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## CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Student enrollment declines during COVID-19

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When Jazmin Mendoza Sosa, student support specialist for Communities In Schools, looked at Virginia Cross Elementary School enrollment data last fall, she noticed what many media organizations have reported since the beginning of the school year: a decline in enrollment.

As the lead student specialist at Virginia Cross, Mendoza Sosa serves 10% of the student population, based on the Day 10 enrollment data. She noticed the number of students she was

serving went from 54 students to 45 — representing a loss of nearly 100 students from the year before.

Since that Day 10 enrollment report from September, the number of students enrolled at Virginia Cross remained steady, but Chatham County Schools saw a total population 1.98% decrease of 173 students, according to Month 6 data spanning Feb. 3 to March 4. That's a 4.8% decrease from the 2019-20 school year, or 428 students, based on the two year's Month 6 data.

"In the grand scheme of things, that doesn't sound dramatic when you think

of all of our students," CCS Public Relations Coordinator John McCann told the News + Record. "But any student that we can't reach or that's not here is a lot for us — we want everybody to be here who wants to be here."

McCann said the decrease is likely due to COVID-19, and concerns people have about their students returning to school. Declines could be due to families opting for homeschool or schools offering more in-person learning. McCann said CCS school counselors and social workers reached out to families through home visits and phone calls with

students they hadn't heard from — an effort Mendoza Sosa emphasized as well.

"I believe as we are transitioning in-person learning, we will be able to better identify the 'missing students' or address the reason for decline of enrollment," Mendoza Sosa told the News + Record. "As student support specialist, I always try to have monthly contact with the family so I can help families. At school, I know Virginia Cross is also trying to do engagement."

While district enrollment reports show that some fluctuation was normal among

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## SILER CITY POLICE

### Siler City pastor arrested for child abuse

BY D. LARS DOLDER  
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SILER CITY — A Siler City pastor was arrested Saturday and charged with more than 30 counts of child sex abuse.

Oscar Vera Jimenez, 53, of Siler City was detained by Siler City Police following a complaint to the department that he was sexually assaulting a juvenile. Upon further investigation, police discovered Jimenez had abused the child on several occasions.

The Siler City Police Dept. declined to identify which church Jimenez served, but the Secretary of State lists an Oscar Vera Jimenez as the sole registered agent of Siler City's Iglesia Pentecostes Espirito Santo. Lieutenant Jason Boyd of the SCPD told the News + Record that police expect more victims to come forward as investigation continues.

"What we're doing now," Boyd said, "is we're following up with anybody, any

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### N.C. cluster data likely underrepresents coronavirus spread

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN & D. LARS DOLDER  
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In North Carolina, there have been 936,425 cases of COVID-19 since last spring, according to the state's dashboard as of Tuesday afternoon, and more than 12,000 people have died as a result.

Such overwhelming numbers depict a grim toll, but they may under-represent the coronavirus's spread and impact.

Under state health guidelines, only congregant living settings, schools and childcare facilities are required to report clusters or outbreaks of COVID-19 cases to their local health departments. Other settings — such as churches, public venues and most businesses — are not.

Members of the latter category may voluntarily report COVID-19 cases to the health

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## Chatham's Founding Day



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The official kickoff to Chatham County's 250th anniversary began with Founding Day, observed Saturday in Pittsboro. More than 150 cars passed through the drive-thru event which provided stations featuring information related to the county's history. In the top photo, Gary Simpson (right, with tricorne hat) portrays John Brooks, one of Chatham's first settlers, while Connie McAdams portrays Lucy Worth Jackson, daughter of Jonathan Worth, Reconstruction Governor and War Treasurer of the state of North Carolina. Below, Chatham 250 co-chairpersons Renee Paschal, Dr. Carl E. Thompson Sr. and Lendy Carias pose during a break. **MORE PHOTOS**, pages A6-7.

## 'THIS IS MY CHANCE'

### Chatham HS students get vaccinated

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Shortly before 10 a.m. last Thursday, Jordan-Matthews senior Jacquelinne Marroquin Tobar drove to Piedmont Health's Siler City Community Health Center and parked. In the driver's seat, she rolled up her sleeve to finally get vaccinated against COVID-19 after months of waiting her turn. "The nurse" was like, "Are you ready?" said Marroquin Tobar, 18. Then she laughed.

Marroquin

"I'm more than ready," I said. I put out my arm. I got the vaccine."

Two weeks earlier, Gov. Roy Cooper announced that all N.C. residents 16 and older would be eligible to get the vaccine starting April 7 — and Marroquin Tobar, like many other Chatham students, seized the opportunity.

"When I heard that it was available, I was like, 'This is my chance, and I'm going to make the appointment,'" she said. "So I did. ... And I'm really excited. I feel like it was something that I needed to do."

Since she's 18, Marroquin Tobar could receive the Moderna vaccine. For some students, however, that's just

not an option. Of all three vaccines authorized for emergency use in the U.S., only the Pfizer vaccine may be administered to 16- and 17-year-olds — and few locations inside Chatham offer that vaccine, forcing some students to look outside the county.

Since early March, 128 teenagers aged 16 and 17 in Chatham have been partially vaccinated, according to the state's vaccinations dashboard as of Tuesday.

Jordan-Matthews senior Kevin Manzanarez, 17, ended up getting vaccinated March 28 at the Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro. As a restaurant worker, Manzanarez qualified

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## TESTING THE WATERS

### Weighing the options for Chatham's private sewage systems

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*Editor's note: This is the fifth installment in a series investigating Chatham County's water and sewer infrastructure.*

BRIAR CHAPEL — For years, private wastewater operations in northeastern Chatham have been undermined by perpetual system failures that bathe communities in leakage and sewage smell.

But as development contin-

ues and facilities near capacity, realistic solutions to the longstanding issues are not forthcoming.

Aging facilities and stressed capacity limits have plagued several of the county's unincorporated neighborhoods, but none more severely than Briar Chapel. More than 47,000 gallons of sewage has spilled from the community's private plant since 2016, the News + Record previously reported.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events are subject to change based on closures related to the coronavirus pandemic. Verify with organizers prior to events.

• **The 2021 Spring Chicken Festival**, scheduled for May 1, has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

• **The Friends of the Chatham Community Library** has cancelled its Spring Book Sale due to the continued lockdown of government offices and businesses, ordered by federal, state, and local government. More information can be found on the website: friendsocl.org.

• **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 Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 19, at town hall and via Zoom.

• **The Chatham County Schools Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, for its regular session meeting at Horton Middle School. The meeting will also be livestreamed.

## THURSDAY

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

• **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.

## OTHER UPCOMING:

• **Pittsboro's Carolina Brewery** is helping the Chatham Animal Rescue and Education (CARE) organization by offering Dine & Donate, every third Monday of the month as of April 19. Five percent of the day's sales, including dining in or take out, will go to CARE to help dogs and cats in Chatham County get the veterinarian care, food and supplies they need while looking for their forever homes.

• **CLYDEFEST in the Wild** Details for April: - Tuesday, April 20, 4-6 p.m.: Chatham Artists-in-Schools artist Diali Cissokho will kick it off with a live performance, truck-and-trailer style, traveling through the neighborhoods of Loves' Creek and Pony Farm Road in western Chatham sharing the music of West Senegal—with beloved ClydeFEST performers joining in our mini-parade. Saturday, April 24, at The Park at Briar Chapel, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Families and kids will have the opportunity to schedule outdoor time at our mobile Critterville to

paint and embellish one of those well-known and beloved critter cut-outs. Tuesday, April 27, 4-6:30 p.m.: Chatham Artists-in-Schools artist Diali Cissokho and ClydeFEST roving performers will travel through the neighborhoods of Briar Chapel and Nature Trail Community in eastern Chatham sharing their arts magic.

• **Chatham Community Library** will commemorate National Poetry Month in April with a presentation by NC Poet Laureate, Jaki Shelton Green. The virtual event entitled "An Evening with the North Carolina Poet Laureate," will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. The Library is also offering free online classes on Microsoft PowerPoint, also in April. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found at www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses. Microsoft PowerPoint Basics, Part 1: April 20, Tuesday, at 3 p.m. and Part 2: April 27, Tuesday, at 3 p.m.

• **The League of Women Voters** of Orange, Durham and Chatham counties invites the community to a lecture series on "The State of Our Democracy." Join us as six distinguished scholars from local universities explore the roots of our government, past and present pressures on our system and the resiliency of our democracy. Register for one or more, they are free and open to the public and all are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. For the Living

and Not the Dead: The US Constitution, Then and Now; Tuesday, April 27: The State of Our News Media; and Tuesday, May 4, America's Struggle Over Voting Rights: Lessons from North Carolina.

The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Masks required and groups will be distanced. Adult and kid friendly; no admission fee. Our 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. More info: <https://chathamhistory.org>

• **Second Bloom Thrift Store is open** at the Food Lion Shopping Center. Store hours are from Tuesday until Saturday, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Masks are required and hand sanitizer is also available. Proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

• **Pittsboro Youth Theater** (pittsboroyouththeater.com) is offering in-person theater camps this summer! All campers will learn a comprehensive variety of theater skills, rehearse and perform a live play at Sweet Bee Theater. Every camp will be led by experienced Pittsboro Youth Theater Director(s) and Assistant(s). Camp themes

include Princess Camp, Fairy Camp, Jungle Camp, and Alien Camp. There will also be a 3-week musical intensive resulting in performances of Frozen Jr., as well as a 2-week intensive for younger campers resulting in performances of Frozen Kids. Enrollment is open now on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages: 6-12; 3 weeks for ages 10-18. Dates: Weekly camps, 2-week summer intensive, and 3-week summer intensive, June 14 - August 13, 9 am to 5 pm, (early drop-off and late pick-up for an additional fee). Price: Weekly camps: \$265. Frozen Jr. and Frozen Kids: See website for details, COVID-19 Precautions, full details and accommodations - PYT Marketing Team, [pytmktg@gmail.com](mailto:pytmktg@gmail.com) - 18A E. Salisbury St., Pittsboro; 919-533-6997.

• **The Chatham Arts Council** has put together a relief effort specifically for artists and arts-workers called CAARE: **Chatham Artist and Arts-Worker Relief Effort**. For more information on CAARE, or to donate, visit [ChathamArtsCouncil.org](http://ChathamArtsCouncil.org).

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

• **Foster and/or adoptive information:** Give chil-

dren a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent? Call 919-642-6956 to learn more.

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

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

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

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

• **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](http://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.

# Health department celebrates National Public Health Week

From Chatham County Health Department

PITTSBORO — National Public Health Week (NPHW) is April 5-11 this year, a time to recognize those individuals who contribute to public health on a small and large scale. The Chatham County Public Health Department is celebrating NPHW this year by recognizing the tremendous work and dedication of department staff, community partners and volunteers who have played critical roles in the COVID-19 vaccination process.

"Without the effort and commitment of so many people, staff, partners, and volunteers alike, we would not be able to vaccinate the Chatham community against COVID-19 and beat this pandemic," said Chatham County Public Health Director Mike Zelek. "This is the most critical public health intervention of our time, and these individuals have done historical work."

Each of the CCPHD's four divisions has played a critical role in the department's COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

The Clinical & Community Health Services division has led vaccination drawing and administration efforts, along with registration, data entry, inventory management and the recruitment and management of medical volunteers. This division also houses the public health nurses that have given thousands of doses

at CCPHD events.

The Health Promotion & Policy division has led the department's outreach, education and communications efforts, as well as managing and staffing the COVID-19 vaccine info line, scheduling and refreshments at vaccination clinics. This division has also been the driving force behind the department's equity framework and the Chatham Health Alliance's Community Hub events.

The environmental health division has led the planning and coordination for mass vaccination events, including preparation of supplies and forms and guiding safety and infection control efforts on site. The administration division has led oversight and general direction of vaccination efforts, including financial management and translation of needed materials.

The department has also received assistance from many employees across Chatham County government's various departments as runners, data entry, appointment schedulers and info line operators. The CCPHD is grateful to staff from Chatham County Libraries, the Chatham County Department of Social Services, Chatham County Court Services and the Chatham County Manager's Office who served in various roles. The Chatham County Sheriff's Office and the Chatham Community Emergency Response Team helped guide traffic

and served as security at vaccination sites. Chatham County Emergency Management and staff at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center helped organize on-site logistics and have been key partners in leading response efforts throughout the pandemic.

Chatham Transit helped bring individuals to vaccination events who otherwise would not have been able to get life-saving shots.

Additionally, the CCPHD is grateful to members of the N.C. National Guard who have assisted with department vaccination efforts, both at mass vaccination events and smaller clinics across Chatham County.

Public Health work cannot be done without community partners whose main function may or may not have anything to do with health, and that was proven especially true during the COVID-19 pandemic and now with vaccination efforts.

The need for face coverings early in the pandemic was answered quickly. The Chatham Health Alliance organized two drives for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including face coverings. #Masks4Medicine collected PPE for essential workers, particularly those in healthcare, while #ChathamMaskMakers collected PPE including masks for the general population. These efforts led to the donation of tens of thousands of masks. The Chatham Health Alliance wants to recognize

two groups in particular: Lazar Industries, a furniture manufacturer in Siler City, which made more than 8,000 masks through repurposing part of their operations early in the pandemic, and the sewing circle at Fearrington Village, which made thousands of face coverings without the aid of an assembly line and industrial sewing machines.

"We will never be able to adequately recognize everyone who has played a role," Zelek said. "However, by highlighting the contributions of many who have given their time and energy to this important cause, we hope the Chatham community will better understand what public health is and why it takes a community to do this critical work. There is no better time than National Public Health Week to do this."

The CCPHD has relied on community partners, including the Chatham County Council on Aging, Chatham County Schools, El Vinculo Hispano/Hispanic Liaison and the Chatham County Partnership for Children, to make vaccination events a success, including linking residents to appointments. The CCPHD has also worked with several faith communities and businesses to host COVID-19 vaccination events on their premises. These organizations include Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Goldston, St. Julia Catholic Church in Siler

City, Roca Fuerte Baptist Church in Pittsboro and Brookwood Farms in Siler City, among others.

The Rev. Dr. Joshua T. Jones Jr., Senior Pastor of Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Goldston, volunteered at the February 5th COVID-19 vaccine administration event at his church. He also received his first dose of the vaccine from Public Health Nurse Laura Parks. The CCPHD would also like to thank Chatham County leadership, including the Chatham County Board of Health, the County Manager's Office, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, and the Chatham

County Board of Education, for their support throughout the pandemic, including with COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and the CCPHD's vaccination plans, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/coronavirusvaccine](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/coronavirusvaccine). To learn more about the Chatham County Public Health Department, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth) or [www.facebook.com/chathamhealth](http://www.facebook.com/chathamhealth). For more on how Chatham County's residents have gone above and beyond in service during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/chathamtogether](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/chathamtogether).

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individual grade levels, in the 2010-2020 time range analyzed, the total number of students in the district increased every year, apart from this school year. The decrease in CCS total student enrollment trended toward K-8 students.

Mendoza Sosa said she thinks factors in place prior to COVID led to some of the enrollment decline currently evident, particularly in Pre-K and kindergarten. For example, she said, lower birth rates likely impacted upcoming kindergarten classes. North Carolina, along with 30 other states, also does not require children to attend kindergarten, though all public school systems must offer it.

“I can’t say if this impacted VCE prior to COVID, but I know of other schools struggling to enroll Pre-K and Kindergarten students,” she said.

## ‘Potential long-term consequences’

This trend is reflected statewide, according to preliminary data from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction which shows a 15.21% decline in kindergarten membership during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an Oct. 23 report examining the state’s data, Education-NC reported that kindergarten saw the steepest decline among all grades when compared with data from 2019-20.

That data reflects the average daily membership, a measurement used by the state to give an idea of how many students are in schools, which is slightly different from the enrollment numbers listed in CCS reports. DPI defines ADM as “The total number of school days within a given term, usually a school month or school year, that a student’s name is on the current roll of a class, regardless of his/her being present or absent, is the number of days in membership for that student. The sum of the number of days in membership for all students divided by the number of school days in the term yields ADM.”

ADM is a more accurate count of the number of students in school than enrollment, DPI says. In North Carolina, school districts receive funding based on their projected ADMs, meaning that

CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS															
2020-2021															
Month 6 Enrollment															
February 3 - March 4, 2021															
SCHOOL	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Totals
Bennett	21	19	20	13	13	14	20	15	35						170
Bonlee	36	27	23	45	24	33	39	37	40						304
Chatham Grove	94	109	97	94	109	88									591
Chatham Middle							198	194	195						587
Horton Middle						83	93	92	111						379
J.S. Waters	20	28	22	16	26	21	19	41	32						225
Margaret B. Pollard							262	260	243						765
Moncure	18	20	26	21	27	24	31	31	30						228
North Chatham	70	94	86	87	80	91									508
Perry Harrison	35	40	29	42	37	41									224
Pittsboro Elem	93	86	88	97	84										448
Siler City Elem	95	89	112	82	103	115									596
Silk Hope	29	30	25	28	33	33	33	42	42						295
Virginia Cross Elem	70	81	74	80	67	82									454
Chatham Central										97	107	83	105		392
Jordan-Matthews										269	218	162	184		833
Northwood										413	396	358	288		1455
SAGE Academy										0	0	0	0		0
CSSE										28	24	25	16	2	95
COUNTY TOTAL	581	623	602	605	603	625	695	712	728	807	745	628	593	2	8549

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they could face budget cuts for lower numbers. This year, in September, the General Assembly passed a bill ensuring districts would not face such cuts for ADM declines.

Still, that doesn’t mean long-term effects of such declines aren’t of any concern, Menzosa Sosa said.

“I see potential long-term consequences as losing resources, teachers and find(ing) it difficult to support children,” she said.

Last fall, The Washington Post reported that student enrollment had “dropped markedly” this school year across the Washington region, and attributed the decline to families who have switched to homeschooling or private schools with in-person learning, or those who’ve moved to farther-away school districts. The News + Record does not currently have data on the reasoning for any withdrawal in CCS; this data doesn’t necessarily exist for kindergarteners new to the district, though it could for kindergarten students who enrolled this year and then withdrew.

“Hopefully, as more folks get vaccinated, then come next year we’ll have those numbers increased,” McCann said of CCS enrollment data. In Chatham, most charter schools didn’t begin offering in-person learning for

students much earlier than Chatham County Schools did — and enrollment numbers from those schools suggest students leaving CCS did not move solely to those schools.

Beth McCullough, Executive Director of Secondary Programs & Communications at Chatham Charter school, said the school’s current enrollment is 561 students.

“We stay around 565 every year so our numbers are very in line with the norm,” she said, adding that they’ve noticed a difference in the number of applications for the 2021-22 school year. “There were about half as many as other years which we attribute to the pandemic.”

Even so, the school still had a wait list at the time of its lottery.

Woods Charter School Principal Cotton Bryan said the school has 505 students, with enrollment typically at 512 students, “plus or minus a few.”

Willow Oak Montessori, the third charter school currently open to students in the county, did not respond to an email asking about its current enrollment numbers.

Mendoza Sosa said the Siler City community was impacted because of the loss of income during the pandemic and need to search for jobs outside the county — an impact she suspects might have

changed which schools students attend.

“Chatham County has a housing situation that impacts being able to find affordable housing,” she said. “The families we serve in Siler City are families who chose to stay in the county and work outside of the county, but as a result of COVID, some families might have to move their families to other cities or states to find a network of support that they might have lost as result of the pandemic.”

As for ‘missing students,’ a term used in different ways to describe various groups of students negatively impacted by the pandemic and remote learning, Mendoza Sosa said she conceptualizes this group as students the school hasn’t been able to make any contact with and for whom there is no proof of their learning. These students aren’t necessarily the same ones represented in enrollment decline data, she said.

At Virginia Cross, the school worked hard to identify and support such students, she said, particularly at the beginning of the school year when she spent a lot of time calling and visiting families to check on them. Due to income loss caused by the pandemic, many families could no longer afford Wi-Fi. For other students who’d never had consistent internet access, the dependency on remote learning during the pandemic made connecting with teachers more challenging.

“I feel ‘missing students’ at the beginning were students struggling to transition to a remote-learning environment,” Mendoza Sosa said. “Also, I feel the ‘missing kids’ were students who struggled learning remotely and that some of the COVID might have resulted in mental health issues for our kids. I struggled so much working from home and I could not really concentrate on doing work sometimes — I am an adult.”

In Chatham, Pre-K through 5th grade students had the result to return to in-person learning four times a week under Plan A on April 12, with middle and high schoolers able to return April 19. It remains to be seen if enrollment numbers will increase following this increased in-person learning time, as predicted by many education experts.

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# WATER

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When sewage is not spilling into yards and onto streets, residents still make frequent complaints of pervasive odors and smaller spills which contaminate surrounding areas, according to reports filed with the State of North Carolina Utilities Commission and the county’s board of commissioners.

“Wastewater has long been identified as a significant need in the northeastern section of the county to ensure the area is developed in a smart, thoughtful and desirable manner,” said Lee Bowman, principal at The Legion Company, a real estate development, operations and advisory service in Chatham.

But developers, facility operators and residents can’t agree on how best to meet demand.

There are two major wastewater operators in the county, each responsible for management of independent sewer

facilities in several of the county’s unincorporated developments. The biggest is Aqua America, which oversees private sewage plants in Governor’s Club, Chapel Ridge and North Chatham Village, among others. In Briar Chapel and parts of Chatham Park, Envirolink cares for wastewater management in partnership with Old North State Water Company, which owns the facilities. Envirolink also manages a plant in Fearington. Most smaller Chatham communities use septic systems.

In North Chatham’s older communities, such as Briar Chapel, residents face at least two problems with their wastewater treatment: aging facilities need expensive renovations to meet service standards, and new developments threatens to stress capacity limits if new connections are established.

To sidestep both issues, some have proposed that Chatham County build a regional wastewater treatment facility to supplant private operations

in North Chatham neighborhoods, as the News + Record explored in the previous installment of this series.

“Developers do not want to build their own sewage facilities,” said Chris Ehrenfeld, who owns Chapel Hill-based development company, Bold Construction, which frequently operates in Chatham. (Ehrenfeld is also a partner in Chatham Media Group LLC, the owner of the News + Record.)

“If we had a county sewer system years ago, there would be less of these individual systems that are having issues,” he said. “With our market growing, now is a great time for a county sewer system to capture new development before they build their own systems. In addition, many of the older systems would tap into a county system when they are due for an upgrade.”

The county’s answer to such calls: don’t count on it.

“They have invested millions in that,” County Manager Dan LaMon-

tagne said of the private wastewater developers and operators in northeast Chatham. “Would they love to wash their hands of that and have the county buy it? Maybe. Is the county going to use its dollars to buy the infrastructure they put in there? Probably not.”

Instead, the county expects private operators to meet growing demand.

“Even in more recent long-range planning,” Bowman said, “... the county assumed that the private sector would take responsibility for developing sewer, rather than have the county build a regional facility which some have proposed.”

An intermediate solution, then, could be for wastewater treatment plants from adjacent North Chatham communities to connect their facilities, establishing a private regional plant. But residents have vehemently objected.

Until the end of last year, plans were under way to connect Briar Chapel’s and Fearington’s wastewater systems before Old North State withdrew its application to transfer utilities following public outcry. Neighborhood residents cited Briar Chapel’s current sewer shortcomings as evidence that expansion would introduce more frequent issues.

Without a regional plant — either county-run or privately operated — the only remaining solution is for operators to renovate and expand their

facilities to meet each neighborhood’s demand. It’s unclear if Old North State and Envirolink have immediate plans to enhance their facilities in Chatham. Neither company responded to the News + Record’s request for comment.

If they do modify wastewater plants in Briar Chapel and elsewhere, though, users will almost surely see the expense reflected in their rates.

“The only way private utility systems can recover infrastructure upgrades or other investment is through their rate base,” Bowman said. “That’s the downside of having a stagnant customer base — with no option for new users, the existing rate payers will be the ones to solely absorb those added costs.”

“As updates are made to private utility systems,” he added, “users may find that their rates increase significantly as standalones. It’s essentially an economy of scale, therefore being connected with a larger user base would create more stability for rates.”

Bowman knows from whence he speaks. Before starting his own company, he worked as the senior project manager for the Triangle at Newland, Briar Chapel’s developer, from 2005 to 2019. Afterward, he spent about a year as director of project and corporate development at Envirolink.

But Bowman is also a Briar Chapel homeowner, and thereby uniquely familiar with the concerns on both sides of

North Chatham’s sewer kerfuffle.

“It’s been extremely frustrating and challenging for all parties involved,” Bowman said. “As a resident of Briar Chapel and someone who worked in the development of this community, I can empathize with all sides of the problem. I think that everyone — from the homeowners to the HOA to the utility companies — are all wanting to do the right thing and trying to help move things forward, but sometimes emotions can limit progress.”

Apprehension about a private regional wastewater plant is understandable, Bowman says, and there is merit to the arguments against it. But the way sewer operates now — with each neighborhood served by an independent facility — the issues that have plagued North Chatham’s neighborhoods are almost sure to continue.

“Chatham is a growing area and as new developers invest in this area they will have to build more standalone systems because there is no regional option,” Bowman said. “As more of these standalone systems emerge, you will hear of more operational concerns, regulatory challenges, a lack of efficiency and rising rates. It’s tough — it’s really tough for everybody involved.”

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THE CN+R EDITORIAL

## Your property taxes may be going up. (But it doesn't always mean they'll stay up.)

In a perfect world, the state-mandated property revaluations each of North Carolina's 100 counties must undergo at least once every eight years would be what's called a "revenue-neutral" event.

Meaning this: total new valuation of all appraised property multiplied by the ad valorem tax rate commissioners set as a part of the new fiscal budget process generates roughly the same revenue as the prior year's, under the previous valuation.

But Chatham County isn't stuck in neutral, as evidenced by the Jan. 1, 2021, revaluation recently completed. When all is said and done, county tax officials expect the total valuation of all non-exempt parcels and properties to increase about 14% overall. (Municipal-owned properties, for example, aren't assessed property taxes.) As Chatham grows and becomes a more desirable place to live, it's not surprising that 77% of all parcels showed an increase in value — according to the valuation done by Vincent Valuations, hired by the county for this year's reappraisal — over the last revaluation four years

ago.

Still, many Chatham residents were quite surprised when revaluation notices hit their mailboxes — prompting social media outbursts ranging from outrage to glee, and spurring the creation of at least one local Facebook group where those unhappy with their valuations can rant.

The other proverbial shoe will drop come budget time.

Fair warning: don't expect the 2021-22 Chatham County budget, which must be set by the end of June, to be revenue-neutral. County Manager Dan LaMontagne signaled as much when he told the News + Record that the county's rapid growth requires more services from local government to support it.

"Estimates of revenue and expenses to bring a balanced budget to the board of commissioners are still being formulated," he said. "That being said, we already know of a number of expenses that are needed to support this growth. The new Seaforth High School will be opening next year with an estimated operating cost of approximately \$2.3 million. We have also limited the expan-

sion of staffing over the last two years while the growth in the county has outpaced the addition of staff. Most departments have been handling the increased workload with limited resources. These and other expenses will be considered along with the projected revenues as we prepare the balanced budget."

Chatham County Commissioners will have the final say in the budget process and in setting a new county-wide property tax rate, but the fact is, a new high school, funding staffing needs and the necessity to manage the infrastructure stemming from growth mean the county's operating budget will very likely see changes — increases — regardless of the timing of the mandated property revaluation.

So, short-term, most Chatham residents can expect property taxes to increase. That's the imperfect part of this process. But long-term, it must be emphasized, the growth in population coming Chatham's way will lead to more homes and businesses. The county's tax base will increase significantly in coming years, meaning the tax burden

gets spread more broadly. And in that imperfect process, over time, if the growth is managed, the individual tax burden of property owners should lessen, not increase.

It doesn't always happen that way, but Chatham is uniquely-positioned for it. Residential growth in places like Chatham Park, business and retail growth that follows, and the county's megasites primed for an industrial boom will, in time, be a huge boon for the tax base. And, hopefully, for the taxpaying property owners inside the county.

County budgets and property tax rates are always a balancing act. There's plenty of evidence to show that most homeowners receive more services than their taxes pay for, in part because of the high cost of building and maintaining schools. On an upward growth trajectory — where Chatham finds itself now — the balance sometimes tips against you.

But on the downhill coast, in the glow that naturally results from what's expected to be that huge surge in tax base, the scales, in time, tip back in your favor. As Chatham's commercial tax base (very low in

comparison to our neighbors) grows, the proportional tax burden on residential taxpayers will shrink. It's very nearly a mathematical certainty.

That won't assuage unhappy homeowners today, though. For right now, the reality is that the timing of Chatham's reappraisal occurred in the midst a hot housing market. The number of homes on the market in the United States right now is at a record low; half of all homes sell within a week of being listed, according to a recent story published in Bloomberg Wealth.

So what to do? First, Chatham homeowners have an outlet to protest their revaluation through an appeal process. (The deadline is at 5 p.m. on May 6; start your appeal at <https://gisservices.chatham-countync.gov/taxrequest/>.)

And second: have patience as you keep your eye on the big picture. Pay attention during the county's discussions about budget and tax rates, but know that Chatham's capacity for significant commercial and residential growth can, in the long run, mean a lower tax bill all around for the average homeowner.

## Spring happening a reminder little things have big impact

This will date me back to the days when dinosaurs roamed the earth and there were no microwaves or electronic devices and people actually had to cook and have face-to-face conversations, but it does make a point.

In 1953, American pop singer Kitty Kallen released a recording entitled "Little Things Mean a Lot." It was aimed at letting lovers know little things, as the lyrics say — "blow me a kiss from across the room, say I look nice when I'm not, touch my hair as you pass my chair, little things mean a lot" — go a long way toward making the big things happen.

That's a good little thing but there are also little things that can have a detrimental effect on life.

For instance, there's the old story about a long-ago kingdom waging war against its major rival. Things weren't going too well for the home team when the commanding officer dispatched a soldier on horseback to call for reinforcements to come immediately, if not sooner.

The story goes on to note what happened after the rider left and a nail came out of one of his steed's horseshoe and the rider didn't make it back to the reserve troops in time. "For want of a nail, the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe, the horse was lost. For want of a horse, the rider was lost. For want of a rider, the battle was lost. For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost — all for the want of a nail."

Most of us these days don't have much to do with horseshoes and nails but there are countless little things that have a big impact on our lives. And if you've been outdoors for at least 19 minutes the past few days, you no doubt have noticed one of them, except for me it's not just a little thing. And maybe for you, too.

Most things are yellow these days. Outdoor furniture. Your car or truck. Sidewalks and stairs and steps. Things on the screen porch. The dog, if he lies still for five minutes.

It's pollen time in North Carolina, a season which should be added to the four we already have. And here's the deal: it can be good — and is — and it can be bad — and is.

It hasn't been revealed to me why God, in His creation wisdom, deemed that trees and bushes and plants and flowers would reproduce and grow the way they do. I don't know why birds and bees are such an integral part of each spring's return to foliage and growth. Well, actually I do know why — that's the way things were created; I just don't know why that seemed to be the best way for those things to happen.

And, truthfully, I'm glad we have renewal from winter's dormant stage. It's soon going to be time for good things like tomatoes and blackberries, which go into my favorite of all desserts — blackberry cobbler with vanilla ice cream. The blackberries. Not the tomatoes. They don't go into cobbler, although they're pretty tasty with fresh bread and Duke's mayonnaise.

The only problem — and it's a big one for me and maybe you — is that while the pollen is flying about, spurred on by the breezes of the season, it doesn't all wind up on other plants or even your car. Some of it winds up in my nose and sinus cavities and throat and some winds up in my eyes behind my contacts. Have you ever seen a picture of what a grain of pollen looks like? Imagine a microscopic sweetball with all its prickly points. Then imagine that in your eyes.

Ouch.

Fortunately, the season is a relatively brief one and when coupled with an occasional shower — the rain kind, not the Saturday night kind — it passes on and eventually we're left with the beauty of nature.

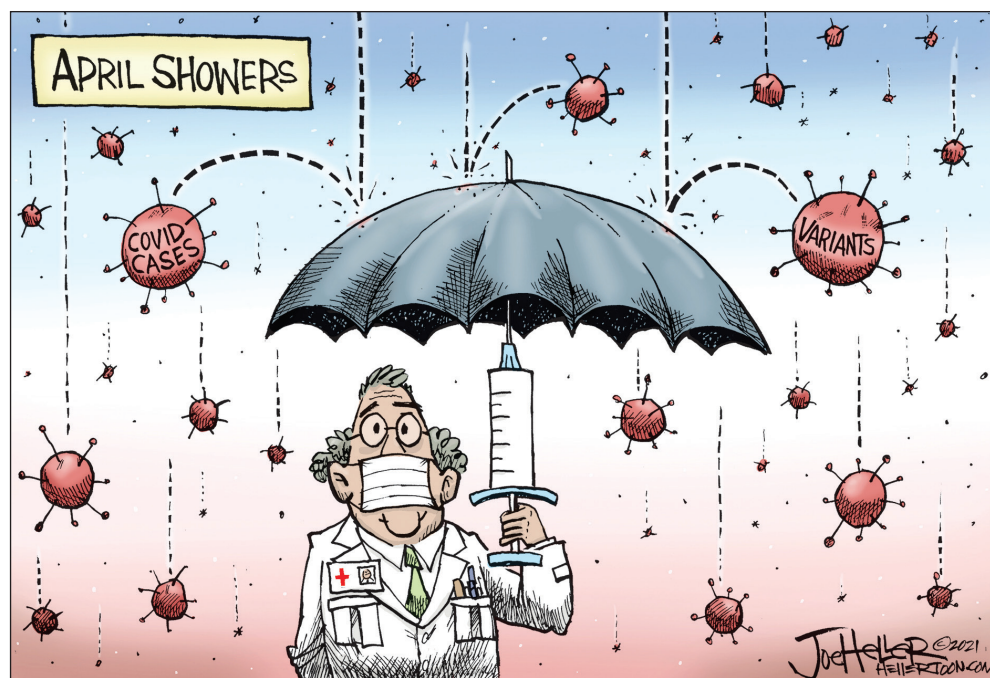
It seems to me there's a lesson for us folks in that. As we move through life, there are opportunities for little things, good little things ... an encouraging word, a handshake (if you're not afraid of it), maybe a fist bump, a pat on the shoulder, a helping hand along the way. But there's also the opposite opportunities that some folks seem inclined to do — fussing, grumbling, knocking someone, complaining. And the results of either — or both — will bloom soon enough.

Just remember this: there's only about a foot of difference between a pat on the shoulder and a kick in the seat of the pants but the results are miles apart.

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BOB WACHS  
Movin' Around



## Ken Burns' 'Hemingway,' and the writer's grandson

I watched Ken Burns' and Kim Novick's new film about writer Ernest Hemingway last week on PBS. I recorded the three-part series thinking I would not be able to stay up past my bedtime, which seems to come earlier and earlier with every passing year, but I found this documentary compelling enough to keep me wide awake and on the edge of my seat instead of flat on my back and fast asleep.

The film brought back some great memories, including some of his grandson, Patrick.

The famous writer's second son is named Patrick Miller Hemingway, and that Patrick appears extensively in the old black and white home movies and still pictures featured in the film, as well as in on-camera interviews. But Ernest also has a grandson named John Patrick Hemingway, and that grandson is whom I met at one of my neighborhood watering holes when I lived in Brooklyn years ago. Patrick, as he referred to himself, was an artist and a photographer with a permanent home in the Pacific Northwest. He came to New York to see his girlfriend, Dina, whom I knew well and who lived on my block. I think he appreciated that I was not star-struck by his grandfather. After many years in NYC, I had seen enough stars in the studio and millionaires on the street to have developed a breezy attitude about the rich and famous. I did not sneer when I told him that being a legacy requires nothing more than but to be born, and when I told him my father was a two-time Pulitzer Prize-nominated investigative journalist, we both had a good laugh at the expense of what he called writer royalty.

He and I both had a taste for the lush life back then; naturally, we hit it off right away.

One afternoon over cold beers, he asked if I knew anything about boats. I told him I knew a little, but as a production carpenter, I did not build boats; I built things that looked like boats on TV. This was why I loved my job on Saturday Night Live; in the morning I could build a boat, but in the afternoon I might build a log cabin, and that night I probably would have to build a spaceship. After we both stopped laughing he

said that was too bad, because he was going to Cuba to work on his grandfather's boat, the Pilar, and he wanted to take a good carpenter. To this day I am still kicking myself for not lying.

But my father told me to always be honest, and as I watched the story of Ernest Hemingway unspool on the screen, it brought back a flood of memories of my father as a writer. I could see him clearly in the remodeled tobacco barn he turned into the office where he wrote. I saw him sitting at his desk, typing on his old Royal manual typewriter, his fingers flying furiously over the keys, stopping only long enough to slap the carriage back and start a new line. I remembered him also as a father teaching his son to hunt: I saw him wearing his hunting vest, complete with shotgun shells in the chest high elastic loops and the 16-gauge Remington shotgun he owned cradled in the crook of his arm. I remembered him teaching me to always keep the barrel of my firearm pointing up; if I carried it with the barrel down I might accidentally get dirt in it.

I thought of us fishing together from our boat, and him teaching me how to tie the knot on my fishing lures to get the most strength from the monofilament. I take great heart and unalloyed pleasure in knowing how to hunt and fish, not only because this chunk of primal human heritage is now mine forever and can never be unlearned, but especially because knowledge implies choice; I can now choose not to kill and clean and cook a rabbit or a bream.

Ms. Walls cannot bear Ernest Hemingway's persona. Maybe he is a misogynist, but I judge an artist by the art, not the ego, and I like his writing; he wrote what he knew, and it is the genuineness of experience that makes his prose as clear as mountain air.

I also liked his grandson. He was a pretty cool guy to have a beer with, so his grandfather could not have been all bad.

Dwayne Walls Jr. 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. Walls is the author of the book "Backstage at the Lost Colony." He and his wife Elizabeth live in Pittsboro.



DWAYNE WALLS JR.  
The Roundabout



# VIEWPOINTS

## The Spirit versus the Letter

The church I serve as pastor affirms and supports the full rights of the LGBTQIA community. If not all of these letters are familiar, “I” generally stands for intersex, and “A” can stand for asexual (a person who doesn’t experience sexual attraction) or ally (a person who is not LGBT, but who actively supports those communities). Such inclusion was not the case in every church in my denomination when I was in seminary just 10 years ago. We have come a long way in a short time.

As with slavery, civil rights and women’s rights, the bibli-



**ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN**  
Hope Matters

cal arguments for and against such modern issues as same-sex marriage boil down to a difference between what the Apostle Paul termed “the spirit” versus “the letter” of the law: “The letter kills, but the spirit gives life” (2 Corinthians 3:6). The Bible is a library of ancient writings that are often influenced by the patriarchal, tribalistic worldviews common to antiquity. Yet, certain passages transcend both their time and ours, envisioning a radical, holy equality. Paul offered one such vision: “There is no male and female, for you are all one” (Galatians 3:28).

As a pastor, I’ve learned to make the biblical arguments in favor of the spirit rather than the letter of the law. But in my 10 years as a minister, I have learned the most from people who originally disagreed with inclusion and affirmation —

individuals who have come a long way in a short time.

There was an elderly woman in my previous congregation who had a trans-gendered grandson. Initially, she wanted nothing to do with him. But when she learned that the young man’s parents had forbidden him to visit for the Christmas holidays, this grandmother flew all the way across the country to spend time with him instead of the rest of her family.

Before she left for this trip, she told me, “I figure I can either be right or I can be in relationship.” After her return, she viewed the situation with a different nuance. “I’ve come to believe that the only ‘right’ way is to be in relationship.”

She came to understand the spirit, not the letter, of the law.

This grandmother has since died, but I know what she would think of a bill filed in

our state legislature last week. SB 514 would require teachers, guidance counselors, faculty and administrators to report “symptoms of gender nonconformity” to a student’s parents.

This bill would waste the time of educators by requiring them to parse such a vague definition. Does “gender nonconformity” mean the length of a student’s hair or style of pants? How about hobbies or extracurriculars?

Most of all, such focus on the letter of the law would denigrate the fundamental spirit of trust teachers and staff have with students. Schools should support students, not interrogate them.

Referring explicitly to SB 514 in an editorial for The Washington Post, Alyssa Rosenberg wrote, “The cruelest effect of such legislation, were it to pass, would be to force teachers,

guidance counselors and other adults, whom children ought to be able to trust, to out trans and gender-nonconforming young people to their parents.”

I hope that houses of worship would offer life-giving relationships to youth, just as schools should. Bullying and other examples of violence against members of the LGBTQIA community tragically demonstrate how legalism can kill.

It’s true that we have come a long way in a short time. But all who care for justice equity must be vigilant unless we as a society actually go backwards.

*Andrew Taylor-Troutman is the pastor of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church. His forthcoming book is a collection of his columns for the Chatham News + Record titled “Hope Matters: Churchless Sermons.”*

## ‘Partisan’ reading bill passes easily

On March 31, the North Carolina Senate passed the hugely controversial SB 387, titled the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021, by margin of 48 senators in favor, none opposed.

The following day, the North Carolina House of Representatives took up the same SB 387, that same slapdash and extremely partisan attempt to enhance reading instruction, and voted 113-5 to approve the measure. It’s now up to Gov. Roy Cooper whether he will veto, sign or allow this highly divisive bill to become law without his signature.

I know it sounds exceedingly odd to label the Excellent Public Schools Act as anything other than a popular, noncontroversial piece of legislation. But that’s what editorialists for the Raleigh News & Observer and WRAL-TV did a few days ago. So I figured mixing their fantastic claims with actual reality would be revealing. “Any state effort to improve reading instruction should be bipartisan,” the N&O insisted. “It should draw heavily on the advice of educators and experts in literacy.” As for WRAL, it claimed that the bill “does not appear to be the result of a focused, transparent and through examination of reading instruction in North Carolina’s schools.”

Both editorials blasted State Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt for standing next to Senate leader Phil Berger at a news conference to urge the passage of SB 387, which among other things will align North Carolina’s reading curriculum with the now well-established science of reading instruction and train North Carolina’s teachers in its application. The new approach focuses on “the acquisition of language, phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling, fluency, vocabulary, oral language and comprehension that can be differentiated to meet the needs of individual students.”

“The science is in,” Truitt told the media. “The science of reading won the reading war. Phonics won.” The two media outlets in question didn’t like that. “If Catherine Truitt seeks to be seen as the state’s education leader, the route isn’t via reflexive partisan fealty,” WRAL snarled, alleging that Truitt had chosen to “take a partisan side-seat with the leadership of the General Assembly instead of standing up for the children of North Carolina and the State Constitution.”

The N&O editorial was no less dismissive. “Finding an effective way to teach reading is not a matter of back-to-basics traditionalists defeating esoteric innovators in a war over why Johnny can’t read. But that is the tone of this latest Republican-driven approach to one of the public schools’ most pressing issues: How to get more children able to read at grade level.”

Here on Planet Earth, SB 387 is a bipartisan bill enacted without significant controversy by state lawmakers of both parties, with the support not only of the Republican Catherine Truitt but also of some of Gov. Cooper’s own allies. It is based on decades of careful scholarly study of how best to teach young people to read. The strategies it endorses include “individual or small group instruction throughout the school year, reduced teacher-student ratios, frequent progress monitoring, tutoring in addition to the regular school day, reading camps and extended learning time before or after the school day.”

The bill also includes signing and performance bonuses to encourage North Carolina’s best teachers to devote themselves to this high priority. And it will add better-trained teachers to the pipeline for future deployment both in elementary schools and in the state’s prekindergarten programs.

Will enacting the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021 guarantee large and immediate increases in North Carolina’s reading scores? No, and neither Truitt nor the General Assembly has claimed otherwise. There will be other education bills enacted this session, ranging from teaching reforms and school-choice measures to a 2021-23 state budget containing significant pay raises for teachers and other school employees.

Unlike SB 387, some of these measures may truly be controversial. They may even pass on party-line votes. The state’s left-wing editorialists and columnists will complain about that, to the diminishing few who may be inclined to listen.

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## Quirky characters save the Hatteras Lighthouse

Do you remember back in 1999 when the Hatteras Lighthouse was moved about 1,000 yards to escape the rising ocean?



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

A happy outcome was not a certainty at the beginning. Some people were sure the lighthouse was certain to collapse during

the move.

Would you believe that a young girl from the Outer Banks brought together her friends to cast a spell to keep the lighthouse from falling down during the move?

It happens fictionally in a story told by the central character of the Lee Smith Award-winning debut novel by Raleigh author Heather Frese, “The Baddest Girl on the Planet.”

The little girl, Evelyn, narrates the story, but she does not begin at the beginning, and that is part of the great charm of the book. She opens the book in 2013 when she is 23, married to Stephen, mother to their 4-year-old son Austin and working at Outer Banks Realty. There she has launched an affair with a co-worker, something that will result in her divorce and life as a single mom.

“My husband is not the first man to disappoint me,” she writes. “That honor goes to Mike Tyson.” How Mike Tyson is responsible for her baddest girl tag is a thin thread that gives this book a quirky plot line.

Evelyn, Stephen, Austin and the

other quirky characters remind me of those constructed by best-selling authors Anne Tyler and Lee Smith.

In chapter three, it is 1999. Evelyn, who is called Evie, writes, “I am 9 years old, and now, I’m a gypsy. I live in the National Seashore Campground in Frisco, North Carolina.”

She is living in her beloved Aunt Fay’s house, which is not a house but a camper wagon. On a moonlight night Evie drags her new friend Charlotte to the lighthouse site to cast a spell. Evie’s brother, Nate, and Aunt Faye appear, and at midnight they cast a spell, chanting, “Cats and dogs, pigs and hogs. Sturdy up the lighthouse logs.”

The lighthouse does not fall. In chapter 4, in 2013, Evie wins a week-long trip to the Dominican Republic. She invites her long-time friend Charlotte to go with her on a prize vacation. It does not work out and both wish for the time on Hatteras when they first met.

Two years later, when Charlotte shows up for Aunt Fay’s funeral, we get a lesson on funeral etiquette and meet Walter, “Aunt Fay’s beloved but ill-mannered dog,” who competes to be the book’s quirkiest character.

In chapter seven, titled “Post-partum,” it is 2009. Evie has just given birth to Austin. She is not happy and writes, “Dear Abby, I look at my baby’s squalling red face and I want to run away. What do I do? [signed] Horrible in Hatteras.”

Abby does not respond.

**In Las Vegas, she wants revenge and spends her last hours roaming the Strip in a determined, comical and totally unsuccessful attempt to find Tyson.**

Chapters nine and 12 are set in Las Vegas where Evie travels with her long-time Irish pen pal, Eamon O’Shea. He is charming as a letter writer, but a quirky total jerk in person. How she dumps him is one of the book’s best stories.

Free of Eamon, she learns that Mike Tyson is in Vegas.

When Evie was nine, in Ohio to visit Charlotte, she saw Tyson and got his attention. Back home on the island she inflated the story to make Tyson her very close friend. That worked well until her friends found out that Tyson was a rapist. It was, Evie believed, the beginning of her “bad girl” reputation.

In Las Vegas, she wants revenge and spends her last hours roaming the Strip in a determined, comical and totally unsuccessful attempt to find Tyson.

Back home on the island in 2019, she meets another quirky character, a man who falls in love with her, making a happy ending a possibility. But not for certain.

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### LETTERS

#### Take a closer look at western Chatham

**TO THE EDITOR:**

I want to thank Rep. Ted Budd for his recent visit to Siler City to honor the late Mayor John Grimes. I think it’s important that our congressman visits the area he represents. But I do think Rep. Budd has a lot more to learn about west Chatham, its economy and how he can better support us in the U.S. House.

He seems to think that the recent individual recovery checks of \$1,400 mean nothing to an area where the average income is about \$37,000 per year (as of 2019). The American Recovery Plan,

which he voted against, ensures parents receive \$3,000 or \$3,600 per child (depending on age) in an expanded child tax credit. According to city-data.com, 26.3% of children in Siler City fall below the poverty rate. That’s over one in four children!

But Rep. Budd states that COVID health restrictions are the only thing holding back our economy. I hope the congressman continues to visit western Chatham and speaks with the people who work at the chicken plant, not just the owners. I hope he visits Jordan-Matthews and Silk Hope Elementary. I hope he goes to Chatham Hospital and sees COVID vaccinations made

possible by the federal government working with the state. Then he can ask them what Medicaid expansion would mean for rural hospitals, which was fully paid for in the bill he voted against (and which state GOP leaders still refuse to accept for N.C.). Unemployment benefits, small business loans and rental assistance have helped us, but he voted against those. So please return Rep. Budd, and you’ll also see what the proposed American Jobs Plan will do for rural broadband and other infrastructure here in western Chatham too.

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*Snow Camp*

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# CHATHAM 250 FOUNDING DAY

## Let the celebration begin!

PITTSBORO — It's under way.

The six-month celebration of Chatham County's 250th birthday officially kicked off with "Founding Day," observed Saturday in Pittsboro. The drive-thru event featured multiple stations focusing on Chatham's history and community and plenty of opportunities for attendees to share, learn and engage.

More than 450 people attended in Founding Day, which also served as the start to the Chatham 250 Passport Experience, filled with activities to complete over the new few months.

Celebrations and events will continue through the fall. The mission of Chatham 250 is to celebrate the county through diverse community-centered activities which highlight Chatham's uniqueness, rich history and promising future. Organizers say five guiding values — Culturally Responsive, Authentic Celebration and Preservation, Transparency, Equitable Engagement and Community Centered — have been central to the planning of the celebration.

For more information about Chatham 250 and upcoming events, go to [chatham250.com](http://chatham250.com).



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More than 150 cars passed through the Founding Day drive-thru event.

Decorated rocks for the Chatham 250 Foundation's public art project.

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Attendees were invited to decorate rocks for Chatham's Founding Day celebration.

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Anna Blackburn, center with balloons, celebrated her 13th birthday at the celebration of Chatham County's 250th birthday.



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Maggie Frantz of Bynum (foreground) with her dog, Jasmine, and friend Pat Buyze enjoy the Founding Day drive-thru event.



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Greensboro resident Leigh Harris poses with one of the hidden rabbits outside Postal Fish Co. as part of the rabbit hunt.



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Mary Nettles, president of the Chatham Community NAACP, attends Chatham's Founding Day celebration Saturday.



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Carl Thompson, pastor of World of Life church in Bear Creek and co-chairperson of the Chatham 250 committee.



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Rossie Lindsey, former Ms. Pittsboro, shows off her decorated rock at Chatham's Founding Day celebration.



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Scott Dunham, Betsey Elbogen and Maria Parker Lewis pose with the Chatham Rabbit.



# Pittsboro Boys & Girls Club to open by summer

**BY D. LARS DOLDER**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The town's budding Boys & Girls Club and Pittsboro's Kiwanis Club hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday to announce their partnership and plans to begin operations within the year.

About 40 gathered outside the Kiwanis facility, located near downtown on Credle Street. For months, it has been expected that Pittsboro's Kiwanis Club would host the Boys & Girls Club, as the News + Record previously reported. But Saturday was the first time members of each organization publicized the relationship.

"Today we are officially announcing our partnership with the Boys & Girls Club," said Nigel Sullivan, president of the Pittsboro Kiwanis Club, "and now we are asking you, the public, to help bring this idea to fruition through donation of funds which are needed to start the club. Pittsboro Kiwanis is excited to be a part of this and looks forward to seeing many local businesses and public entities step forward to help out."

If all goes according to plan, the club will begin hosting school-age youth by the start of next school year, according to Pittsboro Commissioner Kyle Shipp. "And, of course, that's revised from my ambitious goal when we talked before," he told the News + Record.

"Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina is really looking forward to seeing



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**Commissioner Kyle Shipp (left, with shovel) expects the Boys & Girls Club to open by next school year after some renovations are completed.**

the town of Pittsboro open its very own Boys & Girls Club," said Daniel Simmons, the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina. "Pittsboro is a great place to live and has an even more exciting future. We're thrilled to be here to help this community do anything and everything it can to close the gap for the kids who need us most, be it academic gaps, food insecurity, and more. We stand ready to work alongside the community to build resilient kids and an even more resilient Pittsboro."

Back in summer, when Shipp first assembled the Pittsboro Boys & Girls Club Advisory Board with support from the Sanford-based Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, the group hoped to welcome members by January. But an amalgam of hurdles — the lingering pandemic and funding shortfalls especially — forced the club to adjust.

Now, with the COVID-19 vaccine rollout surging and coronavirus case numbers waning, it seems realistic to open by end of summer, Shipp says. But funding remains a significant barrier.

"So this groundbreaking (was) really the public kickoff of the major fundraising efforts with that goal to open by the school year," he said.

Before the Boys & Girls Club can begin operations, the Kiwanis facility must undergo some costly renovations. There are no plans for new construction, but modification is needed to meet regulatory standards for a program such as the Boys & Girls Club.

"The improvements to the Kiwanis Club are really about making the building as accessible as possible," Chevon Moore of Hobbs Architects, which has been contracted to perform renovations, said at the event. "Grim Hobbs and Taylor

Hobbs and I have been so very thankful to be a part of this and thankful to all of you."

It will cost about \$25,000 to modify the Kiwanis building for the Boys & Girls Club's unique requirements. About \$18,000 of that will go toward purchase and installation of a movable partition that will allow club staff to segment what is now a single-room building.

"But, I mean, the function we get out of it in terms of doubling the amount of rooms is great," Shipp said. "But that is kind of an expensive piece of equipment."

Besides upfront costs to prepare the building for use, the club will need about \$220,000 before it can open. Families will only have to pay \$1 a week for a membership that includes daily after-school supervision — with activities, homework assistance

and more — and meals. To meet operating costs, then, donations are indispensable. So far the club has about \$5,000 for renovations and \$7,500 toward the \$220,000 goal. "So that's our real focus right now," Shipp said, "now that we've got through a lot of the other things that we need to plan for the club."

Club representatives have been in discussion with several local organizations, Shipp says, and he expects that soon they will announce some "transformational gifts." One anonymous business has already pledged to match all donations made to the club before May 1, up to \$10,000, and other area businesses have hinted at similar contributions.

At Saturday's ceremony, Mayor Jim Nass implored the community to support the Boys & Girls Club with their participation and their money. If funding a cause that improves young lives was not already incentive enough, he said, then Pittsboro residents can donate confident their contribution will also improve the town at large.

"The investment that will be made in this Boys & Girls Club in Pittsboro will benefit not only the children that go through this program over the years," he said, "but everyone that lives here in Pittsboro and everyone that lives in Chatham County. It will provide a springboard for excellence."

"I will do everything within my power," he added, "to see that the Town is supportive of this

as long as I'm around, so thank you all."

Other local leaders voiced their advocacy, as well, and solicited community support. Rev. Samuel Lassiter of Davis Chapel AME Zion Church emphasized that youth services can be instrumental in attracting young families to the area.

"If we come together and open this Boys & Girls Club, we can make Pittsboro the place where people want to move to," he said, "the place where people want to bring their children to and raise them; the place that people look and say, 'I'm from that Town.'"

Ultimately, the club will provide a service, Shipp says, that Pittsboro has needed for years to make life better for its youngest residents.

"With the academic support, the assistance with food and so much more," Shipp said, "things that have always been a part of the Boys & Girls Club, this program is really distinct from some other organizations. It's special and essential."

To make a donation to the Pittsboro Boys & Girls Club, visit <https://qrco.de/PittsboroBGC> or send your contribution to PO Box 551, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Parents and children interested in joining the club are invited to fill out a survey at <http://qrco.de/PBGCsurvey>

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## DATA

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department, but others do not, thereby "underrepresent(ing) the full scope of clusters and associated cases," according to the introduction of the NCDHHS COVID-19 Clusters in North Carolina report.

Since the pandemic's onset, health experts around the world have endeavored to isolate conditions under which COVID-19 spreads. But with much of the requisite data voluntarily reported, their work is subject to a wide margin of error.

The News + Record reached out to NCDHHS several times seeking clarification of the state's COVID-19 reporting requirements — why several key groups were excused from reporting clusters and whether it might skew cumulative data. Some requests went unanswered, or were answered with language from the state clusters report.

When the News + Record filed a public records request regarding COVID-19 clusters in local churches in late January, NCDHHS Legal Communications Specialist Charles Epstein responded with a link to its clusters report, and the same language in the introduction stating that such data "underrepresents the full scope of clusters and associated cases occurring

across the state."

Epstein did not respond to the News + Record's queries regarding whether any of the reported clusters at N.C. religious gatherings took place in Chatham.

NCDHHS Press Secretary Catie Armstrong likewise confirmed the state's COVID-cluster count probably does not reflect a complete image, but did not offer specifics.

When asked if "our big picture idea of where there have been clusters might objectively be missing some information," she responded: "Yeah. It would depend on the specific situation or specific setting, but yeah."

While no data set is perfect — and some COVID-19 cases aren't diagnosed or can't be linked to a specific setting or cluster — the data represented in the state clusters report is limited to clusters voluntarily reported or identified through case investigation and contact tracing.

In addition, voluntary data from such workplaces and settings are published in an aggregated table based on category settings. Specific locations and case counts are not listed as they are for schools and congregate living facilities, potentially obfuscating health expert and the public's efforts to identify where COVID-19 may spread most easily.

Total case numbers likely represent a more

accurate count of total infections, even if they are not delineated by clusters.

"(NCDHHS) decided to publish school child care clusters and long term care, congregate living outbreaks. That's where they focus," Chatham County Health Dept. Director Mike Zelek told the News + Record in February. "From our standpoint, in terms of reporting, that doesn't mean that if it's in a church or another workplace, that it wouldn't necessarily be reported to the state, it's just that it's not published on the website at that level."

The state clusters report listed 1,555 total clusters — with 22,023 associated cases and 155 deaths — as of Tuesday morning. Reported clusters are broken into the following categories: workplace; shopping and services; food and drinks; childcare; schools and higher education; health care and community living and events.

The N.C. Dept. of Labor reported 26 workplace fatalities related to COVID-19 in 2020, according to a March 9 report by the News & Observer. Labor advocates say that figure is likely a severe undercount, given the reporting system relies on voluntary reporting from employers.

The state reported 91 total workplace fatalities in 2020 — with the previous annual high

of the last decade at 55 fatalities. That was in 2019. Most of the 26 COVID-19 related deaths were among health and long-term-care service workers, the N&O report said, with employees at meat-processing plants also making up a significant share of deaths.

Jennifer Haigwood, director of communications and policy development at the Department of Labor, told the N&O that it was "unlikely that work-related fatalities are significantly being undercounted."

"Identifying the source of a COVID-19 illness is very difficult and is not always possible. Attempts are made to contact trace to identify a source," Haigwood said.

A COVID-19 outbreak at the Siler City Post Office yielded similar discrepancies in reporting data. At the time of the News + Record's Jan. 24 report, a spokesperson for the U.S. Postal Service declined to comment on specific COVID-19 case counts at the office, citing

privacy law, but sources — including employees of the Siler City office — said 75% of staff had tested positive with COVID-19.

One employee, who spoke to the News + Record on the condition of anonymity, said at the time they were concerned by the "lack of public health infection control practices within the USPS."

"Most carriers won't talk to you for fear of termination or retribution. We have been told repeatedly NOT to speak with the media by our supervisors and union representatives," the employee said in an email. "The USPS is more concerned about 'bad' media and focusing on distribution and operations."

Though multiple employees confirmed the outbreak, the News + Record never obtained an official count. CCPHD Communications Specialist Zachary Horner said at the time that the department does not track cases by employer, and referred all questions about those

reports to the post office.

The NCDHHS clusters report listed 93 reported COVID-19 clusters for government services, or 698 cases and three deaths at the time.

Zelek said the voluntary reporting of coronavirus data emphasized the importance of "building relationships and building trust" with the department.

"Without that relationship, we may not get the information that would help us reduce the likelihood of spread of COVID," he said in February. "And so we've worked really hard, throughout this pandemic to build those relationships and really work with individuals settings to respond to an issue."

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## ABUSE

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children, that he may have had contact with. We do anticipate further charges."

Jimenez is charged with 10 counts of first-degree kidnapping, 10 counts of indecent liberties with a child, nine counts of sexual battery and five counts of statutory sex offense with a child. All of his known crimes, Boyd said, occurred within a single month.

"We know 30 from December," he said. "That's what we know of right now, that we are for sure of. It's distinctly possible that it has been going on for a while with others."

Jimenez "had access to other juveniles and possible victims," SCPD said in a release, based on a position of trust in the community that he leveraged to isolate victims.

"It's just a mess," Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner told the News + Record. "And unfortunately we think there will

be more (victims). It's going to be a long, very challenging process."

Jimenez is being held in the Chatham County Detention Center in lieu of a \$250,000 secured bond. The investigation into his crimes is ongoing; Siler City Police request anyone with information about Jimenez or possible victims contact the department.

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## Wednesday Spotlight

PETE MARSH, AKA "Pete da Heat"



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THE CN+R Q&A | MIKE ZELEK

# The latest on Chatham's COVID-19 fight

Mike Zelek, the director of Chatham County's Public Health Department, and his staff continue to focus on the vaccination efforts more than a year into the COVID-19 pandemic. In this brief discussion with the News + Record, Zelek provides the latest on the fight.

## Where do we stand in Chatham County right now in terms of vaccines administered?

As of April 9, 29,212 people at least partially vaccinated (39.2% of population); 20,338 people fully vaccinated (27.4% of population). (Note: "fully vaccinated" doesn't always mean "two doses." Some Chatham residents could have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which only requires one dose.)

For more information, go to <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/vaccinations>.

## Right now, since April 7, every-one age 16 and older is eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

## Since Group 5 was added to the eligibility list, what have you seen in terms of vaccine demand in Chatham?

We are currently seeing that the supply of vaccine is sufficient to meet the demand, even with the addition of Group 5. This means that if you have not yet been vaccinated, now is the time to get your shot. We need vaccination rates to continue to increase to beat this pandemic.

## What's availability looking like now?

There are available appointments; visit [starmed.care](http://starmed.care) to register.

## Studies and surveys show that the number of people expressing reluctance to get vaccinated is decreasing slightly. In your position, what are you hearing anecdotally about acceptance and skepticism about the vaccination programs?

We have made tremendous progress over the past several months and are grateful to

all who have rolled up their sleeves to get vaccinated and put this pandemic in the past. We are seeing that vaccination interest is likely higher in older populations and among those with higher perceived risk of severe illness. However, if Chatham residents of all ages don't roll up their sleeves to get the vaccine, it will be difficult for us all to move beyond the pandemic and return to many of the activities we love. That is why it is so critical, for ourselves individually, for our families and loved ones, and for the entire Chatham community, that all get vaccinated.

## Let's talk about trajectory of cases. What's happening in Chatham in terms of: Confirmed numbers of cases, Testing and the percent of positive tests, Hospitalizations

There has been a sharp decline in cases and hospitalizations since early this year, though there has been a small

uptick in recent weeks. Other areas of the country have seen sharper increases, likely due to not being as diligent with public health measures and emergence of COVID variants. This reinforces the importance of getting vaccinated sooner than later and continuing to practice the 3 Ws, especially when out in public and around groups of people, particularly where many are not fully vaccinated.

## With N.C. becoming more "open" in terms of gatherings and limits and relaxed restrictions, are you concerned about increase of spread? Or have preventative measures taken hold?

This will depend on vaccination uptake. Right now if more of these gatherings were to occur, especially where people are unvaccinated, unmasked, and close together, we would be very concerned that cases would rise.

## For those who HAVE been vaccinated...what assurances do

## you have?

Vaccinations are right now the best line of defense we have against COVID-19.

The CDC has released guidance for those who are fully vaccinated, including that they can gather with others in private settings who are fully vaccinated without wearing a mask. They also do not need to quarantine if they come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19. From a local public health perspective having responded situations like this over the past year, this is very reassuring and a testament to the effectiveness of the vaccines. For both your health and for practical reasons, you should get vaccinated.

## For those who have NOT been vaccinated — what's your word to them?

Get vaccinated, the sooner the better. There are appointments available and all ages 16 and older are eligible.

## VACCINE

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er vaccine were limited, but she eventually found an appointment at the Walgreens in Siler City.

"I think that people my age should get the COVID shot," she said. "I hope they will. I feel safer and want others to be safe too."

In Chatham, most high schoolers have attended school in-person on a hybrid schedule since February, and more will move to in-person learning four times a week this month. Even so, Chatham County Public Health Director Mike Zelek said the CCPHD doesn't have any "definitive plans" for vaccination events focused on students.

"(We) have been working closely with schools throughout the pandemic and also during vacci-

nation efforts and will continue to encourage all who are eligible, including students, to get vaccinated," Zelek told the News + Record. "A limiting factor is that only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for 16- and 17-year-olds, and to date we have only gotten the Moderna vaccine."

Chatham County Schools Public Relations Coordinator John McCann also told the News + Record that CCS doesn't currently have plans to assist with student vaccination appointments or clinics.

**'I want to protect my teachers'**

A large part of Marroquin Tobar's reasons behind getting vaccinated,

she said, is to protect her parents — and return the favor. Her parents already got their first doses.

"I feel like I would feel very selfish if I would have, like, not done it because I'm always thinking about my parents," she said. "They already got their first doses, so they're taking care of themselves. They're protecting themselves, and when I had the chance to do the same for them, I didn't blink. I just said, 'Let's go. Let's do it.'"

But that's not the only reason she wanted to get vaccinated as soon as possible. On April 19, CCS students like Marroquin Tobar will have the option to return to in-person learning four times a week under Plan A.

"It's not going to be remote anymore," she said, "so I want to protect my teachers and classmates."

Manzanarez noted the return to more in-person school as motivation for getting vaccinated, too.

"Since school will be re-opening this week at full capacity I feel like being fully vaccinated I am at a huge advantage," he said.

Only a few of Manzanarez's friends have gotten their first dose of the vaccine, he said, and they've experienced



Following Gov. Roy Cooper's March 25 announcement that the vaccine would be open to all N.C. residents 16 and older, many Chatham high schoolers have started getting vaccinated.

Staff photo by James Kiefer

similar symptoms as him — a sore arm and a minor headache. Some of his friends are reluctant to take the vaccine due to how quickly it was developed, and are worried about potential long-term side effects.

Marroquin Tobar has seen some of her friends hesitate. She said she thinks parent opinions about the vaccine greatly influence their children's opinions about getting vaccinated. Health messaging motivated her to get a vaccine, she said, along with thinking of those who currently don't have access to the vaccine — like her family in Guatemala.

Many news reports show that U.S. vaccine distribution is inequitable to marginalized communities, but the country's overall vaccination rates are much higher than many others. Residents of wealthy and middle-income countries had received about 90% of the 400 million vaccines delivered by mid-March, according to a report by The New York Times.

"I feel pretty blessed to have the opportunity to get the vaccine," said Marroquin Tobar, who emigrated from Guatemala with her parents a couple years ago. "...

And I've talked with my family over there, and the situation is getting worse every day. They are not able to get a vaccine."

She hopes everyone will do their part to get vaccinated and protect others — especially, she said, because she's tired of masks and wants to have a normal college experience. A year of COVID-19 has been brutal and sad for many people who have lost loved ones to the virus, she added.

That's why she hopes people will consider them when deciding whether to get vaccinated.

"They're not my loved ones, but they are people and they are neighbors, and they are people who have families and children. They're uncles. They are parents. So I'm thinking about them," she said. "I don't want to be selfish, and I know that God will take care of us. I believe and the scientists — I believe in them; they are doing their best, and we should do our part."

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# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT 'BOB' REITZEL PARRISH



Robert "Bob" Reitzel Parrish, 66, of Fayetteville passed away on Friday, April 9, 2021, at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Parrish was born in Guilford County on December 10, 1954, the son of Rose Reitzel and Mary Frances Allred Parrish.

Robert attended Joy Baptist Church. He was a 1973 graduate of Chatham Central High School. After high school, Robert attended N.C. State University, graduating in 1977

from the Horticulture Program. While in college, he was in the Farm House Fraternity. Robert loved gardening and watching his plants grow. He spent his 45 working years as a Nursery Manager. Robert was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Martin Parrish; daughter, Samantha of Fayetteville; son, Brandon of Fayetteville; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Shirley Frances Parrish of Zebulon.

Mr. Parrish Laid in Repose on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Ave., Siler City. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at Cumberland Memorial Gardens, 4509 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, with Rev. Rodney Staley officiating.

Smith & Buckner is assisting the Parrish family.

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

## MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM CHAUDHRY



Muhammad Ibrahim Chaudhry, 92, of Siler City died Saturday, April 10, 2021, at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Chaudhry was born in Pakistan, India, on June 2, 1928, the son of Hajji Khan Muhammad and the Jant Bibi Chaudhry. He came to the United States on March 28, 1979, and was a retired farmer. Mr. Chaudhry was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Amina and a daughter, Kursheed.

He is survived by five daughters: Skina, Qulsoom, Zubaibia, Sabira and Mussart Chaudhry; three sons, Abdul, Habib and Aziz Chaudhry; a sister, Sara Chaudhry; a brother, Ismat Chaudhry; 35 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

A service was held on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Haji Khan Mohammad Memorial Park, Old Coleridge Road, Ramseur.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Chaudhry family.

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

## NORBERT (NORB) EDWARD ADRIAN

Norbert (Norb) Edward Adrian, 91, passed away on April 6, 2021, at his home in Ramseur.

The graveside service was held at Pine Rest Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 11, 2021, with Pastor John Williamson of Acorn Ridge Baptist Church and Ronald McNeill presiding.

Norb was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 6, 1929, to Joseph Anthony Adrian and Alma Margaret Kreutzer. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was the plant manager at Rockwell International in Logansport, Indiana, where he lived for 30 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Ann Elizabeth Taylor, a sister, Mildred Williams, and brother, Bill Adrian.

Survivors include his children, Norb Adrian of Columbus, Indiana; Steve Adrian of Dallas, Texas; Ann Gibbons of Carthage, and Jeff Adrian of Ramseur; his brother John Adrian of Indianapolis, Indiana; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Randolph County Hospice, 416 Vision Dr., Asheboro, North Carolina 27203.

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

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## DOROTHY MAE GARNER MEDLIN

Dorothy May Garner Medlin, 92, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation.

A private graveside service was held on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 4 p.m. at Grace Chapel Cemetery with Rev. Ricardo Quinones officiating.

Mrs. Medlin was born in Randolph County on July 7, 1928, to the late William Bradley Garner and Hassie Maness

Garner. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Eldin Medlin and son, James Medlin.

Survivors include sons, Steve Medlin of Nevada and Donald Medlin of New Mexico; daughter, Roseanna Goode of Raleigh; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

## OARN KYE DORSETT

Mr. Oarn K. Dorsett, 80, of Queens Village, N.Y. passed away, Friday, April 9, 2021, at Northshore Franklin Hospital, Valley Stream, N.Y.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## LADONNA MICHELLE MOTON

LaDonna Michelle Moton, 58, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Kane Realty to manage Mosaic at Chatham Park

PITTSBORO — The development team of Mosaic at Chatham Park has selected Kane Realty Corporation to manage the project and lease The Guild apartment homes for the 44-acre mixed-use development under construction in Pittsboro.

Mosaic serves as the commercial gateway to Chatham Park, a 7,100-acre live-work-play-learn community. Offering an urban lifestyle in a suburban environment, this community features 200,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, 88,000 square feet of office space, a Hampton Inn & Suites, and education and entertainment venues as well as The Guild apartment homes and Tessa at Mosaic luxury condos.

"Momentum continues to build at MOSAIC at Chatham Park as we open buildings and welcome our first guests this summer," said Mosaic developer Kirk Bradley. "Partnering with Kane, a reputable firm with proven expertise and a knowledgeable team, enables us to create the community energy and offer the unique experiences we envisioned from day one."

As an established leader in the property management industry for over 35 years, Kane Realty is responsible for the day-to-day management and operational duties at MOSAIC for both the residential and commercial components. Through its singular focus on customer service and resident loyalty, Kane Realty has earned an unmatched ability to foster a sense of community, which has resulted in national recognition by J.

Turner for outstanding online reputation.

"Kane specializes in creating beautiful, inviting places where people want to live, work, shop, dine, and gather," said Bonnie Moser, director of Kane Residential. "Business owners, residents, and visitors alike will notice the Kane difference as they experience MOSAIC. We are excited to partner with this team to bring this type of urban lifestyle destination to Pittsboro and build a welcoming community together."

Moser, along with Frances Dunn, regional manager, will oversee all multi-family operations and management for The Guild rental community, including marketing, leasing, budgeting, and hiring of an on-site management team. "Kane's unique recruitment philosophy – hiring first for character, second for ability, and third for experience – will create a team of dedicated, engaged, and motivated employees who are passionate about delivering an exceptional experience for all who live, work, and gather at Mosaic," concludes Moser.

Construction continues with the first three buildings expected to be complete this Summer with more under-way prior to year-end. Kane's management of the property will start in July with Mosaic's event lawn opening in late September followed by planned programming.

Kane Realty is well known in the Triangle region, most prominently for its development of North Hills in the Midtown District of Raleigh. The firm also recently announced a 33-acre, \$1 billion North Hills Innovation District, expanding the footprint of North Hills to 120+ acres.



## JULIAN CLODFELTER

APRIL 19, 1996 - MARCH 30, 2021

### A MOTHER'S LETTER TO HER SON

My dear, sweet Julian, how will I ever go on without you beside me?

On April 19th, 1996, you came into this world weighing only two pounds and you stole my heart. You soared beyond every obstacle that being born prematurely tossed your way.

In this moment I can't tell you how glad I am that I said yes to you as a little boy when you would ask if you could stay home from school so we could make cookies and snuggle. I'm so thankful that we stayed out back in the pool way past bedtime and read three more books instead of the one more I agreed to. I'm glad we slid in our socks on the hardwood floors and that all of your pants had grass stains because you liked sliding on your knees. I remember laughing hysterically in private the time you, your sister and Jazzy got into a magic marker fight that left you all covered in ink for days.

As I think of buying you your first dirt bike, I had never seen a kid so excited. Riding came naturally to you and you rode hard and fast. When your Dad signed you up for ground school so you could learn to fly, I hoped it would safely satisfy your love of going fast because selfishly I wanted you to live your life my way. I wanted to keep you safe forever.

Your friend Jim told me this week that his dad always said, "Julian is always jolly!" Your spirit brought others happiness even when you were not feeling happy yourself. Harsh, Jim and Mason want you to know they promise to be here for me the way you would want them to. The memories and good times you boys shared together bring them comfort and know they are missing you terribly. Jocelyn and William couldn't have had a funnier Uncle Umi who loved them more.

Last year you found your niche with Harris, Inc., in Durham, where Jay Harris and Justin believed in you and offered you your first job since getting your CDL. You said everyone at Harris was awesome and that some of the guys called you Shades because you always wore your sunglasses, no matter the weather. At Harris, you met Travis and found a great riding partner in him. I enjoyed hearing stories of people you met in Pittsboro and Chapel Hill while working.

You never tried to change people you met, you only tried to change yourself. I think you were too humble to know this Buddy, however those stories showed how kind you were to people and that your presence had an impact on their lives.

Henry has been running downstairs and standing outside of your door waiting patiently for you to come home. I promise to let him run on his treadmill daily and to keep him with an endless supply of chew toys. I'll take him on lots of Jeep rides and try to make him feel loved in a way that would make you smile. I'll take care of him, but just know his heart will always belong to you.

Your Dad and sister love you deeply! Angie and Maniah have so much love for you, as do many family members and friends and they will miss you every day. Maniah will hands down tell the BEST stories about you and her being childhood best friends!

We have always been a family that writes letters and notes and this is the hardest one of my life. I've read so many little notes from you over the past week and so many times you said I was your favorite person in the world. Julian, you and I, we just understood each other. Our love of the woods, of Bob Seger, Wrangler Jeeps, Motorcycles, our crazy Border Collies, loving the river, playing chess, living simply and having complex thoughts. Most of all we loved each other fiercely! Until we meet again, I'll be loving you with all that I am!

Mom



Courtesy of Mosaic

A rendering of The Guild in Mosaic.



**PREMIER CROSSWORD/** By Frank A. Longo **HAVING FLITTING THOUGHTS**

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 34 Up on the latest  
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 39 S. Amer. country  
 40 Much like  
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 44 Cartoon pic  
 45 Twist, as in a hose  
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 49 The Browns, on sports  
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 63 Longtime operating system  
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 65 Blackthorn  
 66 Supplement  
 67 Word that can precede the starts of the answers to the five starred clues  
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 70 Car navig. aid  
 72 Owner of WordPerfect  
 73 Cato's "I love"  
 75 Brainteaser  
 79 Sacred spots  
 81 Soviet spacecraft series  
 86 "Lord Jim" novelist  
 87 \* Buyer's final figure  
 88 Membrane covering a lung  
 89 Creole cooking pods  
 90 Temporarily stylish thing  
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 94 Tony winner  
 95 Roofing material  
 96 "It's so-so"  
 99 Winter illness  
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 104 Yoko of art  
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 109 Small stream  
 111 "Smooth Operator" singer  
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 124 Super-comy  
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 27 Paris airport  
 29 "Righteously" singer  
 30 Desk wood  
 31 Pseudonym  
 32 Groups for devotees  
 34 Vast Asian mountain system  
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 71 Launching platform  
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 76 Smartphone company  
 77 The opposite way  
 78 Cemetery plot  
 79 Animal trap  
 80 Pack full  
 82 Information group for analysis  
 83 Big name in car cleaning products  
 84 Speechily  
 85 "Thwack!"  
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 95 Coverer of a bald spot  
 96 Unlike gods  
 97 Brian of Roxy Music  
 98 Pipe with a flexible tube  
 100 Open, as a Ziploc bag  
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 109 Renege (on)  
 110 Drug bust unit  
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Siler City's spring litter sweep set**

SILER CITY — Community involvement is a key element as the Siler City area continues to work to attract and retain residents, visitors, businesses, and industry. To that end, organizers are preparing for Siler City's spring litter sweep.

"This year, we hope to have a greater impact on the appearance of Siler City by identifying more projects and recruiting more help," said Jack Meadows, the town's planning and community development director.

The Siler City Development Organization and the Town of Siler City Police Department invite people to participate by:

- Volunteering as a coordinator or team member for one of the identified streets (see attached project list);
- Identifying a new street and volunteering as the project coordinator; and/or
- Sharing this effort with family, friends, neighbors, churches, schools, civic groups, businesses, local industry, etc.

The spring litter sweep dates run through April 24. This litter sweep period is consistent with the NCDOT spring litter sweep. The Town of Siler City and NCDOT provide safety vests, gloves, and trash bags during this period. Previous cleanups have been facilitated by SCDO annually since 2014.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this community service opportunity. If you have questions, contact Meadows at 919-742-2323 or jmeadows@silercity.org

**Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro Offers Dine & Donate to Benefit CARE**

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro's Carolina Brewery is helping the Chatham Animal Rescue and Education (CARE) organization by offering Dine & Donate.

Every third Monday of the month starting on April 19, 5% of the day's sales, including dining in or take out, will go to CARE to help dogs and cats in Chatham County get the veterinarian care, food and supplies they need while looking for their forever homes.

"CARE is very appreciative to have such a wonderful community outreach from the folks at Carolina Brewery. We are so fortunate to have them support our organization," said Patricia Stancati, CARE board member and chairperson of the marketing and fundraising committee.

For those who are looking for an easy way to help CARE, please mark your calendars and go to the Carolina Brewery for a great meal!

Future dates include April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16.

Both organizations hope that as restrictions ease and the weather is conducive, they will resume Yappy Hour, a fun-filled event held on the patio at Carolina Brewery. People come have a beer and some appetizers and bring their well-behaved dogs to socialize and have some fun! More details will come at a later date.

— CN+R staff reports

**CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS LIST**

The following Chatham County students have been named to the Central Carolina Community College President's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Those students received A's in all classes, registered and completed at least 12 semester hours, and received no incomplete grades.

Yoana Aguirre-Morales, Alexis Allred, Zora Eve Andrews, Marcus Ji Zong Apodaca, Miranda Aquino, Leslie Angelica Arenas Ramirez, Rosalia Basilio Mendoza, Brooke Lauren Beal, Alec Beaton, Anthony Quentin Blackwelder, Eliza-Jane Boisvert, Amayeh Bowden-Headen, Sydney Peyton Bowman, Mahlon James Bradshaw, Jacob Thomas Brannon, Shelby MacKenzie Brinker, Joseph William Carreiro, Lendy Asmistia Cerna Carias, Cassidy Katherine Coldren, Lane Wilkinson Crowder, German Eduardo Diaz-Garcia, Zoe Edwards, Jonae Loren Fochtman-Lange, Harrison Gunter Fogleman, Erica Daniela Francisco-Vargas, Makayla Christine

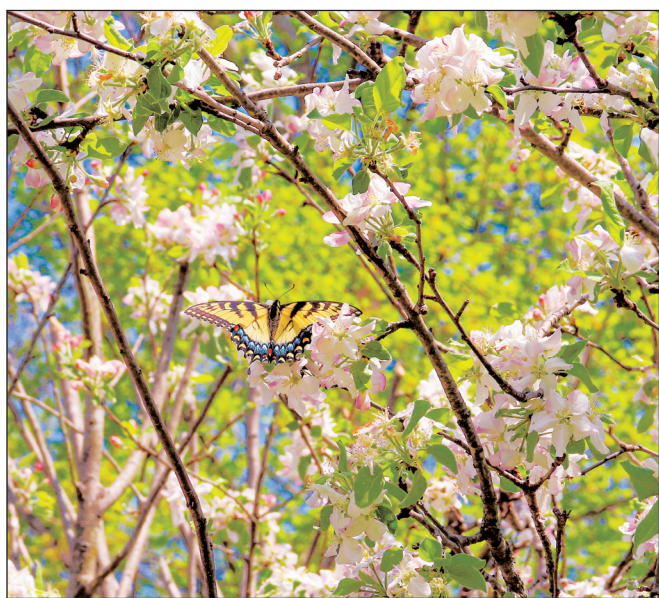
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**ROMEL RECOGNIZED AS LVC STUDENT ATHLETE**

Tyler Romel of Pittsboro competed for the Flying Dutchmen during the winter 2020-2021 sports season. Romel, a graduate of Northwood High School, is pursuing a bachelor of science in accounting at Lebanon Valley College.

**PITTS INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI**

Savanna Pitts of Snow Camp was initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. The initiation took place at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.



**Butterfly**

CN+R photographer Simon Barbre captured this butterfly in spring splendor near his home in Siler City.

Staff photo by Simon Barbre



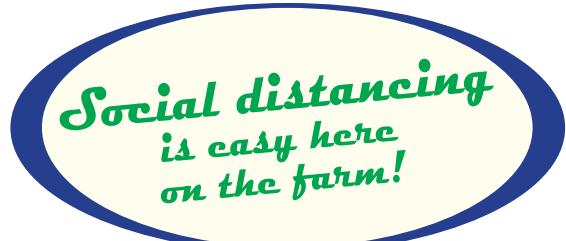
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# OBITUAIRES

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## JAMES EUGENE RICE



James Eugene Rice, 92, of Apex, died April 6, 2021, at Transitions Life Care Hospice Home in Raleigh. A graveside service was held at Brush Creek Baptist Church, 5345 Airport Road, Bear Creek, N.C., on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Karen H. Whitaker presiding. The body laid in state at Joyce-Brady Chapel on Sunday, April 11, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. for friends to sign the register. Attendees were asked to wear a mask and practice

social distancing.

James was born in Reidsville, N.C., on June 15, 1928, to Eugene and Edna Joyce Rice. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the Marine Corp. where he passed the USSOPE exam enabling him to graduate in dress uniform with his Reidsville High School classmates. After serving two years at the Cherry Point Marine Base as an airplane mechanic, he was accepted at Elon University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in education. He continued his education by earning a Master's Degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught in the public schools for eight years in Ramseur and Siler City. He served as a High School Principal for three years at Silk Hope. From 1964 to 1987, he was Assistant Director for the Pupil Allotment Program in the Controller's Office with the State Board of Education in Raleigh. He was an original member of the North Carolina Teachers Association. He was an active member of Epworth United Methodist Church and served as Sunday School Superintendent and as a Trustee.

James is survived by his wife, Barbara Sides Rice; three children, James (Jimmy) Eugene Rice Jr. and his wife Pamela Haywood Rice, Susan Diane Norton of Leicester, N.C., and Ronald (Ronnie) Joseph Rice of New Hill, N.C.; brother, Floyd Rice of Asheboro; two grandchildren, James Robert Rice and Jennifer Page Rice; niece, Nancy Stephens, of Cullowhee, and four great-grandchildren, Remington, Colton, Rosie and Calleigh.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church, 3002 Hope Valley Rd., Durham, N.C. 27707.

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

Joyce-Brady Chapel of Bennett is honored to serve the Rice family.

## WILLIAM 'BILL' HENRY WILSON

William "Bill" Henry Wilson, 85, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at his home.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

He was born in South Hill, Virginia, on December 3, 1935, the son of the late Otto and Nellie Gertrude Wilson. Bill was retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service which included tours of duty in both Vietnam and Germany, where he earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a member of Shepherd's Flock Baptist Church.

Bill had no immediate family survivors.

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

## MILTON VAN HARRIS

Milton Van Harris, 75, passed away Thursday on April 8, 2021, at his home in Sanford.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at Buffalo Cemetery with Jean Smith Eteffagh officiating.

He was born in Lee County to the late Milton and Pauline Harris. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Baker. After graduating from Campbell University, he served in the U.S. Army, then he operated Van Harris Realty for most of his adult life.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; his children, Joshua and Darlene; and two grandchildren.

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

## SUSAN BORDEAUX CLARK

Susan Bordeaux Clark, 67, of Lillington, died Tuesday, April 4, 2021, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2021, at the Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Darrell Wood officiating.

She was born on December 9, 1953, the daughter of the late James Wilton Bordeaux and Gretha Wicker Thomas. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Carol Bordeaux.

Surviving is her husband, Jimmy Young Clark of the home; a brother, James "Nub" Bordeaux and a sister, Melissa Bordeaux Page, both of Lillington; step-children, Jeffrey Clark of Lillington, and Cindy Witte of Jacksonville.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway for funeral expenses.

Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com](http://www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com).

## LORETTA MOORE THOMAS THOMAS

Loretta Moore Thomas Thomas, "Yoyo," 54, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Life Springs Church with Pastor Shane Wilson officiating. Per the family's request, please wear bright colors to celebrate the memory of Loretta.

She was born in Lee County on December 14, 1966, to Richard "Buddy" Moore Thomas and Mary Magdalene Hall Thomas. Loretta was currently employed by Sampson Bladen Oil Company and was a previous employee of The Pantry offices.

Loretta is survived by her father, Buddy Thomas of Sanford, her mother Magdalene Thomas of Sanford; her husband, David Scott Thomas of Sanford; son, Aaron Shafer of Michigan; daughter, Jennifer Blodgett of Sanford; sister, Annette Murchison of Sanford; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to a college fund for the grandchildren which will be set up by the family.

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

Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

## HOWARD FRANKLIN SNYDER

Howard Franklin Snyder, 86, of Sanford, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Jonesboro Cemetery with Dr. Calvin Sayles officiating.

Howard was born in Stokes County on May 27, 1934, to the late Otto King Snyder and Bertha May Moser Snyder. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Grady Snyder, Coelle Snyder and sister Jewel Baker. He graduated from N.C. State University and worked for 20 years as a civil engineer. He served in the U.S. Army.

Howard is survived by a daughter, Kimberly Hockenbury of Georgia; son, Steven Snyder of Georgia; one granddaughter; and sisters, Erline Kelly and Melba Kelly, both of Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, 316 W. Main St., Sanford, N.C. 27332 and/or Spoken Word Ministries, 205 W. John Street, Mt. Olive, N.C. 28365.

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

## DIXIE NELL HARRINGTON PEREZ

Dixie Nell Harrington Perez, 92, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021.

The graveside funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Rev. Doug Houston officiating. Friends visited the funeral home from 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday to sign the register. In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, masks were requested for the services.

She was born February 25, 1929, the daughter of Charlie G. and Delilah Bragg McLeod Harrington, having been predeceased by Mary Charlotte Harrington Wilson, Gloria Jean Harrington and Andrew Brown Harrington.

There are no immediate survivors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1302 Broadway, N.C. 27505.

Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com](http://www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com).

## ROVINA (CHANCE) JAMES

Mrs. Rovina C. James, 96, of Sanford, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2021, at Knotts Funeral Home. Burial followed at Lee Memory Garden.

## JAMES THOMAS SMITH

James Thomas Smith, 84, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital.

The family received friends on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, from 12 to 1 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. The funeral service followed at 1 p.m. in the chapel with Pastor Jason Dowdell officiating. Burial was at Lee Memory Gardens. The family asks that those attending the services to wear a mask.

He was born in Johnston County on July 13, 1936, to the late Dallas and Mae Johnson Smith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Paul Anthony Smith; step-father, Ranson Stephenson; and one grandson. James retired from Carnes Company after 40 years of service. After retirement, he worked at Walmart and at San-Lee Park. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Dare Champion Smith; sons, Pete Smith and Mark Smith, both of Sanford; daughter Jennifer Kupris of Tennessee; sister, Myrtle Smith of Sanford; six grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

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

## DENNIS RAY JOHNSON

Dennis Ray Johnson, 58, of Sanford passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## XAVIER LAMONT SMITH

Xavier Lamont Smith, 43, of Pittsboro, passed away on April 11, 2021, at Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

Services are entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

## JOSEPH GARFIELD COX JR.

Joseph Garfield Cox Jr., 7, of Sanford, passed away Monday, April 5, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Service entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## DELOIS J. SAMUELS

Mrs. Delois J. Samuels, 94, passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in Jessup, Maryland.

Mrs. Samuels was born October 8, 1926, in Moncure, to the late Raymond and Elizabeth Harris Judd.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Liberty Chapel Church, with burial at the Greater Christian Chapel Church in Apex.

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You won't want to miss this live online presentation with local authors **Jill McCorkle** and **Tom Rankin**.

Tuesday, April 20 from 11:00am to 12:15pm Chatham Literacy presents a Virtual Spring Author Event with noted novelist and award-winning short story writer Jill McCorkle and Duke Professor, photographer, folklorist and author Tom Rankin.

This online event includes live discussions with the couple about their acclaimed book, *Goat Light*, showcasing vivid photography and reflective stories about their rural Piedmont life.

**Ticket sales: \$100/person, beginning February 15 at [www.chathamliteracy.org](http://www.chathamliteracy.org) and 919-742-0578.**

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'PAY WHAT YOU CAN'

# Creating community, feeding the hungry

**BY KIM HAWKS**  
News + Record Staff

Neighborhoods on the outskirts of town are often referred to as communities, or by describing the area geographically.

For example: "At the intersection of Crawford Dairy Road and Jones Ferry Road, turn left on to Jones Ferry Road and Cedar Grove United Methodist Church is a half mile down on your left."

But there's also community based on coming together to fulfill needs. Case in point: Pastor Danny Berrier of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church and members of

his congregation create community through providing warm meals for food insecure families on the second Thursday of each month.

On those days, beginning at 5 p.m., the Ta Contento Food Truck arrives ready to prepare a variety of delicious Mexican entrees for your dinner. Some attendees purchase dinner, visit and eat dinner with whomever is on the grounds. Others, driving through on their way home from work, stop and get "take out" dinner for their family. A table with a variety of books for children and adults are free. Some

members of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church tithe money to this cause.

Last Thursday, Berrier invited staff from CORA (the Chatham Outreach Alliance) to participate with their "mobile market." CORA staff arrived with enough food for 65 families.

In addition, the staff from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office set up a table, mingled and helped load and unload food for the community.

Each month, the number of people who show up increases along with the diversity of people. "Pay What You Can" thrives by word

of mouth. At the end of today's event, 65 people dropped by to purchase a meal.

In addition, seven days a week, mother and son, Lynn Carter and Cass Somersette, set out non-perishable items on the covered entrance to the church. Items on the church's "front porch" include canned soups, paper products, cleaning products and other non-perishable items. Everything is free for those in need to drop by and take what they need.

Cedar Grove United Methodist Church is located on 2791 Jones Ferry Rd. in Pittsboro.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Cass Somersette (left), his mother Lynn Carter and Cass' poodle Layla on the 'front porch' of the church.



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Volunteers from CORA, Carter Electrical and the Chatham Sheriff's Office help unload food.

Pastor Danny Berrier of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church and Reggie Blue of CORA pose during their labors.



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5-year-old Jamiyah Roberson speaks to CORA's Rebecca Hankins during the event.



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NORTHWOOD 44, NORTHERN DURHAM 12

# Northwood charges toward playoffs in second-half trouncing of Northern Durham

BY BRENNAN DOHERTY  
News + Record  
Correspondent

PITTSBORO — One day, when his collegiate career begins at Florida International University, Aidan Laros' sole responsibility will be kicking the football.

In the meantime, he's making the most of the jack-of-all-trades role he has as a senior at Northwood, and the Chargers are better for it.

Northwood needed to win last Thursday's regular-season finale against Northern Durham to stay alive in the postseason hunt, and Laros' big night — three rushing touchdowns, an interception and a 47-yard field goal — helped his team to do just that, winning 44-12 thanks to a strong second half showing.

"The whole season, we've been a second-half team," said Laros, who ran for 80 yards

and three touchdowns on 11 carries. "It's just getting the right mentality down before the game and going 110% from the start. We get a little bit lackadaisical at the start, but when we kick in, we make sure that we get the job done."

In the end, the job was finished Thursday night.

Up 14-12 after an evenly matched opening two quarters, the Chargers ended the game on a 30-0 run, wearing down the visiting Knights with their run game and stout defense. The win improved Northwood to 5-2 (5-1 in the Big Eight 3A Conference), and the Chargers officially qualified for the playoffs on Friday when a three-team draw between Northwood, Chapel Hill and Southern Durham determined a couple of different conference standing scenarios. After a win on a walk-off field goal

by Chapel Hill over Orange on Saturday — delayed by Friday thunderstorms — the Chargers finished in first-place in the Big Eight, earning a share of the conference title with the Tigers and Spartans, their first since the 2010-11 season.

In his postgame speech, Northwood head coach Cullen Homolka spoke to his players as if there will be a playoff game next week.

In reality, that wasn't yet a certainty at the time. But Thursday's win had Homolka excited about the prospects of the postseason, even if Northwood's participation in it wasn't guaranteed.

"We're clicking at the right time, man," Homolka said. "We work on this stuff all the time. Constant reps, constant reps — we're reps guys. We're getting there."

Northwood's ball-hawking secondary got the team off to a good start, as senior safety



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Northwood senior Kentrell Edwards (34) sacks Northern Durham quarterback Kyle Barnhill during the fourth quarter of the Chargers' 44-12 win last Thursday in Pittsboro.**

Cam Entrekin — also the Chargers' starting quarterback — picked off Northern Durham's Kyle Barnhill and ran 70-plus

yards for a pick-6 on the opening possession of the game.

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'SHE KEPT WORKING'

## Wolves' record-holder Isabel Pearce wraps up collegiate career at UNCG

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO — A little less than four years ago, on the pitch at Woods Charter, the NCHSAA record for most career goals was shattered.

Competing in the third round of the 1A playoffs, Isabel Pearce — the Wolves' four-time North Central Athletic Conference player of the year — netted six goals on May 17, 2017, in an 8-0 rout of the East Wake Academy Eagles to advance her team to the state's Elite Eight as a 10th seed.

Entering that afternoon, she was tied with the previous record-holder — Carolyn Lindsay of South View — with 217 career goals. She needed very little time to break it, scoring on a rebound header off of her own missed shot attempt just a few minutes into the game; she added five more for a little extra breathing room.

That year, Woods Charter made it to the school's first-ever Final Four, but dropped a 3-0 contest to the top-seeded Franklin Academy Patriots, the eventual champions, in the semifinals.

Still, the legacy of Pearce, the all-time leader in goals scored for Woods Charter — and the state — was cemented long before she added 16 goals in five games that postseason, bringing her career total to 226.

That was just the icing on the cake.

"Before you even talk about



UNCG photo by Josue A. Roman

**UNCG's Isabel Pearce (2) dribbles through a pair of defenders in an exhibition game against the Charlotte 49ers on August 11, 2019. Pearce is the NCHSAA women's soccer leader in career goals scored (226).**

what she did on the field, she made a commitment to the team," said Graeme Stewart, head coach of Woods Charter women's soccer. "She was at every practice, she was the vocal leader and when she walked on the field and crossed that line, she gave everything she had for this team. She took knocks, she stayed out and she kept working."

During her time in Chapel Hill, Pearce was a Frankenstein's monster-esque mash-up of skill, talent and passion.

She scored goals like it was

nobody's business, left spectators' jaws on the floor when she'd play outside of Chatham and coached her teammates if they needed either a boost or a pointer.

She was tenacious, physically gifted and — more often than not — overly self-critical.

"She had speed that you can't buy," Stewart said. "She had touch that was just as you expect for a top-level player. She would create things out of nothing. ... But it was

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NORTHWOOD 16, EAST CHAPEL HILL 6

## Hot bats in hand, Northwood cruises past East Chapel Hill

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — If you didn't receive an invite to the Chargers' hit parade, hosted last Thursday at 310 Northwood High School Road, you might be one of the only ones.

Almost every Northwood softball player made sure they were in attendance.

The Chargers racked up 23 hits in Thursday's six-inning blowout of the East Chapel Hill Wildcats, 16-6, as 11 of Northwood's 12 batters earned a hit off of Wildcats' senior pitcher Helena Harrison in an offensive masterclass.

This was the second time this season that Northwood scored at least 16 runs on 20-plus hits in a victory (23 on March 17 at Cedar Ridge).

"We've faced (Harrison) the last few years, so we knew about what she threw, but she throws pretty well and my girls just hit the ball well," said Butch Edenfield, Northwood's head coach. "I think our team played as good as they could play tonight."

To start the game, Northwood sophomore starting pitcher Susanna Lee struggled with her control, walking the first three batters in the top of the first inning, including a lengthy battle with East Chapel Hill senior Sydney Lang that ended with a third-straight free pass to first base.

But Lee struck out the following batter and allowed a run to score on a sacrifice fly before the Wildcats loaded the bases once more on an infield single by senior Christina Gao. A wild pitch would plate another Wildcat, but Lee struck out the final batter to end the inning, escaping what could have been a detrimental start for the Chargers.

While the opening half-inning made it appear that Northwood would have a challenge on its hands, once the Chargers picked up their bats, there was no turning back.

Northwood came out and grilled Harrison in the bottom of the first, starting with back-

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Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Northwood sophomore starting pitcher Susanna Lee winds up to pitch during her team's 16-6 win over East Chapel Hill last Thursday. Lee struck out 11 batters six innings.**

WOODS CHARTER 4, CORNERSTONE 1

## Woods Charter shakes off rust, stifles Cornerstone attack in win

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — For student-athletes, returning from spring break isn't always easy.

Players transitioning from relaxing on the beach one week to competing in a high-intensity game the next can be cause for plenty of post-vacation rust.

But the Wolves' women's soccer team handled it well.

Woods Charter overcame its early-game struggles to defeat the Cornerstone Charter Academy Cardinals, 4-1, last Wednesday and further solidify their

second-place spot in the Central Tar Heel 1A conference (4-1), just behind the undefeated Raleigh Charter Phoenix (3-0).

Early on, the Wolves struggled to move the ball effectively for most of the first half, putting passes in the wrong spots and presenting little threat offensively.

While they were able to get shots off on occasion, the ones they put near the goal either lacked power or any real direction, allowing Cornerstone to rack up several early saves.

"It is hard to be away

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Woods Charter senior striker Eloise Maclean (11) dribbles the ball near the goal in an attempt to create a shot opportunity in her team's 4-1 victory over Cornerstone on Wednesday, April 7.**



CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

# This week's schedule and last week's results

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
News + Record Staff

All five schools are back in full force this week after CCS' spring break limited the athletic schedule a little last week. We've got the NCHSAA football playoffs on Friday — featuring the Northwood Chargers — along with the continuation of three women's sports (golf, softball and soccer) and two men's sports (golf and tennis). It's a jam-packed week, so make sure you enjoy the warm weather with a side of Chatham sports. Here are this week's schedules and last week's results.

**THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, April 14**

Soccer: Jordan-Matthews women at Randleman, 6 p.m.

Soccer: Northwood women at Chapel Hill, 6:30 p.m.

Soccer: Woods Charter women vs. Research Triangle, 6 p.m.

Softball: Chatham Central women at Southern Lee, 6 p.m.

Softball: Jordan-Matthews women vs. Wheatmore, 6 p.m.

Tennis: Chatham Central men vs. North Moore, 4:30 p.m.

Tennis: Chatham Charter men vs. Southern Wake, 4 p.m.

Tennis: Jordan-Matthews men vs. Wheatmore, 4:30 p.m.

Tennis: Northwood men at Chapel Hill, 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 15**

Golf: Chatham Central at North Moore, 3:30 p.m.

Softball: Chatham Charter women at Forsyth Country Day, 5 p.m.

Tennis: Jordan-Matthews men vs. Union Pines, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 16**

Football: Northwood vs. (7) West Carteret, 6:30

p.m. (First round of NCHSAA 3A playoffs)

Soccer: Woods Charter women at Clover Garden, 4 p.m.

Softball: Chatham Central women vs. North Moore, 6:30 p.m.

Softball: Northwood women at Chapel Hill, 6:30 p.m.

**LAST WEEK**

**Monday, April 5**

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews women earned a 2-1 win over the Providence Grove Patriots on a goal by senior Jennifer Parroquin Vallejo around the 61st minute to give her team the lead. Parroquin Vallejo scored both Jets' goals.

**Tuesday, April 6**

Golf: Jordan-Matthews came in 4th place (out of 6) in the team's second match of the season against PAC 7 opponents, this time at Blair Park in High Point (T.W. Andrews). The Jets finished with a score of 185, while the Wheatmore Warriors came in first place with a score of 165.

Soccer: The Northwood women trounced the Vance County Vipers, 9-0, to improve to 2-3-1 on the season. Six different Chargers scored against the Vipers, including freshman Sienna Gray (hat trick; 3 goals), sophomore Sydney Cox (2 goals) and juniors Hanna Randall and Sydney Arnott, sophomore Sarah Emrich and freshman Anna Bolejack, each with 1 goal.

Softball: The Northwood women earned a hard-fought victory in a high-scoring affair against the Vance County Vipers, 14-9. The Chargers blew the game wide open in the top of the 4th inning when they scored 6 runs to take an 8-2 lead, never looking back.

Softball: The Jordan-Matthews women

lost, 3-2, on a walk-off by the Providence Grove Patriots in the 7th inning. Leading the Jets on the evening were junior Auburn Campbell (1-for-3, 1 RBI) and freshman Hannah Mitchell (1-for-2, 1 BB, 1 RBI).

Tennis: The Chatham Charter men narrowly missed out on their first win of the season against the Cornerstone Charter Academy Cardinals, losing 5-4. Winning their singles matches for the Knights were freshman Colton Todd (6-0, 7-5), junior Casey Wanless (6-0, 6-4) and sophomore Silas Christenbury (6-6 (0-7), 6-4, 0-0 (10-6)). The duo of Wanless and sophomore Cedric Schwartz also won their doubles match (9-7).

**Wednesday, April 7**

Soccer: The Woods Charter women earned another conference win over the Cornerstone Charter Academy Cardinals, 4-1. After starting off sluggish — aside from a goal by freshman Leyla Noronha about a minute into the game — the Wolves came out firing in the second half, adding three more goals before the Cardinals scored one in the final minute. Leading Woods Charter were senior Anna Mitchell (2 goals), Noronha (1 goal) and sophomore Chloe Richard (1 goal). The Wolves are now 4-1 on the year. See the game report in this edition.

Softball: The Chatham Charter women earned a blowout, mercy-rule victory over the Carrboro Jaguars, 10-0, in five innings. Leading the Knights were senior Morgan Lineberry (2-for-3, 2 RBI), senior Sydney Bowman (2-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 2B, 1 BB), junior Olivia Cheek (0-for-3, 2 RBI) and junior Taylor Brewer (0-for-3, 1 RBI).

Tennis: The Chatham Charter men lost handily to the Clover Garden

Grizzlies, 8-1, to remain winless on the season (0-9). The only Knight to win his singles match was junior Casey Wanless (6-4, 6-6 (8-6)).

Tennis: The Northwood men lost a close match to the Cedar Ridge Fighting Red Wolves, 5-4, to fall to 3-4 on the season. Winning their singles matches for the Chargers were senior Scott Gilliam (6-3, 6-0) and freshman Walker Magrinat (6-1, 6-0), with doubles victories coming from sophomore Jio Sumogod & Gilliam (8-4) and junior Colten Hodgkin & Magrinat (8-1).

**Thursday, April 8**

Football: Chatham Central lost a shootout against the North Moore Mustangs, 77-50, in their final game of the season, finishing with a 1-3 record. In his last game in Bear Creek, senior quarterback Michael Moore completed 25 of his 34 passes for 404 yards and 6 touchdowns, with senior receivers Tyler Oldham (5 receptions for 175 yards and 3 touchdowns) and Parker Crowley (11 receptions for 171 yards and 3 touchdowns) getting the brunt of Moore's passing work. Junior running back Malachi Moore led Chatham Central on the ground with 6 carries for 40 yards, but it wasn't enough to compete with the rushing attack of the Mustangs, who had a duo of backs that was virtually unstoppable — junior Justis Dorsett (18 carries for 367 yards and 8 touchdowns) and senior Jaleak Horne (11 carries for 151 yards and 3 touchdowns).

Football: Jordan-Matthews lost a lopsided game to the Providence Grove Patriots, 48-8, in their final game of the season, keeping them winless on the year at 0-7.

Football: Northwood overcame a slow start to earn a crucial victory over the Northern

Durham Knights, 44-12, to improve to 5-2 on the season (5-1 in the Big Eight 3A conference). The first half was fairly low scoring, the Chargers leading 14-12, with a whopping 6 combined turnovers amongst the two teams. After the break, however, Northwood looked refreshed as its defense continued to dominate and its rushing attack got going, scoring 30 unanswered points to trounce their conference foe late in the game. Leading the Chargers was senior jack-of-all-trades Aidan Laros, who had 80 yards and 3 touchdowns on 11 carries, a 47-yard field goal in the third quarter and a first-half interception on Knights' quarterback Kyle Barnhill. Northwood senior safety/quarterback Cam Entrekina also reeled in 2 interceptions of his own in the first half, including a 70-plus-yard pick-6 on the game's first possession. After finishing as conference co-champs with Chapel Hill and Southern Durham, Northwood will play in the NCHSAA 3A playoffs this week. See report in this edition.

Soccer: The Northwood women won a close overtime game against the Cedar Ridge Fighting Red Wolves, 2-0, scoring both goals in the additional period to improve their record to 4-3-1 on the season. Scoring for the Chargers were junior

Monique Diaz and sophomore Sydney Cox, each with 1 goal.

Softball: The Northwood women completed a six-inning, mercy-rule blowout of the East Chapel Hill Wildcats, 16-6. The Chargers racked up 24 hits on the day, led by senior Caroline Dorshimer (4-for-4, 2 2Bs, 5 RBI), senior Shakhai Mole (2-for-2, 1 2B, 3 RBI) and senior Erika Seils (1-for-2, 1 2B, 3 RBI). Sophomore pitcher Susanna Lee also struck out 11 batters (6.0 IP, 7 hits, 4 ER, 11 K). See report in this edition.

**Friday, April 9**

Softball: The Chatham Charter women earned their second-straight blowout win over the Carrboro Jaguars, in a 17-run shutout, to improve to 4-1 on the season.

Softball: The Northwood women lost handily to the Cedar Ridge Fighting Red Wolves, 14-2, in just five innings, dropping their record to 4-3 on the season. After a manageable start — tied 1-1 headed into the bottom of the third inning — Cedar Ridge scored 10 combined runs in the third and fourth to sink any hope the Chargers had at a season sweep of their conference rival.

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## FOOTBALL

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The interception was the first of two on the night for Entrekina and three for Northwood as a team.

The Knights answered back on a 27-yard touchdown run by Bryant Jones Jr., set up by a fumble by Entrekina, but missed the extra point.

Laros' first of three scores on the ground, this one from five yards out, gave Northwood a 14-6 lead six seconds into the second quarter.

Northern Durham showed life late in the half and responded with a 35-yard touchdown pass from Barnhill to Chris Kujawa with 35 seconds remaining before the break, bringing the score to 14-12 with one of the few bright spots in the passing game for the visitors, who threw three interceptions.

But from that point on, Northwood ran away with the game. Early on in the third quarter, a Northwood drive stalled after being given a short field, but Laros' 47-yard kick built the Chargers' lead to 17-12 and they never looked back.

"I will miss (Laros), because he can change an entire game on one kick or one punt," Homolka said. "What he can do is something that a lot of people don't have."

Red zone touchdown runs by senior fullback William Lake and Laros — only 1:59 apart early on in the fourth quarter — put the game away, giving Northwood a 31-12 advantage. Along the way, the Chargers began to methodically wear down Northern Durham's defense.

"That's how it should happen," Homolka said.

As a team, the Chargers ran for 188 yards on 38 carries, nearly five yards per carry. Even backup quarterback Kirk Haddix left his mark, galloping down the sideline for a 39-yard score in the game's final minute.

"I'm not sure what touchdown it was, but we scored a touchdown, and I could just see Northern's heads down," Laros said, "and we started picking it up from there."

Conversely, the Knights rushed for only 109 yards on 42 attempts



**Northwood senior Aidan Laros (33) steps into a kick during his team's 44-12 win over Northern Durham last Thursday in Pittsboro. Laros, a Florida International University commit, connected on a 47-yard field goal, ran for three touchdowns and 80 yards on 11 carries and recorded an interception in the victory.**

Staff photo by Simon Barbre

### CHARGING INTO THE PLAYOFFS

Northwood needed a dominant second-half performance in a win over Northern Durham, a walk-off Chapel Hill victory over Orange and the luck of the draw to make it into the postseason as a No. 2 seed during a crazy weekend of high school football. Now, the Chargers will face off against the No. 7 seeded West Carteret Patriots this Friday in the first round of the NCHSAA 3A football playoffs.

Both sitting at 5-2, the Patriots are a higher-scoring team than Northwood, using a nice balance of passing and rushing plays to score 30.7 points per game (compared to Northwood's 20.3 PPG). In seven games, West Carteret has had just one game — a 62-13 loss to Havelock on March 12 — where its scored less than 21 points.

Northwood, however, has a defense that can slow even the hottest of offenses down, allowing more than 15 points just twice in losses to Southern Durham (33-23) and undefeated Panther Creek (30-10). Look for the Chargers to continue to play the way they've been successful this season: running the ball a ton, playing hard-nosed defense and winning the field position battle via special teams.

- Region: East 3A
- Matchup: No. 2 Northwood Chargers (5-2, 5-1 in Big Eight) vs. No. 7 West Carteret Patriots (5-2, 4-1 in Coastal)
- Location: Northwood High School
- Date & Time: Friday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

and struggled as a unit as the night progressed.

Not yet knowing if his team had

qualified for the postseason, Laros said he believed he and his teammates "100%" deserved a spot.



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# Jets' flight finally lands



Jordan-Matthews senior tight end Eral Jones (8) dives for a touchdown grab in his team's 48-8 loss to Providence Grove last Thursday.

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Jordan-Matthews senior running back Jacquez Thompson runs down the sideline in his team's season-ending loss to Providence Grove last Thursday, 48-8. Thompson was selected to the PAC 7 All-Conference Team last year as a linebacker.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Jordan-Matthews' football team had its last game of the season on the road against the Providence Grove Patriots on Thursday, losing, 48-8, to remain winless on the season (0-7). Dealing with losses due to academic ineligibility and injury, the Jets never fully made it to their full altitude this year.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Jordan-Matthews senior quarterback Xavier Woods (7) runs on a keeper play in his team's 48-8 season-ending loss to Providence Grove last Thursday. Woods battled back from a severe knee injury in 2019 to start for the Jets in his final year.

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# SOFTBALL

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to-back singles to lead off the inning by freshman Sarah Warford (3-for-5, 2 RBI) and sophomore Carlee Harris (3-for-5), followed by five more hits throughout the half-inning, including a two-out double by senior Shakhai Mole (2-for-2, 3 RBI) that scored two runs.

By the end of the first, Northwood led 5-2. And from there, the lead only grew larger.

The Chargers would nab seven more hits in the bottom of the second, tacking on an extra six runs as the game got further out of hand.

One of the highlights of the second inning was a bases-loaded double by senior Caroline Dorshimer, clearing the bases and giving her team a 10-2 advantage.

Dorshimer was one of the stars of Thursday's contest, going a perfect 4-for-4 from the plate with 5 RBI and two extra-base hits as she smoothly sliced Harrison's pitches with a powerful swing, posing problems for the Wildcats' outfielders.

Carrying an 11-2 lead into the top of

the third inning, Northwood's imposing of the mercy rule — when a team is up 10 runs through five innings — was practically inevitable.

"Going in — because (Wildcats Head Coach Joe Simmons) is starting nine seniors — we figured it'd actually be a little bit more competitive than what it was early on in the game," Edenfield said. "But it's a well-coached team and they played hard all the way through."

East Chapel Hill continued to battle back, scoring four runs combined between the third and fourth innings, just narrowly keeping the game from ending early by the time the end of the fifth inning rolled around, taking a 15-6 deficit into the sixth.

While the Chargers made a name for themselves on offense, their defense left something to be desired, according to Edenfield, who cited their occasional inability to make split-second decisions and lack of communication as major issues.

Northwood had a couple of errors in the Wildcats' three-run fourth inning, including an awry throw to first base on a single by Harrison that allowed a run to score. Mistakes like that are what caused Edenfield to believe his team wasn't playing to its full potential,

regardless of the 10-run victory on the scoreboard.

"We made a lot of mistakes in the field, but you just have to settle down and play your ball game," Edenfield said. "(We have to) just make routine plays."

Over 6.0 innings pitched, Lee struck out 11 batters and allowed four earned runs (six total) on seven hits. She also held East Chapel Hill to 3-for-9 with runners in scoring position, illustrating her ability to get herself out of tough situations when necessary.

Though her control still needed work — she walked six batters (and hit one) compared to Harrison's one walk — she gave her team a chance to win by limiting the number of times the Wildcats put the ball in play, minimizing the chance for error.

"No, (11 strikeouts) isn't (shabby)," Edenfield said. "But she got behind way, way too early. ... You've got to hit your location because she's not an overpowering pitcher. ... But she's going to be a good one. She's only a sophomore, so I'm looking forward to two more years with her."

With Northwood up 15-6 in the bottom of the sixth, sophomore Zoe Hatzidakis stood at third base with Lee

up to bat. Moments later, a wild pitch by Harrison allowed Hatzidakis to dart to third, sliding in before she could be tagged out, putting her team up by 10 runs and essentially walking it off, mercy-rule style. Game over.

However, as has been the case for the Chargers this season, they seemed to use up most of their offensive juice on Thursday.

A day later, in a game Edenfield called a potential "bloodbath," they struggled to score runs against Cedar Ridge, dropping a 14-2 road game as the Fighting Red Wolves got revenge from their season-opening walk-off loss to Northwood in March.

The Chargers are now 4-3 on the season.

"We talked to them (Wednesday) about shutting down too early," Edenfield said. "Our first game with Cedar Ridge we had 24 hits, the next three games we only had 11 hits (total). We need to be focused all the way through, not one or two innings, but be focused however long the game goes."

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# PEARCE

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her attitude, it was her discipline. And she was never satisfied. She would score four goals, let's say, and she'd say, 'Well, I missed three.' And she kept pushing herself. She was so driven."

Fast forward to two weeks ago, on April 3, when Pearce played her last game as a Spartan at UNC-Greensboro in front of a COVID-reduced crowd of 167 that included Stewart.

UNCG lost to the conference-leading Samford Bulldogs that Saturday, 2-0, narrowly keeping them out of the four-team Southern Conference tournament. That loss, while not the ideal way to end her college career, doesn't put a damper on Pearce's unbelievable eight-year run throughout high school and college.

## 'She'd start for your school'

Pearce's parents threw her into soccer when she was 6 years old, primarily because all of her siblings — including her brother, Elliott, who now works as a Woods Charter assistant coach — each played.

To make carpooling easier, Pearce played on the same teams as her older siblings, forcing her to improve from a young age if she wanted any shot at competing with them.

"I used to play in age groups that were above my own because my sister was older than me," Pearce said. "So I played with boys, I played in higher age groups and I just, not knowingly, tried to be the very best that I could be and that meant playing against people that were way better than me."

After spending some time in the Chatham Soccer League, she signed up to play for the Triangle United Soccer Association (TUSA) in middle school to improve upon her game in ways she hadn't been able to in other leagues.

"I was really good at the physical aspect of soccer because I played in age groups above my own, but then I really was missing this technical, strategic piece," Pearce said. "Being on that team helped me get to the same level (my teammates) were at and it helped show me that I could play D-I college soccer."

At first, Pearce said she was intimidated by the players on her TUSA team, since some of them were talented enough to end up committing to UNC-Chapel Hill or Duke, while she, a Pittsboro native, was "just some random country girl from a little town."

In the end, she fit right in. And thrived.

Her time with TUSA — which she'd stay with throughout high school — prepared her to be the

player she was at Woods Charter, dominating opponents with speed, drive and quick decision-making.

She worked well alongside Stewart and the rest of the Wolves' coaching staff, who complemented her style of learning perfectly.

"(Stewart) is an amazing coach and he was super supportive in anything that I did," Pearce said. "If I didn't have Graeme telling me to keep my head up and 'You'll get the next one' and 'You're doing really good,' just someone supporting me all of the time, I don't think I would have been able to do the things that I did because I would have been so much harsher on myself."

The records she broke — including the career goals record (226) and the single-season goals record (80 in 2017, her senior season) — was indicative of all she'd learned from her siblings, her coaches and her teammates, which she is quick to describe as one of her favorite parts about playing soccer.

When the Wolves made it to the Final Four in 2017, despite not winning the state title, it was evident that the program Stewart was building had a bright future. And that Pearce — along with some of her other teammates — was pretty darn good.

Pearce recalled that they had just 14 players try out that year, some of which weren't able to make it to all of the practices and games because of outside commitments. She's still impressed by what they were able to accomplish.

"You think of this little high school that has like 200 or so students and you think of all the 1A schools in North Carolina and how we were in the top four of all those schools," Pearce said. "It was really nice to see all of my teammates be super happy just to make it that far, especially with a limited amount of players."

From there, Pearce would go on to play in two major soccer showcases, including the Clash of the Carolinas — an annual contest between North and South Carolina — and N.C.'s East-West All-Star Game, a battle between the eastern and western parts of the state.

When she stepped onto the field in both cases, players and coaches were impressed with the fact that she came from a smaller school. Pearce said she felt like she was helping break the stereotype that 1A players can't compete with larger classifications.

"She went out there in the Clash of the Carolinas in Greensboro and she turned the game around for North Carolina," Stewart said.

"Everybody's like, 'Holy s--t. Who's this girl?' Like yeah, she plays 1A. She's not bad, is she? She'd start for your school."

## 'I love it here'

After what Pearce described as a "stressful" recruiting process — thanks in part to Spartans' assistant coach Jeff Gross keeping in contact with her for years — she ended up in Greensboro, where she's spent the last four years playing soccer and following a rigorous pre-med academic track.

"I really felt a lot of pressure to go somewhere and do something because I didn't want to hang up my cleats," Pearce said. But since Jeff kept up with me and talked to the head coach about me, I was able to make the decision to come here and it was for the best and I love it here."

She's embraced a much different role at UNCG, shifting from a dominant scorer with the Wolves to a supportive teammate with the Spartans.

Going from high school to college, playing alongside some of the best players from across the country, there simply isn't enough playing time to go around when you have a squad of more than 25 players. Compare that to the 14 on Pearce's senior-year Woods Charter team and it becomes easy to see why she averaged a little over 17 minutes per game in her senior season.

She didn't score any goals in college, but she spent plenty of time focused on becoming the best teammate she could.

"I think everyone would want to score goals in college soccer, and not doing it definitely gave me an unusual feeling," Pearce wrote in an email. "It was really hard on my self confidence but I stayed positive by thinking of all the other important roles I have on my team other than scoring: challenging my teammates every day in practices, giving compliments but also critiquing them so that they can get better, setting the tone for intensity at practices, leading by example in the weight room by pushing myself and completing all the reps and sets, etc."

And despite the lack of scoring opportunities, her UNCG career was undoubtedly a success.

In her first two years at UNCG, Pearce experienced trips to the NCAA Tournament, including a matchup against Duke, the third-ranked team in the nation, in the first round of the 2017 tournament.

While they lost both first-round games, being able to win the Southern Conference Tournament to earn an NCAA bid is an accomplishment in itself.

"I got to NCAAs twice and that was kind of like my soccer highlight of being here at UNCG," Pearce said. "A lot of people have never heard of UNCG women's soccer, so having our name out there, playing against Duke, was super big for our school and our wom-

en's soccer program."

As her Spartan career comes to a close, Pearce said she'll miss her teammates the most. Whether they're going out to eat, studying at a local coffee shop or putting in extra reps on the field, they never seem to be alone without one another.

She'll graduate from UNCG in May with a degree in biology and minors in chemistry and psychology, aiming to take a break to study for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) before applying to medical schools. She's wanted to be a surgeon of some kind since she was in high school, but that could change if she "finds something even cooler" in the medical field, she said, laughing.

She finishes her competitive soccer career with a stellar resume, including:

- holder of two NCHSAA scoring records
- four-time North Central Athletic 1A Conference Player of the Year

• four-time North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association (NCSCA) all-region and all-state player

• South Atlantic Premier League champion (2014, TUSA)

As is the case with many former players, including her brother, she also hopes to coach at Woods Charter as soon as next season, helping out in whatever capacity Stewart will let her.

"They prepared me for

college ... so I feel that there's kind of this duty for me to give back to the community and still support it," Pearce said. "That's probably why my brother is there now and it's most likely a reason why I will be going back to help enhance the program because it gave so much to me."

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# SOCCER

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at the beach or wherever you've been and then come back and play a conference-level game," said Graeme Stewart, the Wolves' head coach. "You can't let that be an excuse. You have to fix it. And you have to have the mental discipline to know and play to your potential and get past it."

Woods Charter freshman forward Leyla Noronha opened up the scoring in the game's first couple of minutes, giving her team a 1-0 lead they'd carry into the second half.

After halftime, the Wolves looked like a much different, more put-together team.

While their defense remained superb, as it was all game, allowing just five shots on the night, their offense picked up the pace in the latter half thanks to a couple of central players.

Noronha, despite her youth, is the key to Woods Charter's offensive flow.

As the Wolves' leader in goals scored with eight in five games, not only does her footwork and speed make her hard to defend, she tends to put a major emphasis on getting others the ball, using the attention she garners from defenders to her team's advantage.

"At such a young age, she has the I.Q. and she has the experience already," Stewart said. "She's learning to play with kids that are three years older than her, but yes, she knows where to be, she knows what to do with it when she gets it and she's got good technical ability and speed. She's dynamite already. And she's only going to get better."

Midway through the second half, the game stagnant at 1-0, Noronha took the ball away near midfield, attracting two Cardinals to flock towards her as she dribbled the ball from left to right,



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Woods Charter senior Anna Mitchell (8) takes a shot in her team's 4-1 victory over Cornerstone on Wednesday, April 7. Mitchell led the Wolves with 2 goals on the night.**

methodically moving down the pitch. Meanwhile, senior midfielder Anna Mitchell slipped behind the defenders, allowing Noronha to fit the ball in between them with a perfectly timed pass as Mitchell went 1-on-1 with the goalkeeper and slotted it to the right side of the net for the Wolves' second goal.

"I just anticipated that pass and I was there and it's just something we've practiced a lot in practice, the patterns," Mitchell said. "She's a freshman, I'm a senior, so ... we've just been learning in these first couple of games. It's still midseason, so we're just feeling each other out, but we have a really good connection. We kind of know where each other is going to be and it's just one of those instinctive things that you can't teach."

About 10 minutes later, in the 68th minute, that connection was ignited again — though unintentionally — as a shot by Noronha ricocheted off of the right post, landing right in front of Mitchell, who rocketed it into the net for her second goal of the night, giving the Wolves a 3-0 lead as the game began to get away from Cornerstone.

"Coach always tells us to follow our shot," Mitchell said, "the keepers could hit it out, so you just want to be there in case you get a second chance shot."

From that point forward, the Wolves were in cruise control, their defense continuing to stifle the Cardinals' attack as players like sophomore midfielder Megan Nowak, senior defender Saman Young and sophomore defender Flora Ulrich locked down the back end

and refused to let Cornerstone get comfortable in their game.

Sophomore midfielder Chloe Richard tacked on an insurance goal in the 72nd minute, but just as the Wolves were about to get their second clean sheet of the season, Cornerstone freshman Kathryn Angrave — the only Cardinal to score a goal this season — connected on a 40-yard bomb in the final minute, just before time expired.

"I think we really controlled and dominated the game," Stewart said. "That long shot at the end, it's just one of those things ... OK, she finished it well from 40 yards, that normally doesn't happen. I think our defense was solid."

The Wolves earned the 4-1 victory with an improved showing in the second half, but it wasn't enough to fully satisfy Stewart, who mentioned that his team didn't play to their full potential Wednesday night thanks to their slow start.

He continues to push the Wolves to communicate and move the ball more efficiently if they want to compete with the teams at the top of their conference, namely Raleigh Charter, who they lost to in a 4-0 shutout on March 24 just before the break.

However, when your team's 4-1 to start the season — and is coming off of a three-goal win in their first game back from spring break — there's a lot to be excited about.

"Obviously, I'm really pleased," Stewart said. "There's no easy games in our conference. You've got to earn the right in every single game ... so I'm really pleased with where we are, but we're still on that trajectory where we can get better and that's what we're going to work hard toward."

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# It's time we make broadband a utility

In the early 1930s, few North Carolinians outside metropolitan areas had electricity. Private companies supplied power to cities and large towns, but they had no financial incentive to run lines beyond municipal borders.

Things changed in 1935 when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal included the Rural Electrification Administration to incentivize expansion of electrical infrastructure into unserved communities. Eventually, electrical power regulation was organized under the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and today it's reasonable to expect that no matter where you live, you'll have electricity.

It's time for broadband access to evolve accordingly. "It's just like the way electricity was," House Minority Leader Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54) told me. "If electricity was still a luxury item, then in a place like Chatham County, there'd be no way to ever get it provided to some areas. But once it becomes a utility, then there's a governmental obligation to make sure that it's provided to all areas of the state."

It's not hard to argue the exigency of broadband access in our 21st Century lifestyle. Internet is integrated with basic everyday functions — a truism the pandemic made painfully clear. Without internet, businesses shutter. Without internet, education falters. Without internet, you get left behind. "It's past absurd that so much of the county can have poor broadband access," said Reives, who lives in Goldston. "To put it in perspective, why it's so absurd, think about this: one of the things that we're doing in North Carolina, generally, but especially in Chatham County, is we're promoting economic

development ... But you can go into Chatham County, and live in the most expensive neighborhood in the county, and have the most expensive house, and there's still a 75% chance you're not going to get adequate internet."

While Chatham's internet deficiency only reached crisis levels amid the pandemic, the problem began more than 20 years ago. In 1999, the General Assembly passed a law restricting electric cooperatives' access to capital for telecommunications. Twelve years later, in 2011, legislators compounded the issue with a law obstructing local governments from building their own broadband networks.

"Basically, what happened is that in the town of Wilson, the town itself took on the infrastructure needed for broadband, and eventually started distributing broadband," Reives previously told the News + Record about the 2011 law. "And of course, the private companies that were involved did not take kindly to that. So, the General Assembly at that point passed a law forbidding townships, counties and municipalities from being involved in distribution of broadband and its infrastructure at all."

Both laws pander to private power companies who retain unshared control over North Carolina's broadband expansion. They determine where internet goes and — like power companies in the 1930s — they have no financial incentive to supply rural areas where user payments will fall short of operating expenses.

That's just business. Private companies can't be blamed for seeking profit. But they lay no just claim to exclusive building rights. Municipalities and counties should have the authority to provide internet where the big providers dare not go.

"Even 10 years ago you could survive without the internet. The internet was still a choice that you made," Reives said. "But the Wilson law argument just doesn't make sense anymore. Pre-pandemic, and

especially post-pandemic, you just flat out cannot function in this 21st century without access to sound broadband."

Legislators on both sides of the aisle agree. Earlier this month, a "broadband consumer protection" bill with bipartisan sponsorship (though mostly Republican) passed its first reading in the House. HB 476 would "provide oversight of broadband service by the North Carolina Utilities Commission."

But Reives doesn't expect the bill to pass into law, and not for the usual Republicans versus Democrats trope.

"It's because we have the same leadership that passed the 2011 Wilson law, and there's just no reason for them to back down," he said. "I mean, these are literally almost the exact same leaders ... That's the reason it's not going to get movement. And that's the reason that even though it is a Republican — who is in the majority — writing the bill, it's probably not going to pass."

For General Assembly leaders' hard-headedness, though, businesses are suffering. A new Chatham transplant emailed me last week to ask about the state's broadband fracas. Having only lived in several of the nation's major cities — and never having considered that internet connectivity might be a privilege — she was baffled to find gaps in Chatham's network.

"In the absence of high speed internet service, the communities in western Chatham fall farther and farther behind," she wrote me. "This makes them less competitive in the business environment and creates a spiral of non-competitive businesses, fewer job opportunities, poverty and poor education."

Poignant insights from a newcomer; it doesn't take much to identify North Carolina's fatuous broadband dilemma. And it shouldn't take much to address the problem.

"I think the whole issue is completely within the state's purview to fix," Reives said.

But the old guard will stick to its guns, and Big Internet lobbyists will keep making a fuss, all at the expense of N.C. commerce.

"It'll be as big a fight as you've ever seen," Reives said.

## Other business news

• Chatham artists are making waves across the Carolinas' art scene.

A painting by Chathan's Jim Aiken, called Phase Transitions, was accepted into the national, juried Art League of Hilton Head's Biennial of 2021, the Chatham Artists Guild announced last week. The acrylic on canvas will be on exhibition from May 4 to 26 with a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 7, at 14 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Guild-member Colleen Black Semelka will be a featured artist in the North Carolina Pottery Center show, Raku: Spontaneity in the Flames, which runs through June 19. Raku pottery incorporates "elements of knowledge, experience, excitement, unpredictability and spontaneity," The CAG said in a release, "and is somewhat akin to a semi-controlled convergence of science, craft, art and magic with a bit of chaos thrown in for good measure." The NC Pottery Center located at 233 East Avenue, Seagrave, NC 27341 and is currently open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

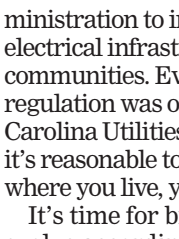
• Frankie Hayes, of Siler City has a new art, home and furniture gallery called Reliks.

"I will be offering design services, custom upholstery and lamp and lighting refurbishing," Hayes said.

Reliks held a socially distanced grand opening last Thursday at its downtown location at 117 E. Second Street, Siler City.

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## U.S. SENATE

# Budd considering Senate bid

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Congressman Ted Budd (R-N.C.) is considering a bid for Richard Burr's Senate seat in the 2022 mid-term election, according to members of his staff.

Several reports in recent days have suggested Budd might seek to transition from the House of Representatives, where he has served since 2017, to the U.S. Senate. By press time, however, Budd had not officially announced his candidacy.

"I can only confirm that Rep. Budd is seriously considering making a run for Senate in 2022," Budd's communications director, Curtis Kalin, said in response to a News + Record inquiry. "No final decision has been made yet."

Sen. Richard Burr, who has served in Congress for more than 25 years, announced in 2016 his

plan to retire from politics at the end of this term. Should Budd choose to pursue Burr's seat, he'll join a competitive group of contenders, including Chatham's Kimrey Rhinehardt, who is unaffiliated. Budd would also vacate his position as North Carolina's representative for the 13th Congressional District, which includes parts of 10 counties in central N.C. His district border runs through western Chatham, bisecting Siler City.

Retaining control of North Carolina's Senate seats is a critical objective for Republicans in Washington. Right now, the Senate is evenly divided with 50 Democrats (including

some independents) and 50 Republicans. Democrats hold a tenuous majority with Vice President Kamala Harris serving as a swing vote.

Only two Republicans have announced their candidacy in the 2022 Senate race, compared to five Democrats. They include former U.S. Rep. Mark Walker and Jen Banwart, a new figure on the state's political scene. Former Gov. Pat McCrory is also considering a bid, but had not announced his plans by press time.

Among the Democratic candidates are State Sen. Jeff Jackson, who visited Chatham last month, and former N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley.

In a visit to Siler City last month, Budd told the News + Record he was impressed with the county's industry — its resilience despite challenges wrought by the COVID-19

pandemic.

"For instance, at the chicken processing plant, I see a lot of insight, a lot of foresight in dealing with COVID-19, a lot of precautions," he said. "And I'm very impressed so far, especially with the way there's so much food processing that takes place here for the whole nation. This really is part of the critical infrastructure and I think you all have done a great job."

But Burr expressed disappointment that pandemic restrictions have stifled economic growth. If Republicans could regain control in Washington, he said, towns such as Siler City would see more targeted economic relief.

"The main thing for me is getting the majority back, and then once we do that, continuing the economic recovery," he said. "The best stimulus is not \$2 trillion printed out of thin

air. The best stimulus is full reopening — we need kids back in school, we need to be fully reopened. We can do it safely, we can do it cautiously. We don't want to be flippant at all and we want to take care of any specific medical needs that people need. But we got to get kids back in school and businesses fully reopened."

Most N.C. children will have returned to in-person learning this month under Gov. Roy Cooper's latest direction. By 2022's election season, it's likely that businesses will be operating without restrictions. But Congress may still be navigating effects of the economic downturn, and Burr says a Republican philosophy will best serve the country's needs.

"If you look at states like Florida and Texas," Burr said of the Republican strongholds, "their economy is recovering faster. And that's what

people need."

Primary elections are scheduled in North Carolina for March 2022. It's unclear, however, whether pandemic-forced delays in census data will disrupt the normal election schedule. This year, states are obligated to perform decennial redistricting — remapping legislative and congressional districts according to shifts in population and demographics — for which census data is essential.

Normally, the U.S. Census Bureau would have delivered its findings in February. Due to pandemic delays, however, states may not receive census data until September, pushing back the complex redistricting process by several months.

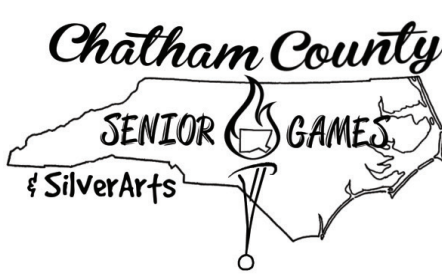
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## Tentative schedule - contingent on status of Covid-19

- May 1 Cycling
- 3 SilverArts Entry Drop off
- 4 Archery
- 21 Tee shirt and Packet Pick-up
- 22 Track/Field
- 22 Football & Softball Throw
- 22 Fun Walk
- 24 Golf
- 24 Croquet
- 25 Disc Golf
- 25 Swimming
- 25 Tennis—Women's Singles/Men's Doubles
- 26 Men's Bocce
- 26 Tennis—Men's Singles/Women's Doubles
- 27 Horseshoes
- 27 Tennis—Mixed Doubles
- 28 Women's Bocce
- 28 Bowling
- June 1 Basketball Shoot
- 1 Corn Hole
- 2 Pickleball
- 3 Table Tennis
- 4 Awards Ceremony



CHATHAM'S FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

# ClydeFEST kicks off a season of fun in Chatham County

BY BILL HORNER III  
News + Record Staff

Siler City's "Spring Chicken Day," scheduled for May 1, was felled, for the second year in a row, by COVID-19. The year-long celebration of Chatham County's 250th anniversary began with a muted, socially-distanced "Founding Day" on Saturday. Shakori Hills' signature spring event has been postponed.

As North Carolina begins to "open up" after a long pandemic year, organizers of festivals and events in Chatham County are figuring out ways to celebrate and get people together in a safe and logical method. One of the major events on the local spring calendar, for example, is ClydeFEST. It's still happening, but in a COVID-safe way in lieu of the usual 2,500-person gathering, says April Starling of the Chatham Arts Council.

So it'll look differently. "With COVID, we have modified ClydeFEST to 'ClydeFEST in the Wild,' offering five separate COVID-safe events throughout Chatham County," she said. The events will take place from late April to early May and will involve critter-painting — a staple at ClydeFEST — as well as musical performances.

"We know that kids love critter painting — a tried and true ClydeFEST tradition — so this year, we are holding two separate critter painting events, where participants will sign-up in advance to reserve a spot to paint a critter, ensuring safety in small groups," Starling said.

In terms of its annual fall musical celebration, though, organizers are still unsure of what we will be able to do.

"For ClydeFEST in the Wild, we feel we have planned an event that is as safe as possible, taking into account CDC guidelines," she said. "Should the CDC's guidelines change, or should numbers in Chatham County take a huge turn, we may be forced to re-evaluate. Our goal is to host a safe, fami-



Staff photo by David Bradley

**A warm Saturday and a threat of rain didn't keep the crowds from attending the Spring Chicken Festival Saturday in downtown Siler City. Chatham Avenue was blocked off for fun, food and face-painting, with more than 5,000 people attending.**

ly-friendly event where the community can come together and enjoy some messy creativity. We all need the arts in our lives!"

Artists and arts-workers are struggling with the economic impacts of the pandemic, Starling said.

"The continued widespread cancellations of concerts, plays, events, and art shows are wreaking havoc on the livelihood of these artists. And our community is missing out. The arts provide an outlet for expression. They inspire creativity. They bring beauty into our lives. They are a vital part of this community and of our lives."

For the fall show, Shakori Hill plans to have a long list of COVID safety protocols in place including temperature checks, health form questionnaires, hand sanitizing stations throughout the concert area, portable sinks, social distancing, and delivery service for food and drink, according to the festival's Emily Wilhelm.

"Meaning," she said, "no standing in lines but having amenities brought directly to your seat. It is a massive undertaking while still in a pandemic but we wanted to bring music back to the stage safely as soon as we could."

Shakori Hills will

maintain COVID safety guidelines for as long as necessary, Wilhelm said.

"Our mission remains bringing music and art education to the community," she said. "Current times just mean less group dancing and smiles being shielded by a mask."

Like many organizers and event producers, Wilhelm said socially-distanced events will be standard until trends change.

At Pittsboro's Sweet Bee Theater, the month of May is usually filled up with live performances. But this year, there are no adult performances and the number of youth performances have been reduced while Sweet Bee's Craig Witter tries to find suitable outside performance venues.

"That's not an easy task," says Witter, who serves as technical director

Sweet Bee Theater has been closed to the public since last March. But Witter and his partner, show director Tammy Matthews, hope to host summer camps beginning in June. They plan to use large rooms at their location in downtown Pittsboro.

"We'll keep the windows cracked, the air-conditioning cranked and the campers in masks and social distanced," Witter said.

PYT has six theater

summer camps on its schedule this year for kids age 6 through 18. Each camp concludes with one or more live performance(s).

For more information about shows and tickets, go to [www.PittsboroYouthTheater.com/Summer-Camps-1](http://www.PittsboroYouthTheater.com/Summer-Camps-1) or email [PYTensemble@gmail.com](mailto:PYTensemble@gmail.com).

Pittsboro Youth Theater has been rehearsing its four spring plays online during the week and in-person on Saturdays.

"The kids love getting together in person again," Matthews said.

PYT has reserved the amphitheater on the Green in Southern Village, Chapel Hill for most of its youth play performances in May, which begin May 1 and 2 with "Wizard of Oz," a non-musical by PYT's advanced young cast.

"Bottom line for us is that we have to find a place for our kids to perform — even before an audience of family and friends — one way or another not having a show is not an option," Matthews said.

The theater plans to have some YouTube live stream performances for children actors whose parents don't want them to get together in person. It also has a need for volunteers to help make the performances happen, including gate



Staff photo by David Bradley

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



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Doug Jones, pepper farmer, gives David DelVecchio a brief tour of his produce available at Pepperfest last Sunday. DelVecchio said that Jones is the reason for the festival; he's been breeding peppers for years, and started with a tasting area on Lorax Lane.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**The Bulltown Strutters Parade is a Shakori Grassroots Festival tradition. Musicians play New Orleans music and stomp through the festival on the way to a full performance at the Dance Tent.**

workers, concessions workers, ushers and prop helpers. (Sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/8050548a5a722abf58-pytspring](http://signupgenius.com/go/8050548a5a722abf58-pytspring).)

"COVID numbers in N.C. have been getting easier but that hasn't been making it any easier for us," Witter said. "Hopefully in fall things will be more back

on track. In business, I've always said it takes two good months to make up for one bad month."

He pauses.

"I can't wait for 2024!"

To see a rundown of ClydeFEST and a sampling of other local upcoming festivals and events in Chatham County, go to [chathamnewsrecord.com](http://chathamnewsrecord.com)

## REJIGGING THE SCHEDULE

# Visitors Bureau's Shah on the shifting sands of Chatham events

It falls on Neha Shah, the director of the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau, to help promote through various platforms events and attractions of Chatham County. The notion of tourism and events has certainly shifted during COVID-19, creating uncertainty for the long list of Chatham's major events and headaches for Shah. With the traditional "season" of events now under way, the News + Record asked Shah about what she sees taking place in the coming months.

**What's normally (pre-COVID, non-COVID) on your events schedule from April on?**

The Pittsboro-Siler City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is normally involved in a number of spring festivals and events. March and April are the kick-off months that lead into a full year of events, major festivals and small but significant gatherings open to the public; everything from spring pop-up markets to live music to multi-faceted events (marathons and post-event festivities) to major festivals, including

Shakori Hills GrassRoots Festival of Music and Dance, Chicken Festival, Flatwoods Festival, Goldston's Old Fashion Day, and Silk Hope's Old-Fashioned Farmers' Days.

**What's actually on your schedule now? What's scheduled, what's tentative?**

As our community continues to abide by restrictions due to the pandemic, the CVB is planning for smaller events, hybrid events, drive-through events, and some events have been postponed. We continue to provide clear details and information to the public, because these are festivals everyone wants to attend but are not sure whether they are happening (i.e., February Folk Art Show at Fearington, Piedmont Farm Tour, Chicken Festival — did not/will not happen in 2021). Some events are still happening but are modified for inclusion. For example, N.C. Beer Month is happening in April with restaurants opening up more, but it will not be one major event. Instead, there will be 30 days of celebrating in small ways. Fear-

ington is offering take-out N.C. Beer Fest this year instead of an on-site event. Open barn events at Celebrity Dairy were coordinated through reservations. Shakori Hills will take place in a different way with smaller, multiple events. Spring markets are taking place on a smaller scale, and outdoor events continue as well.

Some ongoing weekly or monthly events will occur, such as wine flights/tastings, N.C. Arts Incubator art receptions, free weekly wine tastings at Vino!! Wine Shop, farm and wine dinners, and more. For the latest updates on these and other Chatham County events, people can visit the CVB website: <https://visitpittsboro.com/events> and CVB Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/PittsboroSilerCityCVB/events>.

**What changes are you planning, given the pandemic, for your scheduled events?**

I am working with the event coordinators that I do each year to continue to provide state and local health guidance regarding COVID-19. The CVB

has always had a good working relationship with the Chatham County Environmental Health team, pre-pandemic, and they continue to be extremely helpful. They have the knowledge we need to plan events, and I believe our event coordinators would agree.

The CVB has always played an important role as planners, and we continue to be part of the conversation for new or recurring events. With COVID-19 still being present in the community, we must coordinate even more plans and details to keep safety top of mind. Changes include consideration of takeout kits (pick-up option), reservation-only events, limits to capacity, staggered events, etc.

Events that are taking place will include an outdoor component and those happening inside are certainly different, with social distancing, face coverings at all times (except when eating or drinking), and limited contact. Surface areas are being cleaned frequently, staff temperature checks are taking place, and a good number of events are being postponed if it is not feasible to take all

of these safety measures this year.

**Are these changes set in stone, or might they change?**

Some events will possibly have a caveat. However, for the most part, those events that are happening are much more controlled, as far as capacity and venue (mostly or entirely outdoors) so that they can still take place without disappointment of having to cancel. All along, since many of our visitors are tech-savvy, they conduct their research online and contact us in advance, so they are accustomed to having an itinerary planned ahead of time. Even their spontaneous stops are less so, with some information from us prior to their road trip.

**For events which will occur, how are you adjusting your goals/objectives for those events?**

As capacities remain reduced and concerns over safety are top of mind for folks, revenue will undoubtedly be impacted. However, the CVB is doing everything it can to soften the economic

impact by supporting our local businesses through promotion of their events and by raising awareness of the safety protocols in place so people feel safe to enjoy such events. Offering a food and drink event with live music can bring good crowds throughout the day, with some great benefit to the business or businesses hosting it. Right now, it's important to find a balance between a good, safe experience to help forget tough times for a bit, while also supporting local businesses.

**Looking ahead to the summer and fall...what are you focusing upon?**

I am encouraged to see everyone continuing to work jointly, trying to build events that are as safe as possible. While it is challenging, it is important to keep our guard up and not become apathetic to the diligence that is necessary to keep all guests and staff safe. We will keep going, looking back at the many challenges we faced last year, and keep focused on the goal of reuniting in person to see smiles beyond the mask and not just behind it.



# POLICE REPORTS

## PITTSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Board discusses water solutions

BY D. LARS DOLDER  
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PITTSBORO — The board of commissioners reviewed Pittsboro’s ongoing water contamination issues in its regular meeting Monday, and entertained a presentation on potential solutions. The town’s drinking water is notoriously poor, having made national headlines for its severe PFAS (a family of carcinogenic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination. The News + Record has reported frequently on issues with the drinking supply — most recently that it is among the worst nationwide, according to a study by Consumer Reports and Guardian US.

Several commissioners commented on the story, lamenting frequent coverage of Pittsboro’s tainted water without, as they see it, commensurate reportage of their efforts to address the problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Baldwin suggested providing “some additional information regarding what the town of Pittsboro is trying to do in reference to trying to alleviate this problem.” For more than a year, the board of commissioners and town staff have weighed options to rectify their water problem, and as the News + Record previously reported, plans are underway to install a filtration system at Pittsboro’s water treatment facility that will remove about 90% of PFAS contamination in 1 million gallons of water per day.

Town staff expect the system to be operational in about a year. But the town is quickly outpacing its water capacity and must act soon to expand its supply, or development will have to stop.

“Growth can’t occur without utilities,” said Charles Archer of Freese and Nichols, a privately owned engineering, planning and consulting firm that Pittsboro hired to explore the town’s options.

Based on data provided by the town and from Chatham Park — the biggest contributor to Pittsboro’s escalating demand — Freese and Nichols estimated that Pittsboro will exceed its water capacity by 2024 if nothing changes.

“You will need more water supply than you can currently provide at your water treatment plant,” Archer said.

The town is permitted now to supply 2 million gallons of water (mgd) per day. Its treatment facility, however, can only process 1.8 mgd. By 2040, the town will need about 6 mgd, and 12 mgd by 2060.

Plans to expand the plant or build a new one are under consideration, but construction will likely complete after Pittsboro’s water needs have already exceeded current capacity.

An alternative, or additional solution, may be a partnership with Chatham County and Sanford to supply the town and some unincorporated areas with water from the latter’s treatment facility, as the News + Record previously reported.

“The overall premise of this study was to look at working together — Pittsboro, Chatham County and Sanford,” Archer said, “to probably more efficiently serve your respective citizens.”

Sanford can provide up to 41 million gallons of water per day, including that which it must reserve for Lee County residents. The plant does not have advanced filtration

systems — the kind that expunge PFAS from the water supply — but plans are underway to install them. Even without added filtration, though, Sanford’s water has significantly lower PFAS levels than Pittsboro’s. Sanford draws from the Cape Fear River whereas Pittsboro draws from the Haw.

Besides drinking water constraints, Pittsboro must expand its sewer allocation before new developments demand more than is available.

“As you already know,” Archer said, “the town is in a crunch to deal with wastewater treatment. You’re at or near capacity.”

Sanford, again, may offer the most realistic and time-sensitive solution to Pittsboro’s quandary. Already the town is working toward construction of a force main that would funnel 2 mgd of wastewater to Sanford’s treatment facility. But that will only extend Pittsboro’s sewer capacity temporarily.

“What we’re projecting,” Archer said, “is that 2 mgd line will be full by 2025 ... That force main for Sanford will take you for about four more years. So now’s the time to begin planning what are going to be the wastewater treatment expansion needs and solutions for the town.”

The commissioners did not vote on any plans to address water and wastewater capacity solutions, but agreed that a timely decision will be paramount. The board plans to weigh its options at future meetings and in upcoming budget sessions.

“But I think the key point that we’d like to leave with you this evening,” Archer said, “is that you need to start working towards finding out what is the best option for you.”

#### Other news

• Ryan Vincent of Vincent Valuations attended Monday’s meeting to present the board with its findings from this year’s countywide revaluation. Vincent gave the same presentation last month to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Siler City Board of Commissioners.

Most home values across Chatham increased from four years ago, the last time a valuation was performed. Every property owner should already have received his or her reappraisal by mail. Chathamites displeased with their property valuations can protest through an appeal process at <https://gisservices.chathamcountync.gov/taxrequest/>. The deadline is 5 p.m. on May 6.

• Sharpe Patel CPA performed Pittsboro’s 2020 financial audit. Jay Sharpe presented his firm’s conclusions, which were overwhelmingly positive, to the board on Monday. Sharpe Patel issued an “unmodified opinion” in its report on the town’s financial standing.

“That is the best possible opinion you can receive on your town’s financial statements,” Sharpe said. “... An unmodified opinion basically means a clean opinion on financial statements — no issues. So that’s good news there.”

Town revenues have consistently increased over time, Sharpe said, even though property tax rates have not gone up in six years.

“So that’s something obviously that tax payers like to see,” he said.

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## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

On March 29, Tristan Wade Brinkman, 34, of 165 Fellowship Drive, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for failure to appear on charges of breaking and or entering, larceny after breaking/entering, felony probation violation, and obtaining property by false pretense. Brinkman was issued a \$20,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 5.

On March 29, Carlos Dominguez Moreno, 28, of 289 Alex Watson Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Devin Smith for failure to appear on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Moreno was issued a \$400 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 26.

On March 30, Mario Noel Alvarado-Valencia, 38, of 503 Brittany Lane, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for failure to appear on charges of no operator’s license, driving while impaired, and resisting a public officer. Alvarado-Valencia was issued a \$3,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Alamance County District Court in Graham on April 27.

On March 30, Derrick Ivon Cheek, 41, of 338 Clarence McKeithan, Sanford, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for communicating threats. Cheek was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 14.

On March 30, Francisco Gabriel Marcelino, 37, of 221 Fontana Mobile Home Park Circle, Siler City, was arrested by Investigator John Flynn for trafficking cocaine, conspiracy to traffic cocaine, selling and delivery of cocaine, possession with intent sell/deliver cocaine, possession of cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Marcelino was issued a \$357,000 secured bond and is sched-

uled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 12.

On March 30, Felipe de Jesus Vidal Basilio, 22, of 6312 Danlee Road, Jamestown, NC, was arrested by Investigator John Flynn for trafficking cocaine, conspiracy to traffic cocaine, selling and delivery of cocaine and possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine. Basilio was issued a \$200,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 5.

On March 31, Eric Clayton Bucky Green, 40, of 7155 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for possession of stolen goods/property and misdemeanor larceny. Green was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 14.

On March 31, Chelsea Holland, 27, of 63 Willow Way, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for misdemeanor larceny. Holland was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 21.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Shortly after midnight on April 12, 2021, officers with the Siler City Police Department charged Randy Eric Shoffner, 56, of Staley with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, assault with a deadly weapon, assault by pointing a gun, going armed to the terror of the people, breaking and/or entering, discharging a firearm in the city limits and resisting an officer. Shoffner was taken to the Chatham County Detention Center in lieu of a \$35,000 secured bond.

Also charged was Jeffrey Dominique Newby, 29, of Liberty. Newby was charged with assault by pointing a gun, assault with a deadly weapon, going armed to the terror of the people, and breaking and/or entering. Newby was taken to the Chatham County Detention Center in lieu of a \$20,000 secured bond.

## Help Protect Your Family’s Inheritance

You might contribute to your IRA for decades to help pay for your retirement. But if you don’t need all the money, you may want to leave what’s left to your children or grandchildren. However, if you want to ensure they get the most from this inheritance, you’ll need to do some planning.

Here’s a little background: Up until a couple of years ago, when you left the proceeds of your IRA to your beneficiaries, they could choose to “stretch” required withdrawals over a long period, based on their life expectancies. These required withdrawals were generally taxable, so this “stretch IRA” allowed your beneficiaries to greatly reduce the annual taxes due, while benefiting from longer tax-deferred growth potential. And the younger the beneficiary, the longer the life expectancy and the lower the withdrawals, so this technique would have been especially valuable for your grandchildren or even great-grandchildren.

Changes in laws affecting retirement accounts have significantly limited the stretch IRA strategy. Now, most non-spouse beneficiaries must withdraw all assets from the IRA within 10 years of the IRA owner’s death. The beneficiary generally does not have to take out any money during that 10-year period, but at the end of it, the entire balance must be withdrawn — and that could result in a pretty big tax bill.

The stretch IRA strategy can still be used for surviving spouses, beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the deceased IRA owner, and beneficiaries who are chronically ill or disabled. Minor children of the original account owner are also eligible for a stretch IRA — but only until they reach the age of majority, at which time the 10-year rule applies.

So, if you want to leave your IRA to family members who don’t meet any of the above exceptions, what can you do?

One possibility is a Roth IRA conversion. You could convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA over your lifetime, so your heirs would receive the Roth IRA. They would still be required to withdraw the assets within 10 years, but unlike with a traditional IRA, Roth IRA withdrawals are generally tax-free. These conversions are taxable, so you’ll want to consult your tax professional in addition to your financial advisor, to determine if this strategy can help you achieve your legacy goals.

Another option is to purchase life insurance, which can provide a specific dollar amount to your heirs or be used to help cover additional taxes. This may be especially advantageous if you are 72 or older, in good health, and taking withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions — from your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k). If you don’t really need the money, you can use these withdrawals to pay for some or all of the insurance premiums. Life insurance can’t replace an IRA as a means to save for retirement, though, so you should consult with your financial advisor to make sure you are working toward all your goals.

In any case, if you have a sizable IRA or you don’t need the funds that you’re required to take from your retirement accounts, you may want to start thinking about what you want to do with the money. The more thorough your legacy planning, the better your chances of meeting your legacy goals.

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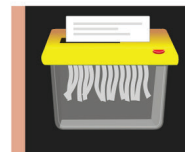
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## Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Earth Day Event



Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



### FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Residents can bring three boxes or bags of documents from their house. No businesses.



### MEDICINE TAKE BACK

The Chatham County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting a medicine take back for unwanted medications.



### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residents can bring household hazardous waste items for proper disposal. New limit of 20 gallons of latex paint cans.



### COMPOST BIN SALES

Backyard compost bins are available for purchase. \$45 each. \$5 for kitchen collector. Cash, check, debit, or credit.

Spring mulch sales are scheduled as usual from 7:30 am to Noon

We load, you haul. \$5 per small scoop (~1 cubic yard) and \$10 per large scoop.

All loads must be secured. Mulch sales are cash or check only.

## Solid Waste & Recycling Main Facility 28 County Services Road, Pittsboro

For more details- [www.chathamcountync.gov/recycle](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/recycle)

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# With two new books out, Hogan talks writing, looks ahead

Moncure resident and veteran author Judy Hogan has recently released two books, each the latest of a series: “Baba Summer, Part Two,” a memoir of her time in Russian, and a work of fiction, “Sickness Unto Death,” the 15th in her “Penny Weaver” series. This week, we spoke with Hogan about her works and upcoming writing projects.

**You recently published two new books, each a part of a series, each very different. Let’s start with the second in your memoirs of your experiences in Russia from 1990-1996. It’s called “Baba Summer, Part 2.” What does the name “Baba Summer” refer to, and what took you there to Russia in the first place?**

“Baba Summer” means “Grandmother Summer” in Russian. A baba is an older woman. They think of women as becoming a baba at about age 40. It’s the way they speak of summer — like weather after there had been some frost, so like our Indian Summer.

I was very concerned about the U.S. getting into war. And we had a new Sister Cities connection with the Russian city of Kostroma, their province a lot like our North Carolina, a fairly large city in a largely rural state in 1989, when I first met the Mayor Korobov of Kostroma who was in Durham to sign the new Sister Cities connection. I saw the Russians and the host Americans walking toward the Durham County Library and called out, “Welcome, Russians,” and the mayor and his interpreter came over to talk to me. Later I learned that he wanted to talk to me because I wasn’t part of the official hosting committee. He gave me his card and I gave him my new book on doing classes in the library.

I was amazed at his friendliness, and told everyone, “The Russians are friendly.” Then I heard from the head of the Writers Organization in Kostroma, Mikhail Bazankov, and he suggested we do writer exchanges. I went first with my son Tim in 1990; he came here in 1992, and I went to Russia in the summer of 1992, which is the subject matter of Baba Two. I came to love the Russian people I met, and Mikhail and I worked well together, did several exchanges and published a book called Earth and Soul, NC Poets in a dual language edition.

**You did a lot of journaling and writing during that time. This new book focuses on your experiences with Russian writers and painters. How much of it was drawn directly from your writing during that period – or did you re-write as you prepared this book?**

I kept a journal throughout that time, but sometimes, afterwards I added more detail, for instance my train ride



Submitted photo

**Prolific author Judy Hogan holds two earlier books and will have her newest title, the twelfth featuring fictional sleuth Penny Weaver, available for purchase February 1.**

from Moscow to Sharya, a city farther east than Kostroma, and the kindness of my seatmates.

**The book includes poems you wrote during that time in your life. What are your thoughts and impressions as you read those poems today?**

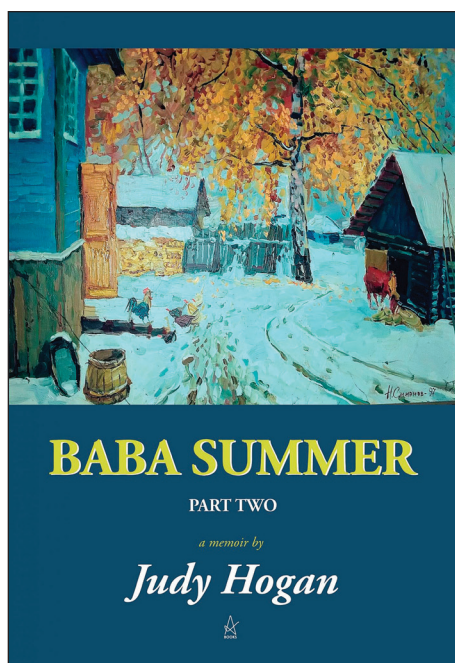
I see those poems as some of my best poetry. I’d like to publish the whole series of poems from 1992 in its own book, but right now I want to get the four books in print. Two more are ready now: Frost and Sun, Parts One and Two.

**What do you hope readers will gain from sharing your experience with them in this book?**

I’m sad that Russia on the political side has become our enemy. I have such dear friends there, and with many I still correspond. I did learn enough Russian to be able to live there in my own borrowed apt, and do my own shopping, and I taught in the English Dept in the fall of 1995.

**Do you have a timetable for the remaining two books in the series?**

I hope by 2022 to have them all in



Courtesy of Adelaide Books

**‘Baba Summer’ is part of Hogan’s series of memoirs about her time in Russia.**

print.

**Your other new book, published last month, is the 15th in the “Penny Weaver” mystery series, entitled “Sickness Unto Death.” For those unfamiliar with the series (loosely based in Chatham County), tell us about Penny and the series...**

Penny Weaver is me in many ways. She enjoys people, she works against environmental pollution. She takes up community issues which have been part of my life (e.g., formaldehyde poisoning, racism, teaching in a black college, teenage sex, abuse in a hospital, fracking, coal ash dumping). I’ve written 17, and the next two are about coal ash, and we finally won that battle. “Sickness” is about patient abuse on a stroke ward.

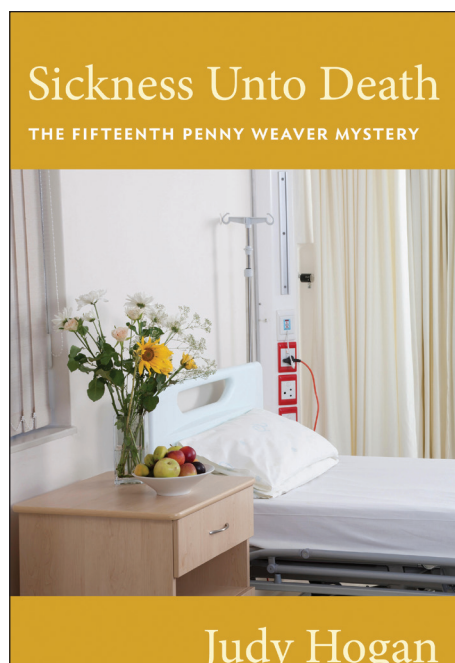
**The novel was actually written six years ago, before the coronavirus pandemic, but addresses a medical crisis. What else can you share about the storyline of this book?**

I got an idea from Luci Zahray, so at the mystery conference, Malice Domestic, she taught us about poisons. I was disappointed in my own hospital experience, and wrote about that, too.

**What other storylines do you have planned for Penny?**

Two more, both about the coal ash fight. I was the chair in reality for this fight from 2015-2020.

**The past year has been a challenging**



Courtesy of Adelaide Books

**‘Sickness Unto Death’ is the latest in Judy Hogan’s ‘Penny Weaver’ mystery series.**

**one in many respects. What has it been like for you?**

Not too bad. I’m nearly 84, so somewhat limited. I go out for dentist, doctor, essentials, My son Tim does the shopping, sees to the hens. I have a helper three days a week, and we’re planning a vegetable garden this year. We are both fully vaccinated.

**Are you still teaching creative writing?**

I teach two classes in the fall and winter, one in poetry, and one in stories, fiction or memoir: the poetry class in September will read the new book about Native Nations edited by Joy Harjo. The story class will read Louise Penny’s The Better Man. Writers improve faster by reading good books.

**What else keeps you busy in Moncure these days?**

I try not to overdo it, but I’m basically healthy. I read for pleasure, too. over the pandemic time I re-read Trollope’s Barchester and Palliser series novels

*Hogan will perform a reading on April 27 via Crowdcast at the Page158 books in Wake Forest with two others published by Adelaide books, Charles Fiore and Wim Coleman. The virtual event begins at 6:30 p.m. For information or to attend, go to <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/an-evening-with-adelaide/register> or <https://www.page158books.com/event/author-roundtable-adelaide-press>.*

## LA VOZ DE CHATHAM BRIEFS

### Hispanic Liaison to hold fundraising raffle on Cinco de Mayo

The Hispanic Liaison will hold a five-prize fundraising raffle May 5 via Facebook Live to support its work across the four counties the non-profit serves, including Chatham.

Staff will draw names at 5 p.m. to give away five

prizes, including a car, a 2008 Dodge Avenger STX in “excellent condition.” Other prizes include \$100 in cash, a new Air Fryer PowerXL (8 quarts), a chocoflan cake with 20 servings and made by Elena Gonzalez as well as a cloth hammock hand-crafted by Ana Huezo.



The participant who wins the car will be responsible for the tags and taxes.

Interested residents can purchase tickets — \$10 each or three for \$20 — online at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/5-de-mayo> or in-person at the Hispanic Liaison’s office, Chatham

Rabbit, Melanie’s Bakery or Tienda El Centro, all located in downtown Siler City. Staff will enter online buyers’ names and phone numbers on actual printed tickets and will text or email photos of the tickets if buyers ask.

“Only 1,000 tickets printed,” staff wrote on the Liaison’s Facebook page. “You don’t need to be present to win!”

For more information, including photos of the prizes, visit [www.hispanicliaison.org](http://www.hispanicliaison.org) or the Liaison’s Facebook page.

enjoyed coming together with people that are all different races, ethnicities, and ages and working towards a common goal: to help their community feel safe and cared for.”

### Chatham 250 identifies two Hispanic high school students as “changemakers”

Manzanarez, 17, is also a Jordan-Matthews senior. He’s been selected as a 2021 Dell Scholar.

As a part of OLP, he helped lead fundraisers and events to spread awareness for the residents of Johnson’s Mobile Home Park in Siler City. In 2018, Mountaire Farms had purchased the property to expand its new chicken plant, which forced residents to relocate. Community protests and advocacy work, including Manzanarez’s, helped residents receive compensation.

“Kevin really enjoyed advocating for members of the Siler City community, giving a voice to those who feel they don’t have one, and plans to continue his advocacy work in the future,” wrote Lomasney.

Other “changemakers” include Bonlee Baptist Food Pantry’s Verna Nobles; volunteer pharmacist Lynn Glasser; Gretchen Smith, president of Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area; the 3 Rivers Coalitions’ Quentin Murray; CORE’s Margaret Ann Alston and Ella Sullivan of the Northwood Omniscient, Northwood High School’s student news magazine.

To read all eight profiles in full, visit [www.chatham250.com](http://www.chatham250.com).

## This Community ROCKS!

Abundance NC is matching folks in need during this Covid-19 period with volunteers and locals that have time and resources. Here is a recap of what **YOU** have accomplished since the pandemic started:



To DONATE:



For help or to help:



- Approximately 100+ generous community members have bought & delivered groceries and paid utility bills directly for about 100 families in need, sometimes repeatedly. ~\$20,000
- Abundance NC has raised \$16,000 and paid \$11,000 worth of utility bills.
- You have avoided evictions several times by pooling in money to cover unpaid rent due to lack of work or reduced hours due to the pandemic.
- You have avoided disconnection of utilities and helped people get their utilities reinstated for about half a dozen families.
- We have connected approximately 50 families with other community resources available.
- We have been able to cover Abundance NC staff time to run this Neighbor2Neighbor program! !!

## Thank YOU!

Much LOVE and BLESSINGS from the families YOU help! This is community resilience! !!





Staff photo by Kim Hawks

## It's the pollen season

The worst of the yellow pine pollen season is, we hope, behind us. While pollen is necessary for the production of pine seeds that grow to become pine trees, it wreaks havoc for those with allergies or for anyone spending time outdoors. The pollen season lasts three to four weeks. Here's hoping for a good rain to help wash it away.



THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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# PLASTIC-EATING WORMS

**Worldwide, people are trying to figure out how to make and use less plastic, but wouldn't it be great if we could get rid of the plastic trash that is already here?**

### A Discovery in Spain

A Spanish biologist, Frederica Bertocchini, was \_\_\_\_\_ bees. When she cleaned out her beehives, she made a remarkable discovery.

She found waxworms in the \_\_\_\_\_. That wasn't unusual because waxworms, which are the larvae of wax moths, like to eat the \_\_\_\_\_ and the wax. This can destroy a beehive but might be good for the \_\_\_\_\_.

When Bertocchini took out the waxworms from the beehives, she put them into a plastic \_\_\_\_\_. Later, when she checked the bag, she \_\_\_\_\_ the worms had eaten \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

Could these \_\_\_\_\_ plastic-eating worms help scientists \_\_\_\_\_ the world's growing plastic waste crisis?

Uh oh! Hungry waxworms have chewed through some of the words in this article. Can you replace the missing words?

LITTLE

DISCOVERED

EARTH

BAG

SOLVE

HONEY

HOLES

HIVES

STUDYING

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### Worms that eat plastic?

Plastic pollution is a big problem. Scientists believe there are more than 5 TRILLION pieces of plastic in the Earth's oceans alone.

How much is 5 trillion? One research study estimated that the 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic floating in our oceans would be enough to stretch to the moon and back twice.

How much does all this plastic weigh? Circle every other letter to discover the shocking answer!

THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF PLASTIC WASTE IN THE OCEAN IS GREATER THAN THAT OF:

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### Hungry Little Helpers

Scientists have been feeding caterpillars called waxworms the kind of plastics used in shopping bags. They discovered that just 60 little worms can eat more than 30 square centimeters (1 square foot) in a week.

Scientists think that large numbers of these hungry worms could be put to work to eat plastic waste.

In just days, they could eat what would otherwise take hundreds of years to decompose (rot), helping solve Earth's big plastic pollution problem.

### One Problem

There is a lot of interest in using lots of worms to eat the tons and tons of plastic waste in the world. But there is one problem slowing this down. Worm poop!

Unfortunately, when wax worms eat plastic, their poop becomes toxic or poisonous. Scientists are working hard to solve this problem. If you grow up to become a scientist, maybe you could solve it!

Help this waxworm find the plastic bag.

Extra!

Extra!

### Headline Mix Up

Cut out 10 words from different headlines throughout the newspaper. Create a story using one clipped word per sentence. Share your story with someone.

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

Kid Scoop Together: Take Action!

Grab a ruler and draw a square with each side 30 cm or one foot long.

Measure your desk or tabletop. How many 30 square centimeters can you fit onto this?

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How many worms would you need to eat all of the plastic bags that would fit on your desk or tabletop?

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## Measure It!

Get a ruler and start measuring parts of the newspaper in inches and centimeters.

Width of one page of the newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

\_\_\_\_\_ centimeters

The height of the largest photo in the newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

\_\_\_\_\_ centimeters

The length of the longest headline on the front page: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

\_\_\_\_\_ centimeters

The width of your favorite comic strip: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

\_\_\_\_\_ centimeters

The length of an ad in the newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

\_\_\_\_\_ centimeters

Standards Link: Math: Use the newspaper to practice measuring skills.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

SORTING IT ALL OUT: Draw a line from each item to the correct bin where it belongs.

APPLE CORE

LEAVES

PIZZA BOX

GLASS JAR

NEWSPAPER

ALUMINUM CAN

Recycling Bin

Landfill Bin

Compost Bin

### Double Double Word Search

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

WAXWORMS

BEEHIVES

TRILLION

PLASTIC

PROBLEM

CLEANED

TRASH

TOXIC

SOLVE

EARTH

HOLES

TWICE

ROT

EAT

BAG

B I C L E A N E D W

S E V I H E E B A T

P V G P X A L X E R

R L A S T O W T A I

O O A G R O T I R L

B S A S R C P R T L

L B O M T R A S H I

E B S T W I C E L O

M S E L O H C E M N

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

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'FOR AS LONG AS IT'S NEEDED'

# El Futuro begins vaccination drive for the Latino community

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON  
News + Record Staff



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**El Futuro hosted its first vaccine clinic in Durham Sunday with Carolina Blue Pharmacy. Staff administered 96 doses total of the Moderna and J&J vaccines.**

SILER CITY — El Futuro, a bilingual mental health clinic, held the first of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Durham Sunday — and has plans to host several more in Siler City in the coming weeks.

Held inside the nonprofit's Durham office, the Sunday clinic saw 96 first doses of the Moderna and J&J COVID-19 vaccines administered — nearly double the number of doses El Futuro and its partner, Carolina Blue Pharmacy, had originally planned to administer.

"We had originally planned for 50 people," said one of El Futuro's clinical project managers, Triana Barrios, who's also leading the vaccination campaign. "... So it definitely went a lot better than we expected, and the people responded well."

El Futuro announced the vaccination campaign early last week after partnering with Carolina Blue Pharmacy, a Chapel Hill-based pharmacy and enrolled vaccine provider. The pharmacy reached out first to El Futuro, Barrios said, after hearing it'd been looking to launch a vaccination campaign for its community — the Spanish-speaking residents El Futuro serves across several counties, including Chatham.

"We didn't really have any connections to each other," Barrios said. "I think that it was some mutual connection that actually introduced us be-

cause they (Carolina Blue Pharmacy) were looking for partners, and we were looking for partners, as well. So that worked out really, really well."

It was a bit of a "last-minute connection," Barrios said, and at first, she worried that it wouldn't work out quite as well as it turned. Staff began contacting people about the Sunday clinic late last Tuesday.

"We're like, '50 people. Where are we going to get 50 people so fast?'" she said. "Then we have been so blessed that people here at El Futuro, they're like, 'Yeah, I have people, hold on. Let me let me just pass this information to them.' And it's been wonderful."

But the vaccines aren't just for El Futuro's clients or the Spanish-speaking communities the clinic serves, according to Barrios; they're for anyone "in need of a vaccine."

"Obviously, our focus is

the Latino community," Barrios said. "However, the drive is going to be available to anybody. Right now, we're doing 18 and older, but depending on if we're able to get some Pfizer, we might also make it available for people 16 and up."

Though they're still ironing out the campaign's details, Barrios said they've planned for another 100-dose vaccination drive this Sunday at their Durham office, located at 2020 Chapel Hill Drive Suite 23. If all goes well, the clinic will offer the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, which will allow 16- and 17-year-olds to get vaccinated.

According to Barrios, El Futuro also plans to hold small vaccination clinics at its Siler City office in the near future "to give the opportunity to people that are a little bit more in rural areas, farther areas, to also have

access to the vaccine." Its Siler City office is located on 401-B North Ivey Avenue.

"We are working with our partners to provide the efforts needed to get the vaccine to our patients," she told the News + Record Tuesday. "We're not going to be necessarily doing it this weekend in Siler City as we had originally planned, but we're still working to make it happen in the near future. I do not have a specific date yet."

El Futuro has also decided to host most vaccination clinics during the weekend to accommodate the community its staff serve — though Barrios said they may reconsider if people ask for weekday vaccine clinics.

"We know that a lot of people in our community have limitations to go

**Quick facts:**

- Sign up for the clinics here: [bit.ly/3mGntGi](https://bit.ly/3mGntGi)
- To volunteer at the clinics, call Triana Barrios at (919) 780-7070 or Jaeleen Mendoza, the organization's volunteer coordinator at (919) 688-7101 (ext. 683).

during the week and make arrangements during the week," Barrios said. "A lot of people, especially construction workers, may have to be at work even on a Saturday, and then Sunday morning, it's the time when a lot of people prefer to profess their faith, so we wanted to make it convenient."

To sign up for El Futuro's upcoming clinics, go to [bit.ly/3mGntGi](https://bit.ly/3mGntGi). A bilingual vaccination registration form will ask for name, gender, date of birth, address, contact information and primary care provider. The form also functions as a waitlist. Those who El Futuro couldn't fit into Sunday's clinic will be among the first to be contacted for this weekend's, Barrios said.

People should bring some form of ID and their health insurance cards, if they have insurance, to the clinic. But it's not obligatory.

"That doesn't limit to U.S. IDs. It could be an ID of their original country, if they don't have a U.S. valid ID," she said, adding, "Now, if they don't

have an ID or don't have an insurance card, we will still give them the vaccine, but it's just easier for the processing of the card and verifying and keeping track of who has received the vaccine if we have a valid document or a document that can identify the person that we are giving the vaccine."

It's not clear yet how many clinics El Futuro will hold and where. El Futuro may not have the same vaccines from clinic to clinic, either, Barrios added. She could guarantee, however, that El Futuro will continue hosting clinics as long as it can — and "for as long as it's needed."

"We'll try to help as much as we can," she said. "A lot of this work is also based on volunteer time, so if we have the resources to do it, we'll continue to do it for as long as needed. ... We're looking to do it for a while until there's no people out there needing that vaccine."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** Chatham County Schools' federal projects under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 are presently being developed. Projects included: Title I (Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards) Title II Title III (Language Acquisition) Title IV A Student Support and Academic Enrichment McKinney-Vento (Homeless Education) Migrant Education Program Career and Technical Education High school students can enroll, without cost, in college credit classes through the Career and College Promise program. This includes Career and Technical Education pathways of study. IDEA (Students with Disabilities)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2021-2022 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amend-

ments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of April 12-16, 2021 in the office of Melvin Diggs, Executive Director Exceptional Children and Academically and Intellectually Gifted located at Horton Middle School, Central Office-South, Pittsboro, N.C. These projects describe the programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for federal funding for the 2021-2022 school year. Non-profit private schools and interested persons are encouraged to review these federal guidelines for the above listed projects and indicate their interest in participation of the projects if qualified. These projects are being developed during April and May and are due to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on June 30, 2021. The initial Equitable Services for Private Schools meeting will be held on April 20, 2021, at 2:00 PM via virtual platform. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the office of Carol Little, Executive Director Federal Programs and School Improvement, at Chatham County Board of Education, P.O. Box 128 / 369 West Street, Pittsboro, N.C., prior to April 20, 2021. M11,M18,M25,A1,A8,A15,6tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** All persons having claims against **JUNE ANN FILER aka JUNE A. FILER** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 9th day of November, 2020, are notified to present them to Trustee Bank and James G. Filer, Co-Executors of the Estate of June Ann Filer aka June A. Filer in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Ex-

change West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before July 1, 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 June Ann Filer aka June A. Filer. Those indebted to June Ann Filer aka June A. Filer are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** The undersigned, Suzanne L. Rose, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **CABELL JEFFREY SLAYDON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th Day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 25th day of March, 2021. Suzanne L. Rose, Executor c/o Moody, Williams, Atwater

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Judy K. Branch and Janet C. Foxx, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **BETTY L. FOXF**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th Day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 25th Day of March, 2021. Judy K. Branch, Co-Executor 3705 Brentwood Road Raleigh, NC 27604 1-919-877-9754 Janet C. Foxx, Co-Executor 7108 W. Friendly Ave, Unit 310 Greensboro, NC 27410

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Gladys W. Mattice, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **RAYMOND EARL MATTICE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th Day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 25th Day of March, 2021. Gladys W. Mattice, Executrix 300 Doc Gaines Road PO Box 138 Bear Creek, NC 27207

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **JOYCE POE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Jeanette G. Teague, Executrix 412 West 8th Street Siler City, NC 27344 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **JOSEPH ANTHONY TARESCO**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before June 25, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 25th day of March, 2021. Desiree Collins, Executrix c/o Monroe, Wallace & Morde, P.A. 3225 Blue Ridge Road, Suite 117 Raleigh, NC 27612 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 10th day of March, 2021, as Executor of the ESTATE OF **CHERYL ELAINE JUNKMANN**, Deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 25th day of March 2021.

Brian Craig Junkmann, Executor Estate of Cheryl Elaine Junkmann c/o E. Jack Walker, Esquire WALKER LAMBE, PLLC PO BOX 51549 Durham, NC 27717-1549 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20-E-377 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Joy McPherson, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JOHN RUSSELL MCPHERSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Joy McPherson, Administrator C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20-E-587 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Curtis Clark, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DORIS ELLIS CLARK**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Curtis Clark, Executor C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21-E-137 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Richard Torbert and Arnold Torbert, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **REBA W. TORBERT**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Richard Torbert and Arnold Torbert, Co-Executors C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21-E-154 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Laurie Feranec, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **RICHARD H. MARKS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Laurie Feranec, Executor C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21-E-153 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Angela Foster, having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **GENEVA MCTILLMAN RODGERS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Angela Foster, Limited Personal Representative C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **KATHERINE LYNNE MOHRFELD**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned Executor, in care of Wendy A. Craig, P.A. Attorney-at-Law, 207 East State Street, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711, on or before June 25, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Katherine Hamilton Ross, Executor of the Estate of **KATHERINE LYNNE MOHRFELD**, Deceased c/o Wendy A. Craig, P.A. 207 East State Street Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **PAUL MILOWSKY**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Andrew S. Bullard, Executor, on or before the 23rd day of June, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor. This 23rd day of March, 2021. Andrew S. Bullard, Executor Smith Debnam PO Box 176010 Raleigh, NC 27619-6010 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

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UNIT B-6--GERALD GREENE 868 SILER CITY GLENDON ROAD SILER CITY N.C. 27344 M25,A1,A8,A15,A22,A29,6tc

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **MYRA TAYLOR DUNN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of March, 2021. Damon Pajaud, Administrator 11475 Mason St Henderson, Co. 80640 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **LILLIE PORTER BOULDIN**, deceased, late

of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Co-Executrix: Glenda Bouldin Andrews 1841 Hillside Dairy Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 Co-Executrix: Donna Bouldin Moore 1322 E. Meadows Rd Eden, NC 27288 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **CAROL WHARTON PAGE**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 25th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 25th day of March, 2021. Philip Howard Page, Executor Estate of Carol Wharton Page Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 M25,A1,A8,A15,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **THEODORE CLAYBORN GARRETT A/K/A THEODORE C. GARRETT** 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 30th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 23rd day of March, 2021. Steven O'Daniel, Administrator CTA of The Estate of Theodore Clayborn Garrett a/k/a Theodore C. Garrett Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ATWATER & LEE ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Leslie Jean DeSilva, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **SANDRA KAY MARSHALL**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 1st day of April, 2021. JENAE BETHERS, EXECUTRIX ESTATE OF BETTY LOU REES c/o Jennifer Dalman, Attorney Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **MARY KATHRYN CREASON aka KATHRYN WILSON CREASON**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before July 2, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 1st day of April, 2021. John Paul Creason, Personal Representative in c/o Kellie Corbett, Attorney at Carolina Family Estate Planning 201 Commonwealth Court, Suite 100 Cary, NC 27511 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **MARY KATHRYN WILSON CREASON**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before July 2, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 1st day of April, 2021. John Paul Creason, Personal Representative in c/o Kellie Corbett, Attorney at Carolina Family Estate Planning 201 Commonwealth Court, Suite 100 Cary, NC 27511 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **BESSIE MCCRAVEY ANDREWS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Co-Executors: 1. Tammy Dickerson 426 Abbott Dr Sanford, NC 27330 2. Jason Mendenhall 0350 Tom Hudson PO Box 1606 Pittsboro, NC 27312 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **JOSEPHINE MILDRED HORTON COSBY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Jodie W. Phillips, Executrix 516 Maple Springs Lane Bear Creek, NC 27207 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **MYRA TAYLOR DUNN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before

the 30th day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 25th day of March, 2021. Co-Executors 1. Denise D. Dunn 904 Bear Creek Church Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 2. Vance Drew Dunn 3607 Splitwood Rd Toano, VA 23168 c/o Lewis R Fadely, PLLC 119 N Fir Ave Siler City, NC 27344 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons and corporations having claims against **PATRICK MICHAEL REDDINGTON**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same on or before July 15, 2021 to James F. Reddington, Executor of this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 30th day of March 2021. James F Reddington, Executor 856 Forest Ave. Rye, NY 10580 c/o Krista Debby Reddington 113 N Hassel St Hillsborough, NC 27278 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **MICHAEL RAYMOND MANLEY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of July, 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 March, 2021. Michele Nadeau Kissel, Administrator 7138 NC Hwy 39 N Kenley, NC 27542 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 15th day of March, 2021, as Executrix of the ESTATE OF **BETTY LOU REES**, Deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of June, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 1st day of April, 2021. JENAE BETHERS, EXECUTRIX ESTATE OF BETTY LOU REES c/o Jennifer Dalman, Attorney Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Leslie Jean DeSilva, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **SANDRA KAY MARSHALL**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 1st day of April, 2021. Leslie Jean DeSilva c/o Moody, Williams, Atwater & Lee 122 South Chatham Avenue Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 W. Ben Atwater, Jr. Moody, Williams, Atwater & Lee PO Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against **RANDY TATE WHITE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 30th day of March, 2021. Jodie W. Phillips, Executrix 516 Maple Springs Lane Bear Creek, NC 27207 A1,A8,A15,A22,4tp

### TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Board of Commissioners** will conduct a public hearing on **April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave.** Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to the following sections of the UDO: §18 Definitions (building height) & §172 Building Height Limitation (B-1, R-6, A-R, R-20, R-10, R-MH). **Weaver-Kirkland Housing, LLC requests conditional zoning approval.** The applicant requests that 4.52 acres be zoned B-1-Conditional (B-1-C) and develop 60 multifamily

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Town of Siler City proposes the following text amendments to the Town Code of Ordinances: Chapter 8 Buildings, Article VI Minimum Nonresidential Code (The minimum standards of maintenance, sanitation, and safety shall address only conditions that are dangerous and injurious to public health, safety, and welfare and identify circumstances under which a public necessity exists for the repair, closing, or demolition of such buildings or structures. The provisions of this article shall apply to all nonresidential buildings or structures which are now in existence or which may be built within the Town's Corporate Limits.) The proposed items are available for review by contacting the **Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323**. All persons interested in the outcome of the application are invited to attend the public hearing and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on Apr. 12 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. If you are interested in attending the meetings via Zoom, then contact jbridges@silercity.org for the Planning Board meeting and jjohnson@silercity.org for the Board of Commissioner meeting.

The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY 20-SP-85**

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by James Edward Smart, II and Audrey Faye Smart dated May 30, 1997 and recorded on June 2, 1997, in Book 721 at Page 736, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina; and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Goddard & Peterson, PLLC (Substitute Trustee) will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:30 AM** and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina and being more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust, together with all improvements located thereon:

Address of Property: 340 Lane Mill Road, Bennett, NC 27208 Tax Parcel ID: 0073091 Present Record Owner: Audrey Faye Smart and James Edward Smart, II Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23. Said property is sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, any Land Transfer Tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a) (1). The real property described above is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, and special assessments. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are

disclaimed. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. If the Trustee or Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey title include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the sale and reinstatement of the loan without knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in its/their sole discretion, if it/they believe(s) the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice where the Real Property is Residential with less than 15 Rental Units: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the County in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the Notice that is at least ten (10) days, but no more than ninety (90) days, after the sale date contained in the Notice of Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the Notice of Termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of such termination. This is a communication from a debt collector. The purpose of this Communication is to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection. If you are under the protection of the bankruptcy court or have been discharged as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is given to you pursuant to statutory requirement and for informational purposes and is not intended as an attempt to collect a debt or as an act to collect, assess, or recover all or any portion of the debt from you personally. FN# 3016.32420 58790 A8,A15,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21-E-213**

All persons having claims against **CHARLIE BALDWIN, JR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th day of April, 2021. Sharon B. Nettles, Co-Executrix 342 Meronies Ch Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 Loretta Nettles, Co-Executrix 1220 Gees Grove Ch Rd Siler City, NC 27344 A8,A15,A22,A29,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **HARRY HUBERT MELVILLE**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 8th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This the 8th day of April, 2021. Robert Lansing Melville, Executor Estate of Harry Hubert Melville Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 A8,A15,A22,A29,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **M. THERESA CLANCY**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before July 8, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 8th day of April, 2021. Peter J. Clancy, Executor c/o Timothy A. Nordgren, Sands Anderson PC 1005 Slater Rd., Ste 200 Durham, NC 27703 A8,A15,A22,A29,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **DONALD LEWIS JOHNSON**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before July 16, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of April, 2021. Laurie A. Kelley, Personal Representative, in c/o Kellie M. Corbett, Attor-

ney, at Carolina Family Estate Planning 201 Commonwealth Court, Suite 100 Cary, NC 27511 A15,A22,A29,M6,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **JOAN MARGARET DIXON**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 8th day of April, 2021. Lesley A. Dixon, Administrator of The Estate of Joan Margaret Dixon 594 Rebecca Lane Siler City, North Carolina 27344

MOODY, WILLIAMS, ATWATER & LEE ATTORNEYS AT LAW P.O. BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 A15,A22,A29,M6,4tc

**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. DESIREE TOTTEN and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of DESIREE TOTTEN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, JOHNNY CHARLIE SUTTON and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of JOHNNY CHARLIE SUTTON and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, BRAESH GREEN and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of BRAESH GREEN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, TYREE GREEN and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of TYREE GREEN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, JACKIE GREEN and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of JACKIE GREEN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, DIANE GREEN and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of DIANE GREEN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 08-CVD-928**, the undersigned Commissioner will on the **28th day of April, 2021**, 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: A certain tract or parcel of land in Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and described as follows: Being all of Lot 3, containing 5.04 acres, more or less, as described on a Plat entitled "Survey for HAROLD J. PRICE AND WIFE, MARGARET H. PRICE", dated May 8, 1991, prepared by Rufus L. Johnson, RLS, and recorded in Plat Slide 91-200, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0067626** 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 5th day of April, 2021. Mark D. Bardill, Signed Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 A15,A22,2tc

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 5th day of April, 2021. Mark D. Bardill, Signed Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 A15,A22,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21-E-183**

All persons having claims against **MARIE GATTIS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of April, 2021. Gwen Gattis, Administrator 163 Twilight Ln Chapel Hill, NC 27517 A15,A22,A29,M6,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21-E-200**

All persons having claims against **FRANCES GEE PETTY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to

the undersigned on or before the 15th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of April, 2021. Co-Executors 1. William Horace Petty, Jr. 385 Maple Springs Lane Bear Creek, NC 27207 2. Robert Hale Petty 1617 Hwy 15 South Dillon, NC 29536 A15,A22,A29,M6,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21-E-235**

All persons having claims against **DORIS RICHARDSON THOMPSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of April, 2021. Co-Executors 1. Gary R. Griffin 6004 Fordland Dr Raleigh, NC 27606 2. Phillip L. Griffin PO Box 592 14 C NE Court Sq. Graham, NC 27253 A15,A22,A29,M6,4tp

**CHATHAM COUNTY REQUEST for PROPOSALS (RFP) PROPERTY TAX SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS**

Chatham County is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to provide application software for a complete property tax software system. Implementation services, including data conversion and training, are also requested. Also included as part of this RFP are detailed hardware requirements and cost as well as the cost of optional hosting services. Chatham County is requesting RFPs from prospective vendors to supply the best available property tax software solution to meet our needs. Vendors are encouraged to initiate preparation of proposals immediately upon receipt of this RFP in order for all relevant questions and information needs to be identified and answered, and to allow adequate time to prepare a comprehensive and complete response. Please note that this RFP does not constitute an offer but rather a request for offers from vendors. The complete RFP document and details are located on the Chatham County Current Bids and Proposals webpage at: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities> All inquiries relating to this request must be in writing and submitted by e-mail to Kim Johnson at [purchasing@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:purchasing@chathamcountync.gov). Late submittals will not be accepted under any circumstance and will not be opened or reviewed. All inquiries must be made no later than 12:00 PM on Thursday, May 6, 2021 to [purchasing@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:purchasing@chathamcountync.gov) or by fax to (919) 542-1096. No RFP inquiries by telephone please. All addenda will be posted by 5:00pm on Friday, May 7, 2021 and available at <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities> Chatham County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability. A15,1tc

**TOWN OF PITTSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

The Mayor of the Town of Pittsboro hereby calls a **SPECIAL MEETING**. Time, place, and for the purposes set out below: **DATE: April 17, 2021; TIME: 9:00 a.m. - PLACE:** in person at the Chatham County Agriculture Building and Remotely/ Virtual via Zoom Enterprise. The Town of Pittsboro Board

of Commissioner Annually Budget Retreat meeting on April 17, 2021 at 9 a.m. will be conducted virtually and will not be open to on-site visitors. The virtual meeting will allow the council to conduct the important business of government while protecting the health and safety of the council members, the public, and town staff. The only individuals expected to be physically in attendance are the Mayor, the Clerk, the Town Manager, and some Commissioners. All will be seated in a manner that ensures proper social distancing. Members of the public may: 1. Join the meeting through Zoom from their computer or smart phone. The information below is specific to the April 17th meeting. It will be updated later with information for future meetings. Please use the link below (or type the address in your browser) to join the webinar:

Password: 915591 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86411595896?pwd=cVo3THZGUUxnQmE5eUs4ZlUxMmUjOT09> By clicking on the link to join the meeting, the Zoom software application will be downloaded to your computer. There is no cost associated with the software or attending the meeting. 2. Join the meeting through audio only via telephone: Call Telephone Number: 646-558-8656 - When prompted, enter webinar ID: 864 1159 5896. Depending on your carrier, long distance charges may apply PURPOSE: BOC 2021 Budget Retreat Meeting This 12th day of April, 2021. Certification: I certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board, Town of Pittsboro Municipal Building for at least 48 hours before the meeting as required by NCGS 143-318.12. Cassandra Bullock, Town Clerk A15,1tc

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO**

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following **Public Hearings on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. The Public Hearings will be conducted remotely via Zoom, a teleconference software, for the following items: Legislative Public Hearings: 1. Planning Staff is requesting the adoption of the Town of Pittsboro Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) which consolidates, rewrites, and replaces multiple ordinances into a single document to manage land development including the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Lightening Ordinance, Stormwater Ordinance, and Riparian Buffer Protection Ordinance in an effort to streamline the structure, modernize the review process and standards, and coordinate the development process. The Town of Pittsboro Zoning Map will not change with the adoption of the UDO. 2. Chatham Park Investors, LLC is proposing an amendment to the Chatham Park Planned Development District Master Plan. The amendment is to revise the Table of Permitted Uses for a portion of Section 5.3 of Chatham Park including 3 parcels (PID 94290, 61066, 73236) located on Eubanks Road adjacent to the intersections with US 64 Business East and US Hwy 64 Bypass (not including PID 92655 where the Water Recovery Center is located). The purpose of the legislative public hearings is to provide

interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. **SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING:** Evidentiary Public Hearing: 3. GBL Property II, LLC, is requesting a Special Use Permit for a Commercial Kennel and accessory pet daycare, grooming, and dog training, to be located on approximately 16.45 acres parcel (PID 0007308) located on Eubanks Road, adjacent to and north of US 64 East Bypass. The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to determine, by presentation of factual evidence, whether the specified use(s) will be allowed on the above referenced property. **SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PERMIT REQUEST MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING IN ITS PROPOSED LOCATION, BUT ONLY THOSE CONDITIONS MUTUALLY APPROVED BY THE TOWN AND THE PETITIONER MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.** If you have standing and wish to participate in the evidentiary public hearing you may speak under oath via Zoom video or audio. Please sign up with the Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on April 26, 2021 if you wish to participate. The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection through e-mail. The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website under the BOC Agenda, Minutes, and Audio tab ([pittsboronc.gov](http://pittsboronc.gov)). Please sign up with the Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on April 26, 2021 if you wish to participate. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Cassie Bullock, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [CBullock@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:CBullock@pittsboronc.gov) by 4 p.m. on April 26, 2021. The Clerk will receive written comments to be included in the minutes for 24 hours after the meeting. A15,A22,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21-E-119**

All persons having claims against **ROBERT L. PATTERSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of April, 2021. Administrator: Hazelle P. Brooks 521 Airport Rd Siler City, NC 27344 A15,A22,A29,M6,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21-E-163**

All persons having claims against **SAMUEL C. TAYLOR AKA SAMUEL CLARENCE TAYLOR**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of July, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of April, 2021. Richard D. Perry, Executor 827 McDade Store Rd Hillsborough, NC 27278 A15,A22,A29,M6,4tp

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