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Respite from a chaotic year: a local guitarist evokes happy times in his new holiday EP

BY D. LARS DOLDER
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In a year of perpetual uncertainty — of more pain than progress — Chatham guitarist Josh Kimbrough's new album, "Yule Chime," affords listeners a merry diversion from unforgiving reality.

Set to drop Friday, "Yule Chime" will be Kimbrough's second release of 2020, following his critically acclaimed album "Slither, Soar & Disappear," which debuted in June and has achieved more publicity and praise than Kimbrough ever imagined: glowing reviews in music magazines such as Mojo, Uncut, Shindig and Relix, airtime on radio stations around the world and global exposure on every major streaming service.

On Spotify alone, "Slither, Soar & Disappear" has been played almost 50,000 times across 76 countries.

The international reception has been "way beyond anything I ever expected," Kimbrough said. "It's wild."

Both albums feature Kimbrough's signature finger-style acoustic guitar coupled with double bass, flute, strings, mandolin, banjo and drums, all performed by local artists in a mellifluous concoction of swooning harmonies.

Each song on "Slither, Soar & Disappear," as INDY Week described in its review, "hones in on an evocative image of the natural world." Records like "Giant Leopard Moth," "Morning Moon," "Sunbathing Water Snake" and the



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Some of the many guitars available for use in Jeff's studio space.

most popular, "Backyard Hawk," embody the essences of their namesakes.

With "Yule Chime," Kimbrough similarly captures the ethereal quality of holiday experiences. The five-track EP includes two originals bookending three traditional Christmas songs arranged as only Kimbrough can.

"Sledding Down Spring Valley Hill" kicks the album off," Kimbrough said. "The title refers to a favorite Carboro sledding spot from my youth."

"Once in Royal David's City," "Good King Wenceslas" and "Poor Little Jesus" follow, a sampling of pieces Timothy Kimbrough, Josh's father, would play on piano for the family when Josh was a boy.

"The album closes with 'Out Getting Firewood,' an evo-



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Josh Kimbrough, a local guitarist and composer, will be dropping his new Christmas EP on Friday.

cation of Christmases spent in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where my in-laws live," Kimbrough said.

The five songs are a nod to treasured holiday memories

of times past under normal circumstances, before a global pandemic upended the way we live.

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KIDS SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

Library's program aims for continued conversation

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN

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During the national conversation about race and justice following George Floyd's death this summer, the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro decided to continue the conversation, but with children — resulting in the creation of the Kids Club for Social Justice.

Meant to be a space for students specifically in kindergarten through 5th grade to learn about social justice, the club has met three times, discussing racism, transgender identities and colonization in America.

"Welcome to the Kids Club for Social Justice," Kathleen Pierce, youth services li-

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'A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH'

Cooper announces curfew as COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations set record highs

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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North Carolina will enter a modified stay-at-home order starting Friday, Gov. Roy Cooper announced Tuesday, which will entail a curfew from 10

p.m. to 5 a.m. with many businesses required to close early.

Businesses required to close by 10 p.m. include restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, most retail stores and more. Additionally, onsite alcohol consumption sales must end by

9 p.m. This order will remain in effect through at least Jan. 8. Exceptions to the travel restrictions include traveling for work, getting groceries, taking "care of a family member, friend, or

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CHATHAM'S 20 UNDER 40

Who are Chatham's leading young professionals?

CN+R Staff Report

Who are the most outstanding young professionals in Chatham County?

The News + Record wants to recognize them with a new "20 Under 40" project, and nominations are now being accepted.

"We want to recognize young men and women who work or live in Chatham County whose professional achievements, community involvement and character represents the best of what the county has to offer," said News + Record Publisher

and Editor Bill Horner III.

The nomination period ends on Jan. 8. Anyone can make a nomination. To be eligible, nominees must be younger than 40 as of June 30, 2021, and live or work in Chatham. All nominees will be invited to complete a separate "20 Under 40" application and winners will be announced and featured in a special section of the News + Record in early March, as well as recognized at a community-wide virtual event. If it is safe to gather, a community-wide event will be held.

To make a nomination, go to



cutt.ly/20under40 and complete the simple form.

For more information about the News + Record's 20 Under 40 recognition project, email us at 20u40@chathamnr.com.

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Dr. Derrick Jordan, the superintendent of Chatham County Schools, has accepted an offer to join the staff of N.C. Superintendent-elect Catherine Truitt at the state's Department of Public Instruction. He'll depart in early 2021. See story, **Page A8**.

• NEW POST FOR REP. REIVES II

Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54), who lives in Chatham County and serves Chatham and parts of Durham County in the N.C. House, has been chosen House Minority Leader for the next two years. He was elected unanimously by his peers and in the role will have a direct hand in most of what the N.C. House's 51 Democrat legislators contribute legislatively over the next term. See story, **Page A3**.

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CCS COVID-19 TRACKER

Chatham's schools report 15 new cases in the past two weeks

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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Since Chatham County Schools partially reopened for students under Plan B on Oct. 19, there have been 13 positive COVID-19 cases among students and 16 among staff, according to the district's COVID-19 Tracking dashboard and administrators.

The dashboard, first posted online the

week Pre-K, K-2 and E.C. Extended Content Standard students returned to hybrid learning in October, says it tracks cumulative cases since Aug. 17, the district's first day of classes.

But the tracker only includes information on students who've been inside CCS buildings since Oct. 19.

"We decided to only track what we were aware of at each building," said Tracy Fowler, executive director of student sup-

port services.

Fowler said there were no guarantees parents would share infections of students not in the building — such as those attending Virtual Academy or still doing completely remote learning.

Chatham has about 8,600 students in 19 schools, and about 1,000 faculty and staff members. Health officials have said that

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

CANCELLATIONS

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

ON THE AGENDA

The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at the town hall in Pittsboro.

The **Chatham County Board of Education** will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at the Horton Middle School.

The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, at the Chatham County ag center.

• The **Chatham County Soil and Water District** will hold its board meeting on Thursday, December 10, at 7 p.m. at the Agriculture Building in Pittsboro.

• **Chatham Community Library's Virtual Winter Reading Program** will offer its virtual Winter Reading Program "Ten to Try" from December to Jan. 15. For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian Katy Henderson at cclkatyh@gmail.com.

• **Chatham County 4-H** will also host a virtual 4-H Holly Jolly Afterschool Crafting Workshop December 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. Participants must pre-register

for this event. Craft kits will be available for pick up on Dec. 14. Crafting workshop and kits are limited to 45 Chatham County residents, and kits must be picked up at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro.

• On Sunday, Dec. 13, from 12 to 5 p.m., Copeland Springs Farm and Kitchen will host **Market Sundays** at The Plant in Pittsboro. This is a COVID-conscious holiday shopping experience. The Plant is located at 193B Lorax Lane.

THURSDAY

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

• **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church** provides a healthy, 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.

• **The Chatham Historical Museum is open** with regular hours Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. We will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for New Years. Masks required and groups will be distanced. Adult and kid friendly, with no admission fee. The current special exhibit is vintage toys. Don't miss it! Our permanent exhibits cover all aspects of Chatham's unique history. The Museum is located in the historic Chatham County Courthouse in the circle at Pittsboro. More info: [https://](https://chathamhistory.org)

chathamhistory.org.

FRIDAY

• The Chatham County community is invited to get into the holiday spirit with the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department's **2nd annual Holiday in the Park** event on Friday, Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Northeast District Park. Modified due to COVID-19, this year's event will take place as a holly jolly drive-thru, where participants will be asked to stay in their cars while in attendance. Children will be able to hand their letters to Santa himself and wave at him through their car window.

• The Silk Hope Ruritan Club is hosting an outdoor **Christmas event at Farm Heritage Park** on Saturday, Dec. 12. The free event will take place from 2:30 to 6 p.m. and will be COVID-19 guideline friendly. Festivities include a Santa trailer, a Christmas movie, a tree lighting, constant Christmas music, live animals, and a free door prize drawing (ages 0-10) at the end of the event. We suggest that all attendees who plan to watch the movie bring a lawn chair, blanket, or any other sitting device. For more information call 919-368-0288 or visit www.silkhopenc.org.

• The next virtual Wake Up Wednesday networking meeting will be held Dec. 16. Below is the link to join in. You may start logging on at 8 a.m. to take care of any technical issues you may encounter. Please make sure your camera/audio works. The structured meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. This months speakers are Chris Elkins, Shannon

Media, Chatham Magazine and Bonnie Strowd, Bonnie Strowd Realty Group. Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82606470013?pwd=WEg3bDBBaFo4OEhrTjZEk1pCYllYdz09> - Meeting ID: 826 0647 0013, Passcode: 486132.

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

• JMArts hosted a **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 #JMACoronaConcert program.

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

• **Volunteers needed:** Nonprofit agencies in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, fice work, and care for animals. Chatham Connecting website lists many volunteer oppor-

tunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.

• **Foster and/or adoptive information:** Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent? Call 919-642-6956 to learn more.

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

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

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

• **Scout News**

• Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information.

• Pack 924 of Siler City First U.M.C. meets on from 7 to 8:30 p.m Tuesdays for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.

• Pack 900 in Bear Creek meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Meroney's U.M.C., following the school calendar. See <http://pack900.com> for more information.

Gov. Cooper visits Pittsboro PPE manufacturer

BY D. LARS DOLDER
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PITTSBORO — Gov. Roy Cooper paid a visit to the Gilero manufacturing facility in Pittsboro last Thursday to see how personal protective equipment is produced.

Gilero, a medical device maker with a second location in Morrisville, shifted its production focus in April to help fight the spread of COVID-19, as reported by the News + Record at the time. As the pandemic quickly overwhelmed the country, company employees worked nights, weekends and breaks to assemble 3-D-printed face shields for health care facilities, according to Kaitlyn Shaffer, Gilero's marketing communications manager.

Since then, Gilero has expanded its services to include construction of negative pressure environments for hospital beds and packaging nasal swabs used in COVID-19 test kits.

"We are glad so many companies like Gilero answered our call to begin making personal protective equipment when the pandemic hit," Cooper said during a tour of the plant. "These supplies help us slow the spread of the virus and keep people safe."

Since the pandemic began in March, North Carolina has distributed more than 19 million face coverings, 12 million procedure masks and one million face shields. Gilero is a major contributor of face shields to the state and other health agencies having produced more than 800,000.

"When the pandemic hit, we felt it was our mor-

al and civic duty to help in some way," said Gilero Chief Executive Officer Ted Mosler. "We expedited the design and manufacturing of the face shield. We're grateful to Governor Cooper and the departments of Emergency Management and Health and Human Services for the opportunity to help protect the front line workers of North Carolina who risk so much each day to battle this virus."

Governor Cooper's visit follows a tightening of the state's mask requirements. Last week's executive order prescribed with clearer language than in previous mandates that everyone must wear a mask whenever associating with someone from another household. The order also added the mask requirement to several new settings including any public indoor space even when maintaining 6 feet of distance, gyms even when exercising, all schools public and private and all public or private transportation when traveling with people outside of the household.

Last week's order also requires large retail businesses with more than 15,000 square feet to have an employee stationed near entrances ensuring mask wearing and implementing occupancy limits for patrons who enter.

This week, on Tuesday, Cooper announced in a press conference the institution of a statewide curfew to begin on Friday, Dec. 11. North Carolina residents will be required to stay home from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and businesses with on-site alcohol consumption will have to



Gov. Roy Cooper examines a face shield created by Gilero in Pittsboro during a visit there Thursday. Gilero is one of the state's leading producers of PPE (personal protective equipment).

Photo courtesy of Governor's Office

stop serving at 9 p.m. The curfew will last at least until Jan. 8, according to the order.

"Our new modified Stay At Home order aims to limit gatherings and get people home where they are safer," Cooper said, "especially during the holidays."

The added restrictions come as North Carolina faces increasing COVID-19 spread and hospitalization rates. On the day of Cooper's Gilero visit, the state reported 5,637 new cases, shattering the previous daily record by more than 1,000 cases. By Saturday, the record had reached 6,438. As the pandemic's severity continues to intensify, the work of companies such as Gilero become more critical to the state's overall health.

"We continue developing products to protect these workers, and now, to improve the rapid detection of the virus," Mosler said, "because our work force wants to use their skills and capabilities to make a difference."

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Chatham County Council on Aging

WEEKLY TRIVIA HUNT!

Q: Who is Chatham County's official poet?

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CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.

Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Apply for Community Services Block Grant Funds

Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc. (CPCA) intends to apply for federal Community Services Block Grant funds in the amount of *\$1,218,001. Community Services Block Grant is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity. CPCA plans to use the funds to provide comprehensive case management services to *170 low-income families in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Randolph counties towards the goal of poverty eradication and self-sufficiency attainment. Services include guidance and counseling, education/training assistance and support, employment assistance and support, housing assistance, transportation assistance, emergency assistance, and assistance with other essential needs.

Due to social distancing concerns in lieu of a public hearing, comments and questions may be directed to Natasha Elliott, CPCA Executive Director, at jacksonn@cpcanc.org and will be accepted through 5 pm, Monday, December 21, 2020.

The CPCA Board will convene remotely on January 14, 2021 to approve submission of the 2021-2022 Community Services Block Grant Anti-Poverty Application.

*Projection based on PY 2020-2021 CSBG funding allocation. The actual PY 2021-2022 CSBG funding allocation and enrollment target are subject to change.

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Chatham’s Rep. Robert Reives II elected as party leader

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In its first major decision following the Nov. 3 elections, North Carolina’s Democratic caucus has chosen

Robert Reives II, Chatham County’s representative in the N.C. House, to serve as the party’s leader for the next two years.

Reives was elected unanimously by his peers — some meeting in-person in Raleigh with others participating remotely online — in their

meeting last Thursday. “That made me feel great, it really meant a lot,” Reives told the News + Record of the unanimous decision. “It was a pretty fast turnaround and it was nice to know that they all trust me enough to support me in that manner.”

As the minority party leader, Reives will have a direct hand in most of what the 51 Democrat legislators contribute to the House of Representatives over the next term.

“It’s a little bit of everything,” Reives said of the position’s responsibilities. “Basically, I’ll be overseeing all functions of all the parts of the House caucus ... working with members on campaigns, working with

members on bill filing, coordinating pretty much anything that we do.”

While not commanding as much liberty as his Republican counterpart to enact the legislative agenda of his party, Reives still holds out an ambitious list of goals for the next two years.

“Broadband still stays at the forefront for me,” he said, “especially for Chatham County, and of course for North Carolina. Secondly, we’ll try to do something to really help out small business relief, and also help people financially to get through this because it’s really been a tough time and I know people need some help. So, I really want to be out front

doing something about that.”

He is also determined to continue the policy changes N.C. Democrats have promoted for many years.

“The educational gap that we had in this state well before the pandemic has broadened exponentially,” Reives said, “and I’d like to see us moving toward trying to close that gap again ... And I want to see what we can do about propping up rural hospitals. I think of all hospitals, they’ve been hardest hit during this time; we’ve got to think of ways to save them.”

Reives will officially assume his new role on January 27. Still, there is much work to be done in the interim.

“One thing I’ve got to do, is I’m hoping to have an expanded leadership team,” he said, “... so we’ve got to make caucus staffing decisions. There’s a lot to get done before we officially open up.”

House Democrats are set to reconvene during the week of Jan. 2. By then, Reives will need to have selected several staff members, including the party’s next deputy leader, a position Reives held for the last four of his six years in the House under current party leader Rep. Darren Jackson.

Jackson, whose district covers part of Wake County, decided not to seek reelection as the House’s leading Democrat, citing in part the party’s disappointing

results in the Nov. 3 election.

“The past four years Robert Reives and I have worked as a team,” Jackson said. “... Now that Robert is the House Democratic leader, I am confident he will do a great job in bringing people together to reach common ground with the Republicans, when that is possible, and to stop dangerous right-wing ideas before they become law. Robert is highly respected by Republicans and Democrats alike, and he understands the needs of rural areas.”

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COVID

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as the number of cases in Chatham and North Carolina increase, it’s reasonable to expect cases within schools. Officials have emphasized the importance of limiting spread from such positive cases through COVID-19 protocol like wearing masks and social distancing. As of Tuesday morning, there had been six new cases among students and nine among staff since last week.

Currently, all Pre-K, K-8 and E.C. Extended Content Standard students have the option of attending school in-person under a hybrid learning schedule — making up nearly 6,000 students. Students in 3rd-5th grade were able to return Nov. 19, while approximately 2,100 middle school students had the option

to return on Monday. All high school students are attending virtual classes, with the exception of E.C. Extended Content Standard students.

“We try to update (the COVID-19 tracking page) in real time,” said Amanda Hartness, the assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, clarifying that the dashboard is updated every day if there are new cases. “But we also make sure that communication flow is appropriate. So we do not put a case on the tracker until we have made sure that communication has gone out.”

The page lists 28 cases among staff, meaning there were 12 positive cases between the first day of classes and the first day of hybrid learning. If staff work at multiple schools, the tracker says, it will be reported at both locations. That’s in

an effort to be transparent, the district said, so that people don’t hear of a case at their school and subsequently lose trust in the reporting if they don’t see it reflected on the tracker.

Still, not everyone thinks the tracker is sufficiently transparent. Corbie Hill, a CCS parent whose wife works in-person at three Chatham schools, said the current set-up of the spreadsheet doesn’t allow anyone to track trends within the district unless they had the foresight to write down the cases at the end of each week. The tracker has a column for cumulative cases since Aug. 17 as well as a column for new cases in the current week.

“Unless you had been tracking it from then, you can’t get an accurate impression of what actually happened,” Hill said. “We just have

these numbers that are completely divorced from their meaning.”

Aside from updating the tracker to include week-by-week counts, Hill thinks the district needs to set a threshold for when schools would shut back down, based on the number of positive COVID-19 cases.

“It’s not a huge number of people in the school buildings right now,” he said. “So when I look at those numbers, it’s kind of grim. It affects me emotionally even though it’s something I’m compelled to look at.”

The district can learn of positive cases from the Chatham County Public Health Department, an individual person or a parent, Fowler said. When a positive case is identified, the district first notifies any close contacts and then sends out letters to a school’s community members before updating the tracker. Currently, there have not been any clusters within the district, defined as five or more cases linked to each other. Fowler said there also has not been evidence of community spread either.

“There’s only one case I can even think of that there is a possibility that there would’ve been any connection at all within the building,” she said. “There’s been no spread among children to each other or to staff members, or staff members to children.

“The measures we have in place are really, really helpful as far as that’s concerned,” she added.

The CCS tracker does not currently have a column to indicate clusters, should they occur, but Fowler said the district will work with the health department to report any occurring clusters. Clusters from K-12 schools are also recorded on the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services’ website, which currently lists 39 of them — with an



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

‘I think that it’s gone really well,’ said Tracy Fowler, executive director of student support services, regarding the school’s COVID-19 protocol. Pictured here is Shakel Conrad, a student in one of Bonlee School’s 1st and 2nd grade classrooms.

associated 730 cases — as having been reported in K-12 schools across the state. This count also includes private schools. There are no reported clusters in Chatham listed on the state’s report, either at CCS or in Chatham’s charter or private schools.

In surrounding and larger counties, there have been a larger number of positive cases. At Wake County Schools, 68 new confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported at 49 schools last week, with the weekly total rising each week since schools partially reopened Oct. 26. In Wake, the Raleigh News & Observer reported last week that health officials said it’s reasonable to expect one new case at each of its 190 schools each week.

“We’ve had an increasing number of students coming in each week as well as just an increasing number of contacts between people,” Tim Simmons, Wake’s chief communications officer, said at Tuesday’s school board meeting, the N&O reported. “You don’t want to see increasing cases, but it’s to be expected.”

Chatham County’s Fowler said the district does not currently have a metric for shutting the schools down, but that it would work with the

health department in the event of significant community spread in the schools. Hartness added that one of the biggest concerns, apart from folks getting sick, would be if spread were significant enough that too many teachers were unable to teach.

For now though, Fowler said the district is really pleased with how protocol has been followed at the schools.

“I think that it’s gone really well,” she said. “I think (students) want to be in school, they want to be able to participate, so we’ve had a lot of success there. As long as we follow these guidelines, I think we’re in a good place.”

Hill questioned whether such positive communication from the district is helpful in informing parents and students.

“I feel like the communication has been overwhelmingly and almost exaggeratedly positive,” he said. “I would feel much more comfortable if the communication for the district balanced, ‘Here’s what we’re trying, here’s what we think is gonna work, here’s where we are in terms of infections.’ That’s much more trustworthy.”

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Bonlee	0	0	0	1
Chatham Central	0	0	0	4
Chatham Grove	0	0	1	2
Chatham Middle	0	0	0	1
Chatham Center for Innovation	0	0	0	0
Horton	0	0	0	0
J. S. Waters	0	0	0	0
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M. B. Pollard	0	0	0	0
Moncure	1	0	1	0
North Chatham	0	0	1	1
Northwood	0	0	0	3
Perry Harrison	0	0	2	2
Pittsboro	0	0	5	1
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Silk Hope	0	0	0	3
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Screenshot from Chatham County School's website

Since CCS partially reopened for students under Plan B on Oct. 19, there have been 13 positive COVID-19 cases among students and 16 among staff, according to the district’s COVID-19 Tracking dashboard and administrators.

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GUEST COLUMN | DWAYNE WALLS JR.

Hate your neighbors? Commit to decorations

The sun is down by the time I make it home from the office these days. Only the glow in the west is left when I crank up the car. But the holiday season has come to Chatham County, evidenced by the changing musical format on my car radio and the decorations I see planted in so many front yards. These two together make for one merry drive after five.

Yes, Christmas time is here. The traditionalists celebrate these blessed days with garlands and ribbons and oversized bows to accent rails and fences and porch posts. Evergreen wreaths grace doors and mailboxes. Cloth flags with snowflakes wave welcome to winter. I saw a house with red and white ceramic roosters flanking the steps; upon closer inspection, the chickens proved to be wearing handmade Santa suits with matching hats. The attention to detail was exquisite.

Only after the sun goes down and the lights come up will you see the other show. Even the plainest mobile home looks as

inviting and warm as a resort lodge when festooned with Christmas lights. The world is made magic by the flip of a switch: better living through electricity.

Every night inflatable lawn decorations spring up from the earth, their LEDs glowing and flickering and blinking and occasionally blinding. On the way home I look at Santas and reindeer and nutcrackers and penguins and elves and candy canes and snowmen wearing top hats and scarves. I saw a snow globe as tall as a man with a revolving little Swiss town inside it. I saw a unicorn as big as a pony. I have no idea when we crossed over from holiday decorations to pop culture kitsch, but when I see an inflatable octopus holding a tang fish in a jar I wonder what the movie “Finding Dory” has to do with Christmas. Not to suggest that smiling dragons with little wings are demonic, or that Minions as tall as my porch roof are inappropriate; I think it remarkable we can take something as ordinary

as a red stocking hat, put it on anything and transform it into a Christmas decoration. Snoopy driving a Zamboni borders on the sublime if you ask me. And let’s hear it for the Santa wearing desert camo.

I imagine all these air-filled decorations forming armies in the wee hours of the night, as in the Nutcracker and the Mouse King, and laying siege to each other while we all are asleep. On our morning walk my dog and I see piles of fabric everywhere, as if some great inflatable battle happened and then moved on, leaving only the fallen heaped together on the ground, each pile of synthetic cloth dyed in bright primary colors: the uniforms of Christmas. Magically at dusk they arise again like ray-on mushrooms, their repeating soundtracks playing carols found in the public domain, like “Jingle Bells” or “Deck the Halls” or “Silent Night.” Casio tones never sounded so sweet.

For most of us, Jesus is the reason for the season, but I am waiting patiently to see that

inflatable, lighted menorah as big as Montana. I know it has to be out there, just as surely as Adam Sandler wrote the “The Chanukah Song.”

But I discovered for myself that religious fervor is not always the reason for the seasonal decorations. People have their own holiday logic; one of my co-workers asked to swap secret Santa gifts with me at last year’s Christmas office party. His gift was a box of selected hot sauces. Mine was a 6-foot inflatable lighted snowman. I agreed, knowing my wife would probably enjoy the selection. She puts that stuff on everything.

“Where are you going to put Frosty, here?” I asked, knowing he had a small front yard. “You’ll have to use a heavy duty cord to power it up, but it comes with stakes and lines to tie it down against the wind.”

“Oh, no, he’s going on my front porch.”

I had never imagined the snowman on a porch, front or back. All my co-worker would have to do is plug it into the

wall socket and walk away. This was thinking outside the box.

“Good idea,” I admitted in admiration. “You won’t have to worry about the weather.”

“Oh, no, it’s not about the weather,” he said as if it had never occurred to him. “I’m putting him on the porch to tick off the neighbor across the street. If I put it on the porch instead of in the front yard, she’ll have to look at it all night through her front windows.” Then he took a deep breath, smiled and said more softly, “She’s hated us since we moved in a year ago, I’m gonna sooo enjoy this.”

I am happy to report my co-worker does not live in Chatham County.

Merry Christmas!

Dwayne Walls Jr., a contributor to the News + Record, has previously written a story about his late father’s battle with Alzheimer’s disease and a first-person recollection of 9/11 for the newspaper. He and his wife Elizabeth live in Pittsboro.

Long-ago instructions surface — sometimes when least expected



BOB WACHS
Movin’ Around

More and more these days I find myself having to take an extra second or so to call some things to mind ... things like someone’s name when I can see their face clear as day, and have even known them for at least a couple of lifetimes.

Most of the time the “missing” information will eventually come, but then there are the times when something will come across my train of thought that hasn’t been there in a long, long time. And when that happens, I’m overwhelmed and mystified by it all, wondering: “Where did *that* come from?”

Not too long ago, I was on the way to town from my house, not speeding but clicking along at the posted speed limit. I’m sure I was multi-tasking, although sending text messages isn’t something I do behind the wheel even before the law was passed.

But more than likely I was thinking about where I’d been, where I was going, and what was still waiting for some attention. And maybe I was lost in another time and another place, but still doing, I think, an admirable job of staying on the road and not running over anyone or anything.

As I approached a curve to the right, the reflex response was almost instant — I slowed down to a more appropriate speed so as not to take the outside line and have a close encounter of the worst kind with anyone who might have been traveling the opposite direction. And from out of the blue, it came to me — I remembered the instruction my father had given me when he was teaching me how to drive almost 60 years ago.

“When you come to a curve,” he’d say, “slow down before you get there. Don’t wait until you’re in it to slow down. Some folks do and that’s when you have wrecks.”

Where has that specific memory been all these years? And what made it show up that day?

I wish I knew.

That event, of course, then put me into the state of mind to remember some other things the old gentleman told me — and my brothers — through the years.

Some of it was advice and some of it was words of wisdom or survival. For instance, our dad would try to teach us something, and if the process wasn’t going well and we were inclined to throw in the towel, he’d say, “You’re not going to learn any younger, son.”

Later on, after we had supposedly learned that particular task but weren’t paying attention to how we were carrying it out, or if we were just goofing off or asking all over again how to do it, we’d hear, “I’ve told you fortyseven blue million times.”

It was from my dad I learned what a big word “if” is. On more than one occasion he remind me that “If a bullfrog had wings, he wouldn’t bump his rear end on the ground.”

He also tried to instill into us the understanding that “the world doesn’t revolve around you,” and that we should keep the car — and life in general — “between the while lines (or ditches).”

On the practical side he told us we could run an engine “all we want to without gas, but don’t ever run it without oil,” and that when it came to cutting the strings to open a bag of feed for the hogs, we should “get the single thread to you and cut the right-hand corner.”

And in what was about as good a piece of fatherly direction I ever got, he’d say: “Don’t wish your life away, boy.”

I don’t think I have but the years I’ve had surely have gone by in overdrive.

I think my dad knew that would happen.

He probably knew — or hoped — I’d remember some of those words of wisdom.

Wonder if my next generation will do the same?

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A dream that religion would unite us



ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN
Hope Matters

In his famous song “Imagine,” John Lennon dreamed of a world of peace that included no religions. The Beatles superstar was not a fan of Christianity, saying: “Jesus was all right, but his disciples were thick and ordinary. It’s them twisting (religion) that ruins it for me.”

Even Christians have sung this same tune. From a concentration camp, German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer called for “a religionless Christianity” because the Nazis had co-opted the institutional church of his country. Christian author C.S. Lewis claimed, “Of all bad men, religious bad men are the worst.”

It is easy to call to mind atrocities done in the name of God. But does that mean that religions have no redeeming purpose?

What exactly do we mean by “religion?”

One definition refers to any system of beliefs that includes a deity or deities. But certain philosophies, like Zen Buddhism, do not involve the concept of God or gods yet are still considered religions.

It is helpful that the etymology of “religion” is derived from the Latin prefix re- (“again”) and the verb ligare (“to bind, tie”). The same Latin verb gives us the English word ligament, meaning tissue that connects bones.

A religion reconnects people. It binds us together again.

Any specific body of people — whether a nation, tribe or family — is in constant danger of unraveling, fracturing or splintering. In order to come together, we need shared beliefs, rituals and music.

Lennon most certainly knew this need, yet he still claimed the followers of Christ ruined the religion. As a Christian pastor, I am painfully aware that many people would agree with him. Incidents of hypocrisy among believers can cause people to leave the faith. Churches fracture and splinter. Christians can even tear each other apart.

Last week, a reader suggested an op-ed prompt: “There’s more to Christianity than being constantly aggrieved.” Many Christians seem angry or annoyed, even outraged over perceived insults and slights. They may even seek to hurt others. This

is hardly a healthy definition of religion! The sense of having been wronged draws sides in our culture as clearly as college sports teams.

But the stakes are even higher: Jesus said a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:24).

Religion can divide us, pitting one group against another. And history is replete with atrocities done in the name of God.

But there are countless gestures of goodwill every day. People seek to connect in positive, helpful ways.

You may say I’m a dreamer, but I believe the foundational similarities between religions, even between people with no faith in organized religions, are enough for us to build upon. Instead of being aggrieved, we can seek consensus by giving others the benefit of the doubt. I believe we can reunite our country. Sing it with me!

“I hope someday you’ll join us. And the world will live as one.”

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LETTERS

The absurdity of wearing masks and mandates

TO THE EDITOR:

For me, the most frustrating part of COVID-19 is The Mask and absence of smiles. Thank goodness we don’t mask our eyes for they can express a smile, although eyes aren’t expressing much these days — except their blank stare that says “please don’t get too close.” It’s sad that government officials have chosen the science of masking as a prophylaxis contravening many respected medical officials who advise such science is unproven and ineffective. Studies show a non-N-95 mask offers little protection; even surgical masks, the next best alternative to N-95, have been shown to offer only 67% efficacy (New York Times, June 2).

I’m protesting only in writing for I wear my mask where required in deference to others who may disagree with

my opinion but the whole science is confused and rarely followed correctly. How many wearers replace their mask after one use as recommended?

Mother Nature and human nature often work in opposition to one another and, paraphrasing from an old TV commercial, you can’t fool Mother Nature. Until we begin a vaccination program there is little one can do short of literally becoming a hermit. Those of us over 70 aren’t likely to insulate ourselves from the world so expecting teens and 20-somethings to do so is absurd.

A virus with a published 97%-plus recovery rate, equal roughly to pneumonia cases, hardly poses the dire outlook that Governor Cooper and presumed President-elect Biden are attempting to communicate. Blame it on political science, not medical science. Our governor has grossly overstepped his bounds and citizens are beginning to strike back. If law enforcement statewide would

refuse to enforce all the ridiculous directives placed upon businesses and individuals by the governor citizens could take back their constitutional rights and liberties.

Philip H. Johnson
Siler City

Two items worth reading and noting

TO THE EDITOR:

The Chatham News + Record is well worth reading every week but last week (Dec. 3-9 edition) especially two items stand out.

The letter from Mayor Jim Nass lifts us to a higher level of world view, pointing out that “Lights, like those on our tree, are an integral part of major celebrations around the world.” And then he goes on, without any signal of being parochial, to cite how important annual celebrations of humanity in multiple

different religions are enriching for all peoples, “one family” as he says, even as he notes that our own Christmas tree lights “give us all hope and joy.” A truly ecumenical message, and secular as well, to live full lives.

Then, turn the page and we see the stirring obituary of Charlie Baldwin Jr., who led a full life of contributing to humanity in so many ways during his rich and varied existence of 88 years. Although I myself am not a churchgoer, his humble but effective service to his Terrell’s Chapel Church gives one pause about how vital a Christian life can be. Charlie epitomized how important is the love of family and friends. He truly sounds like a man who was “loved and respected and ... will be greatly missed.” Would that those words might someday be said about each and every one of us.

David Warren
Governors Village, Chapel Hill

Will you take the vaccine?



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

Despite the current spike in COVID-19 infections and deaths, there is good news on the not-so-distant horizon. Three effective vaccines are in the pipeline. Some North Carolinians — those battling coronavirus on the frontlines as well as those put at greatest risk by infection — will be vaccinated in the coming weeks.

When vaccines become more widely available, will you be among those who get the shots? A large share of the general public won’t say yes, at least not yet.

According to a late November survey by the Pew Research Center, 29% of Americans said they would “definitely” get vaccinated if the vaccine were immediately available. Another 31% said they “probably” would. That’s a majority, yes. But with 39% saying they would definitely or probably reject it, there are grounds to wonder whether enough people will get vaccinated to establish the herd immunity required to get us past the pandemic stage.

These are countrywide findings, admittedly. But North Carolinians appear to be, if anything, even more skeptical than the average American. In an October study by Elon University’s survey team, only 37% of registered voters in our state said they would accept a COVID-19 vaccine, with 36% saying they wouldn’t accept it and the rest unsure.

I think it is possible these poll respondent aren’t being entirely honest — or, to put it another way, that they aren’t accurately predicting how they will feel when the opportunity for vaccination actually arrives.

Some Democratic-leaning North Carolinians who are suspicious of the Trump administration’s Operation Warp Speed project to speed the approval and distribution of vaccines may be more willing to get their shots when a different president is in the White House. And some Republicans who tended to downplay their risk of contracting COVID-19 during election season may alter their perceptions of the risk for the same reason, because the political climate has changed.

Moreover, as December turns into January, and winter into spring, those worried that vaccine development was unsafely rushed during 2020 may get more comfortable with the final product. Millions will already be vaccinated by then, likely with few or no side-effects. That will be reassuring.

Still, if we want some semblance of normalcy to return to our economy, our communities, our households, and our personal freedoms, we cannot afford merely to assume that vaccination rates will be high. To the extent some of our fellow citizens maintain a deep suspicion of medical providers and drug manufacturers, or continue to see the vaccination issue through partisan lenses, our leaders need a well-planned, sustained campaign to respond to their concerns.

That’s why three former presidents — Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama — have volunteered to get their shots in front of television cameras. That’s why Hollywood and Madison Avenue are getting involved. We need different messages for different audiences, addressing the different sources of public skepticism.

That skepticism isn’t limited to a single group. For example, the Pew survey revealed that 69% of Democratic-leaning voters said they would definitely or probably get vaccinated, vs. 50% of Republican-leaning voters. That’s a partisan gap, to be sure. But that still leaves lots of Democrats in the “no” camp.

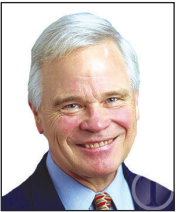
Indeed, Pew also found that African-Americans, who overwhelmingly vote Democratic, are far less likely to say they’ll get vaccinated (42%) than are whites (61%), Hispanics (63%), and Asians (83%).

Widespread vaccination will be necessary to put this public health crisis behind us. It’s the main way we’ll save the businesses, jobs, and community institutions threatened by the virus itself and by the cumbersome regulations governments have enacted to combat it while vaccines were being developed.

Even so, I believe neither that we should use force to get everyone their shots nor that such a recourse will be necessary. While the vaccination rate must be high, it need not be 100%. Some individuals have real health conditions or adverse immune-system responses that merit special consideration.

But for most other objections, I think persuasion will be a proper and effective response. Let’s begin.

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D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Unbelievable when you think about it, how North Carolina maintained its segregated and discriminatory racial system for such a long time. The remnants of what is commonly called “Jim Crow” are still with us, a daily reminder of the horrors of the past.

A new book, “Jim Crow in North Carolina: The Legislative Program from 1865 to 1920,” by Richard A. Paschal helps us understand the impact of Jim Crow on North Carolina. It catalogs and summarizes race-based laws passed by the General Assembly from the end of the Civil War until 1920.

Paschal, a Raleigh lawyer who holds a graduate degree in history, argues that it was not so much the laws on the books that brought about and maintained the segregated and oppressive system sometimes branded as “Jim Crow.” More important, he says, were the longstanding community standards and customs and the allocation of community resources by the dominating white power structure.

Paschal challenges the views of respected historians such as C. Vann Woodward, whose classic book, “The Strange Career of Jim Crow,” argued that, even under slavery, the two races had not been as divided as they were under the Jim Crow laws

of the late 1890s and afterwards. Further, Woodward said that during Reconstruction, there was significant racial mixing in economic and political matters. The segregating of the races, he wrote, was a relative newcomer to the region.

The core of Paschal’s book is his lists of laws passed by the N. C. General Assembly from 1865 through 1920. The lists include numerous laws passed before the 1890s that restricted blacks or discriminated against them.

While having separate schools for blacks and whites was not controversial in the time after the Civil War, unequal funding was a continuing blight. For instance, local communities had the power and responsibility for establishing and funding schools, supposedly on an equal basis. But one method approved by the legislature provided that the white schools would be funded by taxes on white people and black schools would be funded by taxes on “colored persons.” In 1885 the N. C. Supreme Court recognized the discrimination and struck down the plan.

Paschal asserts that many of the Jim Crow restrictions and much of the subjugation of blacks were not solely “de jure,” that is, mandated by specific laws. Much of Jim Crow came about without specific legislation.

Even the most blatant result of the 1898 and 1900 white supremacy campaigns, the disenfranchisement of blacks, was accomplished by implementation of a literacy requirement for voting. Paschal

points out that a significant number of blacks were literate. The law permitted literate blacks to vote. But in its implementation, even the most literate blacks failed the tests imposed by community voting officials who were, of course, all white.

With respect to jury participation by blacks, Paschal found no racial restrictions in the law, but blacks rarely were allowed to serve. He writes: “The lack of African Americans in the jury box worked to the detriment of the black community and black criminal defendants for decades. The racial incitement of the white supremacy campaigns created a chasm between legal text and the application and operation of the law, as local officials tilted the playing field decisively against the state’s African American population.”

In his conclusion Paschal writes, “In order to fully understand the shadow that Jim Crow continues to cast over us today, it is necessary to know how ostensibly democratic government at all levels and in all places used law to advance white interests while disadvantaging the interests of African Americans and other minorities.”

He might have added that in too many places it is still happening.

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.

Quarter Life Crisis: A letter to myself



RACHEL HOROWITZ
Millennial Musings

Dear Rachel,

Your 2020 self doesn’t really have her life together. Her phone still automatically plays the U2 album that she’s been too lazy to delete for six years. She still has acne that was supposed to go away after high school. She recently burned popcorn at the office. Despite all of these occurrences, she knows more than you do at this moment.

Here’s the thing: In 2020, you won’t be leaving your home for a few months. Do not worry — you didn’t do anything wrong. In fact, most places will be closed for a few months in 2020. It’s not quite like the supposed 2011 Rapture or the 2012 phenomenon, but life as you know it will change.

In March, you will spend a huge chunk of your day in video calls, and you’ll anxiously check wheth-

er or not you’re on mute. You will exclaim in surprise when you find a dress in your laundry load of t-shirts and sweatpants. You will buy a coloring book and unironically gush about subscription boxes.

In April, you can’t hug your family; instead, you’ll have a clandestine toilet paper trade-off in an empty parking lot. You’ll praise the mini bottles of hand sanitizer that you collected at a college event. In May, you will write down all of the things that you want to accomplish while staying at home. You will then misplace this list a few weeks later and return to the coloring book.

Over the summer, you will try to collect unique and ironic face masks to wear, but finally settle for a practical one and try not to drop it on the floor. In September, you will dye your hair purple and participate in an online meeting about how to run an online meeting.

In October, you will participate in an online video game tournament and then realize that your opponents are getting paid to van-

quish you. In November, you will wonder where the rest of the year went, unsubscribe from political campaign emails and dye your hair purple again. In December, your parents will admonish you for not writing more “funny” columns, and Spotify will share your top genres: 1990s angst and showtunes.

If this is the closest you get to a quarter life crisis, you should take it. The effects of 2020 are not going away any time soon, and you should be incredibly grateful that you are only indirectly affected by COVID-19. It may not be exactly what you pictured, and that’s OK. We’re all living in this weird environment together, and we can share our experiences to feel less alone.

Sincerely, your much wiser 2020 self.

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A circuitous career

Despite what his recent success might suggest, Kimbrough never expected to achieve such prominence. He never wanted the glitz and glory of a rock star’s career. Even at 20, when the prospect of fame seemed tantalizing, he knew that dream would come with real-life grief, a fact his now 37-year-old self confirms after living in the industry’s periphery for decades and seeing the toll it demands of its most ardent devotees.

But he has always loved music. Even when family took precedence and Kimbrough started working full-time as a warehouse manager and logistics coordinator for a coffee grinding machinery company in Durham, he never stopped writing songs. And eventually, the fame caught up to him when he wasn’t really trying.

Kimbrough’s love affair with music started in boyhood. His father, now Dean and Rector at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, Tennessee, was then a pastor at Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill. But at his core, Josh said, the elder Kimbrough has always been a pianist.

“So, he is an Episcopal pastor, but he’s also a slaying piano player — like, very good,” Kimbrough said. “He’s composed hymns. He’s arranged hymns. And he had a great sort of jazz fusion soul band before his current professional life.”

Much like the life course Josh would one day follow, Timothy Kimbrough lived for music following his college years at Duke. His band released one LP in the early 1980s, “a funky, jazzy kind of thing that was really, really good,” Josh said.

But eventually, Timothy settled down and relegated music to just his life’s passion — but not a full-time career. That balance is one he instilled in his son, as well. “I have to credit him with a 100% of my inspiration of like, that’s kind of what you do in your downtime, you know?” Kimbrough said. “And he just seems to find a lot of joy and relaxation in it.”

Still, Josh gave the full-time music scene a shot. After graduating from UNC-Greensboro in the early 2000s, he moved back to the Chapel Hill area to collaborate with a budding group of musicians as part of the Trekky Records collective.

“Trekky was a record label and group of artists and musicians who put on festivals, released vinyl records, and shared a big house with a rehearsal space,” Kimbrough said.

Members included local artists and groups including Phil Cook, Sylvan Esso, Loamland and Lost in the Trees. Kimbrough was tour manager for the latter band, which went on to release three albums on Los Angeles label Anti-Records.

Trekky Records still exists, but its output and ac-



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

One of the two pianos in Jeff Crawford's studio space, this one, a Hammond Rhythm II Organ.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Josh Kimbrough rests his head on one of the pianos in Jeff’s studio space

tivity started waning a few years ago, about the same time Kimbrough realized that he couldn’t put music first forever.

“Life changed for me as a musician when I found out I was going to have a son in 2016,” he said. “Band practice and shows were suddenly not so practical ... It’s such a fickle business, the music business, and I’ve always wanted to protect the sort of innocence of the creative spark. I think that’s harder to do the more it has to be your livelihood.”

Without the liberty to rehearse in group settings, Kimbrough’s style and interests began to shift.

“I started to focus on finger-style acoustic guitar,” he said. “This was a way for me to be the whole band at once if you will — the thumb plays the bass and the other fingers play the melody.”

Kimbrough started listening more to the likes of Doc Watson, Elizabeth Cotten, Chet Atkins, John Fahey, Sarah Louise and William Tyler — all legends of finger-style guitar playing — and soon he felt compelled to compose in his new

favorite genre.

“When I had 10 songs written I asked my buddy Jeff Crawford of Arbor Ridge Studios about recording them at his place off of Manns Chapel Road,” Kimbrough said. “He said yes and we got started.”

And thus, “Slither, Soar & Disappear” was born. Originally, Kimbrough envisioned a solo guitar album. But Crawford encouraged him to bring in some other local talent for a more complete sound. The final product was so good that it made its way to California where Josh Rosenthal of Tompkins Square Records — a celebrated indie label that has garnered eight Grammy nominations in its 15 years — heard a sample and knew he’d found something special.

“Josh and I ended up speaking on the phone and he told me he wanted to put the music out,” Kimbrough said. “A huge surprise and thrill.”

Several months later, Kimbrough was still riding high amid the jubilant din of overwhelming success when Rosenthal approached again with a follow-up idea.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Some tools of a guitarist’s trade.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

A corner of Jeff Crawford’s studio space with subtle accents of western influence such as a clay-striped lamp and stained-glass sequoias.

“(He) suggested that I do a Christmas EP,” Kimbrough said. “So, I went into the studio with Jeff Crawford again and I came out with five songs.”

Pandemic impetus

Kimbrough’s first album was released after the novel coronavirus overtook the planet, but it was a different — more naive — era in the pandemic saga. People still hoped summer’s heat would kill the virus, just in time for school vacations and warm-weather parties. Restrictions began to loosen; governors around the country talked of multi-phase plans to usher in normalcy. The nightmare had dragged on for three months, surely it couldn’t last much longer.

But “Yule Chime” will come out almost nine months to the day after pandemic was declared in the U.S. Already one major holiday passed with most Americans adjusting their usual routine of family and fun. Now several more are sure to come and go with similar abnormality.

So, the stakes seemed higher as Kimbrough com-

posed his holiday EP, and the rewards were likewise more valuable.

“Spending time in the studio felt like a special privilege this time,” he said, “a much different feeling from when Jeff and I made the full-length album. These five recordings represent a joyful release of pent-up energy.”

Kimbrough hopes listeners will experience the same respite from constant upheaval that has become our status quo. In the throes of ongoing pandemic chaos, “Yule Chime” represents an homage to happier times and acknowledgment of better days ahead.

“I think some feel-good, good-time music will land well with people,” Kimbrough said, “especially when we’re still here in this pandemic.”

“Yule Chime” will be available on all major streaming sites Friday. It can also be purchased on Bandcamp, an internet music company where artists have more control over their work.

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PROGRAM

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brary assistant, said at November’s meeting. “This is a safe and brave space. Please be kind to each other, and be patient. Everyone who wants to can share their voice, and anyone who has a question can ask it.”

Hosted by the library’s Youth Services Department, the meetings take place every third Thursday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. over GoToWebinar, a virtual meeting platform. During a typical meeting, Pierce shares information about a topic, hosts interactive activities such as quizzes for kids and shares a book about the subject. The club will discuss feminism and women’s rights at their next meeting, which is on Dec. 17. Though discussions are tailored to K-5 children, Pierce said parents and older siblings of students are welcome to attend meetings. You can register for that meeting at <https://rb.gy/me2cqcn>. “There’s several goals, and the main ones are just to give kids a place to learn about social justice

issues and definitely to remove the taboo that we all feel sometimes about discussing what are very complicated issues,” Pierce said of the club, adding that she wants to encourage kids to continue discussing these topics with their parents and caregivers.

So far, the library staff has been pleased with how the meetings have gone, and how engaged the kids have been in discussions.

“You know, my screen was full of little videos, it was cool,” Pierce said. “Kids are so in tune to injustice ... and they see it in a way that as adults with busy lives, we just don’t. I’m just really pleased to see them notice it, and then also see that maybe they can do something about it.”

At the first meeting in September, Pierce said one boy in attendance asked if the group could talk about transgender people, adding that he was transgender and wanted others to know more about it.

“That was amazing. And I just said, ‘Yes, absolutely. We should do that,’” she said, and the topic for October’s meeting was born.

Most — but not all — of the response to the club has been very positive, Branch Manager Rita Van Duinen said. Still, she’s proud of her staff, and ultimately thinks the criticism points to the library doing something right.

“We came at a difficult time, after a very tense summer, and prior to an election, we were nervous,” Van Duinen said. “Nextdoor (a social networking service) blew up with some really nasty comments. But I always say, if that’s the reaction that we’re getting from some people, then we know we’re doing what we’re supposed to be doing ... Our library — any library — should always be about inclusivity, in addition to educating and literacy, so we try to replicate that in our collections, and in our programming.”

In addition to growing engagement at their meetings and within the community, Pierce said the library hopes to share resources with other libraries about the club in the hope that more places can replicate the program. Recently, the library submitted a proposal to present a conference next year to the Ameri-

can Library Association.

This type of programming can easily be replicated, Pierce said, because it doesn’t take a lot of resources. Kids are ready to talk about these issues, they just need the space and language to do so.

“I was really impressed by the ability of these kids to get right into it — nobody needed any hand holding,” she said. “Maybe they didn’t know all the terms, but they definitely know that these are important issues. I think that that points to the fact that kids just are very observant and need a place where they can ask tough questions about the things that they see in the world.”

For additional information on this program or to receive virtual meeting instructions, please contact the Chatham Community Library’s Youth Services department at (919) 545-8085 or via email at youth.services@chathamlibraries.org. This program is free and open to the public.

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CHATHAM'S 250TH

County to commemorate 250th anniversary through yearlong celebration

PITTSBORO — Throughout 2021, Chatham County will commemorate its 250th anniversary through diverse community-centered events and activities that highlight Chatham's uniqueness, rich history and promising future. The yearlong festivities will focus on five key areas: Creative Arts, Community and Diversity, Growth and Change, Agriculture and Natural Environment.

Chatham 250 Planning Committee

Chatham 250 celebrations are being coordinated by a planning committee made up of representatives from across the county who have diverse backgrounds and unique skills — but with one common thread — their passion for Chatham County. The Chatham 250 planning committee includes representatives from community organizations, local businesses, Chatham County and municipal governments, faith-based organizations, and the public at large.

The Chatham 250 co-chairpersons are Dr. Carl E. Thompson Sr., Senior Pastor at Word of Life Christian Outreach Center and former Chatham County Commissioner; Renee Paschal, retired Chatham County Manager, local government budgeting consultant and Chatham County Council on Aging Board member; and Lendy Carias, Chatham County Schools Teaching Assistant.

"I have called Chatham County home for nearly three decades, and it has embraced so many of us from all walks of life with warmth, acceptance, and tolerance," Paschal said. "I am truly inspired by this awesome team we have assembled to honor our wonderful community and its people by celebrating 250 years of being Chatham."

Chatham 250 Logo

One of the first decisions the Chatham 250 planning committee made was determining a special logo for the celebrations.

"Our goal for the Chatham 250 logo was to represent the authenticity of the county, and we also wanted to engage our community members, so we launched a contest for professional and aspiring artists alike," Thompson said. "More than a dozen Chatham County residents, both adults and children, submitted their unique artwork, and we were thrilled by the designs we received. It was no easy decision, but we chose Sally Gregoire's design, a postage stamp embodying many great elements of Chatham County."

Chatham 250 Guiding Values

The Chatham 250 planning committee also determined guiding values aimed at unifying the community through the celebrations — Equitable Engagement, Community Centered, Culturally Responsive, Authentic Celebration and Preservation, and Transparency. These values symbolize the core of the planning committee and its leaders.

"It is my passion to serve and assist others, and my goal is that Chatham 250 will unite the diverse communities and equalize them," Carias said. "I hope the unity that comes from Chatham 250



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will spur community progress beyond the celebration and on to upcoming generations."

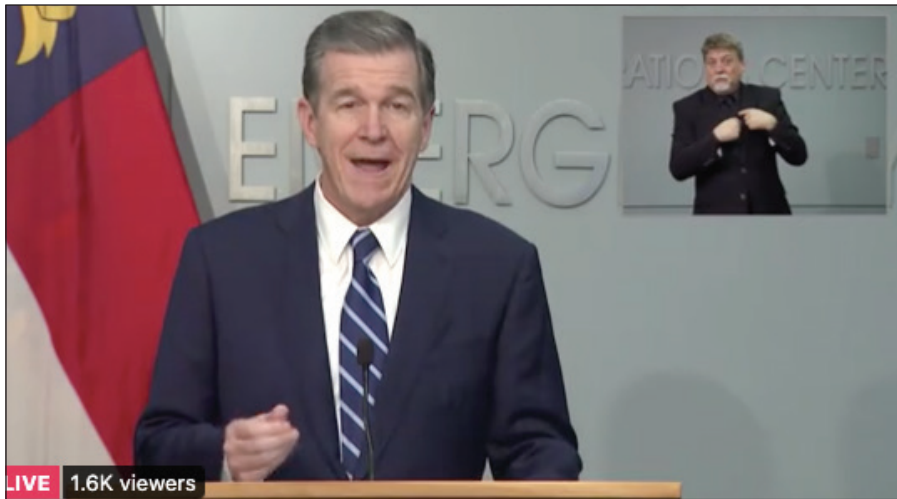
Chatham 250 Events

Chatham 250 already has many projects under way including researching the histories of churches and communities from throughout Chatham County, creating a passport guide to the rich collection of cherished events, activities, places and treats from across the county, grafting Aunt Rachel heritage apple trees in honor of Lee Calhoun's legacy in Chatham County, and holding a Foundation Day celebration in early April.

A reenactment portraying a bill establishing Chatham County that was introduced at the Colonial Assembly held at New Berne on December 5, 1770, occurred on Monday night at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

While COVID-19 is still present in the community, Chatham 250 is making every possible effort to protect the health and safety of Chatham County residents in its celebrations, offering virtual, contactless, and/or small group activities.

Information about Chatham 250 projects, events, and activities will be posted on a special Chatham 250 website beginning in early 2021. Website details will be provided at a later date. Residents can also receive updates through Chatham County government's social media channels: Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor.



Screenshot from the Governor's COVID-19 briefing

North Carolina will enter a modified stay-at-home order starting Friday, which will entail a curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. with many businesses required to close early.

CURFEW

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pet in another household" and more, and people experiencing homelessness are exempt. The order states that law enforcement personnel are only to enforce this "in cases of willful or repeated violations."

"As cases across the country continue to rise, we've seen rapid increases in our key metrics here in North Carolina," Cooper said. "I know that news of effective and safe vaccines has given us all hope. But vaccines aren't here yet. We have to act now to save lives, safeguard our hospital capacity, and preserve our economy."

Cooper's executive order follows multiple single-day records for positive COVID-19 cases last week, with some daily case counts over 6,000 and with more than 10% of returned tests being positive. Just last month, a daily record was set on Nov. 11 for 3,000 cases.

The order also urged residents in all counties to avoid holiday travel and to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it's available and their turn. The number of "red," critical community

spread counties has more than doubled from the Nov. 23 County Alert, the order said, up to 48 from 20 counties.

"This paints a dramatic picture of where we are," N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen said of the state's trends, which also includes record hospitalizations. "This virus is highly contagious and dangerous, but we can slow it down. Do not wait until it is you or your loved one who is sick with COVID to wear a mask, wait six feet apart and wash your hands often."

In North Carolina, there have been 404,032 cases, with 4,670 reported since Monday. Currently, 2,373 people are in the hospital and 5,605 people have died from COVID-19. In Chatham County, categorized by state metrics in the middle "substantial spread" county alert system, there have been 2,481 COVID-19 cases and 65 deaths.

"This is a very challenging time in the pandemic," Chatham County Health Director Mike Zelek told the News + Record following the Governor's update. "While the prospect of a vaccine gives us hope, it will be some time before most

in the Chatham community have been vaccinated. Right now, the most important thing we can do is stay home, avoid gathering with others, and wear our masks. That is how we stay healthy and save lives."

Before taking questions from members of the media, Cooper thanked healthcare workers for the "tremendous sacrifices" they're making to treat the state's growing number of COVID-19 cases, even under "excruciating physical and emotional stress. He urged North Carolinians to show appreciation for these workers by doing their part to reduce the burden.

"We have to get these numbers down. Our new modified stay at home order aims to limit gatherings and get people home where they are safer, especially during the holidays," he said.

"I know many people didn't expect to be living this way in December. This year has been tiring and frustrating and painful and with the holidays here, many of us feel it more deeply. But the stakes are dire — this is truly a matter of life and death."

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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

CCS in search of new superintendent as Derrick Jordan joins N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick Jordan will leave his current role in early 2021, he wrote in an email to CCS families last week, to join the staff of N.C. Superintendent-elect Catherine Truitt at the state's Department of Public Instruction.

Truitt announced the first wave of her new hires Dec. 2; Jordan was named as one of four deputy directors of DPI and will work as the Assistant Superintendent of Agency Schools. CCS Public Relations Coordinator John McCann told the News + Record that the CCS Board of Education is in the process of identifying an interim superintendent.

"Serving as superintendent of CCS has been one of the highest honors of my career," Jordan wrote in the email announcing



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'Serving as superintendent of CCS has been one of the highest honors of my career,' Derrick Jordan wrote in the email announcing his departure last week, pictured here at a 'Principal Preparation' meeting in 2018.

his departure. "During my tenure, I have been so appreciative of our school community's willingness to support efforts to improve outcomes for all students. I am proud of what we have accom-

plished together, and I know that you will continue to partner with my CCS colleagues to reach higher heights."

Jordan has served as superintendent for Chatham County Schools

since 2013, and was recognized for his work and named Regional Superintendent of the Year for the Piedmont-Triad Region in 2018. He's worked in education for more than 20 years, from

inside the classroom, as a principal and administrator.

"I have sought to surround myself with the best of the best," Truitt said in the press release announcing Jordan and others as new hires, "because our students, our teachers, and school personnel in this state deserve nothing but that. Each of these individuals are tremendously talented in their respective fields and will be pivotal to advancing outcomes and opportunities for students here in North Carolina."

The Chatham County Board of Education held a special meeting Monday night, announced last Friday as a meeting "to consider personnel only." The notice of that meeting made no mention of Jordan's new role and as of Tuesday morning, the district had not made any public statements about the search for a interim superintendent.

Jordan did not specify

the nature of his new role in the email sent to parents and guardians last week.

"Our schools are greater than any one person, including me, and I have no doubt that great things are in store for the district. Please be assured that you are in excellent hands with employees and school board members who care about our students and our community," he wrote in that email, adding that he would be "working hard until (his) last day of employment" to ensure a smooth transition. "Once the Chatham County Board of Education names an interim superintendent, you will be notified accordingly. In the meantime, I want to extend sincere gratitude for all you have done to make us a better, stronger district."

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CHATHAM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board elects new chairperson and vice chairperson, swears in Gomez Flores

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — At Monday's Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting, Franklin Gomez Flores was sworn in as the Dist. 5 commissioner — replacing Republican Andy Wilkie and officially becoming Chatham's first Latino representative on the board.

Re-elected Commissioners Mike Dasher and Karen Howard also took their oaths of office.

"I'm really happy to be here," said Gomez Flores, who is also the first board representative from Siler City in nearly 20 years, at the beginning of his first

commissioner's report. His election also gave the board a full Democrat makeup.

Dasher was elected by members as the board's chairperson for the year and Commissioner Diana Hales appointed as the board's vice chairperson. Commissioner Jim Crawford nominated Dasher and Commissioner Gomez Flores nominated Hales, with both motions passing unanimously. Both Dasher and Hales have previously served in their respective roles — Hales as chairperson in 2018 and vice chairperson in 2019, when Dasher was the board's chairperson.

During Monday's meeting, the board also unanimously approved a

resolution declaring 2021 the Semiquincentennial of Chatham County, or its 250th anniversary. Prior to the vote being called, there was a short re-enactment of John Brooks, one of Chatham's first legislators, presenting a resolution to the board. Clad in colonial wear and speaking in an especially formal voice, Gary Simpson, who portrayed Mr. Brooks, read the resolution.

"The current citizens and their County Commissioners desire a year of festivities that illuminate the past, present, and future of Chatham County," the resolution reads, "and celebrate Chatham County's nature, community and culture, and desire a way to rejoice in the Creative Arts, Diversity and Community, Growth and Change, Agriculture, and Natural Environment of Chatham County and its citizens."

During his report, County Manager Dan LaMontagne congratulated the newly sworn-in commissioners and said he would be giving an update to the board on Tuesday regarding the cyber incident that knocked out the county's network, phone and email Oct. 28. He did not provide any other updates except to say that the county was in "recovery mode."

Commissioner Howard,

who previously served as the board's chairperson, addressed CCS Superintendent Derrick Jordan's departure from the district during her commissioner's report. Jordan will leave his current role in 2021 to join the staff of N.C. Superintendent-elect Catherine Truitt at the state's Department of

Public Instruction.

"We will work together to work together with our school district — and we have one of the best relationships between county and school district," she said regarding the search for an interim superintendent. "I want to reiterate, first of all, our great loss in losing Dr. Jordan,

but our assurance that the school district will find a replacement ... that will meet all of the challenges that lie ahead."

The board's next regular session meeting will take place on Dec. 21.

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'I'm really happy to be here,' said Franklin Gomez Flores at the Board of Commissioners' meeting on Monday. He was sworn in as the Dist. 5 commissioner — replacing Republican Andy Wilkie and officially becoming Chatham's first Latino representative on the board.

An advertisement for Raleigh Street Gallery. It features a collage of images: a small Christmas tree on a table, shelves filled with white ceramic pottery, and a table with more Christmas decorations. The text "CREATE MEMORIES, AND TREASURED GIFTS, IN OUR PAINT YOUR OWN STUDIO!" is written in a stylized font. Below the images, it says "Current Hours : Tues - Fri 10 to 4:30 and Sat 10 to 3" and "RALEIGH STREET GALLERY". At the bottom, it says "Located in downtown Siler City at 120 W Raleigh St (919) 663-6278 • www.facebook.com/raleighstreetgallery".

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79TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR

‘Day of Infamy’ struck Chatham hard

BY BOB WACHS

News + Record Correspondent

It’s been 79 years since President Franklin D. Roosevelt described Dec. 7 as a day that “would live in infamy.”

The 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor may have faded from the collective memory, but Tony Mann of the Ararat community in Surry County — his house be-decked with memorabilia and memories — vividly remembers.

It was the day his cousin and great uncle, both Chatham County natives, were killed.

At 8 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, 19-year-old Army private Joseph Lockard — monitoring the Hawaiian island Oahu — was the first to notice something amiss.

Something on the radar screen was “larger than anything I had ever seen on radar before,” he said many years later. “I knew that something wasn’t right. I just didn’t know what.”

Lockard reported his observations to his superior, who told him not to worry — what he was seeing was likely a group of U.S. bombers returning from California.

A few minutes later, Lockard and his co-worker headed to their base for breakfast and saw smoke rising from Pearl Harbor. That “something” he and his buddy saw turned out to be airplanes from the Imperial Navy of Japan primed for a surprise attack on the American naval base at Pearl Harbor, an attack that killed 2,400 American servicemen, wounded 1,100 more and damaged or destroyed 20 vessels — including eight battleships — and about 300 fighter aircraft.

There were two waves of attacks that morning, and when the second was over, among those 2,400 casualties were two young sailors from Chatham County: Charles Willis Mann, Tony Mann’s cousin, age 20, of Pittsboro, who served on the USS West Virginia, and William Teasdale Durham, Tony’s great uncle, age 22, from a community north of Bynum, who was aboard the USS Arizona.

Both held the rank of Seaman First Class, whose requirements, the Navy said, were to know naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling, to stand watch and perform gunnery duties.

Both sailors were battleship crew members. Mann was on the West Virginia, also known as the “Wee Vee,” which was hit by nine torpedoes, a quarter of all the Japanese torpedo strikes that day. After the attacks, the Wee Vee listed 15 degrees before quick action from the crew prevented it from capsizing. Fires broke out all across the ship, in part



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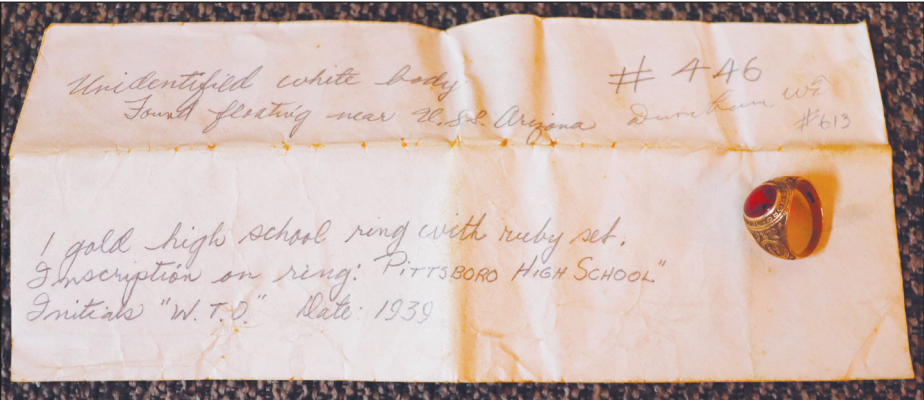
Tony Mann holds a photograph of his great uncle, William Durham, who was serving aboard the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Durham was killed in the Japanese attack, which launched the U.S. into World War II. Mann also holds one of Durham’s uniforms, which had been freshly-laundered and was retrieved from the wreckage of the Arizona.

from explosions and in part from the inferno of the most-damaged ship, the USS Arizona, which was leaking oil. As flames consumed the ship, crew sought refuge on the battleship USS Tennessee, directly inboard of the West Virginia.

The sailors regrouped, began damage control and fought flames for 30 hours with hoses from the Tennessee. But eventually, the ship sank, and 106 died. (In time, the water in the hull was pumped out and the ship refitted enough to sail to the Puget Sound Navy Yard, where she was completely refurbished and sailed back to Pearl Harbor, continuing to fight in the Pacific throughout World War II. After numerous battles there, the West Virginia was present in Tokyo Bay when Japan formally surrendered Sept. 2, 1945.)

Durham was a crew member on the Arizona, whose sinking has been well documented. The death blow for the mighty warship came at 8:06 a.m. when a 1,760-pound Japanese armor-piercing bomb penetrated the Arizona’s decks 40 feet from the bow, igniting one million pounds of gunpowder kept for the ship’s 14-inch guns. More than 1,170 crewmen were killed; there were only 334 survivors.

Charles Mann and Will Durham’s exploits and heroism could easily have been



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

William Durham’s Class of 1939 ring from Pittsboro High School, which was on his hand when his body was recovered after the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

lost among the thousands of like stories from that day, but their lives are well documented thanks to Tony. Among the items in his home are photographs, letters, written materials and service records, uniforms, medals and other artifacts from his two relatives. Some are especially meaningful to Mann, including the letter from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox in which he wrote Durham’s parents, which said, in part: “It is hoped that you may find comfort in the thought that he made the supreme sacrifice upholding the highest traditions of the Navy in the defense of his country.”

Tony also has the Pittsboro High School Class of 1939 ring used to identify Durham’s body, which was found, like many others, floating in the water after the attack. And there’s a still-wrapped package from the ship’s cleaners, containing one of Durham’s freshly pressed uniforms.

Today, the two servicemen rest in cemeteries in adjoining counties.

Durham, who enlisted in March 1940 and came onto the Arizona that September, is buried in the Lystra Baptist Church cemetery.

Mann, whose family was part of the Browns Chapel Church community north of Pittsboro, enlisted in May of 1940 and came on board the West Virginia in September. His parents, O.W. and Sibie Mann, operated a store at the intersection of N.C. Hwy. 87 and Castle Rock Farm Road and are buried in the Browns Chapel Church cemetery. Charles Mann is buried at the Raleigh National Cemetery, a 7-acre military burial site. There is a memorial picture of him, made from a family photograph, in the fellowship hall of Browns Chapel.

Military service is a strong common thread among that larger Chatham family. In addition to Charles Mann and William Durham, there was a third sailor in the

family — Clarence Durham, a crew member of the USS Comstock, who participated in a venture known as “Operation Wigwam,” held 500 miles off the California coast and designed to evaluate how well submarines could withstand atomic blasts.

Once his time of service was over, Clarence Durham returned to the family farm off Andrews Store Road in north Chatham where members of the Durham family have farmed the soil for 290 years. Originally part of an English land grant, the property has been in the family since Chatham County was part of Orange County. On that soil, Clarence and other family members, including his nephew Jeff Herndon, made hay, raised hogs — sometimes as many as 400 at a time — Charolais and Red Angus cattle, and even had a dairy. For 20 years while he farmed, Clarence was also a rural mail carrier.

“He and his brother Gene both worked for the post office,” Tony Mann said. “Gene was postmaster and Clarence delivered the mail.”

They got a safety pin for every year they had no accidents. Both of them got pins for all 20 years.

“For 24 years on the farm,” Tony said, “Jeff was a lifesaver. He did so much to keep things going and help Clarence in so many ways as he grew older.”

Now as younger members of the extended family come along, the tradition of military service to country is continuing. Tony Mann’s son, Lt. Caleb Mann was a member of the first graduating class from Campbell University with a degree in Homeland Security. Today, he’s the Executive Officer for Military Police at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

“He has an interest in the family history,” Tony said. “I’m glad. It’s important. We need to save it.”




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REX THOMAS JESSUP



Rex Thomas Jessup, 87, of Siler City passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at Carter Living Center in Durham.

Mr. Jessup was born April 19, 1933, a Chatham County native, the son of Levi Martin and Doasha Mae Tilley Jessup. Rex was an Army veteran serving in the Korean Conflict. He attended CCCC earning a degree in Industrial Maintenance. He also taught small engine repair. Rex spent his working years at Collins & Aikman

as a weave room Shift Supervisor. He was a member of Rives Chapel Baptist Church. He loved woodworking, and spending time outside bird watching. Rex was an amazing cook.

In addition to his parents, Rex is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Vera Louise Phillips Jessup, sisters, Bessie Brewer, Eva Ward, June Dixon, Mary Ellen Creason, and brothers, Boyd, Howard, Lester, Levi Jr., and Marvin Jessup.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Amedisys Hospice, Brookdale Assisted Living in Burlington, and Carver Living Center.

Rex is survived by his daughter, Wendy J. Bullis and husband Michael of Siler City; sisters, Linda J. Sink of Winston- Salem, Inez J. Brown of Siler City, Laura J. Hauser of Walkertown, Rachel J. Johnson of Siler City; and brother, Richard Jessup of Wilmington.

Mr. Jessup will lie in repose on Sunday, December 6, 2020, from 1-5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, N.C. The funeral will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home with Dr. Tripp Foltz officiating. Burial will follow at Rives Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Siler City.

Memorials may be made to the Rives Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 4338 Rives Chapel Church Road, Siler City, N.C. 27344 or the Parkinson Association of The Carolinas, 5970 Fairview Road, Suite 725, Charlotte, N.C. 28210.

Smith & Buckner assisted the Jessup family.

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

JAMES DONALD THORNTON



James Donald Thornton of Siler City, passed away on December 5, 2020.

He was born October 18, 1946, in Asheville, N.C., to the late William Walter Thornton and Virginia Goldsmith Thornton Hyde. He graduated from TC Roberson High School and A-B Tech in Asheville.

He is survived by his sister, Anne Thornton Wood (James) of Boones Mill, Virginia; a nephew, Dale Wood (Sheri) and niece Pamela Brown

(Dean); his ex-wife and still best friend, Vickey Utter and her sons, Everett and Bruce.

He proudly served with the 26th US Marines, 1st Battalion, Delta Co. and was in Vietnam for two years. While there he was at the battle of Khe Sanh where many of his fellow Marines gave their lives and in one of his last emails to his sister, he said, “They are rolling in their graves with what is going on in America today.”

After moving to Siler City, he was “adopted” by Ronnie and Hilda White and their family, but it was Cody that changed his life after Vietnam. Cody, who is a very special young person took away many of the awful memories that the horrors of war leave in our Veterans. Don was a true patriot and conservative and was concerned about the future of America and our young people.

There will be no service at this time because of COVID-19. In memory of Don, a donation can be made in honor of Cody to Chatham Trades at P.O. Box 511, Siler City N.C. 27344. (chathamtrades.org)

Please stand for the flag.

Services entrusted to Midstate Cremation & Funeral Service.

LILLIE LORRAINE PORTER BOULDIN



Lille Lorraine Porter Bouldin, age 85, of Pittsboro, died Saturday, December 5, 2020, at her home.

She was born in Johnson, Kansas on August 24, 1935, to the late Edwin Reed Porter and Helen Loreine Amerine Porter.

As fate would have it, Lille met her future husband, Charlie, while he was stationed in the Army at Fort Carson, Colorado, while Lillie was living in Pueblo, Colorado, with her family. She said she fell for those big,

brown, puppy-dog eyes of his. Before long she was married to him and moving to Pittsboro, N.C., to be his helpmate on the farm. For 43 years she worked by his side on the dairy farm every day, seven days a week while taking care of numerous baby animals, maintaining a home and garden, helping care for her mother and father-in-law, making biscuits and mashed potatoes every night for supper, all while raising four loving daughters.

When Charlie passed away in 2000, Lillie retired, enabling her to spend more time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enabling her a much-deserved change of pace. Now once again, she is at Charlie’s side. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Bouldin, brother; LaVer Porter, two sisters; Sandy Porter and Melva Walthour and son, baby boy Bouldin.

Surviving relatives include four daughters, Charlene Trent and husband Henry of Burlington, Donna Moore and husband Brian of Eden, Glenda Boulding of Pittsboro, Connie Roach and husband Perry of Nashville, Tennessee; two sisters, Verna Wolf and husband Don of Texas, Karen Porter of Las Vegas, Nevada; four grandchildren, Lee Moore, Derrick Andrews, Lydie Turner, Addie Roach, and two great-grandchildren, Lily Moore and William Turner.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church Gymnasium with Pastor Steve Moore presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Lillie’s memory to Son Shine & Blessings, 290 Lindo Johnson Road, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312 or Chatham County Council on Aging, P.O. Box 715, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Bouldin family.

BETTY LOU ‘LULU’ WRIGHT OWENS

Betty Lou “Lulu” Wright Owens, 89, of Fuquay-Varina passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Windsor Point Retirement Community.

There was a private memorial service on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Oakwood Cemetery in Siler City with Rev. William Sabiston officiating.

Mrs. Owens was born December 13, 1930, the daughter of William Martin and Myrtle Deree Pennington Wright. She attended Women’s College in Greensboro, the Commercial College of Asheville, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, Betty is preceded in death by her husband, Horace C. “Dixie” Owens, a brother, William Floyd Wright, and sister, Nancy Wright White.

There was no immediate family.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 1101 West Raleigh Street, PO Box 212, Siler City, NC 27344.

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

CHARLES ALBERT COVINGTON

Mr. Charles Albert Covington, 102, passed away Friday, December 4, 2020, at his residence.

Arrangements by Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

MAGGIE E. BAINES

Mrs. Maggie E. Baines, 84, of Siler City passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020, in Burlington.

Arrangements by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

ELMUS LEE DOWDY, JR.

Elmus Lee Dowdy Jr., 78, of Goldston, passed away Monday, December 7, 2020, at his home.

Arrangements by Knotts and Son Funeral Home, Siler City.

REBECCA (SMALL) GAUL

Mrs. Rebecca Small Gaul, 90, of Sanford, passed away Friday, December 4, 2020, at her residence.

Attangements by Knotts Funeral Home.

PAUL DYLAN POPE

Paul Dylan Pope, 27, of Sanford, passed away Friday, December 4, 2020.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Grace Chapel Church with Pastor Joel Murr and Pastor Brad Marona presiding. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Friends and family may come by the funeral home Friday, December 11, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home for viewing.

Dylan was born in Lee County on July 12, 1993, to Paul Scott Pope and Pansy Doby Pope. Dylan worked as a service technician and was self-employed. He was preceded in death by maternal grandmother Patsy Doby and paternal grandfather William Pope.

Surviving relatives include his parents, Scott and Pansy Pope; wife, Brenn Pope; daughter, Paisley Pope;and brother, Jordan Pope, all of Sanford; grandparents, Russell Doby of Sanford and Sue Pope of Cameron.

Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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

MARGARITA AQUINO HELMS

Margarita Aquino Helms, 46, of Chapel Hill, died Friday, December 4, 2020, at the Jim & Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice Home.

There are no services planned at this time.

Margarita was born in Manhattan, N.Y., on August 7, 1974, to the late Jose and Barbara Morley Aquino.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Eric Helms of Chapel Hill and one son, Eric Helms II.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorial contributions be made in Margarita’s memory to the Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Health Care, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

ENOCH WILLARD HILL

Enoch Willard Hill, 91, of Bennett, passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at his home.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020, at Fall Creek Baptist Church, where he was a member, with Rev. George Townsend and Pastor Bob Lovett presiding.

The viewing room at Joyce-Brady Chapel was open on Thursday from 12 to 5 p.m. for those wishing to pay their respects.

Willard was born in Chatham County March 7, 1929, to Enoch Powers Hill and Roxie Brewer Hill. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. Willard was a hard worker and a lifelong farmer, raising chickens and cattle. He loved his family, friends and his dogs. He especially loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ola Mae Hill, of the home; son, Ricky Hill (Tami) of Bennett; daughter, Renee Key (Chris) of Bennett; grandchildren, Chad Hill (Amanda), Alicia Riggan (Ryan), and Hillary Walters; great-grandchildren, Collin Hill, Brooklyn Riggan; and a host of family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Fall Creek Baptist Church General Fund, 1745 Fall Creek Church Rd., Bennett, NC 27208.

Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

Joyce-Brady Chapel was honored to serve the Hill Family.

ELVIN RAY MOORE JR.

Elvin Ray Moore Jr., 35, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at his home.

The family will hold a memorial service at their home.

He was born in Lee County, on March 10, 1985, the son of Elvin Ray Moore Sr. and Darlene Cook.

He is survived by his parents and his wife, Leslie Hall Moore of the home; children, Gavin Moore, Railey Moore, Gauge Moore, Madilyn Moore, Payton Moore and Pearce Moore.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to Smith Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com.

JAMES SCOTT

James Scott, 64, of Lemon Springs, passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at FirstHealth Hospice.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at Sanford Community Church with Pastor Ruth Holder, Pastor Randy Buchanan and Pastor Hilda Rosser officiating. Burial will follow in Lemon Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery.

He was born in Siler City on August 4, 1956, to the late Colon and Mary Scott. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Colon (Buddy) Scott. James worked many years at Tyson.

James is survived by his wife, Minnie Scott; daughters, Pamela Scott of Pittsboro, Michelle Alarcon Scott of Siler City; step-sons, Adam Godfrey of Olivia, Kevin Godfrey of Lemon Springs; two sisters, Emma Scott Smith of Pittsboro, Edna Scott of Bear Creek; brother, David Scott of Broadway; 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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

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Siler City board addresses mayor vacancy, prepares for new year in final meeting of 2020

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — In its final meeting of 2020, Siler City’s board of commissioners addressed the vacancy at mayor before attending to several housekeeping matters to usher in the new year. It has been almost two months since Mayor John Grimes passed away. Out of respect for the long-time Siler City leader, the commissioners did not address the vacancy he left until their previous meeting, and then they only scheduled a more rigorous discussion for the future. On Monday, they at last decided how to proceed.

“So, what does the board want to do at this point in time?” asked Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Bray. “Do you want to wait, do you want to appoint someone, does someone want to say, ‘Yes, I want to be mayor,’ or what do we want to do?”

Unlike a vacant commissioner’s seat, the role of mayor must necessarily be filled following

an incumbent’s death, as per town ordinance. Bray has already been acting as mayor pro tem since before Grimes passed away.

Commissioner Chip Price, though always respectful of his late friend Grimes, has been the board’s most vocal proponent of appointing a replacement mayor rather than waiting until next year’s November election. But in light of the board’s general feeling in previous weeks, Price was the first on Monday to suggest officially tabling the matter and continuing without a permanent mayor for the time being.

“Based on what the discussion has been,” Price said, “I thought of tabling it and letting it go, operating the way we’ve been operating, and if the need arises later on, we can do something.”

Other commissioners agreed and commended Bray for the job she has done assuming the mayor’s responsibilities in recent months. In a unanimous decision, they elected to reappoint Bray as mayor pro tem,

a position she is likely to maintain at least until next year’s election when her seat will be up for reelection along with Tony Siler’s (Dist. 1) and Lewis Fadely’s (Dist. 5).

“The town seems to be working pretty good,” she said. “I’m not that great, I screw up every meeting, but we’re still going OK, right?”

Bray’s modesty was met with laughter and approval.

Housekeeping

Monday served as the board’s annual organizational meeting. Much of its time was dedicated to routine matters that require yearly renewal.

First, the commissioners passed a new public comment policy with two minor but noteworthy changes. In 2021, the policy will not stipulate a specific meeting time, a practical measure designed to afford the board greater liberty to adjust its meetings should the commissioners feel so inclined.

Of particular note for Siler City residents interested in speaking

before the board: the public comment section reserved for citizens will now move to the first monthly board of commissioners meeting. It has been part of the agenda for the second monthly meeting since 2005.

Each year, the commissioners must also appoint board members to serve on its five board committees. The board elected to keep its same representatives moving into 2021 with one adjustment — Commissioner Lewis Fadely will now serve as the alternate delegate to the Triangle J Council of Governments, a position which had been vacant.

The town’s committees and appointees for 2021 include:

- Chatham Chamber of Commerce — Curtis Brown
- Chatham County Affordable Housing Committee — Chip Price, with Town Manager Roy Lynch as alternate
- Siler City Development Organization — Curtis Brown
- Triangle J Council of Governments — Bill Haiges, with Lewis Fadely serving as alternate
- North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 8 Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee — Curtis Brown

Siler City residents interested in learning more about any of the aforementioned committees or in discussing their functions with the appropriate town rep-

resentative may contact each respective commissioner at the emails and numbers listed on Siler City’s website.

Town salaries

As the coronavirus pandemic worsened and Siler City’s general fund came under strain, the board of commissioners decided to pause its routine of pay increases to town staff until the town’s fiscal health rebounded. After several months of evaluation, Lynch announced Monday that the budget is stable enough to proceed with regular payroll practice.

“Revenues have been performing a little better than anticipated,” he said. “So, tonight, at this point, we do feel confident that the trends will continue as they have over the last five months.”

Lynch suggested the town’s budget would even support accounting for the pay increases Siler City had forgone earlier in the pandemic.

“Looking at the figures where we’re continuing to be over budget, I think we did the right thing in taking a very conservative view of the budget,” Commissioner Haiges said, “and I think given the fact that we have performed better, I think we should be sharing the benefit with our employees who have done such an incredible job through all of this.”

Haiges recommended the board retroactively pay for performance rais-

es and general compensation increases back to the start of the fiscal year which began in July — a total of \$44,372 across all town employees.

“I think it would be great, if we can do it, to begin the new pay scale at the beginning of January and give (town employees) a lump sum bonus here in December,” he said. “... That would be to me a great way to say thank you and also Merry Christmas.”

The board agreed and voted unanimously to proceed with that plan of action.

Manager’s report

Lynch kept his comments brief, but his primary message was one of thanks. Far-reaching consequences of the coronavirus pandemic and social unrest have tested the board’s capacity in 2020 to manage the town effectively, but its commissioners rallied to meet the challenge. Despite unprecedented circumstances, Siler City is moving into the new year with relative stability.

“First and foremost, I do want to say thank you to the board on behalf of staff for your support and your commitment,” Lynch said. “... COVID set in and the board had to make some difficult decisions, but thank you. And I’m sure others as well will be expressing their thank yous.”

Reporter D. Lars Dolder can be reached at dldolder@chathamnr.com and on Twitter @dldolder.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ACROSS

1 Played golf on the green

7 Baseball card company

12 Indy sponsor

15 Andy's pal

19 Ryan and Tatum

20 Little Mermaid's name

21 Superman's love interest

23 Kitschy lawn adornment (1997)

25 Rotating part in a water pump

26 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir.

27 Fraternal org. with lodges

28 Canine with gray brindled fur (1993)

30 Carnival treat on a stick (1998)

35 Loch monster, informally

36 Shoe parts

37 Piccolo's kin

39 Skin art

43 Retail store's beginning?

44 Rice — (food brand)

46 Iowa college

48 Woman on "Frasier"

49 Plant also called bachelor's button (1958)

53 Glitzy display (1993)

57 Verse tribute

58 Counterpart of masc.

59 Test versions

60 Old- (quaint)

61 Sky, to the U.S. Air Force (2003)

66 Tax-deferred svgs. plan

67 Nestlé movie theater treats

68 Zadora of "Butterfly"

69 "That's a big yes from me!"

73 "Criminal Minds" airer

74 Grassland on the slope of a peak (1998)

78 Pond growth

81 Curt

82 P.O. arrival

83 Hip-hop "Dr."

84 Plant rolled about by the wind (1993)

86 Makeup of many dunes (1998)

90 Deg. for a future exec

91 Large tank

92 Novelist Jong

94 Often-refined resource

95 Capitol group

98 Life story: Abbr.

99 Gets by kindness ...

103 Lose all feeling

106 Both pleasant and sad (1958)

109 "The final frontier" (1998)

113 See 54-Down

114 Caustic alkali

115 Muscle rotating the forearm to a palm-down position

116 What each of this puzzle's featured answers is (with the year it was introduced)

121 Lily Tomlin's little girl persona

122 Confine

123 Spelunking chamber

124 Pecans, e.g.

125 "Norma —"

126 Hops-drying ovens

127 Sports deals

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1 "Nova" genre, for short

2 Togetherness

3 Doctrines

4 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..."

5 Pixieish sort

6 WWW access inits.

7 Florida port

8 Sky hunter

9 Missed badly

10 Wooden pin

11 Vegas fixture

12 Gloppy stuff

13 Burial places

14 Calumet part

15 100% wrong

16 St. — (French resort)

17 Like Nash's "Iama"

18 Fledgling slave

22 Opera — (many a Handel work)

24 Basic skills

29 Suffix with hero

31 Smallish city

32 Royal Norse name

33 Little — (Dickens girl)

34 Yang go-with

38 Tried to hit, as a clay target

40 British trolley

41 Leak slowly

42 Rocker

44 — bit (just slightly)

45 — Martin (cognac)

46 Energy mogul at sunset

47 Pound divs.

49 Dairy animals

50 Norse god

51 Move, in Realtor lingo

52 "Just the Two —" (1981 hit)

54 With 113-Across, had some humble pie

55 Based on — story

56 Fancy crown

59 Square in the first bingo-card column

62 Mr. T movie

63 Biblical tower setting

64 Old hi-fi buys

65 "The Da Vinci Code" group

66 Suffix with hero

69 Apropos of

70 Old Icelandic saga

71 Michael who played Worf

72 Had liabilities

74 Confront

75 Often-refined resource

76 Sir Guinness

77 "— boy!"

78 S&L devices

79 Garage job

80 Certain Fed

81 Pan Am rival

85 Planet seen at sunset, old-style

86 Canon or Sony products, for short

87 Wave sound

88 Baking pans

89 Deli dish

93 Steal from

96 Go-betweens

97 Yeshiva text

98 Telly network

99 Cry feebly

100 Solidified

101 Pal of Pooh

102 Ships' backs

104 "Once — midnight dreary ..."

105 Seine feeder

107 "Taste this"

108 Cel figures

109 Not closed

110 Language of Pakistan

111 "Snap —!"

112 Canyon effect

117 Actor Stephen

118 Be a thespian


119 Road vehicle

120 Eggs

Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Dr. Heather Marie Hoffman & Dr. Mohamed A. Hakim of Ann Arbor, MI. announce the birth of their daughter, Heidi Marie Hakim, born November 26, 2020 Heidi weighed 7lbs and 12.5oz.



Heidi will join a two-year old brother, Zane Maxwell Hakim.

Her maternal grandparents are: Dr. Byron J. Hoffman, Jr. and Erika Hoffman of Chatham County, NC Her paternal grandparents are: Dr. Magda Shady of Mansoura, Egypt and the late Dr. Abdelhakim Shawki of Saudi Arabia.



web page is also available en Español at chathamnc.org/incidenteciber.

The community is encouraged to monitor chathamnc.org, particularly the web pages mentioned above, and the county’s social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor) for updates.

“Updates on the restoration of services/systems will continue to be provided,” LaMontagne said. “We appreciate the community’s continued and support and patience as we continue to work through this situation.”

Regional Aging Advisory Council seeks representatives

The Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) has an Advisory Council on Aging that advises its Area Agency on Aging about policies and programs that affect older persons in the seven-county region that includes Chatham.

Each of the seven counties has representatives. Chatham County is seeking to fill a vacancy; the person would be appointed by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners.

While meetings of the Advisory Council are currently being held virtually because of COVID-19, the Council would normally meet on the third Tuesday of every other month at the TJCOG office in the Research Triangle Park. This is a volunteer position and there is no reimbursement of travel expenses.

Representation from western Chatham County is especially welcomed. If you are interested in being considered for an appointment to the Advisory Council, contact Dennis Streets at 919-542-4512 or email, dennis.streets@chathamcoa.org.

—CN+R staff reports

Robinhood’s Kitchen donating meals to CORA, helping eliminate food waste

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — As COVID-19 continues to limit the number of customers dining out, many restaurants are buying less food produce than is typical — particularly produce that is completely edible, but less likely to sell in a market due to minor damages or an unappealing appearance.

In Chatham County, Danielle McComas noticed this particularly among farmers, who, despite making donations to local food pantries, were still ending up with a lot of wasted produce.

She decided to do something about it. That’s when the idea for Robinhood’s Kitchen was born.

“The work of our kitchen is so important because food is medicine, and it should be delicious,” McComas said.

The kitchen, housed in Angelina’s Kitchen in Pittsboro, works with local farmers to create meals out of donated produce, to be delivered to Chatham Outreach Alliance (CORA) each Monday. So far, the Robinhood Kitchen’s team — consisting of McComas, Angelina’s Kitchen owner Angelina Kay, Moya Hallstein and Sarah Sligh — has completed two weeks of food donations, making 100 quarts of soup, 38 salads and 20 quiches.

“This is their brain-child,” Kay said of McComas and Hallstein, who she affectionately labeled



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

‘We have the resources needed to make possibly wasted food get into the stomach’s of these families,’ said Angelina Kay of the newly formed Robinhood’s Kitchen. She’s pictured here with co-organizer Moya Hallstein, as they work to prepare salads for Monday’s donation.

as the group’s “mastermind” and “energizer bunny.” (She named herself the team’s “bossy girl and kitchen provider” and deemed Sligh, who also works at Angelina’s Kitchen, the “kitchen queen.”)

“I got sucked in,” Kay said, laughing. “But I can never say no to CORA.” Currently, the group is working to file for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status so they can formally accept monetary donations and hopefully become an official nonprofit one day. For now, Kay said donations can be made in the form of cash or check to Angelina’s Kitchen.

In Chatham County, one in nine people are struggling with food insecurity, as reported by North Carolina Health News in 2019, which is slightly less than the statewide average of one in seven. Still, with more

than 68,000 residents, that’s 7,480 people.

“There’s huge food insecurity in Chatham,” Hallstein said. She helped brainstorm the idea for Robinhood’s Kitchen with McComas, a CORA volunteer, after also noticing how much edible (but “not the prettiest”) food was being thrown out when it wasn’t sold. So after running the idea by CORA and learning they only needed a commercial kitchen in order to donate homemade food, they decided to make soup.

“Nobody should be hungry — it makes me want to cry when I think about children coming home from school or having a refrigerator that’s not well stocked,” Hallstein said. “So it seems like a natural thing to do. We just thought, well, there’s all this surplus produce, and there’s a need, and we can make soup.”



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

‘We are hoping to do this indefinitely,’ said Kay of Robinhood’s Kitchen’s operations.

Soon after, the pair reached out to Kay, who was more than willing to offer up her kitchen for the group’s efforts, Hallstein said. McComas said Kay and Sligh have been so generous with their time and the kitchen space. Ultimately, the group’s “soup shenanigans,” as Kay calls them, are about food equity — not just giving people leftovers, but healthy, nutritious food.

“Access to healthy foods is one of the first lines of defense for public health,” said McComas, who works as a nurse and said she sees many clients without access to healthy foods. “Making these things accessible to this community is essential to changing how our health care system interacts with the public and allows people to progress as individuals and creates solidarity.”

Volunteer opportunities to help with the cooking are currently limited due to limiting the number of people in

the kitchen to maintain social distancing. Still, Kay said the group is always looking for food donations (particularly olive oil, rice, noodles and spices) and volunteer shoppers for the group.

“I know that we’re on a high right now, because it just started and people are really offering volunteer hours or offering money or offering food,” Kay said. “I know that January and February will be more challenging — because of many different reasons, but we are hoping to do this indefinitely.”

Eventually, the group is hoping to add another certified kitchen where they can prepare food, in order to include more volunteers and spread the weight from Angelina’s Kitchen. The group’s organizers said they’re super appreciative to the farmers who’ve helped make their food donations a reality — particularly Evan Diamond from Chatham Marketplace, Sue and Ken Mashburn of The Plant Factory,

Ben Shields and Patricia Parker from In Good Heart Farm and Meredith Leight from Granite Springs Farm.

“I mean, all of our farmers are willing to pony up,” Kay said. “So we have the resources needed to make possibly wasted food get into the stomach’s of these families.”

Hallstein said she’s been blown away by the volume of donated produce Robinhood’s Kitchen has received and that it was really rewarding to hear from CORA that all the food they brought “went out the door” to families. For now, without a kitchen of their own, the women currently spend a big chunk of Sunday and Monday collecting food donations and then cooking them to drop off by Monday evening. It is a lot of work, but Hallstein said the level of community support — and the people receiving the food — make all the effort worth it.

“Like Robin Hood, you know, we’re redistributing and creating food,” Hallstein said of the kitchen. “Of course, Robinhood’s has permission — we’re not like stealing from the rich to feed the poor but we’re definitely redistributing.”

For more information on how to donate or volunteer, you can email robinhoodskitchen@gmail.com.

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

‘JUST AN EASYGOING GUY’

Former Chatham Sheriff Don Whitt dies at 80

BY D. LARS DOLDER

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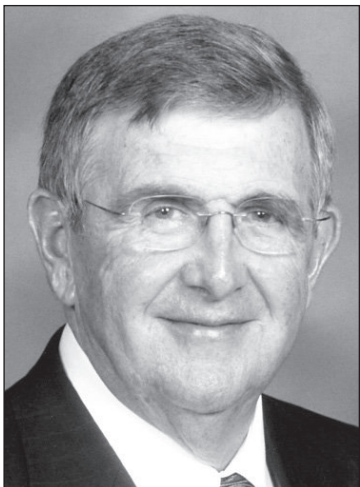
Former Chatham County Sheriff Don Whitt passed away last week at age 80. Friends and workmates remember him as a dedicated civil servant and a calming fixture of county leadership through a turbulent time in American history.

Donald Joseph Whitt was born on December 7, 1939, in Siler City and lived in Chatham for most of his life. Prior to serving in law enforcement, he served six years in the United States Navy where he obtained the rank of 3rd Class Yeoman.

In 1965, Whitt started his career with the sheriff’s department, joining its six-person staff.

“Back then we did everything,” said Larry Hipp, who worked with Whitt at the time. Hipp later went on to serve as Pittsboro’s chief of police. Following Whitt’s death, Hipp became the last surviving member of that 1960s staff.

“With numbers like that, you had to work together,” Hipp said of the understaffed department which notably included a Black deputy. “We were on call 24/7 for two weeks, and then you only had off Saturday and Sunday.”



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Former Chatham County Sheriff Don Whitt passed away last week at age 80.

Hipp laughs now when he recalls the way things used to operate. Besides unbearable scheduling, deputies and officers were expected to supply their own vehicles and received a fixed stipend each month in compensation, regardless of miles driven.

“So there was a wide range of vehicles, as you can imagine,” said Bob Wachs, a former managing editor and reporter at the News + Record who covered the sheriff’s office for most of Whitt’s career. “Some

guys had old patrol cars that the state would retire, but I’ll always remember one fellow had a bright yellow Ford Cobra that would peel rubber from here to the horizon.”

In November 1990, Whitt was appointed as the 35th sheriff of Chatham County. When he took the oath, Chatham had only 38,759 residents. By the time he retired 10 years later, the county’s population had increased almost 30% to more than 49,000.

Through his decades-long career spanning the civil rights movement to the turn of the century, Chatham County underwent dramatic change in more than just size — its demographics and political zeitgeist shifted considerably. But Whitt was a steady and calming figure through the tumult.

“He was just an easygoing guy, real quiet,” Hipp said, “but also the kind of fellow who would hold his own in a situation when he needed to. And he was a real community-oriented person.”

Among his proudest accomplishments as a sheriff, Whitt implemented the Crime Stoppers initiative and was a vocal supporter of youth-oriented programs like Drug Awareness and Resistance Education

(D.A.R.E.) and Child Abuse Resistance Education (C.A.R.E.) in the school system.

“That was Don,” Wachs said. “He genuinely cared about his community, not just getting criminals off the street. Some folks that he might have arrested, who had been his friends, stayed his friends after the fact. And I remember a couple of times folks came to him and said, ‘Thanks for straightening me out.’”

Whitt was adamant about public service outside the office, as well. He served as past master of Columbus Lodge 102 in Pittsboro and reached the rank of 32nd degree Mason. He also participated in the Chatham County Shrine and was a one-time president of the Pittsboro Kiwanis Club. For his lifetime of service, Whitt received both military and Masonic rites at the time of his burial.

A funeral was held for Whitt last Thursday at the Pittsboro Baptist Church. Wachs, who serves as a pastor at the church, presided over the ceremony along with Rev. Ray Gooch.

“What struck me, and I mentioned this at the service, is I guess the word that would come to mind was Don was

really a servant,” Wachs said. “He was a good-hearted fellow. You know, none of us are perfect — we’ve all got our warts and beauty marks and all that kind of stuff — but Don was a good-hearted fellow who did a lot for a lot of folks.”

Even at the end of his life, Whitt preferred to address others’ difficulties, never to acknowledge his own. That’s why his death came as such a surprise.

“It really kind of hurt a bunch of us because we weren’t expecting that,” Wachs said. “Everybody knew Don had some lung issues and his heart, but he kept on working, he was never a lazy guy ... We will miss Don, the community at large, we loved him. I’m sure in a lot of ways we don’t know yet just how much we will miss him.”

Whitt’s family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in Don’s memory to Pittsboro Baptist Church or the American Heart Association. Condolences may be made at donaldsonfunerals.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lions Club seeks members for Pittsboro Club

Will you consider joining the oldest, the largest, most diverse community service organization in the world? Are you willing to team up with others in your local community to help fill the needs of families, friends, and neighbors who are experiencing challenges with sight, hearing, pediatric cancer, hunger, diabetes, and other issues?

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information by calling (919) 545-4729. For additional information about Lions Clubs International check out our website at www.lionsclubs.org/en.

Chatham Marketplace selects United Way as December ‘round up’ beneficiary

PITTSBORO — Chatham Marketplace has selected the United Way of Chatham County as its December beneficiary of its monthly round up campaign. Chatham Marketplace clients will be given the option to round up their total to the next dollar, or, to round up even more in any amount they wish. One hundred percent of all round up funds will be distributed to

United Way’s agencies and will stay in Chatham County.

Evan Diamond, the store’s general manager, said Chatham Marketplace is committed to advancing the well-being of each community member and serving as a community hub, and its round up campaign is an easy and effective way to serve and keep the community strong.

“United Way lifts our community up out of poverty and that certainly improves the well-being of those impacted,” Diamond said of United Way of Chatham County.

Focusing on education, health, financial stability and basic needs, United Way works to create an environment of opportunity where thousands of families in our communities can have a

chance for a better life.

“We are very thankful for the support that United Way receives from Chatham Marketplace,” said Katie Childs, the United Way’s interim executive director. “With every dollar raised, they are engaging employees and customers in our important work to make sure the people who need help the most receive it during this unprecedented time.”

Chatham Marketplace is a co-operative business owned entirely by members of the community and located in Chatham Mills, 480 Hillsboro St., in Pittsboro. For more information about the United Way of Chatham County and the agencies it serves, visit unitedwayofchathamcounty.org.

—CN+R staff reports

Families in crisis face immediate needs. ‘N2N’ program provides help fast — but needs additional support

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to make its mark, families in Chatham County are suffering. The “Neighbor2Neighbor” program created in Chatham last spring — a joint effort by the News + Record, Abundance NC and the Care-mongering Pittsboro Facebook page — has helped many families. But during this holiday season, many unmet needs exist.

This week, we speak with Abundance NC’s Marcela Slade, the program director for Neighbor2Neighbor / VecinoAVecino and the soon-to-be executive director of Abundance NC, about meeting those needs.

Since March, Slade has been co-ordinating the Neighbor2Neighbor program by connecting people with time and resources with those in need of groceries, food, utility, rent payments and directing them to other community resources when needed.

“At first it was the Latinx community we tapped into because of the promotional support of our program by El Vínculo Hispano in Siler City,” Slade said. “Our own email blasts, newsletters and website as well as the Chatham News + Record have helped us connect with the people willing to help.”

Recently, most of the calls received through the program are from people in need who don’t qualify for DSS help — but need immediate help.

“Most of the people who apply to the Neighbor2Neighbor / VecinoAVecino get the help within a day or a few days,” Slade says. “The process is easy and anyone no matter their status can apply.”

Slade first came to Abundance NC as Event Coordinator for Death Faire 2018. Aside from that work, she serves on the Orange County Arts Commission board, is a curator for Smelt Art Gallery and the Town of Carrboro, teaches spring semester Fashion Illustration at N.C. State’s Wilson College of Textiles and



Graphic courtesy of Abundance NC

Abundance NC’s ‘Neighbor2Neighbor’ program, created in partnership with the News + Record, is seeking donations to help Chatham residents with utility bills and other critical needs during the holidays.

is an active multidisciplinary artist-designer. She currently lives with her husband and two boys in Carrboro.

Since Neighbor2Neighbor’s launch, more than 100 community members have helped about 100 families in Chatham County to the tune of more than \$20,000 worth of groceries, utility bills and more. What’s the overarching lesson or theme you’ve gleaned from this effort, both about the need and the willingness of donors and helpers to step forward?

People are extremely generous and understand abundance and are empathetic to those who have less and are in need. There is definitely enough to share in order to keep up this resilient community of the N.C. Piedmont.

COVID-19 has made life difficult for many, but many people were already suffering and COVID-19 has made it more apparent, visible and it has risen to the surface.

There is not enough help out there for people in poverty, let alone people who are undocumented. We need more affordable housing, affordable or free medical assistance and jobs that don’t judge you by your past mistakes or situation you were born into. The system

seems to adjust just enough to use people who are in poverty in order to profit from them but keeps them in poverty rather than helping them spring into a better place.

Unfortunately, our system makes it difficult to get some of the help. There are many organizations who have CARES money that they need to spend before Dec. 30 or they will have to return. Some of the prerequisites to receive the funds are ridiculous, to name a few: You have to be able to prove you are “chronically” homeless, not just homeless. You have to have loss of work, not just unemployment, otherwise it’s not COVID-19 related. You have to pass a background check.

On top of that the assistance is not immediate; people are in need today, not two weeks plus from now.

Our Neighbor2Neighbor program at Abundance NC helps people in need between one to five days. To us, COVID-19 is a world-wide pandemic; we understand it is a part of everyone’s life right now, no matter how good you have it.

Who knew last Christmas where we’d be in the spring, and who knew in the spring where we’d be this Christmas. Throughout this

time frame, what’s changed about the needs you’re seeing within the community — particularly as it relates to the “unknowns” about the pandemic?

People are getting eviction notices, their basic needs to survive are being taken from them, utilities being shut off ... electricity, water, gas. It’s getting worse as time passes. Having bills accumulate (payment plans) does not relieve the stress. It creates chaos in households and uncertainty for the future. Politicians are not taking immediate action to protect the most vulnerable; they should be passing bills to cover the basic needs of people in poverty during this world wide pandemic ... so that when we come out of this, if we do, they have strength to continue.

What are the “now” needs as we approach Christmas and a new year? What’s most pressing? And what’s the capacity and capability within Chatham of those needs being met?

We need more funds to help people TODAY! Every cent counts! Please donate now if you can, you will help someone stay out of the cold, or keep someone with heat and water in their house!

No matter how much we can get our community members with resources and time to help, we need affordable housing that includes basic utilities now! People who are homeless are spending more money than they should on rent. I have received more than 15 calls in the past week from people who need \$60 to pay a one-night stay at a “hotel.” If they were to stay a whole month that is \$1,800 for a room a month. That’s expensive. The system needs to change, the government, our state and county officials need to work at helping the people who need it most and come up with a way to create affordable, sustainable housing immediately!

Can we talk about connectivity? Abundance NC works in this field, and through N2N you’ve helped connect 50 families in need with other resources in the community to fix a problem. We’re more isolated than we’ve ever been, yet there’s this great need for connectedness. What do we do?

We have some amazing community leaders and organizers like Hilary Pollan, Community Partners Analyst at the Chatham County’s Manager’s Office, who has included Abundance NC on the Chatham Community Partners calls and with her help and that of the other organizations involved we have been interconnected and sending people to where they can get the best help.

Our community needs to stick together until we can fix the overall system. Basic necessities such as housing, food and health should be a right no matter your status ... there is abundance everywhere and if we can spread the word on how to help others, through this program or others like it, we can keep helping people in need right now.

Meanwhile, those of us who can start to make a change, need to get to work on changing systematic poverty for good. We need to create and encourage basic human rights for all, immediately.

What can you tell us about the Holiday Campaign?

Since the beginning of November we have received approximately \$3,700 from our generous donors and have been busy paying utility bills to avoid disconnection and in some cases rent to avoid eviction.

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Jordan-Matthews swim remains a family affair for the Fadelys

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Jordan-Matthews swimming and diving team has a brand new head coach this season. But don't worry: she's already plenty familiar with Jenna Fadely, the Jets' top swimmer.

How familiar?
Well, they've binged dozens of movies together, including plenty from the expansive Marvel Cinematic Universe. They've played together on the same youth basketball team, bickered over whose turn it was to hold the family tabby cats, Pepper and Ginger, and

carpoled together more times than they count.

And, in a very relatable sibling feud they can now laugh about years later, they often found themselves in arguments early on school days when Morgan Fadely started waking up Jenna, her younger sister by five years, at their Siler City home in what she described as "the most obnoxious way possible."

"I'd come in playing really loud music," Morgan said, laughing on a joint Zoom call with Jenna last week. "Or I'd try to sit on her and squish her. But now that's not safe, because she's stron-

ger than I am."

So that means the Fadely sisters shared a room, right?

"Nope," Morgan said. "It was me going *out of my way* to bother her. Honestly, just me trying to get on her nerves is what caused most of our fights." (Jenna smiled and nodded, clearly in agreement.)

In all seriousness, though, the Fadely sisters are excited to see what they can accomplish in this winter's coronavirus-altered NCHSAA swimming and diving season, which officially began Monday.

Considering one of them is a returning senior and All-American who finished



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In her first year as head coach, Jordan-Matthews teacher Morgan Fadely (left) will coach her younger sister, Jenna, a senior on the team.

half a second short of a gold medal in the 100-yard breaststroke last February at the NCHSAA 1A/2A state championships, the Fadelys have a chance to make some noise. And Jenna, 17, thinks Morgan, 22, could be a big boost in her 2021 state title hopes.

"As my sister, she connects

with me better, especially on a mental and emotional level," Jenna said. "She's watched me grow up. She knows how I function. She knows the ins and outs of my mind and what I think and how I operate. And I think that's something really

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Chatham Charter and Woods Charter cross country tackle a 'training race' in Cary

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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CARY — The coaches and runners of Chatham Charter and Woods Charter cross country alike had the same overarching thought about last Wednesday's conference meet: it was a tune-up.

That's not to discount their scores. Both the Knights and the Wolves want and need to get faster after a decisive loss to first-place finisher Research Triangle and runner-up Cornerstone Charter of Greensboro. But the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference opponents are staying realistic. They understand Rome wasn't built in day.

"For a race typically about getting the rust off, I was really impressed," Woods Charter head coach Karen Hawkins said.

When the first air horn sounded around 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at WakeMed Soccer Park, starting the men's five-kilometer race, it marked the season opener for the Wolves and just the second meet for the Knights since the NCHSAA cross



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Woods Charter sophomore Maddie Sparrow (right) finished third in last week's Central Tar Heel 1A Conference meet.

country regular season began Nov. 16.

And by the time the women's five-kilometer race wrapped up an hour and change later, Chatham Charter and Woods Charter had plenty to work on going forward — plus a few bright spots.

In the men's race, it was Brandon McKoy, the Chatham Charter junior who qualified for last fall's NCHSAA 1A state meet. He glided in for a second-place 17:34.84 finish — a full minute ahead of third place — to log the best score of any Chatham County

runner, men's or women's, at the meet.

That's a positive. The negative? For the second consecutive race, McKoy couldn't beat out Research Triangle's Liam Johnston, a junior newcomer to the sport who outpaced him in a dual meet two weeks

ago on Chatham Charter's campus and on Wednesday, too. Johnston finished in 17:25.88.

"I couldn't close it quite as well as I wanted to, and I really think that's what caused the

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2-3 through five matches, Northwood volleyball wants to learn lessons from its losses

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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CHAPEL HILL — At times last Thursday, Northwood was right there: skying up for kills, holding long rallies and playing generally clean and crisp volleyball against another excellent conference opponent.

But those ephemeral stretches simply weren't enough against a far more consistent East Chapel Hill squad, which kept the visiting Chargers at arm's length all night long in a 3-0 sweep.

"I don't think we had a strong point at all ..." Northwood head coach Krista McGovern said afterward. "Our hitting was off. Our passing was off. Our blocking was off. It was just hard to pull it together."

Senior Kennedy Cox and junior Hannah Forbes, the Chargers' two team captains, concurred. Northwood didn't get completely blown out — the team lost 25-19, 25-14 and 25-15 — but something still felt off. "We were definitely putting



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Northwood's volleyball team huddles during a Dec. 3 conference match on the road at East Chapel Hill.

all of our effort out there," Forbes said. "Some days, it just falls short ... I don't think we'll let it get to us."

Take the first set, for example, which in hindsight may have been Northwood's best and only chance to take control of the match. The Chargers got down early but hung within a few points; as the set progressed, they trailed 12-9, 14-11, 17-15 and 19-16, always within striking distance.

Two quick points later, though — and the Wildcats got a lot of those quick points, as four players had five or more kills and the team had 28 in total — it was 21-16 East Chapel

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NCHSAA AND CORONAVIRUS Basketball season, COVID-19 headlined winter meeting agenda

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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Last week was a busy one for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

With three sports currently in season and basketball teams starting official practices Monday, the association's board of directors met last Wednesday and Thursday over Zoom for its annual winter meetings and voted on a slew of action items, many of them coronavirus-related.

The NCHSAA also finalized 2021-25 realignment data — which determines each member school's 1A, 2A, 3A or 4A classification — and shared that information with schools and media last Friday.

Here's a rundown of last week's news and how it relates to Chatham County athletics.

No 2020-21 schedule changes

The board of directors voted to make "no alterations"



to its 2020-21 modified sports calendar.

Most notably, that kept men's and women's basketball teams on track to start their season as scheduled with official practices Dec. 7 and official competitions on Jan. 4. Players must wear masks at all times.

Considering NCHSAA commissioner Que Tucker acknowledged last month pushing back basketball season was a possibility, the news was a bit surprising. Jerry Simmons, the board president and New Bern High's principal, said conversation sur-

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CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

This week’s schedule and last week’s results

<p>BY CHAPEL FOWLER News + Record Staff</p> <p>Chatham County’s five high schools logged a third week of volleyball and cross country competitions after a layoff for Thanksgiving break. Here’s a rundown of this week’s schedules and last week’s results.</p>	<p>Volleyball: Chatham Central volleyball at North Carolina Leadership Academy, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Dec. 10 Volleyball: Woods Charter at Chatham Charter, 6 p.m. Volleyball: Cedar Ridge at Northwood, 6 p.m. (JV 5 p.m.) Volleyball: Chatham Central at South Davidson, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>finished first in the women’s five-kilometer race (21:00.00).</p> <p>Volleyball: Jordan-Matthews swept T.W. Andrews 3-0 (25-17, 25-6, 25-8) in its home opener at Justice Gymnasium.</p>	<p>Stone Day (25-14, 14-25, 20-25, 21-25). Three players — Savannah Stilwell, Taylor Poe and Grace Jones — had six kills each.</p> <p>Volleyball: East Chapel Hill swept Northwood 3-0 (25-19, 25-14, 25-15) at home, dropping the Chargers to 2-3.</p>	<p>Saturday, Dec. 5 Cross country: Northwood’s Caroline Murrell (second place, 19:57.22) and Malachi Levy (fifth place, 16:47.46) were the Chargers’ top finishers in a home tri-meet against Chapel Hill and Millbrook. As a team, Northwood finished third in both events behind the Wildcats and Tigers.</p>
<p>THIS WEEK</p> <p>Wednesday, Dec. 9 Cross country: Cornerstone Charter at Woods Charter, 3:30 p.m. Cross country: Research Triangle at Chatham Charter, 3:30 p.m. Cross country: Northwood at Cedar Ridge, 4 p.m. (Chapel Hill also attending) Cross country: Jordan-Matthews at Randleman, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday, Dec. 11 Volleyball: Orange at Northwood, 6 p.m. (JV 5 p.m.)</p> <p>LAST WEEK</p> <p>Tuesday, Dec. 1 Volleyball: Chatham Central swept North Rowan, 3-0, on the road (25-11, 25-19, 25-9). Junior Ivey Tillman had six kills in her season debut, Taylor Poe added seven kills on a 63.6 kill percentage and five Bears com-</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec. 2 Cross country: Research Triangle swept a four-team meet against Chatham Charter, Woods Charter and Cornerstone Charter. Top local finishers included the Knights’ Brandon McKoy (second place in the men’s race) and Wolves’ Maddie Sparrow (third place in the women’s race). Cross country: Northwood swept host school Southern Durham and Vance County in a road meet, logging perfect scores in both races. Ethan Becker finished first in the men’s five-kilometer race (20:34.00), while Tessa Yell</p>	<p>Thursday, Dec. 3 Cross country: Jordan-Matthews’ Robert Train took first place (19:46) in the men’s race during a four-team road meet against host Providence Grove, Wheatmore and Eastern Randolph. Jasmine Basilio (26:44) was the top Jets finisher in the women’s race. Volleyball: Woods Charter earned its first win of the season in a five-set thriller against Research Triangle (25-13, 25-16, 19-25, 13-25, 15-12). It was the Wolves’ home opener, too. Volleyball: Chatham Central dropped to 3-3 on the season after a 3-1 home loss to Gray</p>	<p><i>Reporter Chapel Fowler can be reached at cfowler@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @chapelfowler.</i></p>

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Hill.

Timeout Northwood.

Their momentum fizzled, the Chargers couldn’t make up the deficit and dropped the set 25-19. That slump continued into the second; before Northwood could blink, East Chapel Hill was up 6-1. Then 11-4. Then 17-5. Then 22-9. Northwood was in a rut, trading one good possession for three or four poor ones.

“I feel like the communication was off,” Cox said. “We were struggling as a team. It wasn’t anything individual.”

The third set was more of the same — the Chargers hanging within four points or so, and the Wildcats (led by senior Noor Fares, a consistently dominant presence at the net) making a few timely pushes to fend them off. East Chapel Hill won in undramatic fashion, 25-15, to end the match and move to 4-1.

Northwood, meanwhile, dropped to 2-3. In a normal season, that record wouldn’t be one of immediate concern — the Chargers could still tune up before Big 8 conference play got into full swing.

In a pandemic-shortened and conference-only 2020 season, though, Northwood has to rebound rapidly if they want to contend in one of the 3A classification’s best volleyball conferences, which boasts reigning state champion Chapel Hill plus an undefeated Cedar Ridge squad, East Chapel



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Northwood senior Kennedy Cox (7) sets up an attack against East Chapel Hill on Dec. 3 while senior Jillian McNaught (16) looks on.

Hill and Orange.

McGivern said Northwood can “definitely compete” with those top teams, and past results have shown as much. Cedar Ridge swept Northwood on Nov. 17 but won two of its sets by a combined five points. The Chargers hung around with Chapel Hill in a sweep, too, losing two sets by a combined 10. There’s something to glean from those performances plus the East Chapel Hill defeat, Forbes and Cox said.

“A loss is a loss, but it means more than that,” Cox said. “It’s a lesson, ultimately.”

And Northwood will try its best

to learn a lesson from Thursday. McGivern said the Chargers will review film, identify fixes and “put it into action at practice” as they gear up for a big week of home matches in Pittsboro: Cedar Ridge on Thursday and Orange on Friday.

“We’re right there,” McGivern said. “We’ve just got to pull it together, start playing together more as a team and minimize our mistakes.”

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Northwood volleyball head coach Krista McGivern (right) talks with assistant/JV coach Olivia Metcalf during a pre-match warmup.



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rounding a schedule change was “very rich.”

“I was encouraged and really respected the manner in which our board respected the issue,” Tucker added in a joint news conference with Simmons last Thursday. “It was: do we continue with the calendar as it was presented? Basketball’s official season begins Monday, but the first contest doesn’t occur until Jan. 4. I’m sure a lot will happen before Jan. 4.”

That month-long buffer period gave her, Simmons and the rest of the board enough confidence it could keep its current schedule — which “a lot of time and research went into,” Simmons said — intact.

New basketball guidelines

Starting basketball as scheduled, of course, comes with a few concessions.

Under the NCHSAA’s mask mandate for indoor events — announced late last month — all basketball players, coaches, fans and other personnel must wear cloth face coverings at all times during official practices and games. That includes the 10 players actively participating in a game at any moment.

Last week, the board of directors added two more safety precautions for basketball games.

First, to help on-court players adjust to wearing a mask, the board approved the creation of a 60-second “officials’ timeout.” The timeout will be called at the first dead ball following the four-minute mark of each quarter, and it’s designed as a moment for players to catch their breath and readjust their mask.

The NCHSAA also eliminated jump balls for the 2020-21 season;

instead, the visiting team will get the first possession and simply inbound the ball to start the game.

For overtime periods, a coin toss will determine possession. Overall, the elimination of the jump ball — which minimizes close contact between players and officials — is a small gesture toward the health and safety of referees, many of whom are older and in higher risk categories for the coronavirus.

Football classifications

In a move that’ll shake up the NCHSAA football playoffs next season, the board of directors voted to remove football subdivisions from the state’s four classifications effective August 2021.

That’ll drop the number of brackets for football season from eight — which the NCHSAA had been doing since 2001 — back down to four. The association had previously split up each classification’s playoffs into two separate brackets — 1A and 1AA, for example — based on school size.

“Our bylaws have always spoken to four classifications,” Tucker said.

She emphasized that 64 teams will still make the playoffs in each classification — they’ll just all be in one single, 64-team bracket instead of two separate 32-team brackets like they were in 2019. A single 64-team team is standard practice in other NCHSAA team sports, such as basketball and volleyball.

Endowment funding

Some indisputably good news from last week: the board of directors approved the allocation of \$4 million from the NCHSAA’s endowment fund as a one-time subsidy for schools playing sports during the 2020-21 season. Sim-

mons dubbed it the COVID-19 Athletic Program subsidy, or CAP.

“This is a historic one-time subsidy,” Tucker said. “It was a major decision that will help our schools.”

The NCHSAA will form a subcommittee to determine the distribution formula and method for the endowment and announce that information at a later date. Regardless, it’ll serve as a much needed boost to athletic programs struggling from reduced ticket, merchandise and concession sales.

No changes for Chatham in realignment

The NCHSAA on Friday released information for its 2021-25 realignment of schools, which is required every four years under association bylaws. For Chatham County, there weren’t many changes.

The county’s five member high schools remained in their previous classifications: Northwood in the 3A East, Jordan-Matthews in the 2A East and Chatham Central, Chatham Charter and Woods Charter in the 1A East. Seaforth High School — which will open next fall — will also start off in the 2A East region.

To determine realignment “scores,” the NCHSAA looked at three factors: average daily membership of a school in 2019-20; its three-year average state cup points total; and its three-year average of identified student percentage (students who are on some form of government assistance).

To view raw data and final realignment scores for Chatham County’s high schools, plus FAQs and an explainer video, you can visit cutt.ly/nchsaarealignment.

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RACE

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outcome of this race,” McKoy said, adding he wasn’t “going to beat myself up about it.”

Woods Charter was without its top men’s runner, sophomore Wiley Sikes, but got a solid showing from senior Primo Costa, who paced the group with an eighth-place 19:38.26 finish. Chatham Charter’s best runner behind McKoy was junior Caleb Kolb, who placed tenth (20:12.46) and lost a shoe in the process.

Still, the Knights (third place, 74 points) beat the Wolves (fourth place, 82 points) in the men’s race. That had Chatham Charter head coach Gary Oakley cautiously optimistic — “a win’s a win,” he said, but he took it with a grain of salt considering the absence of Sikes and a few top Cornerstone runners.

In the subsequent women’s race, Woods Charter sophomore Maddie Sparrow was the standout, finishing in third place (22:08.87) behind two Research Triangle runners.

Sparrow — who, like Sikes, qualified for the 1A state meet as freshman



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Chatham Charter’s Meredith Reece is one of two women’s runners competing for the Knights this season.

last season — is a “really competitive person,” she said. So logging her first official cross country result in over a year was a relief.

“I usually do triathlons in the spring, and that

was all gone” because of the coronavirus pandemic, Sparrow said. “It felt really good to be out there again — I really love going out and racing.”

Freshman Ellie Poitras



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Chatham Charter junior Brandon McKoy finished third in last week’s Central Tar Heel 1A Conference meet.

(seventh place, 23:03.08) was another top finisher for the Wolves, who didn’t place as a team in the meet since they were one runner short of the five-person threshold (usually, that won’t be the

case). Chatham Charter has two women’s runners this year who will compete individually.

“I was very impressed with her run,” Hawkins said of Sparrow. “She (started out) top three

and went out strong. She didn’t fall off. And some other girls picked up spots.”

That played into Hawkins’ main takeaway from Wednesday: all of her runners either set personal bests or logged faster times than they did in last fall’s season-opening meet. She said that’s a nod to the Wolves for being “very consistent” in attending offseason workouts and keeping in shape.

And, as McKoy noted, WakeMed Soccer Park is planning to host the NCHSAA 1A Mideast Regional later in the season. If he qualifies, he’ll have another shot at a unique course that snakes around the complex’s myriad soccer fields and features a daunting hill runners must tackle twice to finish.

That’s why he left Cary on Wednesday still confident in the Knight’s season-long outlook.

“We have to remember: cross country leading up into conference and regionals, that’s a training period,” McKoy said. “And this race was kind of a training race.”

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FADELYS

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important for a coach.”

Morgan has plenty of tangible experience, too. She got hooked on competitive swimming when she was 11 or 12 years old — around the same a 7-year-old Jennah got her start. The impetus for both Fadelys was their father, Lewis, who’d started a local summer swim clinic. Soon enough, casual laps at Bray Park and the Siler City Country Club led to sanctioned club events.

“It just kind of took off: him coaching us and finding teams for us to compete with,” Mor-

gan said.

“I think it made a really big impact on our lives,” Jennah added.

Then, in 2012, when Morgan started high school at Jordan-Matthews and joined the swimming and diving team, Lewis took over as the Jets’ head coach and the Fadelys were wholeheartedly entangled in Chatham County swim culture. Not that any of them minded.

“Before I left for college, we didn’t miss out on seeing each other compete,” Morgan said.

The Fadelys never crossed over on the J-M swim team, as Morgan graduated in the spring of 2016 and Jennah didn’t start high school until

the following fall. But Lewis, who also serves on the Siler City Board of Commissioners, didn’t mind bridging the one-year gap. He coached the Jets seven years in total.

“No matter the generation, whether it’s me or Morgan or Jennah, swimming teaches the same core values: discipline, determination, work ethic,” he said in a phone interview. “And delayed gratification — you’ve got to do it for a long time to see results.”

As much as he enjoyed coaching, though, this summer felt like the right time for a change. Lewis had gotten increasingly involved in officiating meets, too, and it was a lot to balance.

The idea of kicking back as a relatively stress-free parent and spectator for Jennah’s senior year wasn’t too bad either.

Plus, he had a natural successor: Morgan, who graduated from UNC-Greensboro in 2020 with a major in social studies education and just so happened to land a first-year teaching job at her alma mater.

“I love swimming,” Morgan said. “We’re a swimming family. And I knew (the job) was a lot on him. But I didn’t want any of the kids, especially Jennah, to miss out on a season.”

Jordan-Matthews has a smaller team than usual this season — just three total swimmers, Jennah included — but

the Fadelys are still optimistic for individual growth. Morgan has focused heavily on weight training for the Jets, which she sees as crucial to improving strength and, as a result, times.

And Jennah, working with her second family member in charge in as many years, is ready to get to work.

Unlike those loud, early-morning wake-ups and cat-related scuffles of old, she knows any challenge Morgan throws at her now is in good sisterly faith.

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‘I FEEL LIKE I WAS BORN TO HELP’

Jordan-Matthews senior starts small, aims for United Nations

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON
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Jordan-Matthews senior Jacquelinne Marroquin Tobar created the school's first Water Bottle Recycling Program in 9th grade — and all while she was still learning to speak English.

It's been good practice for her ultimate dream: working with the United Nations to pursue humanitarian projects all over the world.

"Anything I am doing is towards that goal, thinking about that goal," Marroquin Tobar said. "I feel like the United Nations is such a great organization that is doing so much for so many people for so many different countries, and I would love to do that."

Born in Houston, Marroquin Tobar grew up speaking Spanish and attending school in Guatemala City, Guatemala's capital. She and her family moved to Siler City nearly four years ago, when she was 14, joining relatives who'd already moved there.

They returned to the U.S. for a variety of reasons. Economically, she said Guatemala wasn't doing well, and many businesses suffered, including her parents' business. Violence began to escalate around the country, too.

"It wasn't safe anymore," she said.

Providing Marroquin Tobar with a better education and opportunities also factored into her parents' decision.

"Education in Guatemala, Mexico, any Central American country — it's not the best," she said.

After they arrived in January 2016, Marroquin Tobar enrolled in Jordan-Matthews as a 9th grader in the middle of the school year. It was a difficult adjustment at first, she said, especially since she knew so little English.

"I had some vocabulary and everything, but I couldn't speak," she said. "I couldn't have a conversation."

Culture shock also threw her for a loop, and she had to start life anew in a strange place.

"It's so much different from life in Guatemala," Marroquin Tobar said, adding, "The school is different. The classes are different. The opportunities are just like water and oil — so different, nothing alike ... Everything's different, and it's so hard to adjust when the only thing you have known for years has disappeared."

At first, she didn't want to interact with anyone for fear that she'd be mocked or looked down upon for any language mistakes, which made it hard to make new friends and connections. While going to the store with her parents, she even remembers hiding behind her parents or sneaking away whenever someone asked a question or spoke in English.

"Because my mom and my dad — they knew a little bit of English, and I thought they spoke better than me," she said, then added with a laugh: "So I was like, 'I'm going the other way,' so they wouldn't ask me to translate. I did it a lot of times."

School also proved to be a struggle at first; later it became her lifeline. She had taken English back at

her school in Guatemala and had some learned vocabulary. That's why initially, she thought she could manage.

"And I was like, 'I'll be fine. I'll be fine,'" Marroquin Tobar said. "And then ... they gave me civics and economics. They gave me biology, and I didn't know English. And that was — oof — it was so hard, like so hard, because my English level was just not there at all."

She'd tested into ESL I, the beginners' class — something she later called "the best thing that could have happened to me." While in her regular classes with native speakers, she said she initially maintained a low profile and spoke only when she was sure of her answers, though she wanted to participate more. The thought of group projects terrified her.

"Nobody wanted to be with me in a project," she said. "They were like: 'What is she gonna do? Like, she can't do any research. She can't talk. What is she going to do?'"

But she rose to the challenge, putting to use what her former ESL teacher, Wendi Pillars, called her "beautiful gift of perseverance."

"Her progress in learning English was beautiful," Pillars said. "She is driven by curiosity, and I just loved how she would ask questions when she didn't understand, needed to clarify something, or simply wanted to know more. She was the type of student who would come in and share something she had discovered on a given topic over the weekend or when she was at home."

Every day after school, Marroquin Tobar went home and studied for three or four consecutive hours, trying to memorize concepts, consult her "best friend," her English-to-Spanish dictionary, and practice

on the language app Duolingo.

Sometimes, she'd study overnight; other times she'd cry. Watching kids' movies in English, like "Shrek," and using the language at every opportunity also helped improve her language skills.

Finally, everything began to pay off: in 10th grade, after just two ESL classes, she tested out of the program and now even translates services for her church, Faith Family Ministries.

"The beginning of 10th grade, I felt more comfortable. I participated more in class," she said. "And I was like, 'I understand this.' ... When I could understand and just be part of conversations, I was like, 'I'm free. I can talk.'"

But shaky English didn't stop her from crusading against local pollution in Jordan-Matthews. In the middle of her 9th grade year, she started up Jordan-Matthews' first Water Bottle Recycling Project, a campaign intended to teach students about the importance of recycling and change their habits.

The idea came to her during one of her ESL classes with Pillars, with whom she worked on the project. Pillars had been discussing water pollution and its environmental harm one day, and Marroquin Tobar said she "felt the need to do something even though (her) English was not good at a time."

She presented the project to school faculty and staff, received approval and then dived right in.

"The fact that she was still learning English was — honestly — a moot point because someone with her passion, her intellect, and rationale for helping others was going to make it happen somehow," Pillars said. "She was a little nervous before presenting to the staff, but I never doubted her. It's crazy how power-

ful her presence has been in our school."

Together, Marroquin Tobar and Pillars placed more than 60 cardboard boxes around the school and — before schools closed in March — they'd go around school every Friday, collecting all recycled bottles for about an hour. They'd then dump them into a large recycling bin, where a recycling company would pick them up and bring them back to their Raleigh facility.

Usually, they'd collect more than 1,000 bottles each week. Marroquin Tobar made videos in English about the project, too, to educate students about recycling and water pollution. Teachers from all over the school — and even outside Jordan-Matthews — began calling her and asking her to present to their classes, including ESL, AP Spanish and even computer science.

"They were like, 'Hey, can you come and just talk to the guys, just talk to the students, and try to teach them why you're doing what you're doing?'" she said. " ... And I keep doing that, and I hope to keep doing it when we go back to school. It's something that I really want to just be there and do it and try to pass on my project to any kind of club or someone who wants to take over because I have to go to college."

Throughout the project's duration — three and a half years — she said she's seen many students change their habits and attitudes toward recycling, even though many at first "couldn't understand what recycling was about."

"We can do something," she said. "I mean

recycling more than 1,000 bottles in just one school every week is not doing a little thing. It's like a big thing. It's a big deal, and we're doing it. We're doing it here in Siler City. It's amazing."

She hopes to lead similar projects in whichever college she attends — and later throughout the world with the United Nations. For her drive and accomplishments, LatinxEd, a Chapel Hill-based education nonprofit, recognized her this year as one of its "20 Under 20" award recipients.

Per the organization's website, the Latinx "20 Under 20" is the state's only competition "focused on elevating the best and brightest Latinx students across (North Carolina)." Judges look for scholarship, community contributions and leadership in all nominees.

"Ultimately, 20 Under 20 Listmakers are leaders — young people who inspire and lead others," the website read. "Most importantly, they stand for what they believe in. We (seek) Latinx students who have the courage to translate their dreams into action and energize their community."

Marroquin Tobar was one of two students

chosen from Siler City. David Gonzalez Hernandez, a J-M graduate and current UNC-G student, was the other.

"I feel like I was born to help, like, it's not about me," she said. "It's not about what I want. But it's more about: what do they want? What do they need? I feel like that's the heart I have."

She's received so much help from others, including her family, her parents and her teachers that she wants to return the favor. Working out of an embassy or working with countries and villages directly to meet needs — that's what she said she wants to do.

And Pillars doesn't doubt for a second that Marroquin Tobar will realize that dream.

"Jacquelinne is a phenomenal young woman," Pillars said, adding: "She is someone who optimizes opportunities that come her way, and I believe she's destined to do something that will ripple across the planet ... She loves learning, helping and serving others and believes deeply in making the world we live in a better place."

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Holiday chat with a Pastry Goddess, Part 1

Last April, I started seeing these amazing deserts on LinkedIn made by one of the most talented pastry chefs I've ever seen. Her name is Julie Jangali.



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Julie and I have worked together on a holiday project for you, Gentle Reader. This week she's answering 20 questions, and next week she'll share a recipe that's doable for a home baker, and give us some tips to take our own holiday desserts up a notch or two thousand.

Q: My mom bakes and our family frosts at least 12 dozen sugar cookies every Christmas. Usually, we just give them a couple of shakes of holiday sprinkles, jimmies, or colored sugar. Doing just this takes 3-4 hours. What is a quick, easy way to up our decorating game that won't have us still working on them at Easter?
A: I would recommend using royal icing rather than buttercream. Buttercream will never set unless you refrigerate it. Remember butter at room temperature will always get soft. Royal icing you can color it with food coloring and the process takes about 4 to 6 hours to dry. You never have to worry about it getting soft.

Q: You were a finalist on Food Network's Chopped Sweets. What was the appli-

cation process like?
A: It's a long process; you fill out the application, go through an interview process with more than one person from the show, final interview with one of the producers which takes about an hour if not more. Then you wait for the call to hear that you're in which takes about a week! Total process I would say almost a month.



Jangali
Q: How did you find out you were in?
A: Almost a month it took to reveal through email that I was a finalist.

Q: From application to the episode airing, how long did it take?
A: About six months if not more!

Q: How good looking is Scott (host Scott Conant) in person?
A: He is a sweetheart and the screen can't capture his heart and character enough to show that he is a true lovable human being! But ... every single one of his fans already knows this fact about him including me!

Q: What's up with that hair?
A: He is showing his Italian flair with that hair! AAAAA-MAZING! #truth

Q: Spill any inside info you can.
A: Just know that the TV world will show you exactly what it wants you to see to keep its audience



Photo courtesy of Julie Jangati

A sampling of pastry chef Julie Jangati's tasty handiwork.

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Q: Name a couple of your pastry role models, and what you've learned from them.
A: My mother has been my role model since day one of me holding a whisk in my hand while helping her in the kitchen (the story is deeper than that; check out my Instagram page @desserts_1st). She is my inspiration, my role model, and my overall reason to succeed in my career let alone my life.

Q: What is your favorite type of buttercream, and why?
A: I would say Swiss Buttercream is the best especially for cake decorating because it is the easiest way to get smooth beautifully clean lines for your masterpiece!

Q: I'm a pretty decent home baker, with an extremely adversarial relationship with pie, especially



Photo courtesy of Julie Jangati

A sampling of pastry chef Julie Jangati's tasty handiwork.



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profession intervene in Mommy life with my son. If I have a big project, I will accomplish it late at night when he is asleep or daddy plays tag your it and takes over (I love my husband, he is truly an amazing father ... I had to add this in because it's the truth!). My son is our priority! Just like I'm answering these questions at nearly midnight so it doesn't factor in Mommy and son time.

are 100% mandatory in your family?
A: As Persians regardless of what holiday ... You better believe we have our cream puffs and our roulette cakes! Did you not watch Chopped Sweets- Million Dollar Desserts, which was Season 1, Episode 7?

Q: A lot of families will be celebrating remotely this year. What are some terrific treats to make for absent family that ship well?
A: I would say decorated sugar cookies ship well as long as you plan ahead of time to let the icing dry before shipping! This is my go-to because I can get super creative with design ad flavors!

Q: You make the most amazing French macarons I've ever seen. Tell me about your history and relationship with them. And how hard are they to make successfully for the home baker?
A: I've had my love and hate relationship with macarons!!!! However, through time and perseverance, I've succeeded making some of the most amazing macarons ever! Always remember, ovens vary through every household and climates vary in every state ... so be PATIENT. It takes a couple of trials and errors to master the craft of the so-called Macaron!!! #namaste

Q: Favorite store-bought guilty pleasure treat?
A: ICE CREAM ... I'm human, sometimes I have no patience and when I want a cold munchy, I satisfy my craving by going to one of my favorite spots.

Q: Favorite fancy bakery treat to eat?
A: I grew up on cream puffs and roulette cakes and I continue to do so! Thank you, Mommy:)

Q: Your creations always look so perfect. Do you ever have failures?
A: No one is perfect and yes, I have failures. I try to make my failures into success by including them as an ingredient in another one of my projects if I can!

Q: You have a toddler son. Have you started baking with him yet?
A: For the most part, I do all my baking when my son is napping, to be honest. I try not to let my

Q: Hardest pastry to make successfully?
A: Macarons give me my money's worth because oven temperature, humidity, love, and patience = success ... DUH! Nine times out of 10 I succeed and if I don't I will figure out a way to use my not so pretty macarons into another beautiful creation! I hate throwing things away unless I really have to.

Q: Most deceptively easy pastry?
A: Cream puffs ... So easy yet so many ways to make them look deceptively challenging to create to your advantage of being creative!

Q: What's for dessert on Thanksgiving?
A: Simple yet deliciously amazing!!! My always go-to ... Apple pie ala mode :)

Q: What holiday treats



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Some Christmas spirit

The spirit of Christmas and giving continues in Chatham County. This group of volunteers has been ringing the bell at red kettle locations in Chatham for the Salvation Army for many years. Shown here at Food Lion at Governors Village in Chapel Hill last Friday are, from left, Karen Kolias, Judy Bursiek, Sandy Bazley, Cathy Wright, Martha Schonfeld, Grace Swartz and Ginny Cole.

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‘Mank’ creation story behind ‘Citizen Kane’ proves less than able

In director David Fincher’s “Mank,” boozy “Citizen Kane” scribe Herman Mankiewicz (Gary Oldman) declares, “You cannot capture a man’s entire life in two hours; all you can hope is to leave the impression of one.” Mankiewicz is referencing his seminal roman a clef targeting publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst and its non-linear format, but the observation also unsubtly describes Fincher’s biopic, which apes Mankiewicz’s structure without his style or substance. The result is a handsome but hollow pastiche, in which composers Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross do their best impression of Bernard Herrmann, Fincher does his worst Orson Welles, and Fincher’s late screenwriting father Jack crafts a protagonist who doesn’t leave much of an impression at all.

“Mank” seems designed mainly to address three queries. First is that “Citizen Kane” is a not-so-thinly veiled skewering of Hearst (Charles Dance), something we already knew. At the same time, Kane’s blond, cloistered showgirl mistress Susan is definitely not patterned after Hearst’s bond, cloistered showgirl mistress Marion Davies (Amanda Seyfried), or something like that. Second is why Mankiewicz took aim at Hearst, something that is not seriously addressed until the film’s final half hour. Taken by Mankiewicz’s razor-sharp repartee, Hearst invites the screenwriter into



Photo courtesy of Netflix

Amanda Seyfried and Gary Oldman star in ‘Mank,’ now streaming on Netflix.

Hearst’s social circle, populated by the 1930s Hollywood elite and political footmen. Hearst holds court at San Simeon, his sprawling, lavish manse in the California hills. But Mankiewicz sours on both Hearst and his Hollywood henchmen, led by film producers Louis B. Mayer (Arlliss Howard) and Irving Thalberg, after they smear socialist writer Upton Sinclair during his 1934 California gubernatorial campaign. That eventually leads to Mankiewicz being excommunicated from Hearst’s sanctum, with Hearst analogizing Mankiewicz to an organ grinder’s monkey. Foremost, however, “Mank” is intent on establishing that Mankiewicz alone penned the “Citizen Kane” screenplay, despite sharing writing credit and later an Oscar with the tempestuous, 24-year-old wunderkid director Orson Welles (Tom Burke). It is an

insiders debate that appeals only to those already interested enough to know the answer. Mankiewicz wrote uncredited Mercury Theatre copy for Welles back in New York. By 1940, Mankiewicz is an alcoholic, washed-up writer recuperating from a broken leg suffered in a serious auto accident. Jack Fincher’s narrative oscillates between Mankiewicz’s Hollywood rise and fall and his convalescence at a secluded California ranch, where he hashes out his “Kane” screenplay with a coterie of aids and minders. He is also visited by a cast of recurring characters: Welles collaborator John Houseman (Sam Troughton) frets over whether Mankiewicz will finish on time, while Davies, her nephew Charles Lederer, and Mankiewicz’s more diplomatic brother Joe (Tom Pelphrey) all declare that “Kane” is the best thing Mank’s ever written

while urging him to shelve the script for his own sake before taking on the powerful Hearst and his media empire. The film sustains itself thanks to several supporting turns. Seyfried’s Davies manages to be delightful, strong-willed and sympathetic, and her luminescence pops off Fincher’s black-and-white palette. Burke’s Welles is suitably garrulous, bombastic, and self-absorbed. Dance strikes a rather regal Hearst, but Howard’s Mayer is a smarmy, duplicitous egomaniac who is fashioned as more of an antagonist than Hearst. But Mankiewicz is the film’s main focus. Oldman mostly mumbles and bumbles through his performance, as both he, the narrative, and the audience constantly crane in search of Mankiewicz’s background and motives. There’s not some mysterious Rosebud to discov-

MANK

GRADE: C +

DIRECTOR: David Fincher

STARRING: Gary Oldman, Amanda Seyfried, Lily Collins, Arliss Howard, Tom Pelphrey, Sam Troughton, Tom Burke, Tuppence Middleton and Charles Dance

MPAA RATING: R

RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 12 min.

STREAMING ON NETFLIX

er. Just a significant figure in Hollywood history distilled to an irascible, inscrutable cipher, an organ grinder’s monkey. “Mank” does not elucidate the backdrop to its subject’s childhood, rise to writing fame, alcoholism, or long-suffering marriage (or why it’s so long-suffering). To flesh out Mankiewicz’s supposed motives for penning “Kane,” the Finchers conjure a fictional filmmaking pal whose tragic demise is instrumental to Mank’s real-life spite. It’s a fugazi in service of the “Mank’s” unwitting upshot of conceiving the purported precursors to a far better and more substantive film. In describing his “Citizen Kane” script, Mankiewicz tells Houseman, “The narrative is one big circle, like a cinnamon roll, not a straight line pointing to the nearest exit.” Unfortunately, “Mank” is more icing than cake, a mildly titillating retrospective that triggers more musings about its purpose — and the nearest exit — than it would like.

LA VOZ PERSPECTIVE | DACA

A hope for young immigrants

BY OLIVIA ROJAS
News + Record Staff

With President-elect Joe Biden and his new admin- istration transitioning into the White House, new per- spec- tives will be behind policies and legislation. The hot-button issue of immigration has recently come back into the spotlight with a win for young immigrants — and a sigh of relief.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, better known as the DACA program, shields about 700,000 “Dreamers” from deportation and gives them permission to legally work in a renewable two-year time period. In September 2017, the Trump Administration moved to rescind the program with assertions that the program was unconstitutional. I’ve seen the impacts, firsthand, from the decision to cut the DACA

program. One of my closest friends fell a month short from being eligible to apply for DACA. Over the years, I’ve watched him struggle from not being able to take part in the normal rites of passage that come with growing up. He dreams of becoming a mechanical engineer, and I’ve seen him adapt and change his path to higher education. He can’t get a license, he can’t obtain a job and he can’t have the peace of mind that his livelihood is secure. Back in June, the Supreme Court ruled that the Trump Administration could not terminate the program as it did not provide “a reasoned explanation” for its termination. In response, Acting Secretary Chad Wolf wrote a memorandum explaining that, despite the decision, DHS would not accept new applications and that the renewal periods would be permitted for one year instead of two.

“First, while my reconsideration of the DACA policy continues, no new initial requests for DACA should be accepted,” he said. “Second, advance parole should be granted to current DACA beneficiaries only in exceptional circumstances. Third, going forward, renewals

of deferred action and the accompanying work authorization should be granted for one-year rather than two-year periods.” Last Friday, Judge Nicholas Garaufis of the U.S. District Court in Brooklyn ordered the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to restore the Obama-era program and start accepting new applicants — undoing the actions outlined in Wolf’s

memo. It’s been completely unfair that these goal-oriented and ambitious young immigrants have had to face extra obstacles to live a normal life that they have always known — an American life. Friday’s decision provides a glimmer of hope for those who have been left in limbo. With a new administration coming into office, my hope is

that these young people are remembered when it comes to new policies and that a feasible path to citizenship is made possible. For a better and equal America, it’s essential.

News + Record intern Olivia Rojas is a part of the newspaper’s La Voz de Chatham reporting team. She’s a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill and lives in Sanford.

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Diane Swan examines a piece of her wood art at the 2020 Chatham Artists Guild Studio Tour.



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Forrest Greenslade specializes in 'nature-inspired paintings and sculptures.'



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From left, Gretchen Niver, Jane Eckenrode and Diane Swan set up their exhibits at the 2020 Chatham Artists Guild Studio Tour.



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Rusty Sieck of Chicken Bridge Pottery creates functional dinnerware. These are among his creations showcased in this year's tour of local artist's studios.



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Chatham Artists guild co-president Lani Chaves said the organization hoped to 'offer the ultimate art shopping experience for our tour visitors' with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.



At home in the studio. Chatham artist Rusty Sieck and his Daisy greeted 2020 Studio Tour visitors last weekend.

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- We have been able to cover Abundance NC staff time to run this Neighbor2Neighbor program! !!

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Jane Eckenrode displays her art: nature images with gouache watercolor.



POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher Matthews, 49, of Siler City, was charged Dec. 1 with assault on a female, breaking and entering, assault by strangulation, communicating threats and failure to appear. Matthews was jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond with a Dec. 15 court date in Pittsboro.

Christopher Matthews, 49, of Siler City, was charged Dec. 1 with failure to appear. Matthews was jailed under a \$500 secured bond with a Jan. 13 court date in Asheboro.

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Alexandria Green, 25, currently homeless, was charged Dec. 2 with failure to appear. Green was jailed under a \$2,000 secured bond with a Dec. 15 court date in Greenville.

Shenekquia Perry, 39, of Chapel Hill, was charged Dec. 3 for misdemeanor child abuse. Perry was jailed under a \$25,000 secured bond with a Dec. 16 court date in Pittsboro.

Larry Slone, 64, of Pittsboro, was charged Dec. 4 with assault on a female and domestic incident. Slone was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a Dec. 15 court date in Pittsboro.

Bryan Naklicki, 35, of Bailey, was charged Dec. 5 with carrying concealed weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and displaying fictitious tags. Naklicki was issued a written promise with a Jan. 6 court date in Pittsboro.

DECORATED DOOR CONTEST

Want to show your holiday spirit? Here's a chance

From Chatham Literacy

By now, your Christmas tree may be decorated and lights strung outside your home.

But what about your front door, side or garage doors, barn or apartment door? Decorate them, too, and potentially win a great prize and bragging rights with your photo published in the News + Record.

You can join Chatham Literacy's Decorated Door Event by entering a photo of your sparkling, funny, kid-friendly, elegant or crazy creation by Dec. 18.

Dazzle neighbors, co-workers and friends in your apartment or residential living complex with a door decorated for Christmas, Kwanza, New Year's Eve, Hanukkah, Boxing Day, Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, or even the first day of winter. Register each door for \$20, decorate, snap and email a photo of your door creation by December 18th.

"Rally your neighborhood, residential facility, business or family and friends to join the fun," said Vicki Newell, Chatham Literacy's executive director. "Who knows ... your decorated door just might

inspire or bring laughter to others in what's been a very difficult year."

If your front door is already decorated, you're halfway there, said Newell. Just register and send a photo.

"Or decorate your side door or gift a neighbor or relative with a great door," Newell said. "For example, decorate not only your front door for Christmas, but also your barn door for New Year's Eve."

Chatham Literacy's Holiday Decorated Door Event is also a great way to involve missed friends and family members. During the ongoing COVID-19 isolation, Newell said, why not involve them in this creative process by sharing photos with each other of your decorated doors and encouraging some fun friend and family rivalry?

Chatham Literacy helps adults living and working in Chatham County acquire the literacy and educational skills then need to function successfully in society.

The registration deadline is December 18th. Find entry details, rules and photo information at www.chathamliteracy.org or call 919-742-0578.



Submitted photo

This decorated door depicts presents under a tree. It's another entry in the Chatham Literacy Decorated Door contest.

NEWS BRIEFS

COVID-safe Christmas drive-thru experience to open

PITTSBORO — Art of Motion Events, a worldwide event company headquartered in North Carolina, announces the production of "Holidays in the Hills," a holiday drive-through experience on the grounds of Shakori Hills Community Arts Center in Pittsboro.

After a successful production of "Haunted Hills Terror

Drive" in October, the event group is turning its efforts to a fun and safe drive through experience that will be held on weekends throughout December.

"As a creative event company, we lost all of our business to the cancellation of events worldwide due to COVID," Art of Motion Events owner Christie Cook said. "This is a way to be creative, while remaining COVID safe, and giving people a fun holiday event."

The attraction will feature more than 15 scene sets including North Pole, Holidays at the Movies, a drive through the Polar Express Train station, Candyland, Toyland and The Grinch's Lair, among just a few. Live actors will enhance some of the scenes, and will include Santa and The Grinch.

The event will also be taking non-perishable food donations for the local food pantry CORA, and utilizing local creative artists, also out of work

due to COVID.

Tickets will be sold based on specific dates and time ranges in order to keep attendees from waiting in long lines in their car, as well as to manage traffic flow. Tickets are available now at ticketor.com/holidaysinthehills. People are encouraged to like and follow the Facebook page for current information and updates (facebook.com/HolidaysintheHillsNC).

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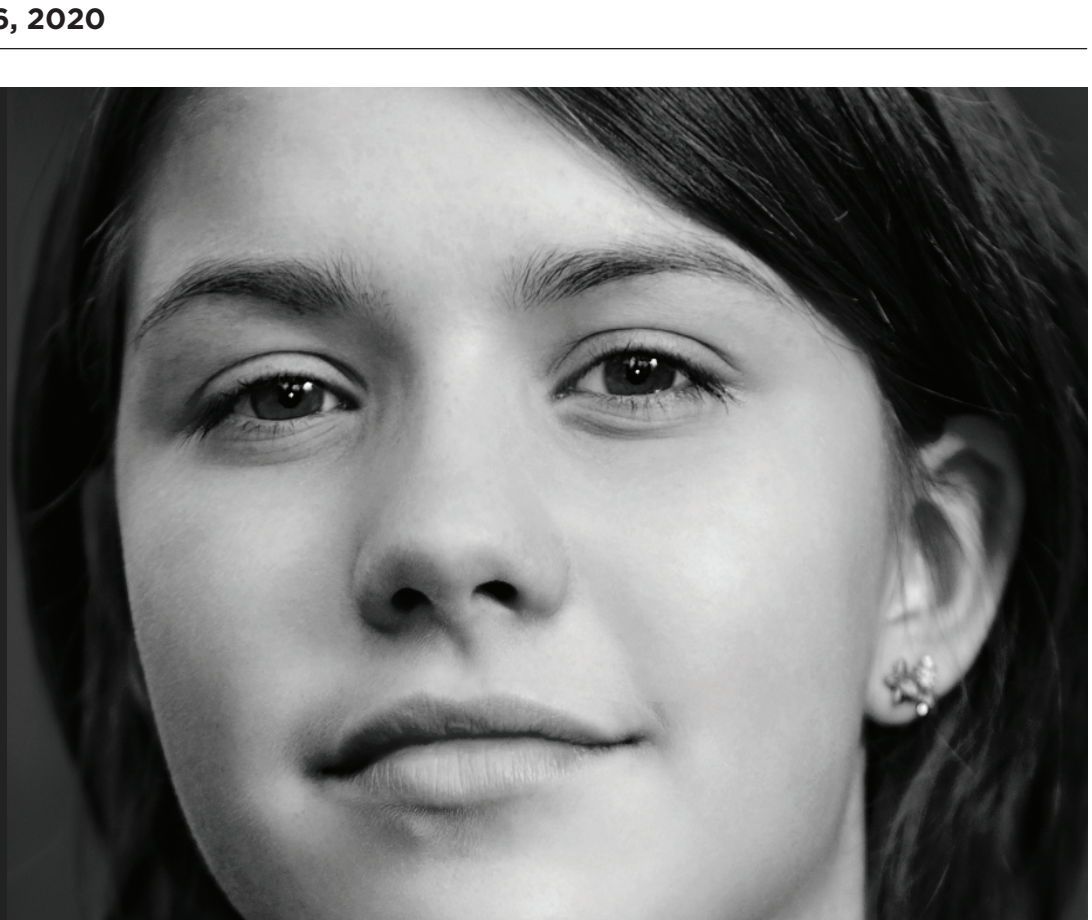
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An Interview with Author Marty Kelley

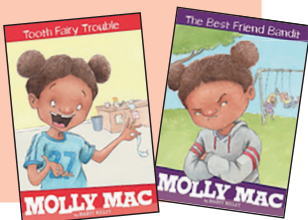
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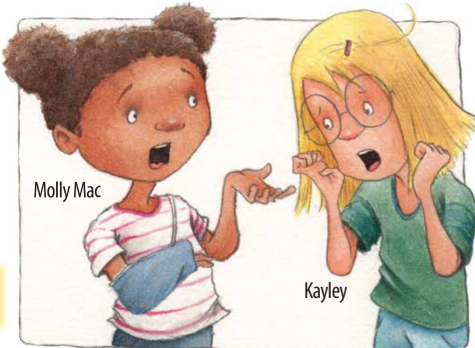
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Q: How long does it take to write a book?

A: It takes me about two to two and a half years to write one book. I do many, many rough drafts! And every new draft gets better and better until it is ready to be published.

Q: Do you have any advice for Kid Scoop readers?

A: Don't be afraid to fail spectacularly! Failure is a chance to learn. Molly Mac makes a lot of mistakes that kids can relate to. And kids like to read about what she learns and how she turns failure into success.



Q: Where do you get your ideas?

A: Sometimes I draw a picture and that gets my imagination going. The idea for the Molly Mac books came from the names of my son's friends. I wanted to write a book about two good friends, and I really liked these names.

Q: What do you like about writing?

A: I love to make people laugh. I still visit classrooms and I love to do that and make children laugh while I teach about writing.

Marty Kelley does school visits via Zoom these days. Learn more about this and his books at www.martykelley.com

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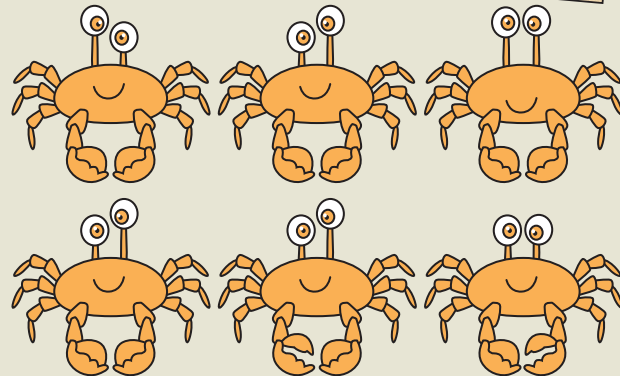
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NOTICE OF SERVICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Robert Terrell III hereby notifies **General Shale Brick Inc.**, all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate; to notice by the adjustments of the court to determine the orders and judgment of claims preceding conditions. The mandated trial merits are fulfilled formulating issues as their prerogative writs. Robert Terrell III 126 West Presnell Street; Apt C Asheboro, North Carolina 27203 (910) 580-9261 Robertintel.o@gmail.com Self-Represented Jy2-D24,25tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 06E311 All persons having claims against **CLATTIE JANE FAISON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Mildred Brooks, Administrator 746 Stockyard Road Staley, NC 27355 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-592 All persons having claims against **DELORES G. REGISTER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded

in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Clara R. Robbins, Executrix c/o Bagwell Holt Smith P.A. 111 Cloister Ct., STE 200 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20E589 The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ROBERT L. GUNN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at her address, P.O. Box 880, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 13th day of November, 2020. Rebekah McBane Gunn P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 C/O GUNN & MESSICK, LLP P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE On November 16, 2020 the Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopted a Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules to be used for the **Chatham County 2021 Property Tax Reappraisal**. Anyone choosing to challenge the validity of these schedules, standards and rules by appealing to the North Carolina Property Tax Commission, must do so in writing by December 16, 2020. The mailing address is NC Property Tax Commission, PO Box 871, Raleigh, NC 27602. For more information, please contact the Chatham County Tax Department at 919-542-8211. N19,N26,D3,D10,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-558 All persons having claims against **MICHAEL EDWARD POE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Katie Lawrence Poe, Executrix 360 Bob Horton Rd Apex, NC 27523 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-492 All persons having claims against **ARNOLD M. YOUNG**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Elizabeth A. Wylie, Executrix 10 N Madison St Walla Walla, Wa. 99362 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-568 All persons having claims against **VIRGINIA STUART CLOER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Burton Wayne Stuart, Jr., Executor 81617 Alexander Chapel Hill, NC 27517 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-527 All persons having claims against **HARVEY EDWARD KENNEDY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020.

Connie Grayce Kennedy Shuping, Executrix 117 Bowden Road Chapel Hill, NC 27516 Kendall H Page, Attorney 210 N Columbia Street Chapel Hill, NC 27514 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-521 All persons having claims against **DOROTHY MAE CHILDRESS KENNEDY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Connie Grayce Kennedy Shuping, Executrix 117 Bowden Road Chapel Hill, NC 27516 Kendall H Page, Attorney 210 N Columbia Street Chapel Hill, NC 27514 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executors for the Estate of **PEGGIE LEE BELL a/k/a Peggie Lee Redding Bell**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, Koreen Bell Thomasson and Charles Arthur Bell, the undersigned do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Liipfert Law Group, PLLC, 380 Knollwood Street, Suite 210, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103, on or before February 17, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Koreen Bell Thomasson, Co-Executor Charles Arthur Bell, Co-Executor Estate of Peggie Lee Bell 20-E-595 Liipfert Law Group, PLLC 380 Knollwood Street, Suite 210 Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-599 All persons having claims against **JEFFREY SCOTT BLACKMON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Sherry Jourden Blackmon, Administrator 174 Mountain Laurel Chapel Hill, NC 27517 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-538 All persons having claims against **ROBERT W. DILKS AKA ROBERT WARREN DILKS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 19th day of November, 2020. Edward Albert Freshwater, Executor 9 Southhampton Place Durham, NC 27705 N19,N26,D3,D10,4tp

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 20CVM256 CHRISTOPHER JAMES ROUNDTREE, PLAINTIFF 3618 Hamlets Chapel Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 VS UNKNOWN OWNER 2017 MAC TRAILER, Abandoned 01/05/2020 5MADN402411W035184JAN 5HT 2020 **NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION** RE: COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE N26,D3,D10,3tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-561 All persons having claims against **KATHLEEN N. LEMONS**,

deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of February, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 26th day of November, 2020. Jeri Lemons Powell, Executrix 534 Haw Branch Rd Sanford, NC 27330 N26,D3,D10,D17,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-454 All persons having claims against **MARY ELLEN J. BRENNAN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of December, 2020. Ruth O'Mealia, Administrator CTA 1002 Nottinghill Walk Apex, NC 27502 D3,D10,D17,D24,4tp

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

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signed Commissioner will on the 16th day of December, 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 Center Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Western Margin of S. R. Highway No. 87, said iron pipe being located North 41 degrees 40 minutes East 146.47 feet from the center line of a private road that enters into the State Highway from the West, and running thence from an iron pipe, North 84 degrees 39 minutes East 357.67 feet to an iron stake, a new corner of Henry Major Lee; thence North 35 degrees 15 minutes West 225 feet to a new Henry Major Lee corner; thence South 84 degrees 59 minutes East 385.39 feet to the Western margin of State Highway No. 87; thence with the Western margin of said Highway, 41 degrees 40 minutes East 146.67 feet to the point of beginning, This is a portion of the lands conveyed to Henry Major Lee from James Lee by deed dated August 12, 1968 and recorded in Book 337 at page 294, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.

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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 19th day of November, 2020.

Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585

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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. SIMON AGUILA and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of SIMON AGUILA and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, OLIVIA AGUILA and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of OLIVIA AGUILA and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 11-CVD-1048, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 16th day of December, 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 Matthews Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in the Northern margin of East

4th Street, corner with Lot Nos. 14 and 13 as per Plat of Edwards Place, Siler-Wrenn Real Estate Co., Owner", and running thence a Northerly direction with the dividing line of Lot Nos. 14 and 13, 100 feet to a point; thence an Easterly direction, a line parallel with East 4th Street, 50 feet to a point in the dividing line of Lot Nos. 12 and 13; thence with the dividing line of Lot Nos. 12 and 13 a Southerly direction 100 feet to a point in the Northern margin of East 4th Street; thence a Westerly direction 50 feet to the point of BEGINNING, and being a portion of Lot Number 13 as designated upon a map of Edwards Place, made by F.E. Womble, surveyor, November 4, 1926, which map is recorded in Plat Book 1 at Page 10, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.

Parcel Identification Number: 0061422

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 19th day of November, 2020.

Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
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Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **CHRISTINE ANNE MORTENSEN**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 30th day of November, 2020.

Rebecca Schmitz, Executor of The Estate of Christine Anne Mortensen
Post Office Box 1806

Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **JOHN DAVID LUENING AKA J. DAVID LUENING** [hereinafter 'J. David Luening'] of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 7th day of September, 2020, are notified to present them to Adam Broome and Doris A. Luening, Co-Executors of the Estate of J. David Luening in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before March 11, 2021. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Co-Executors, and the devisees of J. David Luening. Those indebted to J. David Luening are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone, Attorney Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20 E 241

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **BRYAN KEITH GRAHAM**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at her address, P.O. Box 672, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 3rd day of day of March, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 30th day of November, 2020.

Peggy R. Hackney
P.O. Box 672
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 20 CVD 519 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ANSON MICHAEL JAMES HILDRETH,

Plaintiff
vs
DONNA CARROLL HILDRETH
Defendant.
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
TO: DONNA CARROLL HILDRETH
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: a claim for divorce (marriage of August 18, 2008 with date of separation of June 1, 2016). You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after December 3, 2020, the first date of publication of this notice, exclusive of said date, and upon your failure to do so, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 30th day of November, 2020.

Adam D. Johnson, Attorney for Plaintiff
COLLINI & JOHNSON, P.C.
115 E. Wade Street
Wadesboro, NC 28170
(704) 694-9311

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-596

All persons having claims against **MARION DANIELS BROWN III**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of December, 2020.

Caroline C. Brown, Administrator
1303 Hawkins Ave
Sanford, NC 27330

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the Town of Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina, Case No. 20-04-3577P.
The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-593

All persons having claims against **STEVEN WRENN BROOKS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate

payment. This the 10th day of December, 2020.
Ethan Charles Brooks, Administrator
437 Powell Place Lane
Pittsboro, NC 27312
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CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified on the 1st day of December, 2020, as Administrator of the Estate of **CARL FORD SMITH**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of March, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 10th day of December, 2020.

Gayle Beal Smith, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Ford Smith
3420 Goldston Glendon Rd.

Goldston, NC 27252
Attorneys:
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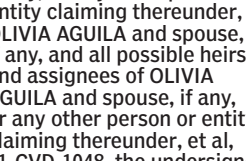
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
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
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Consumers surprised by dental and other fees for COVID-19

Dental practices, salons and other businesses are charging additional fees to offset the cost of personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies

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When Brianna Briggs of Clayton went to her dentist’s office for a cleaning, she saw a new sign on the front door informing patients of a new \$20 fee to cover personal protective equipment costs. Even though Briggs had dental insurance, the \$20 fee was added after the insurance adjustment was already made, meaning that she bore the full cost. “It’s obviously not ideal, but neither is dying of COVID,” Briggs said. “So, I’ll take an extra fee if it means me or the dentist won’t die.” Due to the worldwide surge in demand for PPE, many consumers have found PPE surcharges listed on their medical and dental bills. “Dentists are small-business owners with extremely high overhead,” said Lisa Ward, associate executive director of the N.C. Dental Society. “Many (dentists) can’t absorb increased costs as easily as a large health care system or a large physician practice.” Some consumers, like Briggs, are not informed about the charges until they arrive for the service. These kinds of situations have led to concerns that businesses may not be properly informing consumers of increased prices.

Surprise bills and health care pricing transparency issues have existed long before the pandemic, but consumers are now reporting that they were not notified of COVID-19 fees until they received their bill. “There is no law or regulation administered by the Department of Insurance that requires health care providers to publish their charges before they receive services,” Barry Smith, assistant director of public affairs at the N.C. Department of Insurance, said. Though several consumers have called the department about surprise fees, none have filed a formal complaint yet, said Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey. If a provider is going to charge a fee, “my thinking is that they should have to disclose that to the consumer,” he said. While “businesses are allowed to pass along reasonable COVID-19-associated costs” to consumers, “our office does take the position that additional billings should be disclosed before a procedure,” said Laura Brewer, communications director at the N.C. Department of Justice. State Treasurer Dale Folwell said he was aware of the same complaints as Causey, but “because (the hospital) industry works in secrecy, it’s almost impossible to properly investigate whether there are upcharges

being billed.” In other states, long-term care facilities have billed patients for COVID and PPE fees. So far in North Carolina, no official complaints regarding fees have been filed with the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman’s Office, said ombudsman Victor Orija. Increasing costs An increase in the costs of PPE as the pandemic wears on creates a financial burden on some providers. Thomas Hughes, a spokesperson for UNC Health system, said prices for safety equipment such as N95 masks are sometimes as high as 500% more than the price a year ago. UNC Health has not implemented additional fees for PPE. In long-term care facilities, a decrease in demand creates additional pressure for income. A survey by the N.C. Assisted Living Association members found their facilities housed 10%-15% fewer residents than before the pandemic. “We know our communities have been hurt economically by decreased census as well as the expenses for cleaning supplies and PPE,” said Frances Messer, president and CEO of the trade association. “It’s very difficult to say what is having a greater impact — specific COVID surcharges or supply costing more,”

said Jane Ryngaert, an assistant professor of economics at Wake Forest University. Some businesses in industries outside of health care are adding fees to offset the increased costs of cleaning supplies, masks and other equipment to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Simone Kelly, the store manager at Adelaide’s Salon in Wilmington, said the business began charging a \$5 “COVID fee” when it reopened at the end of May after being closed for two months. “In the beginning, everything was so hard to get, and it was very expensive. All these charges fell on us,” Kelly said. “We charged an extra \$5, we called it a COVID fee, and not one of our customers blinked an eye. ... They were here for us.” Increased supply costs, not only for PPE but also for other supplies, have pushed businesses to increase consumer costs. “In the end, whether a hairdresser is buying PPE or a restaurant is spending more on food, the specific disruption doesn’t matter,” Ryngaert said. “In both cases, the cost of doing business is higher and will be shared by the consumer.” Not only was Kelly’s store paying for PPE and cleaning supplies, she said, but the hair products it uses were also more difficult to find.

“Even trying to get supplies — our colors and our product — the manufacturer’s shelves were empty,” she said. “We were having trouble even getting product to do anything in the beginning.” Salons were not the only businesses affected. Restaurant owners were also stressed by rising supply costs. International food prices increased for the fifth month in a row in October, according to a report by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, leading some restaurants either to charge COVID surcharges or raise menu prices to make up for lost revenue. While business owners recognize increased prices are unpopular with customers, they generally insist these increases are temporary and are only intended to cover their own increased costs. Businesses like Adelaide’s Salon recognize increased prices are unpopular with customers, especially those who may be experiencing economic difficulties in light of the pandemic. Adelaide’s is phasing out its \$5 COVID fee to help people during the holiday season, Kelly said. Some of the business costs have also decreased. “You know, we’re really kind of caught up now,” Kelly said. “It’s easier to get what we need and it’s

not costing as much as it used to, so we thought taking off the COVID fee was a nice gesture for the holidays.” Who pays? When providers bill for a COVID-related charge, patients with private insurance may have to pay for these fees out of pocket. Blue Cross NC, the largest private health insurance provider in the state, does not reimburse individuals for separate PPE charges. “Because infection control is always inherent to providing medical services, Blue Cross NC does not cover personal protective equipment when billed separately from the services provided,” a Blue Cross NC statement said. The federal government temporarily increased Medicare reimbursement rates by 20% for treatment of patients with COVID-19, but there is no specific provision for PPE fees. The federal Department of Health and Human Services launched a program in late April to cover the cost of COVID-19 treatment for anyone without insurance, although hospitals often forget to inform patients that they owe nothing. While treatment may be covered, the additional surcharges for PPE can be an added cost to the consumer.

Vaccine on the horizon for North Carolinians

State plans to make COVID-19 vaccine available for free, prioritized first to health care workers, residents and workers at long-term care facilities

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With hospitalizations hitting record levels and the coronavirus pandemic dragging into its ninth month, the prospect of a vaccine on the horizon gives many North Carolinians hope. Gov. Roy Cooper told Tar Heels to cling to that hope as the state expects a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines for high-risk health care workers as early as mid-December. The initial doses of the vaccine will come from Pfizer, Cooper said, and are required to be stored at temperatures of minus-70 degrees or lower. The ultralow temperature requirements mean only a few facilities have the necessary equipment to store the vaccine. Doses of the vaccine will be administered only upon U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval. The FDA committee that will consider Pfizer’s request was scheduled to meet Dec. 10. The state’s first round of vaccines will

be administered by hospitals to health care staff and custodial employees who work with and around COVID-19-positive patients. Hospitals will have discretion about whom they deem high risk, N.C. Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Mandy Cohen said. Long-term care facility patients and staff will also be among the first in the state to receive the immunization. “Vaccinations at our nursing homes, adult care homes and other long-term care settings are being managed by the federal government,” Cohen said. “However, the vaccines used in those long-term care settings will come from our state’s vaccine allotment.” Cohen expects the first shipment of the long-awaited drugs to include about 85,000 doses. Individuals who receive the first dose must receive a second shot 21 days later. The vaccine will be free for all North Carolinians, regardless of health insurance status, Cooper said. He encouraged residents to have faith in the

scientific and regulatory process. “I have some concerns about people not wanting to be vaccinated, and if it is authorized by this independent advisory board and approved by the FDA, I have confidence in it,” he said. “I think most of our health care and health experts will have confidence in it. We want people to have confidence in it because in order for this to work, we need to get as many people vaccinated as possible.” After the initial distribution, the state expects to receive additional batches to be distributed to individuals who are over age 65 with two or more self-reported co-morbidities. The state will receive weekly allocations from the federal government, Cohen said, with additional vaccines from Moderna and other pharmaceutical companies expected in early 2021. An FDA committee will consider Moderna’s application for Emergency Use Authorization on Dec. 17. The N.C. COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee, an independent body con-

vened by the N.C. Institute of Medicine, provided guidance to the Department of Health and Human Services on the distribution priorities. “Our prioritization plan is based on their guidance, along with guidance from the National Academy of Medicine on equitable distribution of vaccines,” Cohen said. The department submitted its vaccine plan to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in October. While the vaccine could offer a path for North Carolinians to return to their normal lives in 2021, widespread distribution is not expected in winter. “Having a safe vaccine within reach is an extraordinary achievement, but at the same time, it is not a quick fix,” Cohen said. “It will take several months to have enough supplies so that anyone can readily get a vaccine.” Until then, social distancing and mask wearing must be the norm, she urged.

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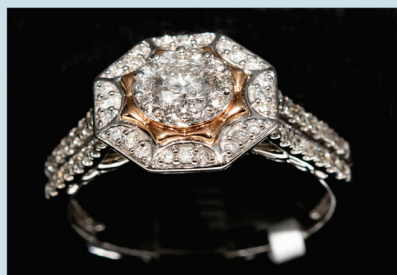
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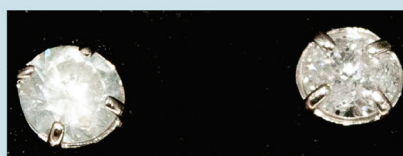
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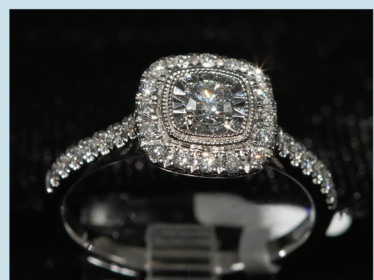
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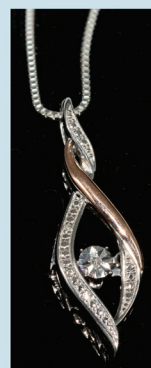
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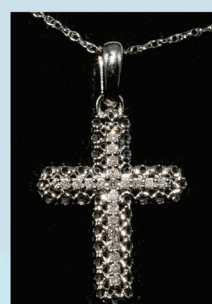
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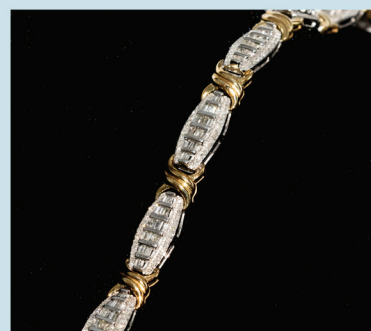
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