until at least Sept. 1. NCHSAA member schools have been allowed to operate under Phase One guidelines, which notably banned the sharing of equipment, since June 15.

But many districts, including larger ones in the state, remained on pause, which the NCHSAA allowed from the start. Chatham County Schools, which initially held off three weeks for preparation, started Phase One workouts on July 6 at Northwood, Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central, and suspended them indefinitely on July 17.

Chatham Charter and Woods Charter have been holding workouts since June 15 and July 6, respectively.

Under the Phase Two guidelines, which were approved by the NCHSAA Board of Directors on July 23, wearing protective equipment such as helmets and pads is still prohibited, and the same main limits remain.

All participants will get temperature

checks and screening questions before entering workouts. There can be no more than 25 people in outdoor settings and no more than 10 indoor; no workouts can last longer than 90 minutes; and athletes cannot make physical contact for one another.

But, notably, the NCHSAA will now allow athletes to share equipment within those small pods.

In football, for example, that would clear the way for quarterbacks to throw passes to wide receivers. In volleyball, players within the same pod could hit a ball back and forth over a net. And in basketball, players in a pod could utilize socially distanced passing, shooting and rebounding drills.

In accordance with previous guidelines, any equipment from a pod must be disinfected before use by another pod.

“The Phase Two guidance is intended to help you continue or begin to navigate a gradual reopening of high school sports, while helping mitigate the spread of COVID-19,” the association said in a



memo. “The NCHSAA Board of Directors understands that implementation decisions schools make this summer regarding sports and other co-curricular activities will potentially impact the upcoming school year. Thus, it is important that you adhere to this current guidance.”

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## HUFF

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one UNC offensive lineman, four years younger than him, who frequented the bar. He was polite, sharp and respected the rule Dooley, his head coach, had put in place for players who drank — beer was fine, but not liquor. On especially busy nights at the bar, McCauley even paid the 6-foot-4 lineman to run front-door security with a buddy and keep an eye out for trouble.

So you can imagine McCauley’s delight when his team, the Colts, drafted Huff, his old bouncer — who wasn’t too shabby of a guard, either — third overall in 1975 (a pick ahead of Payton, a future Hall of Fame running back with the Bears).

“I can’t tell you how delighted I was,” McCauley, now 71 and living in Hillsborough, said. “Any time a running back can get a great lineman like him, you’re clicking your heels, to say the least.”

So began the first eight years of Huff’s NFL career. Baltimore, 2-12 the year before he arrived, logged three straight winning seasons and divisional round playoff appearances from 1975 to 1977. Huff was firmly entrenched as a starter and grew close with McCauley, among others.

## ‘For every house, there’s new challenges.’

**KEN HUFF, former UNC and NFL offensive lineman**

“I could always cut back over to Ken, and there was going to be some room to maneuver,” McCauley said. “He was studious, bright, a natural leader. I always looked at him as one of the mainstays.”

By 1982, Baltimore was struggling — the team went winless in a strike-shortened season — and Huff’s second contract was expiring. Ahead of the 1983 season, he held out of training camp, asking for money the Colts weren’t willing to pay him. After a final negotiation Huff’s agent called him, laughing.

“Why are you laughing?” Huff said.

“The Colts just released you” the agent said.

“That’s nothing to laugh about.”

“Well, I’ve got four teams on the phone right now who want you.”

“Who’s the closest?”

Conveniently for Huff, that was Washington, the reigning Super Bowl champion just down the road from Baltimore that featured, among others, quarterback Joe Theismann, running back John Riggins and a young,

talented offensive line known affectionately as The Hogs.

The cherry on top: they gave him more money than he’d asked the Colts for.

Huff spent just three years with Washington, mostly as a backup and veteran presence, but he left with plenty of memories, including a 1984 Super Bowl appearance (the team lost to the Raiders). He was in his 30s, but the atmosphere made him feel like a rookie again — he actually looked forward to practice.

And after every practice, he’d meet with a group — the rest of the offensive line, Riggins and defensive end Dave Butz — in a nearby equipment shed for what they called “5 O’Clock Club.” Each player chipped in \$20 a week, and grounds crew workers used the cash to keep the shed stocked with cold beer.

The group’s “meetings” — Huff uses the term very loosely — could last anywhere from 30 minutes to three hours. Sometimes, Riggins brought a jar of white lightning moonshine. Huff and company later figured out Joe Gibbs, their head coach, could see the shed directly from his office window.

“If we had a long meeting the night before, we had long practice the next day,” Huff said, laughing. “And other players caught wind of it. So if

practice was going long, we, as linemen, really heard about it.”

**‘I’m still learning’**

Figure out which partner is the decision-maker — there’s always one in every relationship.

Figure out what part of the house is most important to them. Master bedroom? Kitchen? Backyard?

Stagger your houses three to four months apart so you can use the same subcontractors for all of them.

And don’t dump the entire 16-month construction plan on your clients on Day One — although you’ve built dozens of homes, you have to remember: they’ve never been a part of this process.

Pointers like that come to mind easily for Huff, who’s now spent about twice as many years working in custom homes than he has played football.

As his NFL career wound down, Huff spent offseasons collaborating with architects, to get his feet wet. But office work made him antsy — he needed to be out in the field, as an on-site supervisor. When Washington released him in 1986, he retired, took a year off and dove right into his second act.

Returning to Chapel Hill, something Huff had always planned to do, ended up jump-starting his business. In the nation’s capital, teaming with big-time builders, he was a “very small fish in a huge pond,” he said.

But in his old college town, he saw a growing demand for custom homes in private communities, such as Governors Club and The Preserve in Chatham County and Treyburn in Durham. In those neighborhoods, “you could do one, two or three houses a year, do well and have still a market,” said Huff, who moved back in 1993.

In a normal year, Huff will oversee the construction of three or four houses. He has a reliable base of 15 or so subcontractors — companies that provide trades such as carpentry, roofing, flooring and electricity — and staggers projects so he can use those same businesses (ones he trusts) on every home.

“I’ve done some ultra-contemporary houses, some classical colonials and everything in between,” Huff said. “Every house is different, so that makes it fun for me as a builder — for every house, there’s new challenges. I’m still learning stuff after 30 years.”

Plus, he quipped, a decade in the NFL prepared him well for angry clients, because “you get

used taking abuse from people” when you make your living on the line of scrimmage. That’s a joking exaggeration, though — Huff has built around 50 houses in Governors Club, and he said only twice have he and clients ended on bad terms. He remains friends with some people he built for 20 years ago.

“He says he’s going to retire by the time he’s 70,” Bonnie Parks, Huff’s girlfriend of eight years, added. “But I don’t know. That’s not very far from now.”

Huff concurred. An avid outdoorsman who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro for his 55th birthday, he said he “feels fantastic,” especially after recent left knee and right hip replacements, and could see himself building for another five. If he still gets up every morning looking forward to the gig, then why not?

“I’ve got a lot of friends who have recently retired,” he said, “and they’re calling me constantly looking for something to do, or to play golf. I say, ‘Guys, I’ve still got my job! I have to work.’ But I love it ... I can’t think of a better way to spend my years on earth.”

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## BASEBALL

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some at bats and kind of get a head start on the fall,” Staley said.

The end result: a few extra names to learn, four to five games a week and a lot of opportunities for tangible growth. For instance: alongside regular season games, the Muddogs played exhibitions against two teams from the Coastal Plain League.

“We got to measure how competitive we could be against them,” Cano Ramirez said of those games, all losses, against

the High Point-Thomasville HiToms and Martinsville (Virginia) Mustangs. “We really tried hard — and we were toe to toe with them. And, you know, they’re really great athletes, high tier Division 1.”

And Staley, named a mid-season all star earlier this month, learned how important energy can be for on-field success. With fans not allowed in the Muddogs’ home stadium in High Point — and in other ballparks across the league — he said it can be “tough to get fired up.”

“You’ve got to count on your team to get some-

thing going,” he said, “especially when it’s 100 degrees in the back half of a double-header.”

Staley also left the team impressed with how well the season went, considering the COVID-19 pandemic. Players didn’t shake hands after games, and pitchers mostly stayed in the bullpens, which brought the numbers of players in the closely confined dugouts down to roughly half capacity.

“At the end of the day, it’s just being smart,” said Staley, who hopes the league can serve as a model for the NCHSAA as it evaluates how to move forward with sports

in the fall. “Everybody’s just a little bit more cautious.”

Cano Ramirez, who will play baseball at Guilford Tech Community College next spring, appreciated the connections he made among teammates and coaches. He was proud of his progress, too: especially in a five-inning, seven-strike-out performance on July 2. And, most of all, he was just happy he got to play the sport he loved during an unpredictable summer.

“That’s something we all really, truly appreciated,” Cano Ramirez said. “We got to play summer ball.”

## ‘At the end of the day, it’s just being smart.’

**CALEB STALEY, former Chatham Central pitcher**

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## FADELY

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said. “I just tried to put my best foot forward and give it everything I have. We’d worked the previous weeks on my turns and narrowing down just every little thing about my stroke technique to see how fast I could go.”

At the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary, Fadely again finished just short of Nelson, a senior Texas A&M commit, who won her fourth consecutive state title in the event with a time of 1:02.81.

But this time, Fadely’s numbers warranted All America consideration. She also finished a career-best fourth in the women’s 200-yard individual medley event that weekend.

As the only Jets swimmer who qualified for the state meet, her 32 combined points from those two events placed Jordan-Matthews in a tie for 18th among 40 total competing schools.



Submitted photo

**Jennah Fadely, a rising senior swimmer at Jordan-Matthews.**

All in all, it wasn’t a bad two races to end on — all of Fadely’s club events in the spring were canceled in reac-

tion to the coronavirus pandemic, as were the 2020 Olympics Qualifying Trials.

“A state championship

would be really amazing to have,” she said. “But I also think that this kind of (All America) recognition is also something that a swimmer should be really proud of — it’s not easy to make those times.”

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## CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

# Graduations in the middle of a pandemic

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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SILER CITY — Avery Headen smiled as she approached the makeshift stage outside Jordan-Matthews High School on June 13, her diploma in hand and Pomp and Circumstance playing over the loudspeaker. It wasn't a normal graduation — her family watched from their parked car instead of stadium seating — but after all the hard work over the last four years in high school and the difficult emotions from the last four months of living through a pandemic, she was just happy to be graduating.

"Avery Grace Headen," Jordan-Matthews Principal Tripp Crayton called out on the loudspeaker. "You may now turn your tassel." It wasn't perfect, and she wished she were turning her tassel surrounded by friends, but as her family cheered for her, she felt accomplished just the same. Finally, she was a graduate.

"It was definitely the best they could've done under the circumstances," Headen said. "I appreciated the graduation they gave us even if they couldn't give us the traditional ceremony."

Headen is one of the many students that make up the class of 2020 — a class that was unexpectedly forced to say goodbye to their friends, their sports and their graduation traditions in the wake of COVID-19. For many students, not knowing if their graduations would be taken away too was one of the hardest parts of coping with the grief and disappointment that marked their last months of high school.

"All the unknown made everything so devastating," Headen said.

Chatham County's traditional high

schools — Jordan-Matthews, Northwood and Chatham Central — hosted variations of drive-by ceremonies for their graduates, along with Chatham and Woods Charter schools. Many of the schools, including non-traditional schools Chatham School of Science and Engineering and SAGE Academy, also celebrated graduates through Facebook posts and videos. Students and families had mixed feelings about the modified ceremonies, but it was clear that planning a graduation during a pandemic presented quite the challenge for administrators.

Jordan-Matthews planned to also have an in-person ceremony Aug. 1, after hearing student feedback, but recently canceled the event when Gov. Roy Cooper announced North Carolina would be remaining in Phase 2.

"When we started planning what we ended up calling our individualized graduation experience," Clayton, the Jordan-Matthews principal, said. "Our goal was to create a moment when students could receive their diplomas and families could take pictures. I'm really proud of how our creative staff worked together to make the day a success, and I'm especially glad I got to call out the names and recognize our great class of 2020."

For Northwood graduate Kaitlyn Beal, it was particularly disappointing to not be able to see her friends or classmates graduate. Beal, who will be attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the fall, wished the school had found a way to give students a more traditional, socially distanced ceremony.

"The whole thing lasted about five minutes and you couldn't watch other people — it was very secluded," she said. "It didn't even feel real and it was

so fast. My parents were kind of disappointed by the whole thing, but I think everyone felt that way."

Similarly to Jordan-Matthews, Northwood's graduation involved students walking down the makeshift (sidewalk) stage, grabbing their diploma and taking a picture before returning to their cars. At Chatham Central, the school did a "hybrid graduation," which involved one family and one student entering the school's auditorium to watch their student walk across the stage.

Bridget Coates, a Chatham Central parent, was proud to see her son graduate, but upset because she felt parents and students weren't heard. Like Jordan-Matthews, Chatham Central also planned a traditional in-person ceremony for later in the summer, but it was eventually canceled.

"I'm proud of my son and was happy he graduated," Coates said. "Parents and students should've been heard and listened to. Other districts had great plans. Parents in the community pooled together to present viable options and we were ignored."

Shelbi Hilliard, who graduated from Chatham Central and will attend Central Carolina Community College in the fall, said her family was a little disappointed by the ceremony but she was just happy to have it over.

"In the beginning I felt robbed of my senior year, but toward the end it got tiring how it was being handled," Hilliard said. "It didn't feel real — not in a sense of 'there's no way I'm graduating right now,' but more like it had just had no other events that would usually happen leading up to it. No final games, no last prom, no yearbook signings. It just felt like another day, except I had on a cap and gown."



Photo courtesy of Avery Headen

**'That was still our graduation day,' said Avery Headen, who graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School this year. Graduating during a pandemic was not ideal, but it was still special.**

After Headen graduated, she texted her group chat of friends, "Oh my gosh, we're graduated, that's so cool!" Though of course she would have preferred a "normal" graduation, she knew the schools were doing the best they could. And without a crowd of people watching her walk, Headen still felt celebrated by the people that mattered most.

"That was still our graduation day," she said. "I won't ever know what the traditional graduation is like, so I don't feel like I'm missing out on anything."

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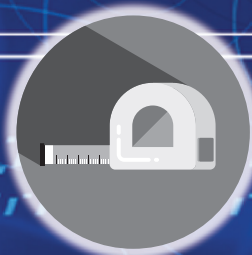


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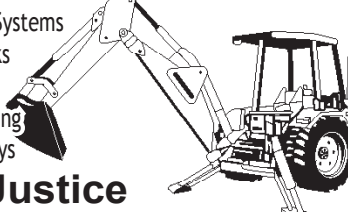
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# A Saturday morning in July at In Good Farm in Chatham County



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Summer zinnias, which grow abundantly on In Good Heart Farm.

Things are buzzing at Chatham County's In Good Heart Farms, where a variety of tasty vegetables are grown and sold at local farmers markets.

**BY KIM HAWKS**  
News + Record Staff

From U.S. Hwy. 64, I turn onto quiet rural roads. I transition from a four-lane speeding highway, to a two-lane road with a couple of businesses and a housing project, then take a left-hand turn on a one-lane gravel road: Friendly Pooch Lane.

I'm deep in the woods of Chatham County.

A rabbit hops in front of my car and dares me to follow him.

I slowly nudge toward him and stop. He hops ahead of me, daring me to do it again. I do. Again and again. Boredom ensues, and he hops off in the woods. As I continue down this path, another rabbit plays the same game. I'm amused. In addition, every 100 yards or so, a wooden sign with big handwritten red painted letters warns: "BUMPI!"

These are not speed bumps, per se. The "bumps" divert rain to the sides of the gravel road rather than washing down the gravel and creating small erosive streams and ruts in the road. The deeper into the woods I travel, the more sweetly the air smells, with rich woody scents. Smells that take me back to my childhood — to the many hikes I've taken in the woods of Chatham County and elsewhere in North Carolina.

A proud, beautiful deer elegantly crosses right in front of me. He is not afraid. Sounds of buzzing, humming insects fill the air. Here and there, birds call out to one another. Then, a clearing. I see a small sign next to a table with a canopy and a box of locally grown vegetables for pickup.

I have arrived at In Good Heart Farm.

I get out of my car to the sound of bird song and insects humming. It's 7 a.m. on an already warm Saturday in July. The sun hasn't risen above the trees.

I walk down the dirt road beside fenced garden beds with a variety of crops in different stages of growth, listening for the sound of voices. I look for a gate or a person. Finally, off in the distance I hear someone talking and the sound of a wooden gate clunking shut.

There I find Ben Shields, of In Good Heart Farm, his employee Nikki of Alamance County and Finn, a homeschooling intern who lives near Bynum. They'd just finished harvesting vegetables and herbs for online orders including tomatoes, squash, peppers, cucumbers and herbs.

This is part of their strategy to adapting to COVID-19. Customers pre-order and pay online the day before the respective farmer's market. Three days a week, customers can pick up produce and pay in advance online. On Saturdays, customers pick up their orders at the farm stand located at the beginning of the In Good Heart Farm property between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Then, on Tuesdays, pre-ordered and pre-paid vegetables are picked up from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Fearrington Farmer's Market, and then



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**Patricia Parker and Ben Shields pose with their children — and helpers — Elliott Shields and Abilene Parker.**

again between 3 and 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Pittsboro Farmer's Market. No money exchanges hands. Masks are required, social distancing practices are followed and you bring bags for your produce.

Eleven years ago, Shields and Patricia Parker were farming on rented land in Clayton. Through friends, they heard Bill Dow's farm — one of the first certified organic farms in Chatham County — was for sale following Dow's death.

They looked at the land; it was a good fit for their business. Today, Ben and Patricia and their children, Elliott Shields and Abilene Parker, operate In Good Heart Farm, a family business. They have four (out of 20) acres in intensive production, including a fruit orchard. Patricia's and Ben's values are toward social justice, food access and environmental stewardship.

Patricia also works as the market manager at the Pittsboro Farmer's Market and serves on the CORA Food Pantry board of directors. Ben is on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, formerly as chairman and now as secretary, and also serves on the Pittsboro Farmer's

Market board of directors.

The couple began a program called "Farm It Forward" in 2011. They used to partner with Wake County Cooperative Extension offering cooking classes and six-week community-supported agriculture shares, or CSAs, for families in need, specifically for children at risk for Type 2 diabetes. They no longer partner with Wake County, but are open to partnering with local community organizations. For now, they offer complimentary and sliding scale produce to community members in need. Their CSA members and market patrons give them funds to make sure they are still paid for the produce they provide to families who might not otherwise have access to fresh, local and organic produce.

On the Saturday I'm there, Ben, Nikki and Finn head to the open shed equipped with a walk-in commercial refrigerator chilled by air conditioning, a large table covered in cured garlic, sinks and work tables. Shelves hold flattened boxes, a scale, plastic tubs and other supplies. Nikki begins washing and drying all the vegetables harvested for pick up orders.

On the farm, there is work that has to be done outside in the fields.

After completing harvesting, processing and filling pick-up orders, Finn and Nikki head to the field to dig garlic. In less than 30 minutes, they have a large wheelbarrow filled with fresh pulled garlic.

As I walk back to my car, a rooster crows in the distance. A cat runs across my path. Bird song continues. Butterflies nectar on flowers and 8-foot sunflowers bow down to say goodbye. I slowly drive out on the gravel road. Another deer peacefully crosses the road. I savor the sweetness in the air.

As I reflect on my visit to In Good Heart Farm, I have a greater respect and appreciation for all the hard work organic farmers do in order to bring chemical-free vegetables, fruits, flowers, fish, seafood and meats to us. No matter the weather, crops still need to be tended. Choosing a life and profession of farming is not for the faint of heart. Farms are at the whims of nature and weather: drought, hurricanes, flooding, snow storms, and power outages that affect refrigeration and tender plants inside of

greenhouses. Growers work every day: in rain or shine, in ice or snow, in the heat of summer, to help produce high quality organic food for us.

On farmer's market days, it's a bit like setting up a stage to share and sell your organic produce, meats, cheeses, cut flowers, seedlings, jams, pickles, homemade bread, pickles and organically made cosmetics, among other items. For shoppers, it is a time of gathering and catching up with friends in the community, as well as supporting our farmers. Vendors also enjoy visiting with other farmers and catching up with their customers. It's a social gathering created around healthy organic food and community.

"We love the whole package that farming is: the community, everyone who is in it, the openness and sharing, even the friendly competition," Ben says. "We just love Chatham County."

In this day and time of COVID-19, we gather less frequently and in fewer numbers at the physical locations of Chatham County farmer's markets out of health and safety

concerns. But we still owe a big thanks to growers who have repositioned and pivoted to find creative ways to safely continue to bring food to our families.

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# Helping marginalized minorities with their mental health starts with normalization

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July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, an opportunity for us to support historically-marginalized populations in finding and accessing care, and help normalize the idea that struggling with your mental health is not odd, weird or abnormal. It’s quite the opposite.

The United States of America is in a tumultuous state as residents continue to adjust to the unexpected impacts of COVID-19. Alongside this new threat to health and well-being is the impact of racism and oppression — an experience felt by those often referred to as minorities, marginalized, or non-white individuals. As these communities strive to overcome changes in income, access to care, and social activities caused by COVID-19, it is extremely important to make mental health a priority.

Mental health is often only considered important when someone is in crisis, and then in those moments, we speak in hushed tones, make a comment about prayer, or we laugh and accept that someone is “just a little crazy,” a little sad, or “needs to make some better choices.” However, good mental health is something important to all of us and begins with the seemingly simple act of taking care of yourself.

Self-care — ranging from yoga and meditation to simply cutting off the news for a couple hours each day — is a beautiful and essential foundation for good mental health. It offers many people the opportunity to relax or de-stress. Self-care is necessary, and even serves as an act of resistance. As poet and activist Audre Lorde said, “Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare.” Many millennials have embraced this idea and pushed it upward to their parents and grandparents. Self-care is many things including seeking out counseling or therapy.

Mental health is not a “creation” of the health system; it has always been a part of Black and Brown culture. Historically, mental health was in the hands of the community through social support. Many of the lower level issues in mental health were previously managed by what can be described as the village mentality — sharing the burdens of life with one another. While kinship bonds have played a central role in many cultures, there have also historically been specific members of the community tasked with guiding individuals through various issues. For example, in some indigenous cultures these guides were referred to as shamans. Mental health was inextricably linked to spirituality.

Shifts in culture have separated some groups from community support systems that offer guidance and develop skills for dealing with mental health issues. Presently, like many other areas of healthcare, the field of counseling and psychology lacks adequate representation from communities that have been marginalized. The most recent data show that the active psychology workforce is 86% white, making the field feel far removed from the tradition and inaccessible for many, while also emphasizing the need for culturally competent practices.

Fortunately, there are many grassroots organizations, clinics and individuals working to provide culturally responsive therapeutic resources for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC). The following link offers a guide to finding these resources: <https://www.massgeneral.org/psychiatry/guide-to-mental-health-resources/for-bipoc-mental-health>. Additionally, the Chatham County Public Health Department maintains a webpage, [www.chathamnc.org/mentalhealth](http://www.chathamnc.org/mentalhealth), with local resources.

It’s not giving up to seek care, especially from trained professionals who can provide help. You don’t have to be alone in this. Truth is, you’re not. Getting help is resistance against the world’s ever-changing circumstances.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Ieesha Alston, 29, of Siler City, was charged July 15 for felony larceny, failure to appear - drive while license revoked-not impaired, expired/no inspection, fail to wear a seat belt-driver and fictitious/alteted title/registration card/tag. Alston was jailed under a \$2,000 secured bond with July 20 and August 4 court dates in Pittsboro.

Moses Atud-Fomum, 28, of Siler City, was charged July 15 for failure to comply with judgement. Atud-Fomum was jailed under a \$1,000 cash bond with a August 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Evangeline Christie, 43, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 15 for possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, maintain vehicle/dwelling/place control substance, possession of marijuana >1/2 to 1 1/2 oz and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Christie was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court, in Pittsboro, on August 17.

Eduardo Vasquez, 21, of Siler City, was charged July 15 for failure to appear – speeding. Vasquez was issued a written promise with August 5 court date in Asheboro.

Larry Harris, Jr, 48, of Siler City, was charged July 16 for assault on a female, assault by strangulation and kidnapping. Harris was jailed under a domestic violence 48 hour hold with a July 20 court date in Pittsboro.

Nathan Loveday, 34, of Snow Camp, was charged July 16 for driving while impaired, drive while license revoked –impaired,

reckless driving to endanger, possession of an open container/containers of alcohol in passenger area, hit and run – leaving the scene of property damage and failure to wear seat belt. Loveday was issued a written promise with a August 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Judson Dunnivant, 34, of Siler City, was charged July 16 for first degree murder, intentional child abuse-serious physical injury and negligent child abuse-serious bodily injury. Dunnivant was jailed with no bond for murder charges and given a \$250,000 secured bond for the additional charges. Dunnivant has a August 31 court date in Pittsboro.

Jacob Allen, 29, of Graham, was charged July 17 for possession of stolen motor vehicle, possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and larceny. Allen was jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond with a August 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Timothy Person, 40, of Siler City, was charged July 17 for true bill of indictments - DV protective order violation. Person was issued a written promise with a August 31 court date in Pittsboro.

Anthony Ronman, 31, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 17 for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and assault on a female. Ronman was jailed on a \$10,000 secured bond with a July 28 court date in Pittsboro.

David Adam Clodfelter, 45, of Climax, was charged July 17 for true bill of indictments - DV protective order violation.

Clodfelter was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court, in Pittsboro, on August 31.

Damani Allison, 40, of Siler City, was charged July 17 for communicating threats. Allison was issued a written promise with a July 21 court date in Pittsboro.

Dorian Camack, 27, of Greensboro, was charged July 17 for possession of a stolen firearm, breaking and entering with the intent to terrorize or injure and assault on a female. Camack was jailed on a domestic violence 48 hour hold with a August 17 court date in Pittsboro and a August 18 court date in Greensboro.

John Becker, 36, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 18 for assault on a female. Becker was jailed on a domestic violence 48 hour hold with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Candice Nickerson, 35, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 18 for assault on a female. Nickerson was jailed on a domestic violence 48 hour hold with a July 22 court date in Pittsboro.

David Klarmann, 69, of Goldston, was charged July 20 for domestic violence protective order violation, felony stalking and assault on a female. Klarmann was jailed on a domestic violence 48 hour hold with a August 17 court date in Pittsboro.

Joshua Edward Hearn, 39, of Pittsboro, was charged July 20 for driving while impaired and driving while license revoked. Hearn was issued a written promise with a August 20 court date in Pittsboro.

Kenneth Bass Jr., 18, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 21 on a true Bill of indictment - first degree murder. Bass was jailed with no bond with a August 31 court date.

Joseph Foushee, 30, of Goldston, was charged July 22 by for true bill of indictment – sell/deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance. Foushee was issued a written promise with a August 31 court date in Pittsboro.

Jacob Allen, 29, of Graham, was charged July 22 for larceny. Allen was issued a written promise with August 17 court date in Pittsboro.

Johan Nieves, 27, of Burlington, was charged July 22 for domestic violence protective order violation. Nieves was issued a written promise with a August 19 court date in Pittsboro.

Dwayne Marsh, 58, of Bear Creek, was charged July 22 for true bill of indictment - statutory rape of child and indecent liberties with a child. Marsh was issued a written promise with a August 31 court date in Pittsboro.

Melva Cleary, 49, of Goldston, was charged July 22 for assault and battery. Cleary was issued a \$5,000 secure bond with a August 25 court date in Pittsboro.

Robert Russell Jr., 44, of Pittsboro, was charged July 22 for felony possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Russell was issued a written promise with a August 17 court date in Pittsboro.

Jermond Freeman, 37, of Chapel Hill, was charged July 22 for violating conditions of GPS monitor-

ing. Freeman was issued a \$50,000 secure bond with a July 28 court date in Pittsboro.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Corinne Meacham of Chapel Hill was cited July 22 for failure to maintain lane control on SR 1532 in Pittsboro.

Jarod Mills of Cameron was cited July 23 for failure to reduce speed and driving while license revoked on U.S. Hwy 1 near Pittsboro.

Dale Hayes of Bear Creek was cited July 24 for failure to yield on U.S. Hwy 64 in Siler City.

Luke Macon of Burlington was cited July 24 for failure to reduce speed on SR 1731 in Pittsboro.

Fabian Aviles of Ramseur was cited July 26 for driving while impaired — provisional licensee on SR 1104 near Siler City.

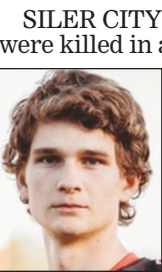


**The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners** are accepting letters of interest from the public to serve as a member of the Siler City Board of Commissioners representing District 2. Interested parties must be registered and eligible to vote in District 2 (map below) in order to be considered.

Letters of interest and any supporting information about qualifications and experience should be submitted no later than 2:00pm on Monday, August 31, 2020. Submit letters to: Jenifer Johnson, Town Clerk  
Town of Siler City, PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344  
jjohnson@silercity.org  
**For questions, please contact Jenifer Johnson at 919-742-4731 or jjohnson@silercity.org.**

# Father, son killed in auto accident

CN+R Staff Reports



Micah Gurley

SILER CITY — A father and son were killed in a head-on collision on Friday night on Siler City-Glendon Road. Just before 6 p.m., N.C. Highway Patrol responded to a call about the accident. Micah Gurley, 18, of Siler City, was driving a 2001 Jeep Wrangler with his father, Mitchell Gurley. At some point, Noe Pulido Jr., 19, also of Siler City, collided with the Gurleys head-on in an H3 Hummer. According to State Highway Patrol Sgt. Zeb Stroup, both Gurleys died at the scene.

“This was a significant impact,” Stroup said. “Most head-on collisions

are quarter to quarter.” At Stroup’s last check-in, Pulido was still in the ICU at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.



Mitchell Gurley

Stroup noted that due to the severity of the accident, the report has not yet been released. Stroup is working with “collision reconstruction” in Raleigh before releasing any further details. Stroup did note that they are not currently working the accident as a situation of driving while intoxicated. The accident is still under investigation. Stroup also said that the findings of the investigation will be sent to the Chatham County District Attorney to determine if any charges will result from the accident.



Submitted photo

## Philpott, Burgin re-appointed

Julian Philpott (left) and Jim Burgin (right) have been reappointed as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees for 2020-2021.

TOWN OF SILER CITY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ANNUAL REPORT				
<b>I. General Information</b>				
Facilities/System Name:	Town of Siler City			
Responsible Entry:	Town of Siler City			
Wastewater Permit Number:	NC0026441			
Wastewater ORC:	Brittany York, Wastewater Superintendent			
Collections Permit number:	WQCS00056			
Collections ORC:	Joey Smith, Public Works Superintendent			
Contact Information:	Town Hall, (919)-742-4732			
<p>The Town of Siler City operates and maintains a 4.0 million gallon a day (mgd) extended aeration wastewater treatment facility. The sanitary sewer collection system is comprised of approximately 57 miles of 6” – 24” diameter lines, (7) pump stations and (5) Step System Pump Stations.</p>				
<b>II. Performance</b>				
<p>The wastewater treatment facility treated 1,135.1million gallons of wastewater during the 2019-2020 fiscal year or an average of 3.11 MGD.</p>				
<p>Following is a summary of permit violations of the discharge limits for fiscal year 2019-2020:</p>				
MONTH	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF VIOLATION		
November 2019	Cadmium	Monthly Average		
March 2020	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Monthly Average		
April 2020	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Weekly Average		
April 2020	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Monthly Average		
April 2020	BOD, 5day	Weekly Average		
May 2020	BOD, 5 day	Weekly Average		
May 2020	BOD, 5 day	Monthly Average		
May 2020	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Weekly Average		
May 2020	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Monthly Average		
May 2020	Coliform, Fecal	Weekly Average		
<p>The water and sewer maintenance department cleaned 35,505 linear feet of sewer line during fiscal year 2019- 2020.</p>				
<p>Following is a summary of sewage spills from the Collection system exceeding 1,000 gallons for fiscal year 2019-2020:</p>				
INCIDENT STARTED	VOLUME REACHING SURFACE WATER	SURFACE WATER NAME	LOCATION	PROBABLE CAUSE
12/13/2019	4,000 gallons	Blood Run Creek	300 Elder Road	Heavy Rain
06/12/2020	10,500 gallons	Loves Creek	1411 North Avenue	Heavy Rain
<p>Following is a summary of sewage spills that did not reach surface waters but were documented for the fiscal year 2019-2020:</p>				
INCIDENT STARTED	VOLUME	LOCATION		PROBABLE CAUSE
07/24/2019	20 gallons	1110 Fourteenth Street		Debris
<b>III. Notification</b>				
<p>This report is being made available to the user and customer by a newsletter in the water bill, posted notification, on the Town website and publication in The Chatham News.</p>				
<b>IV. Certification</b>				
<p>I certify under penalty of law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the Town of Siler City and that those users have been notified of its availability.</p>				
Chris McCorquodale, Public Works and Utilities Director		Date 07/22/2020		
Si desea que esto se traduzca por favor póngase en contacto con el ayuntamiento en 919-742-4733				



# CCCC's Chatham Cottage auction set for Aug. 8

From Central Carolina Community College

PITTSBORO — The Chatham Cottage, handcrafted by Central Carolina Community College students enrolled in the college's Building Construction Technologies and Sustainable Technologies programs, will be auctioned off at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, on the college's Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro.

This year's one-bedroom, one-bathroom, high performance home features 520 square feet of living space, 160 square feet of covered porch, and 384 square feet of lofted interior storage. The custom design was created in collaboration with architect Mike Spinello, AIA, to be attractive and offer a sense of openness for the smaller space. The cottage highlights the beauty of local building materials and energy efficient design and construction.

The cottage's compact size will comfortably fit the needs of a single individual or couple, and is an ideal option as a small home, in-law suite, guest house, vacation rental, or office space.

The cottage is framed with 2x4 exterior walls



CCCC photo

The 'Chatham Cottage,' built by students at CCCC, will be auctioned off Aug. 8.

sheathed with ZIP System Wall Sheathing for air tightness, and with ZIP System Roof Sheathing covered topped by 1.5-inch polyiso rigid insulation board providing a complete envelope thermal barrier against heating or cooling losses. Porch posts are locally sourced eastern red cedar. High performance casement windows allow for ease of natural ventilation and ample natural light. The long lasting and heat

reflective galvanized metal roof is designed to be passively cooled with large roof overhangs.

The exterior of the house is in an unfinished state and will require siding and paint.

The interior of the cottage is in an unfinished state to allow the purchaser to customize the space to their personal preference. The purchaser of the cottage will be responsible for the completion of all remaining interior work.

This includes electrical and plumbing rough-in, insulation, drywall, painting, flooring, interior doors, cabinetry, fixtures, electrical and plumbing trim out, and interior carpentry trim work.

The cottage will require the addition of a heating and cooling system, appliances, electric water heater, footing, and foundation upon placement at the permanent site. The house is now on temporary pillars and must be



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

The 'Chatham Cottage,' built by students at CCCC, will be auctioned off Aug. 8.

removed from the premises after sale is complete.

This is the eighth in an annual series of small houses built by students studying construction and high performance building technologies. The Chatham Cottage was constructed under the direction of CCCC Building Construction Technologies Lead Instructor Jeff Gannon.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the continuation of the Chatham Cottage project and provide scholarship funds for students enrolled in the Building Construction and Sustainability programs.

The auction will be held at the Chatham Cottage, which is located outside the Sustainability

Building on the CCCC Chatham Main Campus 764 West St., Pittsboro.

No preregistration is required to bid at the cottage auction. The successful bidder will be required to make a 10% deposit by either cash or certified check on the day of the sale with the balance due within 10 business days of the auction.

To receive additional information about the Chatham Cottage, or to schedule an appointment to view the house, contact Jeff Gannon at 919-545-8032 or jgannon@cccc.edu.

For more information about auction bidding procedures, contact Andrew McMahan at 919-545-8036 or by e-mail at amcmahan@cccc.edu.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### United Ways ask families across North Carolina to complete this important survey to assess the economic impact of COVID-19

CARY — United Way of North Carolina launches a statewide survey last week to assess how COVID-19 has impacted community members across the state. All North Carolina families are invited to complete the United Way of North Carolina COVID-19 survey at

this link: <http://www.covidsurveync.org/>

The outcome report will reflect all individual responses, which are confidential. The online survey will remain open through Aug. 21. Preliminary results from the survey will be released in September.

Before the pandemic hit, many North Carolina households were led by workers unable to earn enough to cover basic expenses and save for an unexpected crisis or job loss. For many, the economic crisis has stripped available assets and abruptly reposi-

tioned families into unfamiliar financial positions. The survey seeks information on a wide range of topics, including the most pressing concerns, job changes, schooling and childcare challenges and economic changes North Carolina families are navigating.

The survey is available in English and Spanish. Completing the survey takes about ten minutes. It includes questions such as: 'What concerns are you facing in the weeks and months ahead?'

— CN+R staff reports

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## COVID-19 RESEARCH

# UNC group shows coronavirus impact is unequal across NC

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN

News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — The coronavirus pandemic has deepened health and economic disparities in North Carolina along the lines of race and geography, according to a research team from the University of North Carolina.

During the online presentation of its report Thursday, the team, made up of public policy students and recent graduates, also said North Carolina schools are not well-prepared to support students in the coming school year.

The report was divided into health, economy, government assistance, the unequal impact of the pandemic and public education moving forward. Generally, the report found that Black and Hispanic or Latino North Carolinians were disproportionately impacted by the effects of the coronavirus. More Hispanic and Latino households have lost employment income compared to any other racial or ethnic group in North Carolina, the group said, and Latino renters have the highest rates of not being able to pay rent and lowest rates of reported confidence in their ability to make rent since April 2020, according to a 2020 U.S. Census Bureau housing survey.

The group found the both Black and Hispanic or Latino North Carolinians were more likely than white people in North Carolina to experience housing insecurity or report feelings of anxiety, nervousness and stress.

"Attempts to buffer the financial impact of this pandemic on households have not reached all groups equally," said Valerie Lundeen, a student

on the research team.

In May, the group found unemployment rates were higher in North Carolina than at the height of the Great Recession, with the western half of the state seeing disproportionate increases from February to April. For example, Durham-Chapel Hill's April unemployment rate was 9.56% while Asheville's was 16.22%, according to data from the NC Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. More low-income households lost employment compared to wealthier households — with more Black households using their stimulus checks for expenses, such as paying for rent, utilities and food, than white households, and more than a third of Hispanic or Latino households never receiving a stimulus payment at all.

The probability of death once infected with COVID-19 was higher in counties with greater concentrations of animal farms or meat processing plants, and also tended to have higher poverty rates, the group reported based on data from the NC Department of Health and Human Services Dashboard and the US Census American Community 2018 survey. Many rural areas had scarcer resources, where the report said many Hispanic and Latino households live. Generally, the group said urban areas followed stay-at-home orders more closely than rural areas, though they said methods used to come to this conclusion — such as analyzing data from Apple Maps to see how far or often people were driving once orders went in to effect — could be partially explained by factors unique to rural places, such as

the distance required to drive many places.

The report found that counties with the highest concentrations of COVID-19 cases — communities also more likely to have higher poverty rates and greater rates of food and housing insecurity — were largely the least prepared to support students when classes resume this fall.

The group determined this by analyzing data on school nurses, school counselors and school psychologists in a given county and comparing those numbers to nationally recommended ratios. The team's Support Index scale ranged from 1.5, indicating more support personnel, to 26.6, indicating less support personnel.

Regarding North Carolina's county school districts, the group found:

- 54% failed to meet recommendation ratio for school nurses; the recommended ratio is 750 students per nurse
  - 91% failed to meet recommended ratios for guidance counselors; the recommended ratio is 250 students per counselor
  - 98% failed to meet recommendation ratios for school psychologists; the recommended ratio is 500 students per psychologist
- "Regardless of in-person or remote instruction in the coming school year, students will need unique support for their academic, emotional, and behavioral wellbeing — support that was lacking even before the pandemic," the group said in a summary of its findings.

More of the report's findings can be accessed at: [publicpolicy.unc.edu/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-north-carolina](http://publicpolicy.unc.edu/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-north-carolina).

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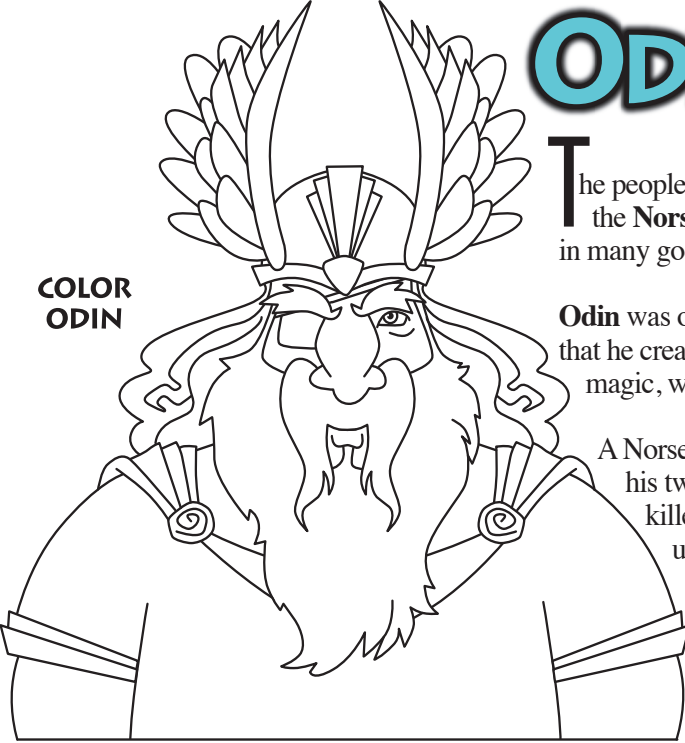
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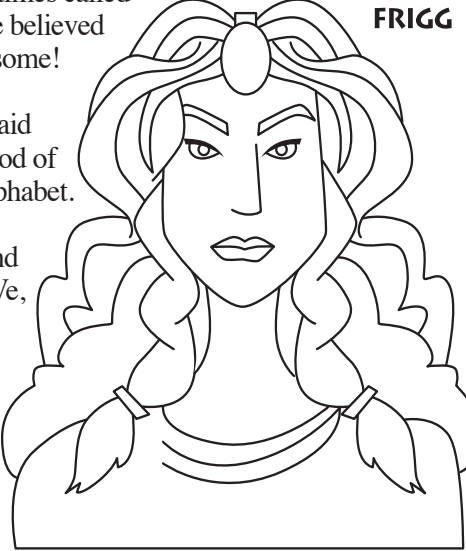
## ODIN AND THE NORSE GODS

The people of Northern Europe are sometimes called the **Norse**. Long ago, the Norse people believed in many gods and goddesses. Let's meet some!


**Odin** was one of the Norse gods. It was said that he created the universe. He was the god of magic, wisdom, war, poetry, and the alphabet.

A Norse origin myth says that Odin and his two younger brothers, Vili and Ve, killed the frost giant Ymir. They used Ymir's bones, blood, and flesh to form the universe.

The goddess **Frigg** was Odin's wife and she alone could sit with him on his high seat, or throne. She was the goddess of motherhood and had the power to tell the future.



**COLOR FRIGG**




Legend says that **Odin** created the first man and woman from two different trees. Circle every third letter to discover what kind.

K E B L Y M S T V R L E R E

E \_\_\_\_\_

D A L S K H N T M R J E W E

A \_\_\_\_\_



## ODIN'S ANIMALS

Odin is often pictured with two ravens, two wolves and an unusual horse. Write the letter that comes before each letter of the alphabet below to find out what was unusual about Odin's horse.

J    U    T    B    E

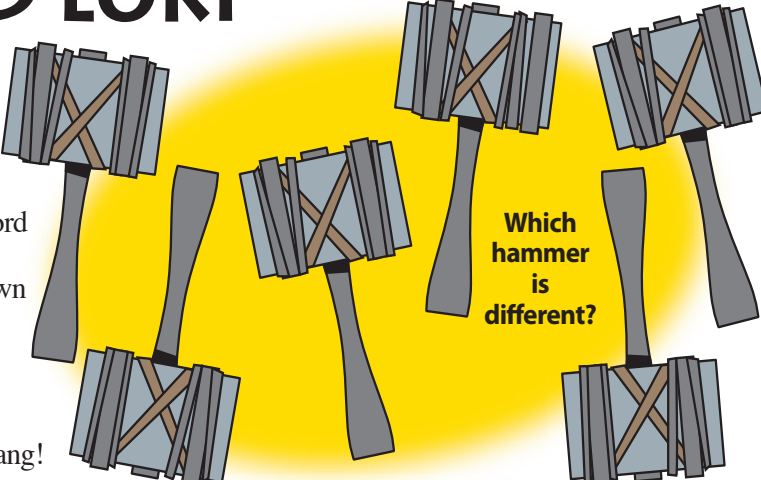
    F    J    H    I    U    M    F    H    T

## THOR AND LOKI

Odin and Frigg had two sons: **Thor** and **Loki**. Loki was a mischievous trickster who often caused trouble.

Thor's name was the Germanic word for thunder. He was a very strong warrior. In pictures he is often shown as a large man with a red beard.

Thor had a magic hammer called **Mjollnir**. He could throw it and it would return to him like a boomerang!



Which hammer is different?

**Extra! Extra!**

### Before and After

Look at a photo in the newspaper. Write a sentence or more telling what you think happened before the photo was taken. Write what you think happened after.

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

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### HOW ODIN LOST HIS EYE

Put this story in the correct order.

Odin took out his eye and was able to drink from the well to gain wisdom.

Mimir, the wise being that guarded the well, said Odin had to sacrifice an eye before he could drink from the well.

Odin always looked for wisdom.

Odin is often shown with one good eye.

He visited the Well of Urd which held the waters of wisdom.


## Double Double Word Search

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

HEIMDALL  
UNIVERSE  
ALPHABET  
RAINBOW  
WISDOM  
ORIGIN  
ASGARD  
MAGIC  
FRIGG  
NORSE  
GRASS  
BONES  
WELL  
ODIN  
THOR

G	O	T	E	B	A	H	P	L	A
D	S	U	O	O	L	L	E	W	
F	N	N	N	R	W	A	A	S	O
N	E	O	I	I	D	R	S	S	B
S	I	G	S	M	V	A	G	N	N
E	I	D	I	A	R	E	A	O	I
N	O	E	O	G	M	Y	R	R	A
M	H	F	R	I	G	G	D	S	R
T	H	O	R	C	T	H	S	E	E

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



## Kid Scoop Together: Legendary Fun

Work with a family member to answer these questions and do some drawings, too!

Which day of the week is named after Odin? Hint: Another name for Odin is **Woden**.

Which day of the week is named after Thor?


## More Thor

The Norse people believed thunder was heard when Thor hit the ground with his hammer.

Do these Norse legends sound familiar? Some Marvel Comics and the Thor movies were inspired by them!

## Draw Thor!

Read the descriptions of Thor on this page and draw what you think the Norse people had in mind when creating this legend. Have a family member draw Thor, too. How are your drawings of Thor different from the movie and comic book version?



## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: ORIGIN**

The noun **origin** means the point or place where something was created.

The **origin** of the tradition was unknown.

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Gods Seeking Work

Look through the Help Wanted ads in the newspaper and find what you think would be a good job for each of the gods on today's *Kid Scoop* page. Explain why each god is well suited to each job's requirements.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Identify homonyms.

## WHAT DO YOU CALL A SUPERHERO THAT WRITES NOVELS?

ANSWER: Au-Thori!



## Write On! Exaggerate

I can jump from planet Earth to Mars. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse. Make up your own exaggerations.



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# Silk Hope Ruritan Club awards scholarships

CN + R Staff Reports

The Silk Hope Ruritan Club awarded scholarships to 13 local high school seniors on July 13. Those receiving scholarships include:

- Charles White (University of Mt. Olive)
- Harrison Brewer (University of Alabama)
- Camden Fuquay (Bryan College)
- Brayden Teague (NC State)
- David Stecher (RCC)
- Landon Vickrey (CCCC)
- Harrison Fogleman (CCCC)
- Dustin Cook (CCCC)
- Avery Headen (CCCC)
- Ashlyn Ray (ECU)
- Chandler Matthews (NC State)
- Seth Moore (RCC)
- Stevie Snavelly (Costal Carolina University)



Submitted photo

## Silk Hope Ruritan Scholars

Local high school seniors receiving scholarships from the Silk Hope Ruritan Club on July 13 were, from left, Charles White (University of Mt. Olive), Harrison Brewer (University of Alabama), Camden Fuquay (Bryan College), Braden Teague (NC State), David Stecher (RCC), Landon Vickrey (CCCC), Harrison Fogleman (CCCC), Dustin Cook (CCCC), Avery Headen (CCCC), Ashlyn Ray (ECU), not pictured; Chandler Matthews (N.C. State), Seth Moore (RCC), and Stevie Snavelly (Costal Carolina University).

LAYTON LONG

# Former health director receives Order of the Long Leaf Pine

CN + R Staff Reports

PITTSBORO — Layton Long, the recently retired Chatham County Public Health Director, has received The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award, the highest civilian honor in North Carolina.

The award was recently presented to Long by former colleagues from both Chatham and Davidson counties at an informal, socially distanced ceremony last week in Goldston.

The recognition is given to “persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments,” according to The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society. Past honorees include Maya Angelou, Richard Petty, Dean Smith and Billy Graham.

Long retired as the pub-

lic health director on May 31 after 32 years of service with state and local public health agencies, including the last six and a half years in Chatham County. He began his career in public service in the U.S. Air Force before joining Union County in 1988 as an Environmental Health Specialist. He continued his career in county-level health departments over the next several years in these roles:

- Union County – Environmental Health Specialist, 1988-1993
- Transylvania County – Environmental Health Supervisor, 1993-2001
- Buncombe County – Environmental Health Director, 2001-2004
- Davidson County – Health Director, 2004-2012

Long was named the State Environmental Health Director for the N.C. Division of Public Health in 2012. Missing

service on a community level, Long returned to local public health in 2013 when he took the position of health director in Chatham County.

Prior to arriving in Chatham, Long helped spearhead the initiative to prohibit tobacco use in restaurants and bars across North Carolina. He brought that passion into his work in Chatham, helping develop a tobacco-free policy on county-owned property that became a county ordinance at the beginning of this year. Long also led efforts to create the Chatham Health Alliance, a collaborative effort between public and private stakeholders to advance health and equity.

Long was set to retire in April 2020, but when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, he rose to the challenge and continued to serve past his original retirement date.

“Throughout his service to public health, Layton consistently put the mission of this work above himself and passed this dedication to those who have been fortunate enough to work alongside him,” said Mike Zelek, Chatham County’s interim Public Health Director. “This continued to be evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, as he led Chatham County’s response and even postponed his retirement (and resubmitted his paperwork). Although he officially retired at the end of May, his legacy and dedication to public health lives on.”

Long continues his public service even after retirement as a member of the Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Board of Directors and Chair of the Goldston Town Planning Board. His list of past board and committee appointments is lengthy and includes roles as varied as serving as president of the North Carolina Environmental Health Supervisors Association, chair of the Davidson County Juvenile Crime Protection Council and a member of the Chatham County Partnership for Children Board.

Long’s nomination was supported by former colleagues, including Lillian Koontz, the current Davidson County Health Director, and Daniel Staley, the former director of the North Carolina Division of Public Health.

“North Carolina needs more public servants like Layton Long: selfless, thoughtful, fair, loyal and forward thinking,” Koontz wrote in her nomination letter. “Layton could have easily taken his talents to a workforce more glamorous, more notable and higher-paying, but a dedication to improving health of North Carolinians kept him in the trenches fighting for those who oftentimes could not fight for themselves.”

“Layton has led a life of public service in the desire to make North



Submitted photo

Layton Long, left, former Chatham County Public Health Director, poses with his wife Jane on July 22 in Goldston after being presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award by former colleagues from the Chatham and Davidson County health departments.



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Layton Long retired as Chatham County Public Health Director on May 31 after more than 30 years in public service.

Carolínians live healthier, longer lives,” Staley wrote. “He has a proven record of extraordinary service to the state and its people. It is a privilege to recognize Layton for his many contributions.”

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Pandemic fallout may mean even fewer health care options in rural N.C.

RALEIGH – Oklahoma voters decided last month to accept Medicaid expansion in their state, making North Carolina one of only thirteen states to refuse federal Medicaid expansion dollars. That leaves over a million people in North Carolina uninsured during a pandemic. A new issue brief from NC Child explores the connection between high rates of uninsurance in rural North Carolina, massive financial strain on health care providers, dwindling rural health care options and the narrowing path to economic recovery in rural communities.

Medicaid expansion is a powerful tool to bolster North Carolina’s rural health system as the state battles coronavirus and the related economic strain, according to the new brief. The NC Healthcare Association estimates that rural hospitals are collectively losing \$145 million per month since the pandemic began. If North Carolina were to expand its Medicaid program, the result would be over \$11 billion in new health care funding to the state from 2020-22.

A recent survey from the NC Academy of Family Physicians and the NC Pediatric Society found that 87%

of physicians responding are under “significant or extreme financial pressure.” Fear of the virus is one factor keeping people out of doctor’s offices since the pandemic began. Lack of health insurance is another factor that has been in effect for years, and is now growing.

Across the state, 16% of adults were uninsured even before the pandemic struck. In many rural counties uninsured rates were much higher, with as many as 1 in 4 adults uninsured. Those numbers are climbing since the pandemic began, as many thousands of North Carolinians lose their employer-sponsored health insurance along with their jobs. Hundreds of thousands more adults could become uninsured in North Carolina, according to recent estimates. The impacts go far beyond the immediate health needs of adults. Access to health insurance is a key factor in a family’s economic security. And parents’ and caregivers’ access to health care has a huge impact on children’s health and development.

The issue brief provides several policy recommendations to bolster rural health systems, fight COVID-19, and provide a better path towards economic recovery in rural North Carolina counties.

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In the General Court of Justice District Court Division Saranorah Brooks, Plaintiff vs. Davontay Brooks, Defendant. **NOTICE of SERVICE of PROCESS by PUBLICATION**  
To: Davontay Brooks  
Take Note: That a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division, by the plaintiff herein, the nature of which is as follows: Absolute divorce based upon one year's separation. You are required by law to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If you fail to do so, the plaintiff will seek the relief sought herein. This the 12th day of June, 2020 Signed: Saranorah Brooks June 12, 2020 Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,3tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 29th day of June, 2020, as Administrator of the ESTATE of **JEAN ANNETTE WEAKLEY A/K/A JEAN A. WEAKLEY**, 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 16th 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 16th day of July, 2020. ALAN WEAKLEY, Administrator ESTATE OF JEAN ANNETTE WEAKLEY A/K/A JEAN A. WEAKLEY c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,Au6,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF EMMETT MARTIN HEDGEPEETH, JR**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against **EMMETT MARTIN HEDGEPEETH JR.**, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to BARBARA DUNNAVANT HEDGEPEETH, Executrix of the said Decedent's Estate, or to the undersigned Attorney, on or before the 17th day of October, 2020, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the Decedent are hereby asked to make immediate payment to either of the aforementioned. This the 10th day of July, 2020. BARBARA DUNNAVANT HEDGEPEETH, Executrix 484 Beechmast Pittsboro, NC 27312 Walter B. Cates, Esquire HUBBARD AND CATES, PC Attorneys at Law 36 Court Street P.O. Box 679 Roxboro, North Carolina 27573 Telephone: (336)597-2251 State Bar No: 8685 Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,Au6,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**20 E 326 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **NELSON DELANE GOINES**, 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 16, 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 16th day of July, 2020. Delphine Deloris Goines, Executrix 245 Patterson Dr Chapel Hill, NC 27312 Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,Au6,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**12 E 139 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JON MAURICE SHAMBURGER**, 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 16, 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 16th day of July, 2020. Albert B. Long, Jr., Administrator

217 Jason Way  
Youngsville, NC 27596  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Bruce Hall qualified before the Chatham County Clerk of Court on July 9, 2020, in **File 20 E 234**, as Executor of the Estate of **LYNDA R. HALL**, 3845 McLaurin Road, Bear Creek, NC 27207. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations, as required by NCGS 28A-14-1, having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the attorney designated below on or before October 16, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. Payments and claims should be presented to: Robert Gilleland, Attorney P.O. Box 1045 Sanford, NC 27331-1045. Jy16,Jy23,Jy30,Au6,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **BIANCA D. WILSON**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to present them to Betty S. Wilson, Administrator of the decedent's estate, on or before October 23, 2020, in the care of the undersigned 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 23rd day of July, 2020 Betty S. Wilson, Administrator Estate of Bianca D. Wilson Wilson Reives & Silverman, PLLC Post Office Box 1653 Sanford, NC 27331 Jy23,Jy30,Au6,Au13,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**20 E 337 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **PATRICIA ANN ALEXANDER**, 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 23, 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 23rd day of July, 2020. Keith Frederick Alexander, Executor 111 Lantern Ridge Lane Cary, NC 27519 Jy23,J30,Au6,Au13,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**20 E 338 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **RUBY LYNDAL KEARNEY BARKER**, 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 23, 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 23rd day of July, 2020. Rebecca Ann Barker Brocker, Executor 156 Hermitage Lane Moncure, NC 27559 Jy23,Jy30,Au6,Au13,4tp

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING SILK HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
To each member of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department (all adults of age 18 years or more residing in Hope Fire District). Take notice that the annual meeting of the membership of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. will be held on August 4, 2020, at 8 p.m. at the office of the Corporation, being the fire station located at the intersection of SR 1003 (Silk Hope Road) and SR 1346 (Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road). The business to be conducted will be (1) The election of four (4) directors, (2) Any other business which may lawfully come before it. The 23rd day of July, 2020. Tony Bristow, Secretary Jy23,Jy30,2tc

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC AUCTION TO SELL CERTAIN PROPERTY OF CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
The Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees moves the adoption of the following resolutions: WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Central Carolina Community College owns personal property known as "Chatham Cottage" which is a small, energy efficient home built by Building Construction and Sustainability Technologies students at the Central Carolina Community College campus in Pittsboro, North Carolina; and WHEREAS, located on the Pittsboro campus of Central Carolina Community College and known as the "Chatham Cottage", a 672 sq ft, high performance, house with 520 sq.ft. enclosed space and a 152 sq.ft. front porch. The wood frame construction uses 2x4 for the exterior walls with Zip System sheathing and 1.5" continuous exterior rigid insulation; 2x10s for the stick built, enclosed roof assembly, also clad in Zip Sheathing and 1.5 continuous exterior rigid insulation. The siding is a locally sourced and

milled "board on board" siding applied using a rain screen construction technique. The porch deck is clad with locally sourced and milled eastern red cedar. The roof is clad with an Energy Star metal roofing panel. Energy efficient casement windows by Marvin provide ventilation and plenty of natural light. The Cottage includes rough-in plumbing and electric and all interior framing, air-sealing and rough-in work. The interior, however, is in an unfinished state and the purchaser of the Cottage will be responsible for the completion of all remaining work. This may include the installation of insulation, drywall, painting, flooring, interior doors, cabinetry, fixtures, electrical trim out, plumbing trim out, and interior carpentry trim work. The exact extent of this work is determinate per the concluding semester of the Cottage build and the influencing variables of weather, etc. The house will require the addition of a heating and cooling system, appliances, electric water heater, footing, and foundation upon placement at permanent site. The house is now on temporary pillars and must be removed from the premises after sale is complete. Upon sale, the Cottage construction permit will be closed out with the Chatham County Inspections Department and the records and associated construction documents and engineering letters transferred to the new owner who will need to pull new permits in their municipality. To date, the transition of these permits has been a smooth transaction. WHEREAS, pursuant to the legal authority contained in North Carolina General Statutes 115D-15 and 160A, Article 12, the Board of Trustees of Central Carolina Community College proposes to sell said cottage at public auction. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of Central Carolina Community College: 1. That President Chapman or her designee is hereby authorized to proceed on behalf of and in the name of the Trustees with such action as is necessary and legally appropriate to sell and dispose of the above described "Chatham Cottage". 2. That the sale shall be by public auction conducted by a licensed auctioneer, on August 8 of 2020 at 1:00 pm, on the Pittsboro Campus, 764 West Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina. 3. That the successful bidder will be required to make a 10% deposit by either cash or certified check on the day of the sale with the balance due within ten (10) days after confirmation of the sale by President Chapman or her designee. Legal transfer of the "Chatham Cottage" shall not take place until the sale is confirmed and the successful purchaser has complied with the terms of the sale. Any and all bids may be rejected if determined to be inadequate. 4. That the building must be removed from the college premises within thirty (30) days from the date the successful bid is approved and accepted. After thirty (30) days the risk of loss shall be on the successful bidder. 5. That the property shall be sold "AS IS" with no warranties as to quality, condition, or value and can be inspected at its location by appointment or from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. on the day of the sale. Adopted this 22nd day of July 2020 at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Central Carolina Community College. Julian Philpott, Chairman Board of Trustees Jy30,1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **GLORIA RUTH ROYS**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before October 30th, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 30th day of July, 2020. Lynda R. Heymen, Executor Estate of Gloria Ruth Roys c/o Roberson Law Firm 1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Jy30,Au6,Au13,Au20,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, Theresa Brooks and Veronica Brooks, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **ROBERT HEADEN**, 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 31st 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 23rd day of July, 2020. Co-Executors 1. Theresa Brooks 201 Elder Road Siler City, NC 27344 919-742-4503 2. Veronica Brooks 1112 Stockyard Road Staley, NC 27355 1-336-257-0431 W. Ben Atwater, Jr. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 [batwater@pinehurst.net](mailto:batwater@pinehurst.net) Jy30,Au6,Au13,Au20,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, Tracey S. Wilkie, having qualified as Ad-

ministrator CTA of the Estate of **SYLVIA ANN THAMES SCOTT**, 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 31st 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 23rd day of July, 2020. Tracey S. Wilkie, Administrator 204 Wall Road Goldston, NC 27252 919-548-4982 W. Ben Atwater, Jr. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 [batwater@pinehurst.net](mailto:batwater@pinehurst.net) Jy30,Au6,Au13,Au20,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**20 E 146 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WOMBLE**, 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 30, 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. The 30th day of July, 2020. Sherrika Martin, Executor 710 Horton Road Goldston, NC 27252 Jy30,Au6,Au13,Au20,4tp

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO**  
The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, August 10th, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock in the Town Council Chambers of the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consider the following item: 1. Proposed Rezoning: 3151 US 15-501 N (REZ-2020-03) Rezoning request for parcels totaling 12.85 acres located off US 15-501, and more particularly described with parcel numbers 7108, 7109, 7110, 93983, and 93984. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection through e-mail. The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website under the BOC Agenda, Minutes, and Audio tab. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Cassie Bullock, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [Cbullock@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:Cbullock@pittsboronc.gov) by 4 p.m. on August 10th, 2020. Jy30,1tc

**SILER CITY SELF-STORAGE (LEINOR),**  
P.O. Box 143, Siler City, North Carolina, will hold this **public sale of personal property at its storage facility** on Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Siler City, NC. The sale will start at 1407 East 11th St., (Hwy 64 behind Sir Pizza), then to our location at 500 West 2nd Street (behind Maxway), then to 1112 S. Chatham Ave. to this lien sale: The following persons and property at 1407 E. 11th St., Siler City, NC, are subject to this lien sale: Unit 1106 Cindy Edwards 210 Layton St Hinesville, Ga 31313 Unit 1093 James Judd 826 N Chatham Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 1110 Donald Mitchell 3413 N 36th St Milwaukee, WI 53216 Units 1056 & 1097 Teresa Morrow 926 N Chatham Ave Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 1002 Samantha Mae Stevenson 165 Huss Beal Rd Goldston, NC 27252 The following persons and property at 500 West 2nd Street, Siler City, N.C. are subject to this lien sale: Unit 143 Osvaldo Espinoza 501 W 7th St Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 196 Marthea Peoples 463 Ed Clapp Rd Siler City, NC 27344 Units 185, 186, & 187 Joan & Charles Underwood 117 N Chatham Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 199 Robert Willett 224 N East St Raleigh, NC 27601 The following persons and property at 1112 S. Chatham Ave., Siler City, NC, are subject to this lien sale: Unit 268 Tawanna Cheek 210 Nelson St Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 278 Shannon Hunt 4241 Oak Hill Dr Climax, NC 27233 Unit 227 Lashanda Lane 2301 Stockyard Rd Staley, NC 27355 Unit 307 Maynor Maldonado 1506 Duet Dr Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 206 Latisia Minter 415 E 10th St Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 283 Jessica Saxe PO Box 282 Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 341



Billy Tysor  
107 Eugene St  
Carrboro, NC 27510  
Unit 266  
Michele West  
19 Cobleboys Dr  
Siler City, NC 27344

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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled **COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. KEVIN M. ARMFIELD** and spouse, **PAULA ARMFIELD**, and all possible heirs and assignees of **KEVIN M. ARMFIELD** and spouse, **PAULA ARMFIELD**, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-819, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 12th day of August, 2020, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Hadley Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All of Lot Numbered 13A, as shown on the plat entitled, "PLAT OF SUBDIVISION 'CHAPEL RIDGE'-PHASE ONE," including a Project Sheet, Sheets One through Three and a Dimension Table, dated July 7, 2004, by Absolute Land Surveying and Mapping, P.C., recorded at Plat Slides 2004-221 through 2004-225, Chatham County Registry (the "Plat"); together with all appurtenant rights and privileges in the common areas and roads, including the right of ingress and egress along the private roads, as shown on the Plat and all other recorded plats for Chapel Ridge, and described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Chapel Ridge recorded in Book 1116, Page

715, Chatham County Registry, as amended. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0081385 The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 16th day of July, 2020. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**20 E 354 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **HAROLD STEVE RIGGSBEE**, late of Apex, 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 C/O Stam Law Firm, PLLC at 510 W. Williams St. Apex, North Carolina 27502, on or before the 30th day of October, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the

said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 27th day of July 2020. /s/ Vickie Riggsbee Goodwin Executor of the Estate of Harold Steve Riggsbee Lisa M. Schreiner Stam Law Firm, PLLC 510 W. Williams St. Apex, NC 27502

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**20 E 174 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** All persons, firms and corporations having claims against ESTATE of **EUNICE ANN POWERS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on March 24, 2020, are hereby notified to present their claims to **JOSEPH LUNDY POWERS & DEIDRE POWERS DEAN**, CO-ADMINISTRATORS, at the address listed below, on or before October 30, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment. This 27th day of July, 2020. Co-Administrators: Joseph Lundy Powers 8551 North Douglas Hwy Juneau, AK 99801 Deirdre Powers Dean 326 Powers Country Lane Bennett, NC 27208

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pyramid Network Services proposes to build two **Self-support Communications Towers**: a 320-foot Self-Support Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of County Landfill Road, Pittsboro, Chatham County, NC 27312 and a 350-foot Self-support Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of 488 Church Street, Goldston, Chatham County, NC, 27252. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be

submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Abigail Moore-Lee, a.moorelee@trileaf.com, 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Building 400, Suite 209, Marietta, GA 30067 - 678.653.8673.

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EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

**AGCO Finance LLC** will offer the following repossessed equipment for sale to the highest bidder for Certified Funds, plus applicable sales tax. Equipment: MF GC1705L Tractor/Loader S/N MGC050FKH73431, MF 2326 60 in Mower Deck S/N M23260FJ815167, Woo RB60 blade S/N 255040500. **Date of sale: 08/11/2020. Time of Sale: 9:00 A.M. Place of sale: Black Tractor & Equipment, 607 East 3rd St., SILER CITY, NC 27344.** Equipment can be inspected at place of sale. The equipment will be sold AS IS, without warranty. Final sale of equipment will be contingent upon winning bidder meeting all applicable federal and state regulatory requirements. We reserve the right to bid. For further information please contact Dustin Smiley (470) 364-0732, Reference Number: 1673982.

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE BEFORE THE CLERK

**19 SP 145 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** IN RE: Foreclosure of a lien held by Harmony Hills Homeowners Association Inc. for past due assessments upon 1609 Duet Drive, Siler City, North Carolina, AKA being all of Lot 56 of Harmony Hills Subdivision, as recorded in Book of Maps 2003, Page 10; Book of Maps 2003, Page 11, Book of Maps 2006, Page 295; Book of Maps 2006, Page 296 and Book of Maps 2006, Page 297 of the Chatham County Registry, which is titled to: **CHARLES K. KOBAN** **AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLO-**

**SURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE** Foreclosure of Lien filed with the Clerk of Superior Court on April 29, 2019, file #19 M 188. Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Harmony Hills Homeowners Association, Inc. and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina in Book 991, Page 124, and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Lien, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for Chatham County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, **Black, Slaughter & Black, PA**, the appointed Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on **August 11, 2020, at 2:00 PM at the usual place of sale of the Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro, North Carolina**, the following described real property (including the house, if any and any other improvements thereon): Being all of Lot 56 of Harmony Hills Subdivision, as recorded in Book of Maps 2003, Page 10; Book of Maps 2003, Page 11, Book of Maps 2006, Page 295; Book of Maps 2006, Page 296 and Book of Maps 2006, Page 297 of the Chatham County Registry. Property address: 1609 Duet Drive, Siler City, NC 27344. Present Owner(s): **Charles K Koban**. The sale will be made subject to all prior sales and releases and to all deeds of trust, liens, unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, assessments, leases, and other matters of record, if any. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.10(b), any successful bidder will be required to deposit with **Black, Slaughter & Black, PA**, the Trustee, immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit not to exceed the

greater of Five Percent (5%) of the bid amount or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price in cash or certified check at the time **Black, Slaughter & Black, PA**, the Trustee, tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at the time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30(d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. **OF COUNSEL: BLACK, SLAUGHTER & BLACK, P.A.,** Post Office Box 41027 Greensboro, North Carolina 27404-1027. Telephone: (336) 378-1899. Signed: July 28, 2020. **Michael C. Taliercio**, Attorney for the Trustee

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Peasant food? Doesn't matter, if it's tasty



DEBBIE MATTHEWS  
The Curious Cook

Some foods aren't worth making if you don't make a huge amount. Most of those kinds of dishes

were originally peasant-type dishes. Peasants traditionally have very little money. They do, however, have one great resource: time. So, these recipes are labor-intensive and take a long time to cook.

That's why you'll very rarely see a recipe for beef stew for two, or a yield of 1 1/2 cups of all-day-cooked Sunday gravy, or spaghetti sauce. The recipe for coq au vin, a

red wine soaked French chicken stew, starts with a whole chicken.

Pink sauce (not the popular sauce with vodka and cream), is a recipe I invented years ago and has become a family favorite and The Kid's birthday dinner each year. It's a rich, salmon-colored sauce with mushrooms, Italian sausage and meatballs.

It's labor intensive with ingredients that aren't always easy to find. When I make it, I cook it all day in a giant Le Cruset that I borrow from The Kid. The Kid declares, "It would taste good on an old tennis shoe".

As well as making a vat of it, I make three times the meatballs I need and freeze them for later use.

I love barbecued meatballs. I put them in a casserole dish and spoon

old-school red bbq sauce over them. Then I cover it with a heavy snowfall of the sharpest of cheddar cheeses. I bake them until everything is sticky with sauce and gooey with cheese.

I think they're delicious.

Unfortunately, Petey does not.

We were at a potluck a while back and had, for the first time, coconut rice. Cooking rice with coconut milk makes it silky, unctuous and delicious. We both loved it, and I decided to recreate it at home.

The night I made it the first time, I decided to stud it with the meatballs from the last batch of our old time fave, pink sauce.

So, so good.

Thanks for your time. Contact me at debbie@bullcity.com.

Coconut Rice Meatballs with Sautéed Asparagus.

Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews



Coconut Rice with Meatballs

Basic Meatballs

1 pound ground pork  
1 pound ground veal  
Panade  
5 slices white bread, broken into small pieces  
1 tablespoon olive oil

1 small onion, diced  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 cup fresh parsley, chopped  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme  
2-3 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 cup Marsala wine  
1/2 cup shredded

Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup dairy of your choice, or enough to make the bread mixture the consistency of loose mashed potatoes  
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, add all of the panade ingredients except for the milk. Mix together by mashing and stirring.

Pour in dairy, a couple of tablespoons at a time, continuing to mash and stir until desired consistency. Let it sit for 30 minutes so the bread can absorb all the liquid.

Preheat oven to 325°.

Break up meat into pieces about the size of Scuppernong grapes and put into bowl with panade. Breaking the meat up means you won't have to work it as much which makes the finished product rubbery, rather than silky.

Gently fold everything together just until it's lightly mixed, you want to see small bits of panade peeking out here and there.

Scoop out about 2 tablespoons of the meat mixture, and roll into a ball. Lay on a rimmed cookie sheet with cooling rack on top. Continue until all the meat has been rolled — about 36-ish.

Bake for about 12 minutes. After cooking, leave on rack until they are totally cool. Keep aside 10-12, then lay the rest on a plate or tray and freeze. When they're frozen divide and put them into freezer bags which you've labeled with name and date.

Coconut Rice

1 3/4 cup uncooked long-grain white rice  
1-13.5 ounce can of coconut milk (not

coconut cream or cream of coconut; this is a sweetened product used for making piña colodas.

Although I'll bet using it for rice pudding would be banging.)  
2 cups chicken stock  
Salt and pepper

Put stock and coconut milk into a heavy-bottomed pot with a lid (the coconut milk will have solids, use them all). Bring to a boil over medium heat, add rice and stir. Gently put in the meatballs. Cover.

Cook on medium-low for 16-18 minutes and check for doneness. You're looking for almost all the liquid to be cooked out the rice to be cooked through — there is no al dente in rice.

When it's done, let sit, covered while you make the asparagus.

Sautéed Asparagus

1 pound asparagus,

washed and trimmed to bite-size pieces  
1 tablespoon water

3 tablespoons butter  
Salt and pepper

Put everything a skillet, cover, and turn on medium. Cook 2-3 minutes until veg is tender-crisp. Uncover and let the water cook out. Turn heat up to medium-high and cook another minute or two until there's a little color on the asparagus.

Plate rice and meatballs into a shallow bowl and put the asparagus on top. Serves 4.

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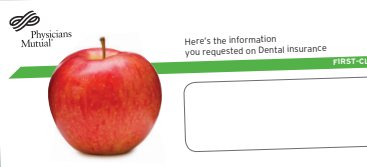
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