



Chatham News + Record

Chatham County, N.C. | JULY 15-21, 2021 | www.chathamnewsrecord.com | \$1

NEW DISCHARGE COMPLICATES PITTSBORO'S WATER WOES

Water samples suggest additional 1,4-Dioxane contamination from unknown Greensboro source

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff



Kennedy

onetime discharge from a still-unknown source. On July 1, the City of Greensboro and the North Carolina Dept. of Environmental Quality reported a discharge of 1,4-Dioxane into South Buffalo

Creek — a Haw River tributary — in effluent from Greensboro's TZ Osborne Wastewater Treatment Plant. The chemical is a suspected carcinogen derived from industrial runoff. Preliminary samples in Greensboro indicated levels between 543 parts per billion and 687 parts per billion of 1,4-Dioxane in the water there. The

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends no more than 35 ppb in healthy drinking water. After learning of the pollution, Pittsboro staff began testing the town's water supply, Pittsboro Water Plant Superintendent Adam Pickett told the News

See **WATER**, page A11

PITTSBORO'S 3DFS

Revolutionizing the energy industry

The world's next big technology might be burgeoning in Chatham County

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Alex West, vice president of operations and financial officer at 3DFS, expects the company's product might impact most people worldwide within about the next 10 years.

PITTSBORO — Energy is an imprecise science. Experts generally agree about two-thirds of all electrical energy goes to waste — from the generation point at a power plant, through a series of transformations, and finally at the outlet in your house, energy is sacrificed hither and thither with wanton abandon. "All that's considered 'rejected energy,'" Alex West, vice president of operations and financial officer at Pittsboro's 3DFS, told the News + Record. "Only about 33% of the energy that is produced electrically is actually used and the rest is lost mostly through heat and through vibration." 3DFS hopes to change that. The small Pittsboro startup — which has operated for about 10 years, the last seven in a 10,000 square-foot lab on N.C. Hwy. 902 — intends to upend the energy industry's notion of acceptable waste. Its technology, software-defined electricity, has demon-

See **3DFS**, page A3

Scaled down plans for Moncure's Hindu temple under way

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

Plans to build a Hindu temple in Moncure are still under way, Carolina Murugan Temple organizers say, though construction will be scaled down and divided into multiple phases. Initial plans for the temple were presented to Chatham County in December 2018. By March 2019, temple organizers had purchased more than 130 acres for the facility, the News + Record reported, which would include a 155-foot statue of Murugan, the Hindu god of war whose purpose is to protect people from destructive forces. Now, "due to the nature of the project and cost," those plans changed, said Kaali Dass, chairperson of Carolina Murugan Temple. The Phase 1 construction plans include a 2,500 square foot "temporary temple," multi-acre ECO garden, walking trail to the riverfront and a 6-foot Murugan statue — and according to its website, will cost \$7 million. "We submitted the Phase I scope for approval with Chatham county," Dass said in an email to the News + Record. "We are waiting for the Phase I approval process with Chatham (C)ounty. At this point, we do not have any new updates to share. We will have more information by the end of September

See **TEMPLE**, page A7

THE CHATHAM 250 CELEBRATION

We're halfway through Chatham's birthday observance. The best is still to come.

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

history and community in downtown Pittsboro. Founding Day recognized the formation of Chatham in 1771 from Orange County (itself formed in 1752) and featured multiple stations with presentations about 250 years of history and community, including opportunities for community members to share, learn and engage



Pollan

with one another. The county's birthday party will officially wrap with a parade in Siler City in October. Along the way, Pollan, the Chatham 250 leadership group and fellow organizers are optimistic the anniversary project's objectives will be met. "Chatham 250's hope is that through

See **PARTY**, page A3



Checking in with Pittsboro's new planning director

Theresa Thompson takes the helm

BY D. LARS DOLDER

PITTSBORO — Few town employees liaise with residents as often as the planning director. A municipality's planning department administrators all zoning and subdivision regulations for property within the town's jurisdiction. It facilitates and processes all requests for building permits and zoning changes — hefty responsibilities when, like Pittsboro, there's meteoric growth taking place. New Planning Director Theresa Thompson, then, has assumed a weighty role. Thompson, who has served as Pittsboro's interim planning director since former planner Jeff Jones left about six months ago, was officially awarded the permanent position last month. "We're excited to remove her interim tag," Town Manager Chris Kennedy said in a recent town board of commissioners meeting. "She's worked really hard for us over the last few months and so we're excited to have her in that capacity." Thompson has been a regular fixture in Pittsboro's board of commissioner meetings, where she presents

See **THOMPSON**, page A7

A closer look at Chatham's \$85M bond proposal

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

the opportunity to refinance portions of existing debt obligations of the county. This will depend on the favorability of the market at the time of the county's bond offering," Thompson said. "Numerous factors will be considered to calculate and determine the efficacy of refinancing existing county debt. Refinancing existing debt could lower the cost of that debt, which would further improve the county's financial position and increase the county's debt capacity." The bond issuance was approved at the board's June 21 meeting. Both projects — the CCS Central Services building and county Emergency Operations Center — fall under the coun-

ty's capital projects. The county updates its 7-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) every year, which includes capital expenditures more than \$100,000. The implementation of the CIP is funded through two primary sources, Thompson said — the county's debt reserve and its Capital Reserve accounts. Smaller capital projects that do not require debt are typically funded by the Capital Reserve, he said, while larger capital projects that require debt are funded through the county's Debt Reserve. The two projects to be financed by the LOB approved at the

See **BOND**, page A11

IN THE KNOW

Meals offered again at Council on Aging's center in Siler City. **PAGE A9**

Chatham's Little League stars find success in tournaments. **PAGE B3**

School news: updates on virtual academy, fall mask options. **PAGE B6**

Volunteers conduct clean-up effort along upper Rocky River. **PAGE B7**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

• **Siler City's City Hall** is currently under renovation. The 1st and 2nd floors are closed to the public. The Planning and Community Development Department is located in the basement and can be accessed through the far left door facing E. 3rd St. Parking is available at the 100 block of E. 3rd St.

ON THE AGENDA

• The **Chatham County Schools Board of Education** will meet for its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19, at George Moses Horton Middle School.
 • The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19, in the Multipurpose Room of the Wren Memorial Library located at 500 North Second Avenue. Residents may also attend via Zoom.
 • The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will meet for its regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 19, at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse.
 • **Chatham County Public Libraries** has reinstated its pre-COVID hours of operation at all three branch locations.
 • **Siler City Parks and Recreation** announces its Summer Open Gym Program. Children are invited to visit the Ernest Ramsey Gymnasium — located at 512 East Sixth Street in Siler City — each Weekday (Monday-Friday) until Friday, August 13 (excluding holidays). Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the gym is available for children ages 12 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Weekdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., participants ages 13 and older can access the gym. There is no cost to participate; however, all participants must have a waiver signed by an adult. Waivers will be available at Ernest Ramsey Gym when signing in or available online at www.silercity.org. To adhere to COVID-19 guidelines, masks/face coverings are encouraged for all patrons and when not able to socially distance of at least 6-feet from others. Please be advised, operations are subject to change in accordance to Executive Orders and guidelines.
 • **Siler City Parks and Recreation** invites you to start your days off right with a few laps at the Indoor Walking Program each weekday morning, from 7 to 9 a.m., at the Ernest Ramsey Gymnasium Indoor Walking Track, 512 East 6th St. The program is free and no pre-registration is required. Operations are subject to COVID-19 guidelines and mask requirement indoors. For more information, visit www.silercity.org or contact Siler City Parks and Recreation at 919-742-2699 or email recreation@silercity.org.

THURSDAY

• **Pittsboro's Carolina Brewery** is helping the Chatham Animal Rescue and Education (CARE) organization by offering Dine & Donate, every third Monday of the month, this month beginning Monday, July 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.
 • **Chatham Community Library** is offering free online classes on land records, and internet skills in July. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found at www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses. Using N.C. Land Records in Genealogy Research: July 20, Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Internet: Beyond Basics: July 27, Tuesday, 3 pm.
 • **VFW Post 7313 in Pittsboro** is a 501c3 created to help Veterans with their claims to the Veterans Administration. These involve service-connected disabilities and include the medical field itself, for the Veteran, surviving spouses and dependents of the Veterans. We help with reimbursement of funeral expenses. We can also help with housing, employment and scholarships. We help all Veterans, not just members of the VFW. Christopher Stewart, Post Service Officer, is available to help with claims to the V.A. Walk-in sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Appointments also available for those needing assistance outside of those hours. Contact them at email: info@vfw7313.org, or phone 919-542-0927.
 • **Pittsboro Farmers Market** is open with seasonable items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, 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:

• A **Joint Community Job Expo** will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center, 1801 Nash St., Sanford. The Expo will focus on manufacturing and skilled trades. These jobs offer great starting salaries from \$14 to \$30 an hour. Pre-registration is recommended at <https://july21jobexpo.eventbrite.com>. For more information, call (919) 718-7065 or email to cpi-ard@cccc.edu.
 • **Chatham Community Library** - special sale of audio-visual materials and children's books at the library on Saturday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library. There will be a large selection of used music CDs, movies on DVD, audio-books, records and educational CDs/DVDs and children's books for all ages. 10% discount for

Friends members. Free admission. For more information: <https://friendscl.org>.
 • **The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department** announces the Bray Park Aquatic Facility has opened for the 2021 season with modified operations. The pool will operate through Labor Day weekend during the summer months, and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 - 6 p.m. General admission includes a \$5 entry fee for ages 3 and over. Children ages 2 and under receive free entry. Senior Citizens age 50 or older receive a 50% discount. Siler City is offering "Two-Fifty Tuesdays" again where patrons may enjoy the pool each Tuesday when the entry fee is only \$2.50. To adhere to COVID-19 guidelines, masks/face coverings are encouraged for all patrons when in the bathhouse and not able to socially distance at least 6-feet from others. Pool furniture will be available with sanitation stations located on the pool deck for patrons to utilize. Outside furniture is not permitted. To schedule swim times for daycares and camps, to register for swim lessons, purchase season passes, or to rent the pool for a pool party, contact Carolina Pool Management at 336-854-8884.
 • **Chatham County Public Libraries** invite families with young children to enjoy the great outdoors while experiencing the joy of reading this summer with Outdoor Story Time. These programs will be offered through August 31, with the following weekly schedule: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. - Natural Chef Café seating area on the Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro Campus, adjacent to the Chatham Community Library, 197 N.C. Hwy. 87 N., Pittsboro; Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. - Washington Avenue Park picnic shelter, 1305 Washington Ave., Siler City; and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at Goldston Public Library lawn, 9235 Pittsboro-Goldston Rd., Goldston. Story time is geared toward children who have not yet entered kindergarten (ages 2-5), but anyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Children will hear stories, sing songs and enjoy more activities. Story times will be offered rain or shine. Chatham County Public Libraries are pleased to partner with Central Carolina Community College and the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department to offer these programs.

• **Chatham County Public Libraries** invite children and teens to participate in their 2021 Virtual Summer Reading Challenge "Tails and Tales" through July 31. This program is open to children and teens, ages 2 and up. Readers will participate online this year by signing up on the libraries' Beanstack site, <https://chathamnc.beanstack.org>, and win prizes for completing 10 hours of reading. Using Beanstack, readers can log their time and titles online, as well as create book reviews for others to see. All readers who reach the 10-hour goal

will earn a free book and will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to McIntyre's Books.
 • **Central Carolina Community College** will host a basketball camp for 3rd through 8th graders from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 26-29. The \$100 cost includes snack and drink each day, and a CCCC camp T-shirt. For more information or to register for the Cougar Basketball Camp, visit www.cccc.edu/sports-camps/ or contact Athletic Director Jonathan Hockaday at jhockaday@cccc.edu.
 • **The Chatham Historical Museum** is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. We will be following the governor's directive on occupancy, masks, and social distancing. Adult and kid friendly; no admission fee. Don't miss our new exhibit of the paintings of Annie Lutterloh Bynum. 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 Tuesday until Saturday, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Masks are no longer required but hand sanitizer is still available. Proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.
 • **Pittsboro Youth Theater:** Campers will learn a variety of theater skills, rehearse and perform a live play at Sweet Bee Theater. Camps will be led by 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 camp 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. (early drop-off and late pick-up for an additional fee). Frozen Jr. and Frozen Kids: See website for details, COVID-19 Precautions, full details and accommodations - PYT Marketing Team, pytnktg@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.
 • **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 children 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.
 • **Narcotics Anonymous** — For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps. Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings.
 • **Al-Anon Meeting** — Pittsboro Serenity Seekers Al-Anon Family Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pittsboro.

Scout News

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



Chatham County Council on Aging
WEEKLY TRIVIA HUNT!
 Q: What is the name of the legendary 40-foot circular path in Siler City where no vegetation will grow?
 Find the answer in this issue for your chance to win a \$25 Visa Gift Card!

DOUG'S AUTO & TIRE, INC.
 863 Sanford Road, Pittsboro, NC
 919-542-5996
 Serving the Area Since 1994
FAMILY-OWNED COMPLETE CAR CARE CENTER
 Keeping you and your vehicle running **COOL** this **SUMMER**
 ASE CERTIFIED
 BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS

Chatham News + Record

www.chathamnewsrecord.com

Chatham Media Group LLC

303 West Raleigh Street, Siler City, North Carolina 27344
 COPYRIGHT 2021 CHATHAM MEDIA GROUP LLC

CONTACT US

For a vacation hold or to report a delivery problem: 919-663-3232

To place a classified or display ad:

919-663-3232; Fax: 919-663-4042

To submit a news tip or correction:

919-663-3232; email: news@chathamnr.com

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Print + Digital access/annual\$52

Print + Digital access/ monthly\$5.99

Digital access only/ monthly\$3.99

Auto-renew; cancel anytime

BILL HORNER III, Editor/Publisher
bhorner3@chathamnr.com 919-774-2728

NEWSROOM

HANNAH McCLELLAN, Reporter/Web Editor
hannah@chathamnr.com
 LARS DOLDER, Reporter
lldolder@chathamnr.com
 VICTORIA JOHNSON, Reporter
victoria@chathamnr.com
 VICTOR HENSLEY, Sports Editor
vhensley@chathamnr.com
 MAX BAKER, OLIVIA ROJAS & PATSY MONTESINOS, News Interns
 KIM HAWKS, PEYTON SICKLES & SIMON BARBRE, Staff Photographers

NEWSROOM INQUIRIES, PRESS RELEASES AND WEBSITE QUESTIONS
news@chathamnr.com

ADVERTISING

JASON JUSTICE
jjustice@chathamnr.com
 GLORIA MOCK, Advertising Specialist
advertising@chathamnr.com 919-270-2021

OFFICE

KAREN PYRTLE
karen@chathamnr.com
 DORIS BECK
doris@chathamnr.com
 FLORENCE TURNER
billing@chathamnr.com

The Chatham News + Record (USPS #101-160) is published weekly, 52 weeks a year, by Chatham Media Group LLC, 303 West Raleigh Street, Siler City, N.C. 27344. Subscription rates: 1 year print + digital — \$52; monthly — \$5.99. Digital only — \$3.99 monthly. Periodicals postage paid at the U.S. Post Office in Siler City.

N.C. POSTMASTER:

Send address changes to The Chatham News + Record, PO Box 290, Siler City, N.C. 27344

CHATHAM'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

The county's 250th birthday party is ongoing. Here's what's still on the calendar.

The official kickoff of the Chatham 250 celebration — Founder's Day, which occurred back on April 10 — is in the rear view mirror. But there's plenty left on the official birthday party calendar. For more details, go to www.chatham250.com, but in the meantime, here's a rundown:

Ongoing
 • The Chatham 250 Passport program and the time capsule program (see main story) are ongoing through the fall of this year.

Agricultural Photo Contest
 • The Agricultural Photo Contest is accepting photo submissions until Sunday, Aug. 1st. "We are seeking photos that highlight agriculture in Chatham County, including agricultural landscapes, crops, livestock, farm activities like planting and harvesting, farm equipment, farm workers and farmers' markets," says lead organizer Hilary Pollan. "Agricultural enterprises could include produce, flowers, livestock, field crops, beekeeping, forestry and anything else related to agriculture." Photos can be submitted on the Cha-

tham 250 website. Winners will receive a canvas print of their photo, and winning photos will be published in the News + Record and in Chatham Magazine and displayed at the Chatham County Agricultural Fair in September.

Sidewalk Chalk Festival
 • The Sidewalk Chalk Festival is set for the morning of Saturday, Sept. 11th, at The Park at Briar Chapel. The Chatham 250 committee is inviting artists of all skill-levels and ages to draw their own masterpiece inspired by Chatham County.
 "All of Chatham County is invited to come spend the morning celebrating art by viewing the sidewalk chalk drawings and hopefully visiting a pop-up art market featuring Chatham County artists," Pollan said. Interested participants can RSVP on the Chatham 250 website.

Parade/Caravana in Siler City
 • The Chatham 250 celebration will be coming to a cheerful close with the Parade/Caravana taking place on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, in Siler City. Chatham 250 welcomes all community members,

business and organizations to either participate in or watch the parade in celebration of Chatham County.

'LEARN' tab on the Chatham 250 website (coming soon)
 • The Church and Communities Project is an opportunity to look back at where the many communities in Chatham County have come from and learn about the stories that assure us that we can get to where we should be, from here. Browse the collection of more than 20 Chatham County church histories, including wonderful songs, photos, artworks and histories.
 • Chatham County is and has been the home to a vibrant and diverse creative arts scene for many years. The Chatham County Artist Profiles highlight a series of past, current and emerging artists from a diverse range of creative disciplines, backgrounds and experiences.
 • Through oral histories and archival photos, the Jordan Lake Project tells the story of the people and communities that once existed where Jordan Lake now rests, and how the Lake became the destination it is today.

Plant a Tree project
 • Chatham 250 is excited to be partnering with Century Farm Orchards to offer a special Chatham 250 bundle of heirloom old southern Apple Trees. Each bundle will include one Aunt Rachel tree — a rare local variety of apple tree that originated in Chatham County and is deeply tied to the legacy of heirloom old southern apple trees expert and late Chatham County resident Lee Calhoun — as well as one heirloom old southern pollinator apple tree of the purchaser's choice. Orders can be placed on the Chatham 250 website though Sept. 10.

For more information
 Chatham was named in 1758 after William Pitt, the 1st Earl of Chatham, who served as British Prime Minister from 1766 to 1768 and opposed the harsh policies established by colonial rule. The county was officially formed from a portion of Orange County in 1771.
 For additional information about Chatham 250, email chatham250thanniversary@gmail.com or go to www.chatham250.com.

PARTY

Continued from page A1

the events and activities, specifically the Chatham 250 Passport Experience, that Chatham County residents engage in conversations and experiences that link us together in new and different ways, to build an understanding that our differences are what actually makes our character unique and strong," Pollan said.

That notion was perfectly reflected in the winning design chosen for the Chatham 250 logo earlier this year — a postage stamp-like creation by Pittsboro artist Sally Gregoire reflecting the idea that "communication links a community."

"The Chatham 250 core planning committee saw our aspirations for the anniversary celebrations deeply reflected in her description of this image," said Pollan, the community partners analyst for Chatham County who's coordinating the efforts to observe the event. "Also, put simply, we hope people have fun! This is a celebration, after all."

Much of the celebration focus right now is on what organizers are calling the "Chatham 250 Passport Experience," an ongoing program designed to lead participants into a deeper knowledge and experience of everything Chatham County has to offer, as well as a chance to experience first-hand new and different things.

Pollan said about 350 people have registered to take part, with more being added to the list every day. Participants register on the Chatham 250 website (or get a physical "passport" at the Pittsboro Welcome Center or at a county library branch) and check off passport "activities" — there's a complete calendar of them online, plus a QR code for easy smartphone access — on an honor system as they complete them.

Those who complete at least 10 of the activities from one of the five themed passports earn a Chatham 250 "swag bag" of local products and gift certificates. The bag will include coupons for free or discounted items and lots of unique "giveaways" valued at \$5 or \$10 or more. (The News + Record, a participant in the passport program, is providing a bag of Chatham Brew coffee, for example, to the swag bag.)



Campers gathered at the Great Chatham County Camp Out at Jordan Lake on June 26, one of the featured events on the Chatham 250 Passport program.
 Submitted photo

Registered participants are invited to post about their involvement using the hashtag "#chatham250" on social. They also received a monthly passport experience newsletter, as well as instructions about how to submit their completed passports to earn the swag bags.

A few dozen posts from participants have been made on Instagram so far. The qualifying activities on the passport include such things as visiting the Chatham County Historical Museum, attending a county commissioner or town board meeting, reading a George Moses Horton poem, visiting a local pottery studio, trying a specialty beverage at any Chatham County establishment, cooking a recipe using local ingredients or visiting a local park.

Pollan said anniversary-themed events have provided numerous highlights for participants because of the variety and scope of the activities and opportunities planned along the way.

She cites two that have been particularly relevant for her.
 "The first was listening to people's

generous wishes for Chatham County on its 250th birthday as they handed us their decorated rocks for the '250 Foundations' Community Art Project during Founding Day," she said. "Their wishes offered such a rich view of people's current connection to and future dreams for Chatham County."

Those decorated rocks are now on display in front of the Chatham Community Library at Central Carolina Community College's campus.

The second highlight, she said, was watching the sunset over Jordan Lake at the Great Chatham County Camp Out, held last month, while local musician Eric Sommer played campfire music for all the campers. Pollan described the experience as a "truly magical moment, watching the natural beauty of Chatham County in all its glory."

There's still a lot planned for the official observance of Chatham's semiquincentennial, including three of its main events — highlighted by a parade scheduled for Oct. 23 in Siler City (see sidebar story, page A3).

Meanwhile, organizers are building the "LEARN" section of the Chatham

250 website and soliciting items for a time capsule to be opened in 2071, Chatham's 300th year.

"So far, we've received some great items, including a Grand Trees of Chatham Calendar, a piece of artwork from the Chatham Arts Council's Clydefest, a Chatham County Public Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Flyer, and Mountaire Farms toy chicken," Pollan said. "At Pittsboro Summer Fest, we had people write postcards to Chatham County residents in 2071, which will be included in the Time Capsule."

Pollan encourages the curious to visit the Chatham 250 website — www.chatham250.com — to check out historical research and to get information about ways to engage with and learn about Chatham 250, including upcoming events and activities, historical research, other projects and to sign up for the newsletter.

"Another great way to stay in the loop about Chatham 250 is to register for our monthly newsletter," she said. "Each month we send out a newsletter that includes two or three happenings in each of our five celebration areas and some general updates for the celebration."

Pollan said Chatham County social media channels highlight upcoming passport events each week, and that the website will be updated with photos and videos from past events.

For additional information, contact Chatham 250 at chatham250thanniversary@gmail.com.

3DFS

Continued from page A1

strated the ability to radically improve energy transmission and retention. According to data on its website, 3DFS can demonstrate 94% efficiency, "meaning that the electrical energy remained electricity and fully transferred the energy into work..."

After a decade developing and refining their invention, 3DFS's scientists and engineers are ready to share it with the world. If the company's ambitions come to fruition, 3DFS will change electricity as we know it. As Apple and Microsoft revolutionized communication, as the Wright brothers and Ford revolutionized transportation, 3DFS is poised to revolutionize energy.

"Not everyone is our client yet, but everyone's our end user," West said. "Electricity is the largest interconnected machine that humankind has ever produced. This is an oversimplification, but it's essentially one wire that connects all of us. We have this enormous machine that's living, it's breathing, and the goal is to

be able to connect our technology on the end user side, on the generation side, on the transmission side, so that everything is working in tandem to create a cleaner grid to create a more efficient power system."

If all goes according to plan, 3DFS's technology will "touch a vast majority of the people on this planet," West said. The biggest hurdle, though, is explaining to prospective customers how software-defined electricity actually works. The concept is yet obscure and it's exceedingly complicated. Even new employees need about four months of dedicated training before they're prepared to contribute anything useful, West said.

The process (uber simplified) works in two stages. First, and perhaps most impressive, 3DFS' software performs hyper-specific, real-time analysis of electricity in action. It extracts millions of data points from an electrical transmission in fractions of a second to build a model of exactly what's happening and where energy is being wasted.

Second, having interpreted the data acquired in step one, the software uses an intricate

series of algorithms to predict future inefficiency and preemptively correct the signal, synchronizing the electrical waves and virtually eliminating energy loss. The company's name, 3DFS, refers to part of this process, but a more detailed explanation is "actually a secret," West said. "It's a part of what makes our technology work, but I'll have to keep you guessing on that one."

If that layman's explanation is still hard to understand, don't feel bad, West says. Convincing prospective clients that its technology is not science-fiction fantasy is one of 3DFS' biggest challenges.

"It's just so different, a completely different approach to how we tackle the energy problem," West said. "A lot of people, and rightly so, are concerned with the production on the other side, like natural gas and petroleum, wind, hydro — the sources of energy. And that's great, we need that concern. But a much smaller amount of people are concerned about once we get it to create electricity, what happens now?"

But 3DFS is starting to make waves. In the last few years, the

company has been widely recognized for its contributions to technology, and big energy users (think the defense industry and Big Data, for example) are rearing to employ its product. In 2017, 3DFS won one of Popular Mechanics' coveted Breakthrough awards. Last year, it was recognized by the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence in the department's annual sustainability publication. And the company has featured in such publications as Forbes and Vox.

Newfound interest has bolstered the company's bottom line, and 3DFS is looking to make aggressive expansion. The 15-person staff was only five a year ago, and hopes to reach 35 by the end of 2021. By the end of 2022, West expects the company will have hit 100 employees and moved to a bigger facility, perhaps at one of Chatham's budding megasites. With a reinforced team, 3DFS anticipates average electricity users will feel the benefits of software-define electricity within the next decade.

"We want to integrate across the residential level and be able to put a device to help measure and correct power in real time

for homeowners and apartment complexes, that kind of thing," West said. "That's probably a 10-year timeline to get to there, though."

Besides saving billions of dollars, which are forfeited now to cover unused energy production, 3DFS's technology will reduce carbon emissions, helping address the global climate crisis. And the company's leaders are especially proud to bring high-paying, important jobs to rural N.C.

"North Carolinians are brilliant people, and they're not all in Charlotte or Raleigh," West said. "We kind of hope to be an industry that can provide really nice jobs outside of those metro areas. I live in Chatham County. Most of our staff lives in Chatham County. But it is increasingly difficult to find good jobs in rural areas. So we hope to give people another option outside the heavy population areas, and I think it's exciting what we'll be doing here in years to come."

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

VIEWPOINTS

How about turning the nozzle down on all that high-pressure salesmanship?

We're kicking around the idea of replacing the shower in a bathroom at our house. In the process, as we've talked to a few companies specializing in that kind of refurbishment work, I've been reminded of the loathsomeness — and ineffectiveness — of high-pressure salespeople.

You know them, right? I've developed great friendships with a number of salesmen and saleswomen over the years, but I've also sat across the table from an odious lot of well-meaning pitchers of products and ideas, people who turn incredulous when you don't immediately and enthusiastically bite at their dangled hook. Show the slightest bit of hesitation or skepticism — or worse, interest — and they try to steamroll you into a "yes," usually with a tinge of a "you can't logically say 'no,' can you?" angle.

Last week, my wife got a turn on that ride. Lee Ann, my bride of 31 years, is a tough cookie. She's not been within the same ZIP code as rude or arrogant or mean, but in her own velvet-handed way she's way more likely than I to send a bad meal back to the kitchen at a restaurant or point out a minor flaw in a service or product we're paying for.

Me? On the phone, like with a telemarketer, I can play the strong-armed guy who occasionally likes to prank a caller. Recently, for example, I strung along one of those car-warranty salespeople for a few fun minutes by claiming to have a 1984 Cutlass Cierra with only 12 miles on it in the garage of my (equally-fictitious) vacation home in Cuba; yes, I said, I was very much interested in buying an extended warranty for the car. But they also had to warranty its 8-track tape player and find me a pristine copy of "Synchronicity," the stellar tape by the band The Police, which had melted in the stifling Caribbean summer.

In person, though, I'm more docile, usually deciding only after the damage is done that I should have spoken up about something unsatisfactory.

So back to Lee Ann: late one recent afternoon, she got exposed to a litany of sales closing techniques that were as irritatingly abrasive as anything I'd heard before. After all the measurements in the bathroom were done, the tile and glass were picked out and the estimate was calculated and presented, the salesman went in for the kill. He twisted the nozzle to wide open and began figuratively spraying Lee Ann with a barrage of tactics, superlatives, "today only" incentives, rationalities and arm-twisting.

As she sat at the kitchen table with the sales guy and I sat in the living room working, I couldn't believe what I was hearing — but it was enough to know that *he* wasn't listening when she said we were getting more estimates before making a decision. I also could tell by Lee Ann's voice that she'd had enough. Lee Ann can fight her own battles, so in getting out of

my chair I was as much coming to *his* rescue as I was hers.

"Listen," I said to him, nicely, as I stood up and walked to the table. "Here's what she's trying to tell you: we're not deciding today. We're getting three quotes, and you're just the first."

"So you don't care about quality?" he asked. "Doesn't that mean something to you?"

"Look," I said. "I get that you're trained to sell a certain way. I understand closing the deal. I know you're trying to make a sale, but we're just not there yet. We've done projects like this before. A lot. We're going to talk to the other two vendors before we make a decision."

That did little to deter him. He kept up his patter, working a new wrinkle. Soon, we were talking over each other. And not long after that we were showing him the door.

The worst part? A bystander in this scene was a new employee of the company who'd just joined as a salesperson; he was sitting in on our presentation as part of his training. This gentleman —

twice the age of the "pro" he was training under, meaning he was older than Lee Ann and I were — had arrived at the appointment on time. We'd had such a pleasant conversation with him, learning about his career in construction and contracting, that we barely noticed that when the "pro" finally arrived, he was a full 30 minutes late.

As the young gun drove off in a huff, the sales trainee stood apologetically on our front porch. Earlier in our conversation he'd said one of the things he liked most about his new company was that they didn't use high-pressure sales tactics. Now he was embarrassed. And maybe having second thoughts.

He left sheepishly, leaving in the air the one thing his associate should have said a half hour earlier — in fact, the best closing line I've ever heard: "What can we do to earn your business?"

After which comes the secret to sales: shut up and listen.

Bill Horner III can be reached at bhorner3@chathamnr.com or @billthethird.



BILL HORNER III
Publisher + Editor

Healthcare and hubris

My wife and I were both raised in North Carolina. After more than a decade out of state, we were delighted to become Tar Heels again in 2018. Our home state stands out in our minds as the best place to live in the country.

However, I advocate for our state to become more like the majority of our nation on a critical issue. North Carolina is one of only 12 states that has declined expansion of Medicaid health insurance.

There is no legitimate fiscal argument to justify this inaction. In the past 12 years, Medicaid expansion has actually resulted in net savings for those other state budgets. States which have expanded coverage have also seen decreases in rural hospital closures and lower health insurance premiums. According to a study by the Center for Health Policy Research at George Washington University, Medicaid expansion would create 37,000 new jobs across the state!

No wonder a recent poll conducted by Care4Carolina — a non-partisan coalition dedicated to strengthening the economic and social well-being of all residents in the Tar Heel State — found that 77% of North Carolinians supported expanding Medicaid for all citizens earning at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. Supporters include Republicans and Democrats, social progressives and fiscal conservatives, rural and urban residents and people of different faiths and philosophies.

Why, then, did the N.C. Senate fail to include the expansion of coverage as part of this year's proposed budget?

If there are neither fiscal nor rational arguments, then our elected officials must have based their decision on ideological concerns that are contrary to the common good of our state's citizens. This failure of leadership is an old story.

Two thousand years ago, Herod Antipas ruled Galilee as a proxy leader for the Roman Empire. Though a minor figure, he had a major ego. He threw a birthday party for himself. All the bigwigs were there and Herod spared no expense to impress them.

His stepdaughter provided the main entertainment. She performed a dance so impressive that Herod offered her anything she wanted as reward — even half his kingdom!

But this young dancer was persuaded by her mother, Herodias, to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter!

Herod did not want to put John to death. He both feared and admired this prophet. However, since he had made a public promise in front of fellow power figures, Herod felt like he had no choice but to order the execution (see Mark 6:14-29).

This gory, ancient tale might not seem relevant to our modern era when "having his head on a platter" is merely figurative language for punishment. Here's the timeless takeaway: Herod would rather commit an evil act than appear weak or foolish in public. His pride prohibited him from doing the right thing. This is known as the sin of hubris.

The sad truth is that public health has gotten wrapped up in partisan politics. It is up to us to untangle the health of our neighbors from political hubris. I urge my fellow North Carolinians to contact N.C. House lawmakers before they submit their budget proposal later this summer. We must encourage and exhort them to support our state's people and economy by expanding health benefits to more than 600,000 frontline workers, parents and veterans.

Our House members need to hear from us! I hope they will have the courage to do what is right. Otherwise, as was the case long ago, innocent people will suffer the consequences to the detriment of their health, even their lives.

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



ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN
Hope Matters



What's in a word? Could be plenty.

The good folks who listen to me in the morning from Sunday to Sunday — may-



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

— would be a better word — know how I often speak of the importance of words and how we should strive to use the right one.

And how we should keep them soft and sweet because we never know when we might have to eat them, and so on and so forth.

The reality of words is that they're about all we've got to convey thoughts and ideas and such, short of body language and action — not that those two aren't important in how we get thoughts and ideas across.

Anyway, from time to time I have thought about how the two vocations in which I have spent most of my life — journalism and pastoral ministry — both rise and fall on words and their correct and appropriate usage. In those two fields, the right word can be what saves the day and the wrong one can be the kiss of death.

Every profession, I know, has its quirks, failures and shortcomings. Doctors, I've heard it said, bury their mistakes and lawyers send theirs off to jail. Writers and speakers, however, tend to put their bad moves out in the public domain for all the world to see forever. In short, if it makes it into print or film or tape or DVD it's there forever.

I've had my share of them through the years. Once I did a piece for the local paper in which I lamented that much of our adult population still had trouble reading and writing and that the local community college had launched a program aimed at helping older folks (by definition, I guess, "non-teenagers") improve themselves in those areas.

Dutifully I did the story and then cast about for a headline and thought I'd prepared a good one when I set in type the words "Literacy still problem in Chatham" — and then followed it up with a smaller headline underneath proclaiming "CCCC working against it."

I'm pretty sure about 5,000 copies of that paper were printed before I got the chance to holler "Stop the presses," something I'd seen in movies and always wanted to do but did, I think, only this one time.

During the years of preparing newspaper pages and church bulletins, there have been similar instances. Now they're funny; at the time it wasn't always that way.

The curse isn't limited to only me. Many, if not most or all, of the folks who put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard have tasted it. A dear little lady who for years reported the goings and comings of a certain community in the local media once proclaimed that a young lad of that community was off serving in Uncle Sam's Navy on a vessel known as an LST (Landing Ship Tank — a big ol' boy whose front drops down so the tank can crawl off). The writer reported that the young sailor, as part of his duties, "took a trip on LSD."

If it's true misery loves company, and maybe laughs with it, a book I picked up some time ago, a

The reality of words is that they're about all we've got to convey thoughts and ideas and such, short of body language and action — not that those two aren't important in how we get thoughts and ideas across.

collection of mis-typing, has given me cause to know they're everywhere. I especially enjoyed the one that said "The Fulton County Humane Society is hosting their 4th annual beagle barbecue. Come on and join them in this unique event," and the church newsletter item which read, "The church board of elders has called a special meeting today to decide what it did last week."

Bottom line is at least we're trying.

So, as a noted speaker and writer (me) said earlier "Keep your words soft and sweet; you never know when you might have to eat them."

And don't forget "please" and "thank you."

Especially in these hard times. Thank you.

Bob Wachs is a native of Chatham County and retired long-time managing editor of the Chatham News/Chatham Record, having written a weekly column for more than 30 years. During most of his time with the newspapers, he was also a bi-vocational pastor and today serves Bear Creek Baptist Church for the second time as pastor.

VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | ELIZA BRINKLEY

Why do we shortchange teachers so badly?

The long history of females dominating the profession since the 1800s has more to do with the problem today than one may realize

On June 21, state Senate leaders presented a budget spending proposal that would slash corporate taxes and invest heavily in infrastructure. Despite the state's \$6.5 billion surplus, public school teachers, under the Senate's proposal, would be awarded a mere 1.5% raise. For a state that's 47th out of the 50 states in starting teacher pay and 33rd in average teacher pay, that raise hardly seems "reasonable," as Senate Leader Phil Berger described it.

The earliest form of public schooling in America didn't begin until the mid-19th century. Before then, families who wanted to send their children to school had to pay tuition and were often limited to very few choices. In the 1830s, the spread of more accessible, taxpayer-supported schooling called for a substantially higher demand for teachers in many states.

Despite the fact that, at the time, most women were not as highly educated as their male peers, communities nonetheless sought females to fill teaching positions at newly established

"common schools." It was thought that women, some of whom had experience providing informal teaching or day-care services out of their homes for local children, could teach students the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic effectively and at a bargain cost. A notable quote recorded from a Littleton, Massachusetts, school committee meeting in 1849: "...it seems...very poor policy to pay a man 20 or 22 dollars a month, for teaching children the ABCs, when a female could do the work more successfully at one third of the price."

Despite a measly salary from the get-go, for many women of the time, teaching was an attractive option. Indeed, women were limited to highly specific gender roles well into the 20th century that often denied them access to a wider world of possibilities. Teaching was an opportunity to devote their minds to a greater purpose and to escape the restrictive confines of traditional womanhood.

The problem this history presents today is that, even in a post-second and third wave

feminist era, teachers in the United States — male and female alike — suffer from a view of education that remains marred in part by the outdated, sexist ideology of the past.

Teaching is as much of an art and as much of a specialized practice as any other profession, including law and medicine. As a high school English teacher, I have to know how to craft an engaging curriculum that produces measurable mastery of literacy and writing benchmarks — arguably the two most critical skills for ensuring students' academic and, later on, career, success. I often have to spend many hours grading outside of my 8-hour work day in order to give my students the valuable feedback they need and deserve. I have to obtain a certain number of professional development hours and keep myself up-to-date on the newest research on effective pedagogical practices. I have a master's degree from a highly-ranked university. And yet, my colleagues and I earn, on average, "19% less than similarly skilled and educated professionals," according to the Economic Policy Institute.

In 1840, Massachusetts education reformer Horace Mann wrote, "The school committee are sentinels stationed at the door of every school house in the State, to see that no teacher

crosses its threshold, who is not clothed, from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, in garments of virtue." Although Mann uses the masculine pronoun, his belief that teachers should be models of morality, compassion and agents of nurturing as much as instructors of academic subjects was a view that helped further the argument that women in particular were eligible for teaching positions. The generally accepted belief at the time was that women were inherently maternal — they were naturally wired to care for children and to ensure their moral upbringing, even if, it seems, they received little reward for their work.

Fast-forward again to today, and there remains a clear legacy of the remnants of this narrow understanding of femininity in our expectations and treatment of teachers — a general attitude towards the profession that is sometimes referred to as teacher "martyrdom."

Teacher martyrdom is characterized by the notion that teachers do what they do for the benefit of their students only. It doesn't matter that the pay is minimal, the recognition rare or that they are often forced to take on extra, unpaid duties — teachers "do it for the kids," and if they complain about that not being enough, they're verging on

selfishness. The assumption that teachers should be satisfied with their careers solely due to the fact that they get to care for and teach children is a clear vestige of the outmoded theory that women, with their moral purity and maternal instinct, will do anything and everything they can to "mother" the young. Since the feminization of the teaching profession was in part derived from this theory, it's no wonder that society's perspective on teachers today is still influenced by some of its underpinning tenets.

At some point, there are more cons than pros to staying in education, especially for those teachers with advanced degrees and years of experience. Many of them have already left teaching or are planning to leave. If we want the children of our state, of our country to have the quality education that is their right, if we want them to be taught by excellent teachers with high standards who will prepare them for adulthood, we must not only compensate teachers fairly, but we must work to rid ourselves of the deeply ingrained and deeply harmful view of educators as 'lesser' professionals.

Eliza Brinkley is a Pittsboro resident and high school English teacher in the Chatham County Schools system.

What are the issues in today's tax rate debate?

Tax policy is always a controversial issue, and we're about to have another round of debate over taxes.



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

At the national level, there are proposals to increase a variety of tax rates. Here in North Carolina, the discussion is about the opposite idea — to reduce some tax rates. In today's column I'll focus on the North Carolina tax rate debate!

There are two reasons tax rate reductions are now being considered in North Carolina. First, thanks to the generous federal fiscal assistance during the pandemic, North Carolina is flush with money and tax revenues. Once completed, the federal money flowing to North Carolina will be 15 times greater than the income lost from the COVID-19-induced recession. This will help boost the state's General Fund revenues by billions of dollars above previous forecasts.

Some want to send part of these gains back to taxpayers. Others want more spending on a variety of programs. Yet there's a potential problem with either big tax reductions or large spending increases. If the current gains in tax revenues are temporary, then making decisions based on short-term revenue spikes could lead to future problems when state revenues return to more normal levels.

Alternatively, instead of permanent tax reductions or spending increases,

one-time tax rebates or temporary salary bonuses or spending initiatives — like infrastructure — could be used.

The second reason for considering tax rate cuts is embedded in a decade-long battle over the best way to use tax policy to stimulate the state's economy. One side argues tax rate cuts make North Carolina more attractive to business investment and job creation, thereby increasing the "economic pie." Some supporters of tax rate cuts think the economic pie could be enlarged so much as to produce more tax revenues than before the rate cuts.

The opposing side wants to keep current tax rates and spend more on education, job training and other related public programs. This viewpoint argues these initiatives generate economic growth in the long run by making workers more productive and valuable to businesses.

The idea of using tax rate cuts to boost the economy follows an economic philosophy called "supply-side economics." While popularized in the 1980s, supply-side economics is not a new idea. In fact, it's part of the very simple economic principle of incentives. If you want more of something, increase the incentive for providing it. In this case, if you want more economic production ("supply"), then increase the incentive for businesses and workers to make more. By reducing tax rates, companies and workers keep more of what they earn, thereby increasing their motivation to increase production.

One of the crucial issues in supply-side economics is whether more tax revenue

is collected after the rate cut than before the cut. If the answer is "yes", then it's like — as my late mother used to say — "having your cake and eating it too."

As a simple example, say a 10% tax rate brings in \$1 billion. If a cut to 5% collects \$2 billion, then clearly both sides of the debate win. Those who want to stimulate the economy win, but those who want more funds for government programs also win.

This is why the tussle over tax rate cuts is, in part, an empirical issue where two questions need to be answered. First, do tax rate reductions boost the economy? Second, do tax rate cuts create even more tax revenue?

Several studies at the national level have addressed these questions, and the answers appear to be "yes" to the first question and "no" to the second. Tax rate cuts *do* result in more economic growth, at least temporarily. For example, after the 2017 federal tax rate reductions, economic growth jumped in 2018, but then in 2019 returned to growth rates existing prior to the rate cuts. Still, the additional production and jobs generated in 2018 weren't lost. It's just that the rate of increase in production and jobs slowed in 2019.

Regarding tax revenues, there's a strong consensus in the national studies that tax rate reductions don't produce more tax revenues; instead they lose tax revenues in total. However, there is some recovery due to faster economic growth. So, for example, say a tax rate

is reduced from 10% to 5%. With no additional economic growth, tax revenues would fall by 50%. Based on the national studies, tax revenues would still fall, but by a rate closer to 30%.

Several years ago, I replicated the national studies for North Carolina. Interestingly, I found close to the same results for the state as other studies did for the nation. Lower tax rates — especially for the individual income tax and the sales tax — motivate more business activity; that is, the cuts grow the state economy. But total tax revenues fall, even after accounting for the revenues generated from new economic growth.

Both tax issues — whether we have too much tax revenues today due to the size of federal COVID help, and whether we need tax rate cuts to stimulate the economy — come down to the same question: how do we want spending to be split between the private sector and the public sector? Is spending best done by individuals, households and businesses, because they know what they want and value? Or is there spending that is needed and can only be done by the government?

I think most of us would agree that both types of spending are needed. The question is, where do we draw the line between private and public spending? That's a big, big you decide!

Walden is a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor Emeritus at North Carolina State University.

LETTERS

Hood should be careful when selectively applying statistics

TO THE EDITOR:

In his July 8-14 column ("What to do when they're wrong"), John Hood cited three "true" statements. They may be true, but at least two of them don't tell the whole story.

First, absolute poverty undoubtedly has gone down since 1960 (due in large part to social programs the John Locke Institute generally opposes). What the op-ed ignores is the accumulation of wealth by the top 10% of Americans. According to Wikipedia they controlled 70% of the wealth in the U.S. in 2019.

Not living in "absolute poverty" doesn't mean that all Americans are living decently. According to Bloomberg, 44% of Americans 18-64 are "low-wage" workers, i.e., earned less than two-thirds of the median wage for full-time workers adjusted by region. The Brookings Foundation estimated that 53 million Americans have a median wage of \$10.22 an hour, with a median annual salary of \$17,950. That level of income precludes home ownership (and, increasingly, renting adequate living quarters).

Finally, the statistics on killings by police that Mr. Hood cites indicate that whites, Blacks and Hispanics are killed by police generally in proportion to their percentage of the population. He then admits that Blacks and Hispanics are "disproportionally likely to die in this way." Since that seems

counter to his argument he wishes it away by contrasting it to a statement that is completely different, saying it is not the same as saying that the police are more likely to shoot them "in similar circumstances."

Confused?? I was.

Statistics are not the whole truth, especially when applied selectively to make a political point.

Michael Cotter
Chapel Hill

Will government tap into Social Security?

TO THE EDITOR:

Although there is humor in Joe Heller's cartoon ("Help Wanted," the Chatham Brew, July 9) the flipside could turn all smiles upside down.

None of the stimulus checks are taxable. With the majority of Americans receiving stimulus checks instead of working, the government is receiving very little taxes from payroll checks. Because businesses have a problem getting anyone to work due to stimulus checks and their business is making little to no money, the government will be receiving little to no corporation taxes.

Some businesses may have to close their doors permanently, which means the government's loss of future corporation taxes. Businesses closing their doors would also mean loss of jobs for anyone who, in the future, would decide to work and pay taxes.

Since the money our government is spending comes from taxes paid by Americans, has anyone given thought to what happens when the government, due to the loss of taxes paid by Americans, is having trouble meeting its trillion dollar budget? My guess is, as always, the first money the government taps into will be Social Security. Will Social Security finally be depleted?

Carol Gene Good
Conover

Beware of developers invoking a concern for the environment

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with interest the excellent update by Lars Dolder ("NCDOT doubles back on proposed highway alignment," July 1-7) on North Chatham Park Way and NCDOT's proposed destruction of the North Woods neighborhood. Mr. Dolder has followed this story closely and has talked to many key stakeholders.

Unfortunately, one of the stakeholders, Chuck Smith representing Preston Development Company, which is developing Chatham Park, has responded with dismissive double talk and an insincere concern for the environment.

While Mr. Smith claims to have nothing to do with the road, he speculates that NCDOT kept the alignment which will destroy North Woods because it will produce (1)

"much less environmental impact" and shifting the road off of North Woods would have shifted the impact (2) "onto other neighborhoods north of North Woods."

Point (1) is laughable considering that Chatham Park is proposing to clear about 2,000 acres of trees north of U.S. Hwy. 64 and surrounding the North Woods neighborhood to develop its North Village. Shifting the road to save North Woods will require crossing one ephemeral stream. While I have a vested interest, I'm trying to be objective ... I think building a small bridge seems like a fair trade to save a 40-year old neighborhood.

Point (2) is not true. My wife and I proposed an alternative that would hug the property line between North Woods and Chatham Park land and then turn to the northwest across our land towards 15-501, before continuing through Chatham Park land and then non-Chatham Park land that is already part of the project plan. In our proposal, no new properties would be affected, and both Chatham Park and "the Pavaos" would be left with a similar amount of property isolated on the "wrong" side of this limited access North Chatham Park Way, potentially setting up a land swap which would keep everyone whole.

I'm very happy to have an open, honest and transparent discussion, but let's keep to the facts and not insincere double-talk and recreated history.

Mark Pavao
Pittsboro

VIEWPOINTS

We all want better schools

North Carolinians disagree about a great deal. But here's a proposition virtually all of us endorse: the future of our state is closely tied to the amount and quality of education our people receive.

I could say the future of North Carolina's economy depends on better education — and I'd be right! You only have to listen to what employers say about the importance of skilled employees who exhibit creativity, collaboration, and a strong work ethic. You only have to listen to what employees say about the value of what they learned, or should have learned, in school. And you only have to scan the dozens of studies that link average test scores or educational attainment to GDP and income growth.

To focus on economic considerations alone wouldn't fully capture what I mean, though. Education encompasses more than vocational training. It introduces learners to great swaths of human experience and accomplishment. It broadens perspective. It provides historical context. It builds character. It forms citizens. It fires the imagination.

It isn't just the future of North Carolina's economy that is at stake here, then. Better education will strengthen our relationships, our communities, our culture, and our democracy.

Easier said than done, of course. Progressives and conservatives tend to emphasize very different school reforms. That often leads one side to claim that the other side doesn't really share the goal of better education. I think such claims are profoundly mistaken and actively obstruct both policy debate and educational improvement.

As a conservative, I have

long championed choice, competition, and rigorous standards as essential to boosting education in North Carolina. I believe these principles, well-established as important in other fields of endeavor, apply well to education. I also read the available empirical evidence as suggesting that choice, competition, and rigorous standards tend to make students better off, although the research findings are hardly unanimous and some of the effect sizes, while statistically significant, aren't very big.

For example, the journal Education Finance & Policy just published a paper by two researchers, Anna Egalite of N.C. State and Jonathan Mills of the University of Arkansas, that examined what happened when Louisiana instituted a scholarship program for students attending private schools in that state. Egalite and Mills concluded that the resulting competitive pressure tended to have positive effects on student performance in Louisiana's

district-run public schools, although the effects were small and confined only to math.

I'll take those gains, however — because my further reading of the evidence is that nearly all education reforms have relatively modest effects by themselves, particularly when they are evaluated shortly after introduction and have not really been implemented to scale.

I support school choice and related reforms even as I also support direct measures to enhance public-school performance such as offering better recruitment, training, and incentives to school principals and giving great educators more ways to expand their impact — and earn higher salaries — through advanced teaching roles. There's no inconsistency here. Education is a complex enterprise. There's unlikely to be one single policy, teaching style, or school design that works best for every educator, student, and family in every community.

Add up many marginal or

moderate gains and you end up with big gains. That's the practical approach. Just as the cause of school reform isn't advanced by demonizing opponents, it's also not enhanced by catastrophizing the issue. While we can and should do much better, North Carolina's public schools are already among the most effective in America. Adjusted for student demographics, North Carolina's 8th-graders ranked third in the nation in math and 11th in reading on the most-recent National Assessment of Educational Progress. That fact shouldn't make us complacent. But it should make reformers less likely to panic or fume if they don't immediately get their way.

One lesson we ought to impart to future generations of North Carolinians is that we can argue such issues in good faith, without impugning the motives of others.

John Hood (@JohnHoodNC) is chairman of the John Locke Foundation.



JOHN HOOD
John Locke
Foundation

Comic strips, O. Henry, and this column

It has happened again.

As reported in this column recently, the Library of America honored the late Elizabeth Spencer on June 1 by adding to its series an 864-page volume of her work. This month it adds another North Carolina connected author to its series, the popular short story writer, O. Henry.

The new volume, "O. Henry: 101 Stories," is being published this week. O. Henry was the pen name for William Sidney Porter, who was born in Greensboro in 1862 and grew up there. Shortly

after he earned a license as a pharmacist and worked in his uncle's business, he moved west to work on a ranch in Texas. After a stint in prison for a crime that had to do with missing money, he made his way to New York City.

He found a home on the city's streets and bars, where he met the ordinary people who inspired his extraordinary stories. He was, according to Louis Menand, writing in *The New Yorker's* June 28 edition, "a prodigious drinker, with a reputation for being able to handle his liquor."

His drinking and rowdy life may have unleashed his writing, but it was not good for his health. He died in 1910, at 47, due in part to liver cirrhosis along with diabetes and an enlarged heart.

He is buried in Asheville's Riverside Cemetery not far from the grave of another North Carolina writer, Thomas Wolfe. Some visitors leave a few pennies on O. Henry's grave.

Some leave exactly \$1.87.

Why?

For many O. Henry fans, their favorite story is "The Gift of the Magi," set in New York City at Christmastime. A poverty-stricken couple struggle to find money to buy each other a nice present.

The story begins: "One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas."

Finally, Della sells her lovely hair for \$20 to buy a gold chain for her husband's treasured pocket watch. You remember what happened. If not, you can guess.

Such human dilemmas and remarkable endings made and still make O. Henry one of the country's favorite writers.

Like Charles Dickens he is more admired by us ordinary readers than by the literary elite.

Working for the *Sunday World* newspaper, he wrote a new story every week.

Menand suggests that such regularly written stories should be considered "on the model of the comic strip — which is, effectively, what they were when they appeared once a week in the *Sunday World*. In some weeks, your favorite comic strip is more entertaining than it is in others, but you always read it, because you know what you're going to get. The same is true of O. Henry stories. Porter had a formula; he had a set of character types; and he had a distinctive verbal palette."

One aside: I try, not always successfully, to persuade my editors that my weekly columns are similarly like comic strips.

Menand continues, "The story writer begins with an idea about what readers will feel when they finish reading, just as a lyric poet starts with a nonverbal state of mind and then constructs a verbal artifact that evokes it."

Not everyone will agree that O. Henry's stories are the same as good poetry. But this reader admits that reading "The Gift of the Magi" and many of his stories can bring tears to my eyes every time I read them.

On my next trip to Asheville, I will be leaving \$1.87, including 60 pennies, on O. Henry's grave.

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



D.G. MARTIN
One on One



Senate budget heading to a veto

Wouldn't it be nice if our state elected officials worked together amicably to craft a biennial budget? One

with the primary purpose of meeting needs instead of furthering political agendas? One passed in time to begin the new fiscal budget

year?

For a while, in January, it looked like that might happen. The governor, House Speaker and Senate Leader were making nice about cooperating, but that didn't last long. Gov. Cooper presented his budget proposals and they immediately started collecting dust on legislative shelves. It was evident the three couldn't even agree on a target amount of spending the first year. Cooper wanted \$26.6 billion. The House advocated for \$26.4 and the Senate \$25.5 billion.

With a July 1 start of the new fiscal year staring them in the face the Senate finally presented a \$25.7 billion budget June 21st. The House indicated it would be mid-July before they put theirs forward. The final product will be north of \$26 billion, if history is any indicator.

We could go into detail discussing the pros and cons of the Senate budget, but it's not worth the effort. If their proposal (or anything similar to it) ends up passing, it will be dead on arrival on Gov. Cooper's desk. He will veto for several reasons, but perhaps the biggest is the special provisions contained in the document.

By their very nature special provisions are not actual spending proposals. They are items lawmakers want to become law but don't have enough votes to pass through the regular legislative

process. Three of these provisions slipped into the budget are thinly veiled attacks against Democrats.

The first would limit future governors from declaring a state of emergency lasting more than 10 days. To extend it 45 more days would require approval from the Council of State; additional extensions must be approved by the legislature. Most emergencies, like weather-related events, are short lived, but when people are suffering or in danger, we don't need partisan political debates and committee decisions. Republicans didn't like when Cooper shut down businesses and was slow to reopen them during the pandemic. His decisions are largely affirmed. Our state reacted better than many during the pandemic and our economy has rebounded well.

The second is aimed at Democrat Attorney General Josh Stein. It would require the Attorney General to obtain approval from the Council of State before getting involved in litigation within out-of-state or federal courts in which the state isn't already specifically named. The AG could not agree to legal settlements involving constitutional challenges of state law without the approval of the Senate Leader and House Speaker. The legislature was mad because Stein approved the settlement of a lawsuit that allowed the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots to be extended to nine days after Election Day. He had also joined other states in challenging decisions made in areas like the Endangered Species Act, DACA and the U.S. Postal Service. Legislators say these are political lawsuits and the Attorney General should not be involved without their approval.

The third provision takes aim at the Democratically-controlled

State Board of Elections (SBOE). It would remove the organization's investigative authority and transfer it to the State Bureau of Investigations, an agency already overloaded with work. The board has three members from the party of the sitting governor and two from the opposing party. Republican leadership was angered when the board voted unanimously last year to accept a settlement agreement that would allow November's elections to go forward. The SBOE would have no power to agree to court settlements when the legislature is not in session.

Not only will these power grabs be quickly vetoed but they are likely unconstitutional and short sighted. Republican leadership is failing to acknowledge that the pandemic was a once-in-a-century disaster and ignore the reality that sooner or later the political shoe will be on the other foot.

It will be interesting to see how the House budget compares and contrasts with the Senate. The larger question is whether Cooper's veto will stick, as it has in recent years. We will watch with fascination whether the four Democrats who voted for the Senate budget will fold under extreme pressure and vote along party lines or vote to override the veto. Time will tell whether we are still in a time warp or can approve the first state budget since 2017. State government is becoming as partisan and ineffective as our federal government.

Tom Campbell is a former assistant N.C. State Treasurer and was the creator/host of N.C. SPIN, a weekly statewide television discussion of N.C. issues that aired on UNC-TV until 2020. Contact him at tomcamp@carolinabroadcasting.com.

TEMPLE

Continued from page A1
2021.”

According to its website, the temple is set to be located on the banks of the Deep River on the Chatham side of the Chatham County-Lee County line. The listed address is 272 First Road, Moncure, which is near the U.S. 1 highway.

Previously, one of the temple's donors, Radha Ravi Varma, told the News + Record that there was no set date for constructing the temple, but that it might take “five to ten years to start the construction.” Dass said the target for the statue and building is 6-10 years.

While the first phase of construction will include a 6-foot Murugan statue, the group still plans to eventually add the 155-foot monument, advertised on its website in 2019 as “the tallest statue of Lord Murugan in the world.”

“Our immediate goal is to operationalize the

Moncure site as quickly as possible, with a minimal budget,” the temple's website says. “We have been tirelessly working with Site Design Engineers, Surveyors, County government, and other agencies to accelerate the permitting process. This approval will give us the green light to construct the full temple or temporary structure for us to operate at the site.”

Carolina Murugan Temple submitted its Phase 1 plan in December 2020, Dass told the News + Record, with review still in process.

“We hope to get it approved soon,” Dass said.

The land is zoned R-1 Residential, which means the temple, like other places of worship, doesn't require site plan approval from the county's Planning Board or Board of Commissioners under county ordinances.

Drew Blake, on staff with Chatham County's Watershed Protection department, said the county is currently waiting for revisions to the temple's plan

before moving forward.

“The Carolina Murugan Temple is still in the plan review process for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control as well as Stormwater,” he said in an email. “We are currently waiting for a plan revision submittal based on our last round of comments.”

The temple's website previously said the temple would promote economic growth as well as bring social and charitable programs for the residents of North Carolina. Since its founding in 2018, there are more than 260 temple members, 310 volunteers and the temple has hosted 21 events.

“The Carolina Murugan Temple will provide an experience of Tamil spiritual heritage and language to the international community in North Carolina,” the website stated in 2019, when the News + Record first reported on the temple. “Our objective is to retain the traditional culture and rituals performed by Tamils for

thousands of years and will follow ‘Lord Muruga's Tamizh Vazhipaattu Murai’ in all ceremonies and celebrations.”

Eventually, the website says the land will feature not only a temple, but a wedding area, playground, world cultural museum and more. The group chose to build in Chatham County because of its proximity to Research Triangle Park and the availability of land, the News + Record previously reported.

Elon University Religious Studies Professor Amy Allocco told the News + Record in March 2019 that temples like the Carolina Murugan Temple are significant for Hindus who don't live in India. Allocco studied abroad in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, the home of the Tamils, as an undergrad and regularly visits the state for research as a professor.

“In places where Hindus are the minority, like North Carolina, temples take on important com-



Submitted rendering

Plans for the proposed Carolina Murugan Temple, slated for Moncure just east of U.S. Hwy. 1, originally included a 155-foot statue of the Hindu god Murugan to be placed on the shores of the Deep River.

munity functions,” she said at the time. “They become community centers in important ways. If you're a young Hindu kid in North Carolina, you might go there to learn about the deities and the language and the history of your religion.”

While the website indicates its preliminary planning phase is 100% complete, Phase 1 is listed at 10%.

“The availability of the funds is the primary limiting factor,” the website

says, “and it will be a major constraint for us to accelerate the approval and construction process. We will need approximately 1.9 Million US dollars to get the infrastructure and other utilities.”

To donate, go to: <https://www.carolinamurugan-temple.org/donation/>.

Reporter Hannah McClellan can be reached at hannah@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @HannerMcClellan.

THOMPSON

Continued from page A1

the planning department's recommendations for land and infrastructure development requests. She has also been Pittsboro's point person in recent months as the town completed its Unified Development Ordinance.

The Siler City resident has worked for years helping planning departments in other towns and counties around North Carolina to improve their workflows and establish strong relationships with residents. Now she's poised to assume what might be the greatest undertaking of her career: strengthening a skeletal planning department into something robust enough to keep pace with the east coast's fastest growing community.

The News + Record caught up with Thompson (whose husband, Bryan, is Chatham County's assistant county manager) to see how she's settling into the new role and what plans she has for

her first few months.

To reach Thompson, Pittsboro residents can call 919-542-2063. The planning department is housed at Chatham Mills and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with in-person services currently limited to permitting and planning submittals. Although walk-in customers are accepted, the town encourages residents to use recently improved online services and mail-in submittals when possible.

First things first, can you tell me a little about your background and how long you've been in planning?

I'm from Fort Bragg, N.C., and have a B.S. in Community and Regional Planning from Appalachian State. Having nearly 15 years of experience, I have served as a planner in several communities, including the planning director in Montgomery County (two years), planning director for the Town of Lillington (six years), as well as the planning supervisor for the Moore County

Planning Department (six years).

You said in a recent board of commissioners meeting that you've long wanted to work in Pittsboro. Can you elaborate on that, and tell me how you finally ended up here?

After moving to Chatham County in 2013, my family and I have always enjoyed visiting Pittsboro, exploring its charming downtown and enjoying all the fun shops and restaurants. I would often think about how great it would be to work in a town with so much going on, so when I saw the planning position open up last year I didn't think twice before applying.

Before we get into some of what you hope to accomplish, can you explain what exactly your role and responsibilities include? How would you describe the planning director's job?

I think the planning director helps sets the tone for the department. Part of my job is to help make the planning department an inviting place for anyone to feel welcome and know that we are here to help. I also know how stressful a workplace can be, so I want to be there for the planning staff. We have a new department, so my main goal right now is creating a productive and healthy work environment. We all have specific skills and abilities and I want to help foster everyone's interests in how we craft our roles and responsibilities.

What's happening with staffing and how will it affect the way you all serve the town? I know already you've brought on some new folks. Can you tell me about those positions and what your longer term plans are for the department?

Currently we are a department of four. Two new planners were recently hired. Both are a good fit with what is needed for the department including being able to handle a challenging workload. Our customer service specialist is also a vital part of our team and is really the backbone of our department. She not only helps with planning but also helps keep the parks, engineering and public utilities departments running smoothly. So, along with the two new planners recently hired we are going to be hiring two additional planner positions this upcoming fiscal year. We also have a lot of housekeeping to do such as updating our processes, checklists and filing systems.

Can you talk about how Pittsboro is poised

for growth as you see it from your perspective? I would guess there aren't many times a planning director knows so clearly that she'll be overseeing enormous expansion within just a couple of coming decades. Is that daunting, exciting, useful, etc.?

Growth management tools, such as the Unified Development Ordinance and Land Use Plan, assist the town in implementing standards that influence the type and location of new development. Part of the planning department's responsibilities includes drafting land development standards, per direction by the planning board and town board, enabling the town to grow in an organized and sustainable manner. We will also assist in updating the Land Use Plan, which is an important tool in managing desired and expected growth, which is consistent with the community's vision.

Any standout projects that you think are especially exciting? Maybe you could share a bit of timeline on big milestones to come?

It's great seeing all the work going on downtown — seeing the vision of the downtown business community taking shape is impressive. It is encouraging to see how this space is being well-maintained and improved to create greater access and opportunity for the community to come together and to showcase the Pittsboro experience. I am also eager for us to work on UDO updates. I've listened and have taken notes on questions and concerns raised over the last several months and am ready to draft language and provide options to the boards to make the UDO more tailored to Pittsboro.

Are there any things I didn't address that you'd like people to know about you, your new role, the department or anything else?

Planning departments sometimes have a reputation of being difficult to work with. I think this is largely due to our responsibility to process development applications and permits according to the local development ordinances. While this is the reality of the work we do, I definitely want everyone to know that the Pittsboro Planning Department is committed to providing exceptional customer service and working for success with all citizens and our business community.

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



Take a picture of the qr code to see a virtual tour of this **BOLD** home.

www.buildBOLDnc.com

KOUNTRY K'S

Exceptional Home Goods and More at Discount Prices

GRAND REOPENING

NEW OWNERS!

Saturday, July 31 • 10:30AM to 6:30PM

25% OFF all marked prices & deeper discount on select items!

Stop by to see our small kitchen appliances, dishes, glassware, household items, linens, lamps, rugs, furniture, clothing, toys and more.



308 W Raleigh St., Siler City • KKLiquidationNC@gmail.com

OBITUARIES

PEGGY LOIS SMITH ANDREWS



Peggy Lois Smith Andrews, age 88, of Bear Creek, died Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at Peak Resources Nursing Home in Carthage.

Mrs. Andrews was born September 10, 1932, the daughter of F. Ornsby and Thelma Burke Smith. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edgar Allen Andrews; and a brother, Wayne Douglas Smith. She was retired from Golden Poultry. Mrs. Andrews was a member of Bear Creek Baptist Church. She enjoyed

crocheting, knitting, painting, pottery, farming and raising cattle.

She is survived by a daughter, Diane Rives of Sanford; a granddaughter, Mary Rives Maness and husband Bernie of Bear Creek; and a great-grandson, Nicholas Maness.

A graveside service was held on Friday July 9, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Bear Creek Baptist Church, 1278 Bonlee-Carbonton Road, Bear Creek with Rev. Bob Wachs officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Andrews family.

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

ANDREW BRENT ELMORE

Andrew Brent Elmore, 52, of Bear Creek passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at his home.

Mr. Elmore was born in Chatham County on July 1, 1969, the son of Bobby Lee Elmore and Joan Brewer Webster.

Andy was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church. He graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School. Andy enjoyed spending time doing things outdoors such as fishing and camping. He spent his working years at the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. Andy is preceded in death by his father, Bobby Lee Elmore.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Emily Caldwell Elmore; daughter, Kaylee Elmore; and son, Andrew "Drew" Brent Elmore Jr., all of the home; and mother, Joan Brewer Webster and husband, Russell.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Ave., Siler City, with Pastor Steve Moore officiating.

Memorials may be made to Emmaus Baptist Church, 2430 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312 or Hickory Mountain Baptist Church, 1094 Mt. Vernon-Hickory Mountain Road, Siler City, N.C. 27344.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Elmore family.

BRIAN CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR

Brian Christopher Taylor, age 50, of Pittsboro, died Thursday, July 8, 2021, at UNC Hospital.

Brian was born in Washington, D.C., on July 16, 1970, to Evelyn Sension Taylor and the late John Ronald Taylor. Brian was continually active in his life. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Auburn University (WAR EAGLE!), Chi Phi brother and Eagle Scout. In addition to his passion for bourbon, BBQ, and its history, he also served on many boards including the Pittsboro Planning board, the Board of Adjustments, Pittsboro Affordable Housing Taskforce, Committee to Incorporate Archer Lodge, and the National Pool and Hot Tub Alliance serving as the North Carolina vice president with 36 plus years in the industry.

He always felt it important to contribute to the community. He was very loyal, smart, funny, caring, patient, selfless, dedicated, pillar of the community, brother, mentor, father figure, and was loved by so many.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 27 years, Dana Taylor of Pittsboro; one brother, Nathan Taylor and wife Jennifer of Orlando, Florida.

There are no services planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Brian's memory to a charity of your choice. The family has requested no flowers.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

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

JOSEPHINE SHORT PIKE

Josephine Short Pike, 94, of Staley passed away on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at Chatham Hospital, Siler City.

Mrs. Pike was born in Chatham County on May 1, 1927, the daughter of Lacy Herbert and Daisy Johnson Short. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Earl and Clyde Short; and husband, Franklin Pike.

She is survived by her son, Don Pike of Staley; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Loves Creek Baptist Cemetery, 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City, with Rev. Kenny Black officiating.

Memorials may be made to Loves Creek Baptist Church, 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City, N.C. 27344.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Pike family.

ANTHONY FOSTER RICHARDSON

Anthony Foster Richardson, 74, of Sanford passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at Grand Strand Regional Medi-

cal Center in Myrtle Beach.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at the Church of God, with burial following in Lee Memory Garden.

MICHAEL 'MIKE' WESLEY CATES

Michael "Mike" Wesley Cates, age 71, of Pittsboro, died Saturday, July 10, 2021, at home.

Mike was born in Durham County, N.C., on January 7, 1950, to the late Carl Denver Cates and Geraldine Pickett Cates. He was also preceded in death by one nephew, Jeremy Cates.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Dianne S. Cates of Pittsboro; two sons, Alex Cates of Silk Hope, Patrick Cates and wife Taylor of Pittsboro; one daughter, Wendy Cates Burgess and husband Jeff of Apex; two brothers, David Cates and wife Patty of Louisburg, Randy Cates of Pittsboro; one sister, Cindy Creed and husband Van of Pittsboro; and three grandchildren, Wesley Burgess, Allison Burgess, and Lincoln Cates.

The family received friends Wednesday, July 14, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory, Griffin Chapel. Funeral service will be held Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Dan Robinson presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Mike's memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory is proud to be serving the Cates family.

MELVIN SANXTER MCMANUS

Melvin Sanxter McManus, age 98, died unexpectedly, but peacefully, Monday morning, July 5, 2021, at his home in Bear Creek, with family close beside him. He was born to Merton M. and Orpha Tillman McManus on October 5, 1922, in Bear Creek. He attended school at Gillespie Elementary School in Greensboro, attended Bennett School and then graduated from Bonlee High School.

Melvin served in the Army Air Corp during World War II, teaching auto mechanics at Chanute Field near Chicago, then was later stationed in the Aleutian Islands. He worked for Western Electric as machine shop supervisor for many years in Greensboro and in Winston Salem before retiring in 1983. He was an active member of Jamestown United Methodist Church for 27 years before moving back to Chatham County where he was an active member of Tyson's Creek Baptist Church and participated often in activities at Fair Promise United Methodist Church.

Melvin is survived by his son, John Greene (Therese) of Corpus Christi, Texas; daughter, Edie Neeves (Mack) of Bear Creek, N.C.; daughter, Ann Bonagura (Mark) of Kernersville, N.C. He was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents and his dear wife of 52 years, as well as his step-daughter, Sandra G. Wayt (widower Merritt) of Greensboro, N.C., and step-son, Robert L. Green Sr. of Bear Creek, N.C.

Melvin was the genealogist for the McManus Family, doing extensive research and collecting stories about the family. He was instrumental in the restoration of headstones and grave markers in the McManus Family Cemetery on Wilson Road in Bear Creek. The family asks that any memorials be made to Tyson's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund (10891 Siler City-Glendon Rd, Bear Creek, N.C. 27207) or the McManus Family Cemetery Fund (1475 Hoyt Scott Road, Bear Creek, N.C. 27207).

A celebration of Melvin McManus's life is planned for 3 p.m. Sunday, September 26, 2021, at Tyson's Creek Baptist Church followed by a potluck supper and visitation in the family life center there.

LANDON RILEY SUGGS

Landon Riley Suggs, 5, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

Funeral services will be private.

He was born in Lee County on August 20, 2015, to Justin Joseph Suggs and Erica Leigh Willard. He was preceded in death by grandmothers, Ann Willard and Dot Morgan, a great-grandmother, Cleo Willard and a great-grandfather, Jack Morgan.

In addition to his parents, Landon is survived by his brother, Drake Mason Guntner of Sanford; grandparents, James and Beth Pope of Sanford; and grandfathers, Roger Willard and Joey Suggs.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

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

CATHY LAURYN (COX) RAY

Pastor Cathy Ray, 67, of Broadway passed away on Monday, July 5, 2021, in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., July 10, 2021, at Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church with burial following at Lee Memory Garden.

RUTH SMITH HOLDER

Pastor Ruth Smith Holder, 75, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2021, in the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral home, with Rev. David Smith, Rev. Hilda Rossler, and Rev. Randy Buchanan presiding. The burial will follow at Carabonton U.M.C. Cemetery.

Ruth was born in Guilford County on September 27, 1945, to the late George W. Smith and Naomi Waters Smith. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, John L. Holder. Ruth was the Pastor of Sanford Community Church and was a nurse, serving as a physician's assistant.

Survivors include her son, Chris Yates of Florida; daughter, Kimberly Holder of Sanford; brothers, Rev. David Smith of Durham, Thomas Smith and Samuel Smith, both of Greensboro; sisters, Sarah Hanlin and Dorcas Ellis, both of Greensboro, Rachel King of Reidsville; and one grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sanford Community Church, 5700 Peach Orchard Rd., Sanford, N.C. 27332 in Pastor Ruth's honor.

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

GREGORY ALLEN EASON SR.

Gregory Allen Eason Sr., 74, of Sanford, died Sunday, July 4, 2021 at his home.

The family will hold a private service at a later date.

He was born in Greenville, S.C., son of the late Malcom James Eason and Nellie Inez Stevenson Eason. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters. Gregory was a Veteran of the United States Air Force.

Surviving is his wife, Judy Avey Eason of the home; daughters, Cynthia McNeill of Pittsboro, Tammie Dawn Eason and Christy Burton, both of Bear Creek; son, Gregory Allen Eason Jr., of Florida, 18 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

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

ROBERT LOUIS SMITH

Robert Louis Smith, 21, of Broadway, died Friday, July 2, 2021.

Funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2021, with Rev. John McVay officiating. Burial followed in the Southside Baptist Church Cemetery.

He was born in Lee County, son of Jason Dean Smith and Sandra Lynn Satterfield. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jimmy Smith and Kaye Willis. Robert worked on cars.

Surviving is his father, Jason Dean Smith and step-mother; Danielle; his mother, Sandra Satterfield; sister, Christian Smith; and brothers, Bailey and Mason Smith, Jacob and Andrew Curtis; grandparents, Bobby Satterfield, Danny and Cathy Page, Sandra and Phillip McFarland.

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

CASEY MAY BENNETT

Casey May Bennett, infant, of Carthage, passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at UNC Hospital.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Cameron Baptist Church with Pastor Jared McNeill officiating. Burial followed in Crain's Creek Cemetery.

She was born in Orange County on June 28, 2021, to Cameron and Robin Bennett. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Ross Bennett.

In addition to her parents, Casey is survived by grandparents, Pamela Palmiter and Carl of Holden Beach, Diane Womble of Carthage and Van Hewett and Sue of Hampstead.

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

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

THELMA ELLEN CRAIG GORDON

Thelma Ellen Craig Thomas Gordon, 97, passed away on July 9, 2021.

A graveside service was held at Meroney United Methodist Church, on Tuesday July 13, 2021, at 11 a.m. with pastors Jim Whittaker and Linda Yow officiating.

Mrs. Gordon was born November 29, 1923, to Fanny Kirby Craig and Charles Spurgeon Craig. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Perry Thomas and Albert Gordon; infant daughter, Mary Linda Thomas; infant brother, John Ruskin Craig; sister, Geneva Seagroves; and brother, Charles S. Craig Jr.

Survivors include her two daughters, Dianne Brooks and Nancy Harris; sister, Ruby C. Thomas; three grandsons, two great grandchildren, two step-grandsons and one step-great grandson.

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

See **OBITUARIES**, page A9

READ IT ONLINE

WWW.CHATHAMNEWSRECORD.COM

CHATHAM MONUMENT CO.

Charles Campbell



Greg Campbell

Quality Monuments At Affordable Prices
Phone: 663-3120

Over 50 years experience designing, lettering and erecting monuments in Siler City and surrounding area.

Opposite Smith & Buckner Funeral Home

OBITUARIES

Continued from page A8

HOMER MURPHY GODFREY

Homer Murphy Godfrey, 82, of Sanford, passed away on Friday, July 9, 2021, at his home.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, in the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Josh Godfrey and Rev. Norm Monroe officiating. Burial followed in Lee Memory Gardens.

Mr. Godfrey was born in Lee County on February 18, 1939, to the late Cecero Lewis and Jeannie Spivey Godfrey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Godfrey and brothers Charles Godfrey, Jack Godfrey and Fred Godfrey. He retired from the North Carolina Dept. of Corrections, where he worked as a Captain at Central Prison in Raleigh. Mr. Godfrey also served his country in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Wolbeck; sons, Kenneth Lee Godfrey and Homer Murphy Godfrey Jr., both of Sanford; daughter, Vicky Godfrey Goldston of Sanford; brothers, William Godfrey, Harvey Godfrey and Ike Godfrey, all of Sanford; sister, Betty Lou Godfrey of Sanford; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

BRENDA WILKIE SMITH

Brenda Wilkie Smith, 67, of Siler City, passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at her home.

A private graveside service will be held.

Mrs. Smith was born in Chatham County on June 13, 1954, the daughter of Billy Gene and Nancy Hargrove Wilkie. A graduate of Jordan Matthews High School, she spent her working years at Chatham Trades as an Administrative Assistant. Brenda was a member of the Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church where she was a member of the Senior Adult Connect Class. She is preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, George David "Pug" Smith; son, Jason Smith of New Hill; mother, Nancy Hargrove Wilkie of Siler City; sister, Lee Ann Wilkie of Siler City; and brother, Barry Wilkie of Siler City.

Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneralhome.com.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Smith family.

MAYBELLE SEARCY MATTHEWS

Maybelle Searcy Matthews, 84, of Cameron, passed away July 7, 2021, at her home.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 11, 2021, at Rocky Fork Christian Church with Rev. Gary Ashley and Rev. Vanya Mullinax presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Matthews was born in Wake County on November 23, 1936, to the late Norwood and Mozelle Baker Searcy. She worked as a supervisor with W. Koury Company.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Floyd Matthews of the home; and a brother, Todd Searcy of Bunnlevel.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

DAVID BERNARD WARE JR.

David Bernard Ware Jr., 39, of Cameron, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 11, 2021, at Dennis A. Weaver Civic Center, with burial following at Love Grove AME Zion Church.

ADALYN REIGN MCKOY MATTHEWS

Adalyn Reign Mckoy Matthews, infant, was born and died on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

Adalyn was the daughter of Jocelyn Mckoy and Creig Matthews Jr. of Spring Lake. Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home-Sanford.

DORA JEAN ROBINSON

Ms. Dora J. Robinson, 81, of Cameron, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at her residence. Services

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2021, at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church with burial following at Lee Memory Garden.

CLINTON LEE KING

Clinton Lee King, 31 of Chapel Hill, passed away on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at his residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Services.

MAYBELLE MATTHEWS
Maybelle Matthews of Cameron, passed away July 7, 2021.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are pending by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

SERVING AGAIN

Meals being offered at Council on Aging's Western Center in Siler City

From the Chatham Council on Aging

SILER CITY — After shutting down in-person meals nearly 16 months ago, the Chatham County Council on Aging reopened to congregate meals at its Western Chatham Senior Center (WCSC) in Siler City last week.

Given the high effectiveness of the vaccines, the Council allowed fully-vaccinated participants to return to in-person meals.

"Because the senior population is most at risk of the negative effects of COVID-19, we wanted to remain cautious as we reopened but felt we could safely do so now," said COA Director Dennis Streets.

Last Wednesday, the long-empty tables were filled with people in brightly colored, flowered clothes. They had dressed to match the Hawaiian theme. Staff members wore decorative grass-skirts and handed out leis.

There was a summery, festive atmosphere as friends gathered for photos together, happy smiles across each face. People sipped bright lime-green drinks and some line-danced as they waited for lunch to be served. Joining in the festivities was David Kennedy who announced his retirement as Chatham County's Veterans Service Officer.

The program kicked off with a pre-recorded welcome back message from Chatham County Health Director Mike Zelek. He expressed deep gratitude to the participants for "getting their shot" and shared that the COA could only reopen to in-facility programming because they had done so. He also asked them to be ambassadors to encourage friends and family to get vaccinated for their own safety and to protect others.

Some participants had not engaged in the virtual program offerings of the Council on Aging. Returning to in-person meals and programming was particularly important.

"I'm so glad to be back," said participant Cathy Glover.

Another participant, Josephine Cotton, just celebrated her 83rd birthday and also expressed how happy she was to be coming to the WCSC.

Despite the joy at seeing one another again, there was a sense of what had been lost during the pandemic and COA's closure to in-person programs. Joyce Stout shared photo albums she has been maintaining since 2015. One album has photos of the WCSC participants and another, with the words "Gone but not forgotten" on the front, memorializes those who have passed over the years.

"One person died with the



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Dennis Streets, the director of Chatham's Council on Aging, greets those who attended a meal at the Western Chatham facility last Thursday.

virus," she said, "and others passed away while we were closed. We were lucky it wasn't more."

Staff members were also eager to get back to serving meals at the Western Center.

Carol Hammer, 79, passed out meals, served cupcakes and cleaned up afterwards, disinfecting each table. "I'm so happy to see everyone back here," she said. Carol has worked for the Council on Aging for more than 16 years and is planning to fully retire at the end of the month. "I was supposed to leave the middle of July, but Dennis asked me to stay on a little longer through the reopening."

She said she's been working since she was 12 and "is looking forward to spending more time with my grandkids, reading and going to the beach." Carol's husband, Garrett, delivers meals with the Council's Meals on Wheels program.

"I'll help him do that, I'm sure," she shared, planning to stay connected to the Council on Aging.

"We are monitoring the news and staying in close contact with the Chatham County Health Department to inform any decisions we make with regards to the virus variants now circulating," Streets said.

"But for now we feel we are taking actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while supporting the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of our participants."

The reopening was a success and people fell smoothly back into their old routines. Participants came last week for a reopening orientation. They were registered into the new My Senior Center software system the COA installed over the pandemic and got back into the rhythm of taking Chatham Transit.

"I was really impressed with how well run it all was," said Irma Beal, who expressed gratitude that people could come back face-to-face and, when

asked about the vaccine, said: "I got mine. I wish more people would take it."

Because of planned construction at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro, only the Western Center is opening to meals and activities. People who are fully vaccinated will be attending two days per week with hopes to increase to daily service soon.

In addition to its congregate meals program, the Council on Aging is beginning to resume other programs and expand its services. Jackie Green and Olivia Hayden are leading aquatic exercise classes for people with arthritis.

Shirley Brooks attended the class before coming to the Senior Center for lunch. "It feels so good and it is easy on my joints," she said. "I've been doing some of the virtual things like bingo while they were closed, but I'm glad to be back in person again."

Board member Rev. Neriah Edwards-Boone came to see the reopening.

"It's good to be back in this place and see people here," she shared. "I would have been here earlier but I was at the Council's virtual yoga class."

The Council's Meals on Wheels program, which had been providing frozen and shelf-stable meals weekly, returned to daily meal delivery on July 12th. COA Board President Larry Ross will be one of the many volunteers it takes to make this program happen. While at the reopening of the Western Center, he said "I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again."

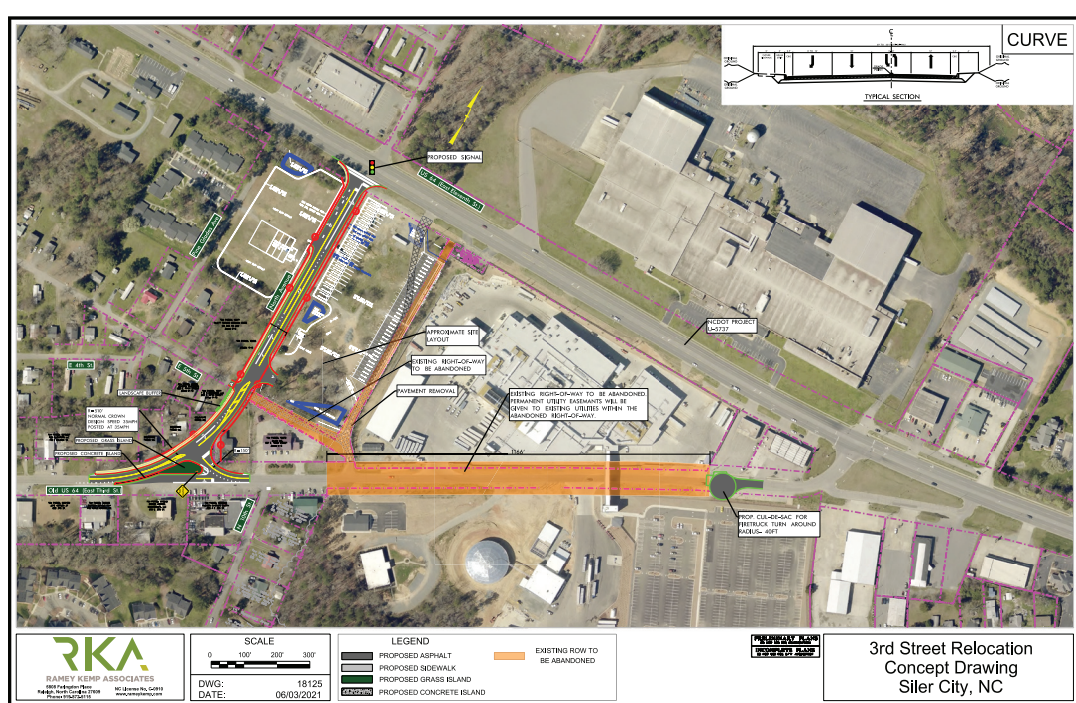
The Council still seeks a few more volunteers to help deliver meals in some of the more rural areas of Chatham. Interested volunteers can contact Allison Andrews at 919-542-4512 or via email at allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

For more information about the Council on Aging, visit www.chathamcoa.org or call 919-542-4512 or 919-742-3975.



The Siler City Board of Commissioners received a request from Mountaire Farms to close a portion of East Third Street and East Fifth Street and all of Johnson Avenue. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:30pm in the auditorium at Jordan-Matthews High School located at 910 E Cardinal Street in Siler City. Input from the public is encouraged. Due to the technology constraints of the location, this meeting will not be available by zoom. Interpretation for Spanish speaking residents will be available.

The proposed portions to be closed are in orange on the map below, along with the proposed new road improvements.



La Junta de Comisionados de Siler City recibió una solicitud de Mountaire Farms para cerrar una parte de East Third Street y East Fifth Street y toda Johnson Avenue. La Junta de Comisionados llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el lunes, 2 de agosto de 2021 a las 6:30 pm en el auditorio de la escuela secundaria Jordan-Matthews, ubicada en 910 E Cardinal Street en Siler City. Se fomenta la aportación del público. Debido a las limitaciones tecnológicas de la ubicación, esta reunión no estará disponible mediante zoom. Habrá interpretación disponible para residentes de habla hispana.

Las partes propuestas que se cerrarán están en naranja en el mapa a continuación, junto con las nuevas mejoras viales propuestas.

Worth knowing.
Worth reading.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

ONE YEAR FOR ONLY \$52

call (919) 663-3232 or go to

chathamnewsrecord.com/subscribe/

RCC ACADEMIC AWARDS, FOR 2021

The following area students have received academic Awards, listed with their program areas, from Randolph Community College:

- Bear Creek:** Emily P. Ferrell, Advertising and Graphic Design
- Franklinville:** Anthony A. DelVecchio, Welding Technology; Hunter F. Henson, Welding Technology
- Ramseur:** Danielle D. Cruey, Computer-Integrated Machining; Cesar C. Jaimes Montes de Oca, IT-Network & Cyber Security Specialist

- Siler City:** Parker R. Kidd, Welding Technology
- Staley:** Rachel N. Shaw, Associate Degree Nursing
- The Curriculum Award winners are listed with their program areas.**
- Ramseur:** Danielle D. Cruey, Computer-Integrated Machining; Haley M. Kearns, Healthcare Management Technology; Jonathan S. Waldron, Electrical Systems Technology
- Siler City:** Parker R. Kidd, Welding Technology

RANDOLPH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Spring Semester, 2021, area students **President's List**
 - Bear Creek:** Emily Ferrell
 - Bennett:** Misty Murray
 - Franklinville:** Alyson Kidd
 - Liberty:** Heidi Hammond, Kristan Kirkman, Maria Nieto Padron
 - Ramseur:** Kiersten Brower, Danielle Cruey, Katrina Hagen, Stephanie Juarez, Haley Kearns, Kylie Robbins, Jonathan Waldron
 - Siler City:** Ana Galicia, Parker Kidd
- Dean's List**

- Bennett:** Gina Davis, Trever Gray
- Franklinville:** Taylor Leonard, Skyler Robbins
- Liberty:** Loubna Elkhazzab, Jakson Kirkman, Kory Langley, Arielle Woods
- Pittsboro:** Anthony Shambley
- Ramseur:** Jeremy Auler, Taryn Brunson, Dalton Craven, Melanie Garner, Kaden Graham, Cynthia Phillips, Caleb Robbins, Alex Rodriguez, Aija Thomas
- Siler City:** Jason Armas Fentanez, Dustin Bullock
- Staley:** Fatima Vera Raya

NEWS BRIEFS

10 routes in Lee County to be repaved

SANFORD — A smoother ride is coming to several secondary roads in Lee County. The N.C. Dept. of Transportation has awarded a \$1.3 million contract to mill out the old asphalt and resurface 10 sections of these secondary routes:

- Third Street from dead end to U.S. 421
- Carthage Street from U.S. 1 to Buffalo Church Road
- King Farm Road from Blackstone Road to dead end

- Sion Kelly Road from Harnett County line to South Main Street
- Wild Forest Road from Valley Road to Palmetto Path
- Longleaf Lane from Wildwood Drive to Debra Lane
- Debra Lane from Longleaf Lane to Palmetto Path
- Palmetto Path from Smokey Path to Debra Lane
- Smokey Path from Palmetto Path to Wild Forest Road

S.T. Wooten Corp. of Wilson may start work July 26 and will have until September to complete all the projects. Drivers should expect lane closures and delays on these routes this summer during construction. For real-time travel information, visit DriveNC.gov or follow NCDOT on social media.

— CN+R staff reports

Billy & Adlaide

The Poe Reunion

Saturday, July 17, 2021

Loves Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall!
11AM with lunch served after a brief business meeting beginning at 12:30.

Still looking for pictures, especially of Billy's children & grandchildren!
Bring Yours! Questions: Call Doris Beck (919) 200-2143



How does Social Security Fit into Retirement?

Here's something to think about: You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. To meet your income needs for all those years, you'll generally need a sizable amount of retirement assets. How will Social Security fit into the picture?

For most people, Social Security won't be enough to cover the cost of living in retirement. Nonetheless, Social Security benefits are still valuable, so you'll want to do whatever you can to maximize them.

Your first move is to determine when you should start taking Social Security. You can begin collecting benefits when you reach 62 – but should you? If you were to turn 62 this year, your payments would only be about 71% of what you'd get if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 10 months. ("Full retirement age" varies, depending on when you were born, but for most people today, it will be between 66 and 67.) Every month you wait between now and your full retirement age, your benefits will increase. If you still want to delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8% each year, until you're 70, when they "max out." Regardless of when you file, you'll also receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

So, when should you start claiming your benefits? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. If you turn 62 and you need the money, your choice might be made for you. But if you have sufficient income from other sources, you're in good health and you have longevity in your family, or you're still working, it might be worthwhile to wait until your full retirement age, or perhaps even longer, to start collecting.

Another key consideration is spousal benefits. If your own full retirement benefit is less than 50% of your spouse's full

retirement benefit, you would generally be eligible to claim spousal benefits, provided you're at least 62 and your spouse has filed for Social Security benefits.

Survivor benefits are another important consideration. When you pass away, your spouse would be able to receive up to 100% of your benefit or his/her own retirement benefit, whichever is higher. Thus, delaying Social Security could not only increase your own benefit, but also the benefit for your surviving spouse.

An additional issue to think about, when planning for how Social Security fits into your retirement, is your earned income. If you're younger than full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$2 you earn above a certain amount, which, in 2021, is \$18,960. During the year you reach full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$3 you earn above a set amount (\$50,520 in 2021). But once you hit the month at which you attain full retirement age, and from that point on, you can keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn (although your benefits could still be taxed).

One final point to keep in mind: The more you accumulate in your other retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, the more flexibility you'll have in managing your Social Security benefits. So, throughout your working years, try to contribute as much as you can afford to these plans.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Pittsboro
Chad Virgil, CFP® ChFC®, CLU®
630 East St Suite 2
919-545-5669

Governors Club
Sharon A Dickens, AAMS®
50101 Governors Dr Suite 118
919-967-9968

Pittsboro
Lee Shanklin, AAMS®
120 Lowes Drive Suite 107
919-545-0125

Penguin Place
Eric C Williams, AAMS®
114 Russet Run Suite 120
919-542-3020

Pittsboro
Kevin C Maley
984 Thompson St Suite E2
919-444-2961

Chapel Hill
Jessica L Villagrana
180 Providence Rd
Suite 1c
984-219-6635

Siler City
Laura M Clapp, CFP®
301 E Raleigh St
919-663-1051

Ferrington
Kathy Brommage, CFP®
190 Chatham Downs Drive
Suite 103
919-960-6119



edwardjones.com Member SIPC

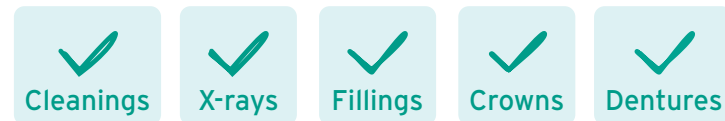
CARD OF THANKS

The Webster, Brewer, and Faulkner families wish to thank everyone for all the acts of kindness shown to us after the death of An-

drew (Andy) Elmore on Tuesday, July 6th. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to celebrate Andy's life.

Dental Insurance

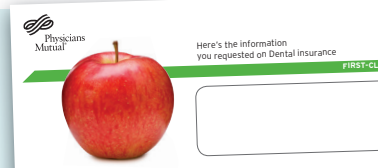
Get the dental care you deserve with dental insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. It can help cover the services you're most likely to use -



- ◆ Preventive care starts right away
- ◆ Helps cover over 350 services
- ◆ Go to any dentist you want - but save more with one in our network
- ◆ No deductible, no annual maximum

Call today for all the details.
844-903-1784

Call now to get this **FREE** Information Kit!
dental50plus.com/chatham



Product not available in all states. Includes the Participating Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/certificate of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CO, NY, call 1-888-799-4433 or respond for similar offer. Certificate C250A (ID: C250E; PA: C250Q); Insurance Policy P150 (GA: P150GA; NY: P150NY; OK: P150OK; TN: P150TN). Rider kinds B438/B439. 6154-0120

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ODD BIRDS

ACROSS	43 Mob member	87 Some small batteries	DOWN	36 Failed to be	75 Aides: Abbr.
1 Soprano's last note, perhaps	48 Adept	88 In — (while not present at the event)	1 Bees' place	37 Mo. in fall	77 Spiteful types
6 Jordanians, e.g.	49 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright Joe	90 Bird performing under the big top?	2 Horned Egyptian goddess	41 Commotions	78 Buckeye State sch.
11 Oscar winner Rockwell	50 "Atlantic City" director Louis	92 Abbr. of fair hiring	3 Surrounded with a belt	42 Extremely old: Abbr.	79 Slugging stat
14 Mazda model	52 Prefix with 33-Down	93 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"	4 Witch	43 Particles believed to bind quarks together	81 The Evil One
19 NBA Hall of Famer — Thomas	53 Fellow soldier	95 Business agt.	5 Mythological fire-breather	44 Kitchen wrap	85 Mutt's threat
20 Tanzanian national park	55 Bird that travels to and from work?	96 Peels the skin off of	6 Korea's place	45 Result of backcombing	86 Pitching star
22 "Burnt" or "raw" color	58 Notable time	97 Bird that plays bebop?	7 Peruse	46 Toledo's lake	89 Fishers with seines, say
23 Bird from Richmond?	59 Potentially offensive, in brief	103 Real admirer	8 Brow's shape	47 Pack of coins	90 Dead skin at the base of a fingernail
25 Trident, e.g.	62 El — (certain current)	104 German subs	9 Catcher Yogi	50 2,002, in Roman numerals	91 Lycra, e.g.
26 Winter D.C. hrs.	63 Stand for art	105 Absorb a loss	10 Be disdainful of	51 Comeback to "Are too!"	93 "Trainwreck" director Judd
27 Fermented honey drink	64 Bird wearing a hard hat?	106 "Sure, sign me up!"	11 Nose partition	54 Two wives of Henry VIII	94 Word before jury or larceny
28 Fashion's Oscar de la —	69 Far — eye can see	108 The Gem State: Abbr.	12 Elite squad	56 En pointe, in ballet	98 "Take — out of crime!"
29 Patron associated with a "fire"	71 Ending for switch	111 Mournful song	13 1986-2001 Earth orbiter	57 Ranch in Ferber's "Giant"	99 "— the Greek"
30 A handful of	72 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt	112 Bird living in the Sistine Chapel?	14 Feral horse	60 1990-2019 Toyota minivan	100 Big name in restaurant guides
31 Bird partially composed of element #56?	73 Cell material	115 Being tried, as a case	15 Drive along	61 Moisturizer brand	101 Repasts
33 In less peril	76 Bird nesting in winter	116 Movies' main stories	16 "That rings —"	65 Melodramatic cry of sorrow	102 Weib vending
36 Seek the affection of	80 Causes to be ashamed	117 Rub down	17 "I love you," in Mexico	66 Relative of a univ.	103 Pine's cousin
38 Archery asset	82 Finnish coin	118 Chairs, e.g.	18 Symbol on a one-way sign	67 Refuse to talk	106 Frozen drink treat
39 Solo of sci-fi	83 Not worth — of beans	119 Waco-to-Austin dir.	21 Wish-fulfilling spirits	68 Kimonos, e.g.	107 Widespread
40 Bird that always keeps to itself?	84 Not one's best effort, in sports lingo	120 Cary of "Saw"	22 Innovative	69 Out of port	108 Privy to
		121 Alternative to Valium	29 River in a Foster tune	70 Rebuff rudely	109 Arp's art
			30 Flu symptom	74 Writer Zora — Hurston	110 Author Haley
			31 — -chic (fashion style)		112 #2 execs
			32 Will, biblically		113 Dir. 135
			33 Part of NASA		114 Author Levin
			34 Shady shelter		
			35 Movie cast members		

Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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

BOND

Continued from page A1

board's June meeting are examples of larger projects requiring debt issuance.

In the case of large capital projects, Thompson said bonds are often a more attractive method of borrowing because the bond issuer — in this case, the county — is able to lock in a longer-term interest rate, often lower than lending traditional of a bank.

"The lower the interest rate for the borrower, the less the loan ends up costing," he said.

Unlike a General Obligation Bond (GO Bond), a LOB does not require a vote from the electorate. Instead, it requires a majority vote of the governing body of the local government. Whereas a GO Bond usually requires an increase in the local property tax to cover the bond debt, a LOB uses existing revenue sources.

Though the board approved the issuance of the bond, Chatham's fiscal health and economic outlook will be rated at some point this month by Standard and Poor's

(S&P) and Moody's before moving forward in securing the bond. (The county's last bond rating in 2018 by the same agencies was AAA and Aa1, Thompson said, ratings that essentially indicate a strong capacity to repay investors and the debt.)

The county hopes for its AAA rating from S&P to remain and for the Moody's Aa1 rating to be improved one step, to an AAA rating, Thompson added.

"Once rated and approved by the Local Government Commission (LGC), the principal amount approved by the Board of Commissioners will be placed on the market for pricing with investors in early August," he said. "This will provide the county with the monetary capital for these two capital projects and to potentially refinance portions of existing county debt obligations."

The school system's Central Services Building design was approved by the district's board of education in May 2020. It's slated to be built on Renaissance Drive five miles west of Pittsboro off of U.S. Hwy. 64. The one-story, 38,000-square-foot facility will eventually replace the current building on West Street.

In the approved fiscal year 2021-27 CIP document developed by the Chatham County government, the building was projected to cost \$11,142,055 to construct. That document stated that the current West Street building "exceeded its capacity resulting in the creation of inefficient satellite offices around the county," and "has surpassed its intended lifespan and is in need of costly repairs."

Estimated costs for both projects increased in the approved 2022-28 CIP document due to "updated construction estimates." The Emergency Center budget was increased by \$3,873,651 and the CCS building by \$3,857,945.

The existing Emergency Operations Center (EOC), meanwhile, also located on Pittsboro's West Street, was completed in 1994 and houses the EOC meeting room where decision makers gather during disasters, as well as the 911 Communications Center. The communications room was built to hold four telecommunicator consoles, and in recent years, the number of consoles increased to six.

"If existing estimates for population growth in Chatham County are fulfilled, the

Communications Division will need to hire more full-time telecommunicators," the CIP document recommending a new center says. "This will require more consoles and associated equipment. Since the communications room is currently filled to capacity, there is no room for this needed expansion."

Thompson said county-wide growth will mean providing for the replacement of aged facilities and infrastructure, as well as "the construction of new facilities to meet the dynamic needs of our community." That new building is also set to be built on Renaissance Drive.

"As Chatham County continues to grow, so too will the demands on it for providing quality and responsive public services," he said. "For many years now, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, along with our staff and management, has taken practical and proactive measures to forecast these needs and to consistently exercise a disciplined strategy to meet these needs in a fiscally responsible way."

Reporter Hannah McClellan can be reached at hannah@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @HannerMcClellan.

WATER

Continued from page A1

+ Record, and have taken daily samples since. A first round of results, which was processed at Reidsville's Meritech Labs, came back last Wednesday.

In the immediate wake of Greensboro's contamination, 1,4-Dioxane levels at Pittsboro's raw water intake were non-detectable. Two days later a raw water sample included 76.5 ppb, and later samples showed 38.2 ppb and 43.7 ppb over the next few days — all in excess of the EPA's guidelines. Finished water at Pittsboro's water tanks contained much lower concentrations of 1,4-Dioxane, none higher than 5.56 ppb.

On Monday, though, town representatives announced a troubling inference: there appears to have been at least a second discharge of 1,4-Dioxane from Greensboro, they say, although none had been officially reported. A new batch of water samples showed a spike in 1,4-Dioxane levels at Pittsboro's water intake a week after the initial scare.

Raw water samples from July

6 showed 1,4-Dioxane ranging from 26.5 ppb to 93.6 ppb, a higher ceiling than earlier detected. The chemical's concentration in treated drinking water was also elevated. At the Chatham Forest water tank, levels were as high as 66.8 ppb. The town's 1.0M tank showed 21.7 ppb. Treated water from the Horton tank was much lower, just 1.71 ppb.

"Town staff believes that these numbers indicate a delayed or secondary influx of 1,4-Dioxane reaching the Pittsboro raw water intake with what appears to be an additional slug of contamination coming from Greensboro on or immediately before July 6, 2021 ..." Town Manager Chris Kennedy said in a statement.

Upon seeing the test results, town staff flushed the Chatham Forest tank and refilled it with what they "expect to be less contaminated finished water given the raw water contamination diminishment from July 6 (93.6 ppb) to July 7 (26.5 ppb)," the press release said. "From a strategic perspective, the Town is continually turning over the stored water in our water tanks more frequently than usual to continually refresh

the water with improved and better quality finished water so that 1,4-Dioxane contaminated water exits our public supply as quickly as possible."

As of press time Tuesday, two weeks following the initial 1,4-Dioxane contamination, the chemical's original source remained unknown. Greensboro is obligated to limit 1,4-Dioxane discharge per a Special Order of Consent between the city and NCDEQ signed in February. The SOC stipulates no more than 45 parts per billion of 1,4-Dioxane may be discharged per day.

The agreement was triggered in 2019 after the discovery that Shamrock Environmental — an environmental and industrial waste management services company — was dumping 705 parts per billion to 1,210 parts per billion of 1,4-Dioxane at the TZ Osborne plant. The Shamrock location in Greensboro is a tanker cleaning facility that also manages wastewater and recycles drilling mud.

Water samples of Shamrock's effluent showed 98.8 ppb of 1,4-Dioxane on July 6 and July 7 and 466 ppb on July 7 in a "flume grab" — water

which had not been mixed with other sources at the wastewater treatment plant. But Greensboro spokesperson Elijah Williams, in an interview with N.C. Policy Watch, said Shamrock was not the source of contamination appearing in Pittsboro's water.

"Accounting for dilution factors," the report said, "Shamrock's levels would need to have been much higher for it to be responsible for this spill."

Other potential sources of the contaminant had not been released as of press time. The only official, public notice from Greensboro is the original announcement from July 1 on the town's website.

"City staff has notified and is in coordination with the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) and downstream utilities and is actively investigating possible sources of the substance," it reads.

The notice points out "this discharge does not affect Greensboro's drinking water quality."

"So that's what Greensboro is working on," Pickett, Pittsboro's water superintendent, said, "trying to figure out where this source is coming from all of a sudden. And we're work-

ing with Greensboro, as well, so hopefully we can get this knocked down pretty quick."

It's unclear whether the City of Greensboro or private companies identified as having discharged 1,4-Dioxane into the Haw will be required by NCDEQ to pay financial penalties for the contamination.

Despite the second spike in 1,4-Dioxane levels, and the uncertainty of the chemical's source location, Pittsboro staff maintain the town's drinking water is safe for consumption.

"While the numbers are above non-detect based on the latest sample results," Kennedy said in the release, "we are encouraged by the drop from July 6 to July 7 in our raw water sample and the trends shown in Greensboro's water grab ... trending towards a non-detection level."

A third round of water sample results were expected to be released after press time. For the latest on Pittsboro's water quality, check back on chathamnewsrecord.com.

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

LearnAboutLand.com

LAND EXPERTS SINCE 1990



NOW IS THE TIME TO SALE!!!

We get TOP \$\$\$ FOR SELLERS!!!

The Economy Is Strong.

Atkinson Properties Group

bobatkinson321@gmail.com • C: 919-362-6999



**COME GROW YOUR CAREER
WITH US**



**NOW HIRING
IN SILER CITY**

FAMILY OWNED. FAMILY OPERATED.
WWW.MOUNTAIRE.COM
1100 E. THIRD STREET | SILER CITY | NC
(919) 663-6712

'WE CAN CONTINUE THEIR ATHLETIC TRADITION'

Tommy Peele, Chatham Central's new AD, brings years of experience to the job

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Chatham Central's athletic department will have new leadership this fall.

As fans file into Bears' sporting events this school year — from football games to tennis matches — a new face will be there to greet them and make sure everything's running smoothly.

Tommy Peele, the former athletic director at J.S. Waters School in Goldston, has been named the school's newest AD, effective July 1.

Peele takes over for Bob Pegram, the former Bears' head football coach that had been the school's AD for nearly a decade, who announced his retirement this spring.

And though it's the middle of summer and sports aren't slated to resume until August, Peele is already started preparing for what life will be like once the school year begins.

"So far, it's been a lot of ... (learning) all of the different programs that we use, such as Home-Town Ticketing, BigTeams — which has to do with our athletic paperwork — and Schedule Star," Peele told the News + Record on Monday. "So, there's been a wide variety of things and it'll continue to be that until we get started. ... I'm just trying to adapt and learn my new role as efficiently as I can."

Over the last two school years, he's gotten the taste of the AD position through his work at J.S. Waters. But he'll be one of the firsts to tell you that high school sports is

a different beast than you'll find at other grade levels.

Digital paperwork and ticket sales — of which usage has only increased since the COVID-19 pandemic — account for a couple of the major differences between the middle and high school levels, making his job just a bit more nuanced.

"I know it's going to be a challenging role, especially early on in this first year or two, kind of getting used to my role and other responsibilities and getting everything down," Peele said. "And, of course, still possibly dealing with COVID restrictions somewhat. We're not sure what's going to happen, especially with indoor sports."

See PEELE, page B2



Submitted photo

Chatham Central offensive coordinator Tommy Peele (center) — now the school's athletic director — poses with some of the Bears' senior players (from left to right: Michael Moore, Tyler Oldham, Brady Cunnup, Parker Crowley) after a game during the 2020-21 season. Peele has since stepped down from the OC position to focus on his new AD role.

Stars, stripes and silence: Olympics' choice to ban fans is right call

Even though we're in 2021, the 2020 Summer Olympics may be aptly named.

After a recent announcement by Tokyo 2020 president Seiko Hashimoto, the atmosphere at the Olympic Games will look a lot like sporting events did last year.

"We wanted a full stadium so community people could get involved in welcoming the athletes so we could have a full presentation of the power of sports," Hashimoto said in a press conference last week. "However, now faced with COVID-19, we have no other choice but to hold the Games in a limited way."

The press conference followed a decision made by the governments of Tokyo and Japan at large, as well as both the International Olympic and Paralympic Committees, to ban all fans — both local and foreign — from attending this year's Summer Olympics, slated to begin on July 23 and last until Aug. 8.

The decision came after Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga declared a state of emergency in the nation's capital due to a spike in COVID-19 cases. The emergency is set to remain effective until Aug. 22, encapsulating the entirety of the Olympics.

And it's going to cost the country a pretty penny.

According to a recent USA Today piece, revenue from Olympic ticket sales was expected to be around \$800 million, which would have at least been able to make a tiny dent in the Games' official \$15.4 billion price tag. Now, that ticket revenue number drops to \$0 while the cost of the Olympics — which the article claims could actually be as high as \$30.8 billion — continues to increase.

In addition to the financial strain the decision puts on Japan and its citizens, it's going to make for one strange Olympics, but after last year, we're no stranger to out-of-the-ordinary sporting events. You could say we're experts.

In 2020, the sports world as a whole became all too familiar with delays, cancellations and capacity limits. Many of which

See BAN, page B2

In 2017, Corbie Hill overcame leukemia, started running, and got in the best shape of his life. Then in May, his cancer returned.

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

*They say my days aren't guaranteed
I want more years ahead than behind
I'm sick like a troubled waterway
A salmon swimming blind through
industrial waste
I know my way is hard
I sing my survivor song*

- From "Survivor Song," by Corbie Hill

PITTSBORO — There was a time in his life, just four short years ago, when Corbie Hill would have found it difficult to envision himself as a runner.

Much less a fast one. But the 39-year-old Pittsboro resident is definitely that, and a racer, too. And if you're around the Chatham Community Library around 7 most weekday mornings, and you spot a lean, tattooed man striding by with a receding hairline and two fashionable earrings, rest assured that it's Hill.

And as of this past month, he's something else: a two-time leukemia survivor.

It was back on May 12 that Hill made this new diagnosis public with a Facebook post, which began with: "Hey, everyone. Here's a long update. It starts with the words 'my cancer came back'..."

From 5K to couch

A few months before, back in December, Hill was the fastest he'd ever been. In the last month of 2020, he logged three 5K runs in times under 21 minutes, a pace for the 3.1-mile distance that most recreational runners could only dream of.

But as winter waned and spring approached, Hill began to feel fatigued. He saw a drop in his endurance. His 5K times began to be slower and slower, and slower still.

"But then I couldn't break 22:00," Hill wrote in the Facebook post. "And then I



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Pittsboro runner and chronic lymphocytic leukemia survivor Corbie Hill poses near CCCC's Pittsboro campus, where he begins most of his near-daily running workouts. Hill's leukemia reappeared in May.

couldn't break 23:00; then 24:00 eluded me. Same effort, same energy, but diminished returns."

Then there was the pain and the anemia.

"I had a headache, like a piercing headache that lasted for eight straight

days," he said recently, recalling the worst of that stretch. "Nothing would touch it. And just this unimaginable exhaustion. I went from being someone who would run a 5K and lift weights

See HILL, page B4

Four takeaways from the first half of the MLB season

1. It's Ohtani's world, and we're just living in it

If you couldn't tell from the All-Star game festivities, Shohei Ohtani is one of the new faces of baseball. Not only did he participate in the Home Run Derby and bat leadoff for the American League in the All-Star Game on Tuesday, he became the first player in league history to start the All-Star Game as both a hitter and pitcher. And even though he lost in the first round of the derby, he drew the eyes of the entire baseball world with just his presence. He leads the league in home runs, triples and total bases, all while posting elite numbers on the mound.

The Japanese-born phenom has al-

ready broken Hideki Matsui's record for the most home runs in a single MLB season by a Japanese player. It's his MVP to lose and from what he's shown through these last three months, he'll be in the conversation for years to come.

2. MLB's crackdown on foreign substances off to a shaky start

MLB's decision to begin inspecting pitchers for banned substances nearly halfway through the season hasn't been smooth. When a pitcher walks off the mound following an inning, the umpires inspect him for sticky stuff that could be used to doctor baseballs and improve their grip of the ball. Naturally, pitchers had a wide array of reactions, including relief pitcher Sergio Romo nearly stripping off his entire uniform in protest and Washington Nationals pitcher Max Scherzer engaging in a shouting match with Philadelphia Phil-

lies manager Joe Girardi after Girardi asked for him to be checked multiple times in the middle of an inning.

One can only wonder why MLB waited until June to implement this rule. And is it really necessary to check a pitcher after he allows multiple runs? But with spin rates down after the new rule, there's hope that this can ultimately improve the game. It might just take a little getting used to.

3. Red Sox, Giants, prove they're not pretenders in elite divisions

Judging from their 2020 seasons, these two elite franchises seemed destined for another year of a slight rebuild. The Red Sox, who finished in last place in the AL East after trading Mookie Betts to the Dodgers, were relatively quiet in the offseason. Stacked against the Bronx

See MLB, page B2



MAX BAKER
CN+R Intern

MLB

Continued from page B1

Bombers and reigning AL Champion Tampa Bay Rays, it seemed unlikely that they would compete, much less lead the division at the halfway point.

But the Red Sox bullpen, led by All-Star Matt Barnes, has Boston tied for the best record in the league. Even more surprising is that the Giants lead the 2020 World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres heading into the break. The resurgence of catcher Buster Posey, who is batting .328, has the Giants offense clicking. And if Jacob deGrom wasn't in the picture, Kevin Gausman might have himself a Cy Young-worthy year, with a 1.73 earned run average.

4. A new generation of young talent has taken over the game

Three of the game's most exciting players — Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Fernando Tatis Jr., and Ronald Acuña Jr. are now the face of the sport and none of them are older than 23. Even Ohtani, who spent the beginning of his career in Japan before coming to America, is 27 years old. Those four players are among the top five home run hitters in baseball.

But it's not just their statistics that have viewers eager to watch them play. They each play the game with a bit of flare that the game had been longing for. Tatis and Acuña's bat flips after game-winning home runs bring a new level of excitement and the young stars have challenged some of the game's ridiculous unwritten rules. And unlike Mike Trout, who has dominated the game over the last decade but is not the most marketable superstar, these younger players don't shy away from the limelight. The MLB should market these



Photo by Rob Tringali, MLB Photos

Shohei Ohtani (17) hits the ball during a game against the New York Yankees on June 29.

superstars while they have the chance.

Reporter Max Baker can be reached at max@chathamnr.

com or on Twitter at @Maxbaker_15.

BAN

Continued from page B1

bled into 2021.

But things slowly began to come back to normal as the vaccination train got rolling earlier this year. COVID-19 restrictions started to lift across the nation — and the world — as fans trickled back into arenas. For the first time in nearly a year, the crowd noise we heard after highlight-worthy plays were real fans instead of artificial, pumped-in recordings.

In many areas of the world, sports are starting to heal and fans are back.

Last weekend, for example, was dubbed the "Weekend of Champions" by ESPN. And rightfully so.

In a three-day span, sports fans got to enjoy:

Karolína Plíšková) and Gentlemen's (Novak Djokovic vs. Matteo Berrettini) Finals

• Soccer: UEFA EURO 2020 Final, Italy vs. England

• Soccer: Copa América 2020 Final, Argentina vs. Brazil

• Basketball: NBA Finals, Game 3, Phoenix Suns vs. Milwaukee Bucks

• MMA: UFC 264, Dustin Poirier vs. Conor McGregor

In short, you'd be hard-pressed to find a better weekend of sports this year. And while part of that is due to the level of competition, the stars in action and the numerous storylines floating around every event, the weekend was also thrilling because of one major component: the atmosphere.

At least 60,000 people were in attendance at Wembley Stadium in London to see Italy's historic victory on

Sunday.

An announced crowd of 20,062 saw McGregor's ankle seemingly snap in half at T-Mobile Arena in Paradise, Nevada, on Saturday.

Even the Copa América final on Saturday had a limited capacity of 10% (6,500 fans) at Maracanã Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

And trust me, you could feel the energy through your TV screen.

All of these packed arenas and stadiums create a strong juxtaposition when paired with last week's Tokyo 2020 news, as athletes who have been hard at work to make their Olympic dreams come true will now have to perform in front of vacant stands and plenty of TV cameras.

However, Japan made the right call. At least they'll be able to compete at all.

In Japan, as of July 8, just 28.51% of the

population had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. That's slightly higher than the world average (24.99%), but much lower than the countries hosting last weekend's major sporting events — United Kingdom (67.32%), United States (54.79%) and Brazil (39.38%) — according to Our World in Data.

Pair lower vaccination numbers with the rise in COVID-19 cases in Tokyo and the emergence of the Delta variant in Japan and you have a perfect mixture for a spectator-less Games.

And as crazy as it sounds, an Olympics with no fans might have been better than the alternative.

Prior to the state of emergency declaration, the IOC had already decided to ban foreign fans from the Games, allowing a limited number of local fans (no more than 10,000

in a venue).

Here's the kicker, though: They wouldn't have been allowed to cheer. Vocally, anyway.

The original plan was for fans to have to make it through protocols — including temperature checks and face-covering requirements — to enter, but once inside, they wouldn't be allowed to drink alcohol, ask for autographs, hug one another or verbally cheer. They'd only be allowed to clap — and if they were caught breaking any of those rules, they'd be escorted out of the venue.

Sports inherently cause people to feel a wide range of emotions — happiness, sadness, rage and everything else along the spectrum. That becomes even truer when talking about international competition.

Clapping just doesn't do that level of passion justice.

So while it may be

odd to see Simone Biles winning a boatload of medals in front of a plethora of empty seats, just remember that millions of people are sitting in their homes, thankful the Olympics are back and cheering her on with their faces pressed against the TV screen and their voices reaching certain decibels we only get to witness every four years.

And as long as you don't upset the neighbors, scream both expletives and words of support to your heart's content. I promise you won't be thrown out.

That's what the Summer Games is all about.

Victor Hensley can be reached at vhsensley@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @Frezeal33.

PEELE

Continued from page B1

Some students and parents may already be familiar with Peele, who was the offensive coordinator for the school's football team this past season alongside head coach Sherman Howze. He's since stepped down from the OC job to give himself more time to focus on his new role.

While he's set to inherit an AD role rich with responsibilities — many of which won't arise until students return in the fall — one of his primary areas of focus remains to build relationships at the school and in the community, taking the time to get to know everyone involved in Bears athletics.

"What I'm really looking forward to is just building relationships with the community and with the faculty, staff, students, everyone at the high school," Peele said, "because I think that's a very important thing, to have a great relationship with people, with the community, so we can continue to have the community support that Chatham Central's had in the past and continue their athletic tradition."

The Bears' newest head man is no stranger to high school athletics. Far from it, in fact.

Peele accumulated a little over two decades worth of teaching and coaching experience in a wide variety of sports: baseball, cross country, football, golf and track & field. That includes a 14-year stint coaching football, as an assistant, at Lee County High School in

Sanford from 2005 to 2019.

His experience in so many areas not only means he has plenty of skills to show off at a family reunion or company picnic, but also that he understands how to best lend his support to all of the sports teams under Chatham Central's umbrella.

"(Stepping down as the football team's OC) will give me the opportunity to be able to contribute more time to these other teams," Peele said, "just making sure they are taken care of so that they can operate successfully and go on to have great seasons in their respective sports."

Though he's only spent a little less than two weeks on the job, Peele

has already begun thinking of ideas he'd like to bring to Bear Creek in an effort to boost both the athletic program's brand and atmosphere at home games.

Peele mentioned creating an Instagram page for Chatham Central athletics to promote the school's teams and inform students and community members when the Bears have upcoming games.

He also wants to create a dedicated student section — equipped with a catchy name and all — at some of the school's sports venues to give students a chance to "congregate together and cheer on their classmates."

But first, he wants to make sure he learns the basic ins and outs of the

job before implementing anything new.

And his predecessor, Pegram, is making sure the transition goes swimmingly.

"He's been a great asset for me," Peele said. "I spent a lot of time in June, once I accepted the position, coming over to Central while he was still finishing up and he was very helpful in giving me ideas, giving me contact information, giving me training on all of these programs. ... He said anytime I needed him to give him a call. I've probably averaged calling him at least once a day."

Reporter Victor Hensley can be reached at vhsensley@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @Frezeal33.

Advertisement for Sweet Corn at Logan Farms. Includes phone number 919-776-2277 and website www.loganfarms.com.

Advertisement for Fish Day! It's Time To Stock Your Pond! Includes delivery schedule and contact information for Fish Wagon.

Advertisement for Animal Resources at Sheriff's Office. Includes low cost spay/neuter services and contact information.

Advertisement for Household Hazardous Waste Events 2021. Includes date Saturday, July 17, time 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and location 28 County Services Road.

Large advertisement for DIRECTV NFL Sunday Ticket. Features the slogan 'DON'T JUST KINDA TV. DIRECTV.' and 'EVERY LIVE GAME EVERY SUNDAY'. Includes contact information 855-653-2438.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Baseball is back: Chatham's Little League All-Stars find success in district, state tournaments

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff



Submitted photo

The view of Southern Bank Stadium with East Chatham's Christian Batcheller (at plate) up to bat during his team's 3-0 win over Wilson in the All-Stars' opening game of the N.C. Little League 8U state tournament last Friday.

On a toasty evening last Friday, East Chatham took the field at Southern Bank Stadium — a replica of Wilson's historic Fleming Stadium, which opened in 1939 — in an atmosphere unlike any it'd experienced up to that point for its first game of the tournament against the hometown Wilson team.

Southern Bank Stadium, constructed as part of the J. Burt Gillette Baseball Complex in 2009, is equipped with a grandstand that seats 450 spectators, a large lawn that can fit around 500 more and a scoreboard in the outfield that displays an image of the batter when they're at the plate. It may not have been Williamsport, but it sure felt like it.

East Chatham came prepared for the bright lights.

"It's funny because our outfielders, since that big Jumbotron's up there, they're just staring at it while the pitch is in play and I'm like, '...Please look at the field!'" Lewis said with a laugh. "It was great, it was loud. The stadium was echoing, the music was blaring. ... They seemed to rise to the level as opposed to shrinking from the moment."

The EC All-Stars went on to defeat Wilson, 3-0, on its home turf in a dominant showing.

But they hadn't yet hit their stride.

The following day — on one of the complex's smaller fields — they

shut out Rocky Mount, 10-0, meaning that through the tournament's first two games, East Chatham had yet to allow a single run. The train kept on rolling.

"They hit the ball well, our infield defense is our true strength — we have some phenomenal infielders — but maybe more than anything was that they had this unflappable nature, they just never got down," Lewis said. "Young players, it's an emotional game for them. ... They were just big-time hungry competitors and played with passion and I'd hesitate to call it 'malice,' but they really wanted to beat the other team."

The EC All-Stars lost to Franklin later on Saturday afternoon, 9-8, but would get their revenge in the single-elimination portion of the tournament on Sunday, downing Franklin in the rematch, 11-8, and advancing to the state semifinals.

Then, they ran into a team that Lewis describes as a "buzzsaw."

East Chatham's season ended in the semifinals on Sunday with a 10-0 shut-out loss to Lake Norman, the tournament's no. 1 seed.

"They were noticeably better than us," Lewis said, referring to Lake Norman. "Even though we had lost to Franklin, it didn't feel like they were better than us, but Lake Norman felt better than us."

While the EC All-Stars never got a chance to play for a championship on the same field that hosted their opening win, a third-place finish in the state's 8U division is no reason to scoff.

Lewis says he doesn't think so, either, but he's ready to find a way to get over that hump.

The off-season starts now.

"To me, the season was a great success," Lewis said. "The kids grew, they've gotten a bunch of new buddies. ... I'd say, 30,000-foot view, I'm super proud and impressed and it's just been a phenomenal season. But on the micro-level, I'm turning over every rock to try to figure out how we can win that last game. I think that's my job as a coach and my job as a board member, to give these boys every chance to succeed."

Making the county proud

This season, Little League teams

from both East and West Chatham have spent countless hours practicing for district and state tournaments, learned plenty of life lessons both on and off the field and — most importantly — had tons of fun in the process.

After losing last season to the COVID-19 pandemic, baseball in the county has come back in full force.

The All-Stars from the East Chatham Little League had two teams representing the county at the state tournament, including the 8U team that finished third place in Wilson and the 14U team that finished as the state runner-up in Kernersville, both of which won their respective district tournaments.

The 10U (fourth place) and 12U (third place) teams fell just short of qualifying for their state tournaments after their district tournament performances.

However, the West Chatham All-Stars boasts one of the county's most impressive teams as the 12U squad won its district tournament last month, posting a 5-0 record by a combined score of 58-1. They'll begin play in the state tournament in Eden this Saturday, July 17, for a shot at a championship.

West Chatham also saw its 8U and 10U teams qualify for the state tournament after winning their district tournaments.

The 8U squad lost in the state tournament two weekends ago and the 10U team lost in the single-elimination portion of its tournament on Monday.

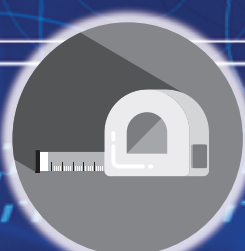
In total, five of the county's eight All-Stars teams were crowned district champions in June.

As great as the final scores, trophies and banners are, this summer has illustrated the importance of Little League baseball as a whole.

"It's scary sometimes to put yourself out there because what if you fail, but if you want to chase greatness, there could be pain on the other side but otherwise there's just mediocrity," Lewis said. "The kids showed talent, they showed that they wanted it, so why not pour everything into it? Why not show them what's attainable with hard work?"

Reporter Victor Hensley can be reached at vhensley@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at [@Frezeal33](https://twitter.com/Frezeal33).

BUSINESSES & SERVICES



DIRECTORY

CROSSROADS BACKHOE SERVICE

- Install and Repair Septic Systems
- Pump Existing Septic Tanks
- All Sorts of Backhoe Work
- Specializing in Bush Hogging
- Ponds, Ditches & Driveways

Call Monty Justice @ (919) 545-4107

"We Specialize in all your home improvement needs"

- Door & Window Replacement
- Drywall, Trim
- Deck & Demo
- Roof & Floors
- Carpentry

Elite Home Improvements

John Hayes
919-548-0474

ASHEBORO TIE YARDS, INC

Beautiful Yards Start Here!

Mushroom Compost • Shredded Hardwood Mulch
Pine Mini Nuggets • Brick Chips • Sand • Top Soil
Black, Brown & Red Mulch • White Pea Gravel • Railroad Ties

205 Hanner Town Rd. Bear Creek
(2 miles South of Bonlee on Old 421)
Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7 AM - 4 PM, Fri. 7 AM - 12 PM
(919) 837-2822 • We Deliver!

D & G PLUMBING

Plumbing Problems?

Commercial and Residential Installation and Service
Located in Siler City

Locally Owned and Operated by Greg and Donna Kennedy
Licensed and Insured
Office: 919-742-4587 Cell: 919-427-2374

Backyard Clean Up Services

Brush Removal
Junk Removal • Driveways
Bush Hogging • Finish Mowing

919-718-0236

TREEMASTERS

- Brush Chipping
- Tree Climbing • Stump Removal
- Free Estimates

(919) 775-7408
Tommy Dunigan Cell: (919) 548-3542

JHJ Painting & Power Washing

"We Specialize in All Your Painting & Power Washing Needs"

Deck Washing, Renewal & Repair • Window Washing & Install
Carpentry • Door Install • Other Small Repairs

John Hayes, Jr • 919-548-0474

Bob Atkinson, GRI, CRS, E-PRO
Homes-Land-Investments
C: 919-362-6999

LearnAboutLand.com

Atkinson Properties Group
bobatkinson321@gmail.com

THIS SPOT CAN BE YOURS!

Call Advertising @ 919-663-3232

Find the help you need in the *Services Directory* of **Chatham News + Record**

Advertise Your Business in the Service Directory for ONLY \$20 PER WEEK!

HILL

Continued from page B1

for an hour and then go hiking to someone who couldn't get off the couch. It was ridiculous."

His wife Rachel said that between the pain, the anemia and going off original cancer medication led to "a serious nosedive" for Corbie.

"He was so exhausted all he could do was lie down, and even breathing was labored," she said.

Hill's oncology team at UNC Hospitals, the group which nursed him back from an initial diagnosis of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) in 2017, began to methodically look at the possible explanations for his increasing lack of energy. It was an attempt to rule out everything that didn't mean a return of his cancer.

"They knew something was wrong, something was weird," he said.

By April, as the promise of summer approached and the world began to think of life after a pandemic, Hill learned what he had suspected all along: the leukemia was active in his marrow again.

"I wasn't surprised," he said, "when I found out that was what was causing it."

Hill's CLL diagnosis infers in its name that it's chronic — "chronic is in its nature," he says. Remission isn't something that's a part of the equation for CLL sufferers; rather, it's a matter of using drug treatments to reduce the leukemia to low or undetectable levels.

"I mean, it's always in there, it's always in my bloodstream, you know, or, I guess also in my bone marrow," he said. "So it's just a question of level — not a question of it ever really going away."

In his May Facebook post, Hill wrote that back in 2017, the leukemia "never hurt."

The 2021 diagnosis was different.

"There was a lot of pain, and my exhaustion (leukemia's calling card) was insurmountable, severe," he wrote. "I learned new definitions of patience. The muscles I'd built through years of working out wasted away to nothing. I became weak, exhausted, useless."

Which was incredibly frightening for someone who had transformed his body after that first go-round with leukemia.

Becoming a runner

Hill, who had the lean build of a serious runner before he became one, works as a staff writer for Duke Magazine, the official alumni magazine of Duke University. He's well known around Pittsboro, where he lives, for his writing skills — he worked as a freelancer for years before getting the Duke gig — and for gigs of another kind: as a songwriter and guitarist and vocalist, performing in



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Corbie Hill poses with wife Rachel and their daughters, Sarah (right) and Lucy (in striped shirt).

local bands and working as a music producer.

But as a runner, a racer? It's not something Hill had done as an adult.

You'd more likely find him talking about his passion for "Star Trek" or one of the more than 100 bands which show up under his Facebook page's "artists" section, or kayaking on Jordan Lake with his wife and their two daughters.

But after that cancer diagnosis four years ago, things changed.

It's hard to imagine a cancer diagnosis as a blessing. But it's always life-changing. As he came back from his 2017 diagnosis and began his medical treatment, Hill started hitting the gym — something he'd never done before. As 2018 approached, he became a regular at the YMCA in Pittsboro. His increased energy seemed to feed his workouts; his workouts — "I just tried out the free weights and stumbled my way through it" — helped increase his energy. That boost made his occasional canoeing trips with family (Rachel joined him at the Y) and friends more fun. He added kayaking to his menu of activities and his energy level increased even more.

Then Hill gave running a try — hopping on a treadmill one day purely out of curiosity.

"And I was like, this is actually fun," he said.

Within a few months he was running outdoors.

"And," he said, "I got hooked."

Hill eventually entered his first 5K race, setting a goal to run the course in 24 minutes or less. His time was closer to 23 minutes than 24.

"I thought I was just going out there and running," he said. "I didn't realize that I'd gotten to a point where I could move really fast. And I'm thinking, 'Well, let's see how far this goes. You know, why not be good at this?'"

He kept at it through 2019 and 2020; not even the COVID-19 pandemic could slow him down. Even though there were

no more in-person races, Hill took part in "virtual" events and kept up his regimen, adding intervals — repeated short but high-intensity runs with small rest breaks in between — to his weekly running calendar. All that work led to his three sub-21 minute 5Ks in December, reaching a goal he'd set for himself — before his leukemia made its reappearance.

No stranger to cancer

It's a gross understatement to say that Hill is no stranger to cancer. Eleven months to the day after his initial 2017 diagnosis, his wife learned she had breast cancer. Because of the prevalence of breast cancer in her family, Rachel, at age 35, decided to opt for a double mastectomy. After a successful surgery, her treatments now consist of hormone therapy.

"It has been kind of surreal as you might imagine," she said. "We were diagnosed with cancer within about a year of each other, which is a little ridiculous. I have a strong family history of breast cancer so I think it was a little less of a shock. Despite going to the same hospital our treatments/experiences have felt more different than similar, with Corbie's being more of a steady, long term need."

She's healthy, but for the couple's daughters — Sarah, 11, and Lucy, 9 — seeing their mother and father each battle a life-threatening disease is something even Hill struggles to process.

"It's been such a part of their young life so far that I can't really tell you how they're handling it, because they just seem like themselves," Hill said.

Rachel said that even though "kids can be pretty resilient," she knows they worry.

"We also have lots of offers of help and support from family and friends, which is invaluable," she said.

Hill said Sarah plays piano and has a deep appreciation for classic country music.

"She's all about Dolly

Parton, Emmylou Harris and Loretta Lynn," he said. "She understands at her young age that this is 'hard times' music, and hard times music makes a lot of sense. I think after several years of this" — seeing her parents go through the cancer journey — "I think she really understands: Yeah, life's hard. You do talk about the hard stuff, but you find the light in it, too. I think she appreciates it on that level, and gets it, and uses that music as part of her worldview because she knows that from her experiences."

Just like Hill has done himself.

Back in May, in his announcement about his diagnosis, in the midst of the extreme pain and anemia, he was intensely reflective about his future.

"I'm ready to get back on my feet," Hill wrote in the May 12 Facebook post. "I'm ready to hike and kayak and run and lift weights and cook and play music and do the things that make me feel like a complete person. I know none of that will happen in a hurry, but I'm confident it's coming back. At this point, I'll settle for having the energy to stay awake all day ... Baby steps. Baby steps."

He wrote that he wasn't as "bold and glowing and fearless" as he was in 2017.

"Now I feel like I'm keeping my footing in a hurricane," he wrote. "Now I feel like disaster is the nature of the universe and the best I can do is scurry from foxhole to foxhole."

But Hill also wrote that despite the cancer that had so relentlessly attacked him and his wife, he sincerely believed he was living his best life.

"I'm married to someone who gets me like no one else ever has or will," his post read. "Somehow in this enormous, chaotic world I found my match, and we hold each other up no matter what gets thrown at us. I have my dream job. My kids are great kids. I

play music with talented, creative people and live in a town where I fit, where I make sense. I never expected any of these things.

"I think about quantum realities sometimes, and if there are parallel universes, in most of them I'm dead already. My body turned on itself by 35, and without advanced medicine my leukemia comes flooding back, inexorable as the sea and just as lethal. As sh*tty a time as I've had this spring, I live in one of the good universes. I'm alive. I'm with Rachel. There's a fighting chance that I'll stick around. That's enough. It has to be."

Since then, the new treatment his oncologist prescribed for this latest bout with CLL has done its work. Doctors suspect the medication which did so well beginning in 2017 stopped being effective, possibly because of a mutation with his leukemia. "You know, it was working," Hill said, "but not enough."

A switch in medications — he takes pills; CLL doesn't respond to chemotherapy — and some blood transfusions helped him feel better almost immediately after his spring diagnosis. It made Hill feel strong enough to take two camping trips in June and even embark on some hikes.

It was difficult for him physically, but also a relief. "I think it was about a week or so before I felt kind of normal," he said. "I was coming back from much

more severe anemia than last time. This time, I just couldn't stay awake. When I was really in the throes of this thing, it sucked because I was so sick and felt so bad that I couldn't stay awake. But then when I fell asleep, I couldn't stay asleep. It was awful."

The CLL indicators are all falling now.

"We're in a positive place," Hill said.

The long-term outlook? His doctors hope this treatment protocol will last 10 years. And there are backup therapies in place, too, and research into new therapies as well. CLL is rare for someone of his age — it usually strikes an older population — but his oncology team is hopeful and realistic about keeping Hill alive for another 40 years or more.

In the meantime, Hill is running again. His 5K times are hovering around the 25-minute mark, but that's perfectly fine.

He's been there before. He knows now he has the time to work on his speed.

In the lyrics from "Survivor Song," which Hill wrote and recorded in 2019 with his band Land Is, he paints another hopeful note.

"Room by room we all face a different beast," the song's last verse reads. "When we come to the table that cancer sets, That mindless thief of time, That horrible weight on my mind ...

"That rotten chord I won't let spoil, My survivor song."

Eureka! You found the answer!

A: Devil's Tramping Ground

To enter the COA's monthly drawing for a \$25 Visa Gift Card, call the COA at 919-542-4512, extension 223 and follow the prompts on the voicemail.

July's winner will be drawn from eligible entries provided by 7/31/2021. The July winner will be announced in an August issue of the Chatham News + Record. One entry per household, per week. Employees of the COA and their dependents not eligible.

Chatham COA Events & Announcements
July 15th through July 21st

Thursday, July 15th

- Body Conditioning with Jackie at 8:00 AM (on site at at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
- Tai Chi for Arthritis at 3:00 PM

Friday, July 16th

- Body Conditioning with Jackie at 8:00 AM (on site at at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
- Weekly Call with Dennis Streets & Guests at 10:15 AM

Monday, July 19th

- Chair Yoga with Liz at 10:00 AM
- Tai Chi for Arthritis at 3:00 PM

Tuesday, July 20th

- Body Conditioning with Jackie at 8:00 AM (on site at at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)

Wednesday, July 21st

- Chair Yoga with Liz at 10:00 AM

On Zoom On Conference Line: 727-731-8717

For more information or to register for these and other programs, visit our website: chathamcouncilonaging.org/activities/calendars/

Now Accepting Vehicle Donations!

Your unwanted car, truck, boat, motorcycle, SUV or even plane can be accepted as a donation to the COA. Your generosity qualifies for a tax deduction and we'll do all the heavy lifting. The pick-up is free and we'll schedule it during a time that's convenient for you. Call 855-500-RIDE (7433) or visit: careasy.org/nonprofit/chathamcountycouncilonaginginc to get started!

Volunteers Needed...

For Meals on Wheels Delivery.

Contact Allison Andrews for more info: 919-542-4512 or allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org

The Chatham COA is Here for You!

For more information on our ongoing programs & services visit our website at chathamcoa.org or call our centers, Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

Eastern Chatham Senior Center 365 NC-87 N Pittsboro, NC 27312 919-542-4512	Western Chatham Senior Center 112 Village Lake Road Siler City, NC 27344 919-742-3975
--	---

AMERICA'S BEST STORAGE SPACE

Need some SPACE? We can help!

Offering:

- On-Site Manager
- Multiple Sizes
- Conference Room
- One month free* (*12th month of one year rental agreement)

60 Andrews Store Rd., Pittsboro, NC 27312
919-968-8705
americasbeststoragespace.com

Siler City's newest Mexican restaurant opens buffet section

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON
News + Record Staff

wait for someone to cook for 10, 15 or 20 minutes, like those who work and see that they have half an hour for their lunch," he said. "They want to arrive, serve themselves and eat. This is why I am doing it."

San Marcos officially opened in Siler City in May. Located at 315 East Third Street, the restaurant is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Reporter Victoria Johnson can be reached at victoria@chathamnr.com.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

These two pork dishes, one based in green sauce, the other in red, were among San Marcos' first buffet options Saturday in Siler City. San Marcos Taqueria y Buffet opened its buffet section Saturday, nearly two months after it first opened.

San Marcos Taqueria y Buffet opened a buffet section last Saturday, following weeks of preparation and county approval. And according to restaurant owner Bernardo Gallegos Rodriguez, that had always been the plan.

"For many people, it's what they want," he told the News + Record in May. "Many people don't have time to come and



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Zamisela Rivera of Siler City helps set up San Marcos' new buffet section, which just opened on July 10. San Marcos Taqueria y Buffet is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



San Marcos Taqueria y Buffet's owner, Bernardo Gallegos Rodriguez, showcases the restaurant's new buffet station on Saturday. Located at 315 East Third Street, San Marcos first opened for business on May 15.

Staff photo by Kim Hawks

CCPHD distributes potassium iodide to residents near power plant

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Public Health Department recently distributed potassium iodide (KI) to residents and employers within 10 miles of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

KI is a type of salt that is often added to table salt. It is also a non-prescription medication designed to protect the thyroid during a nuclear power plant emergency involving the release of radioactive iodine. If taken within the appropriate time period and at the appropriate dosage, it can

reduce the risk of thyroid cancer and other thyroid disorders by blocking the thyroid gland's intake of radioactive iodine.

Since 2003, the State of North Carolina has required local health departments to distribute KI doses every five years to all residents and employers within 10 miles of a nuclear power plant, otherwise known as the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ). These doses are free of charge and should only be taken if instructed by officials during an emergency event at the nuclear

power plant involving the release of radioactive iodine.

"While this action follows a state mandate, it also falls right in line with our mission as a public health department and is part of our ongoing public health emergency preparedness efforts," said Anne Lowry, Chatham County Environmental Health Director. "In the rare case of a nuclear power plant emergency, KI can provide critical protection for the thyroid."

The kits assembled by Chatham County Public

Health Department staff include one dose for up to two adults and a "Frequently Asked Questions" fact sheet about KI, including why, when and how to take it. The doses expire in 2029. If you live in the EPZ and have not received the KI by July 14th, you can pick it up at the Chatham County Public Health Department's Environmental Health desk, at 80 East St., Pittsboro.

To learn more about North Carolina's Potassium Iodide Program, visit <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/phpr/ki/ki.html>.



Submitted photo

Potassium iodide tablets like these have been distributed to residents living in the vicinity of Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant.

Fireworks — fun and philanthropic

Everyone's seen the fireworks tents that pop up in the week before July 4, but what happens to the take-home-combustibles business in the other 51 weeks of the year?



D. LARS DOLDER
Enterprising Chatham

president and CEO of Duffey Communications, told me.

Simmons' company represents TNT Fireworks, the unequivocal industry leader. The company has been in business for more than 100 years and distributes fireworks and sparklers to 49 states. It's the nation's largest fireworks distributor with products sold in more than 40,000 retail stores, Simmons said, but TNT's most common incarnation is the pop-up tent that seems to populate every parking lot across the country in July and December, before inconspicuously disappearing as festivities subside. The tents don't contribute much to TNT's bottom line, though.

"TNT partners with nonprofit groups nationwide, raising more than \$30 million each year for their respective causes," Simmons said. "The proceeds derived from fireworks sales each year directly support local initiatives ranging from well-established charitable

organizations and local public-school groups raising funds for band and sports equipment to youth groups raising funds for mission trips."

Duffey couldn't release specifics of TNT's Chatham partners, nor how much revenue they make on average, citing the company's policy not to make sales figures public. And it would be "too early to estimate at this point," anyway, she said. But this year and last, fireworks sales were off the chart. According to some reports, individual tents could make more than \$20,000 in a week's time.

"Product demand was extremely high in 2020 due to the pandemic," Simmons said. "Since the majority of professional fireworks displays were canceled due to COVID-19, families celebrated at home with consumer fireworks. Product demand was also high this year because families and friends were excited about being able to celebrate together."

Unsurprisingly — as with lumber, microchips, used cars, oil and more that I've previously written about — the fireworks ran out.

"There is a national shortage of consumer products this year," Simmons said, "including fireworks, due to shipping delays, container shortages and back-up at ports, so many consumers were shopping early."

Fortunately, fireworks rarely come with expiration dates. Any reserve you've managed to stockpile ought to last until your next jamboree. But don't

go too crazy. North Carolina law forbids the most spectacular fireworks displays except by special permitting. To play it safe stick with sparklers, fountains, smoke devices, snake and glow worms, trick noisemakers, string poppers or snappers and toy pistol caps. Explosives or aerial fireworks, roman candles, rockets and similar devices are expressly prohibited.

Other business news

Back in May I wrote about a concept home in Chatham Park designed to address feedback from about 7,000 Americans nationwide (Millennials start settling down, but (as always) it's on their own terms). The house, now officially dubbed Barnaby, was unveiled Tuesday after a 60-day, foundation-to-finish build.

"As you previously covered the results from the study, you'll have a good idea about the types of layout and design shifts made in the home," Wendy Agudelo, a senior communications strategist for the project, told me. "But words on paper hardly do the design justice."

Barnaby is a 2,600 square-foot, two-story, four bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath concept home constructed to satisfy Americans' (read: millennials') newfound needs after enduring nearly 15 months in pandemic. The data from the completed survey — called the America At Home Study — revealed major paradigm shifts in ideology, which researchers think will funda-

mentally shift the homebuilding market in years to come.

"Millennials have always made their own way, and they're continuing to do that now as more of them enter the housing market," Alaina Money-Garman, CEO and co-founder of Cary-based Garman Homes, previously told the News + Record. "They don't want the same things as their parents did."

Garman partnered with the America At Home Study leaders to develop the Barnaby concept. Their design considerations prioritized safety, comfort and wellness. Dedicated office space, "flex spaces," a guest suite with outdoor access, larger family bathroom, multiple covered outdoor spaces, improved kitchen functionality, flexible storage, drop zones for package deliveries and touchless fixtures were all features heavily requested in the national survey. And my favorite feature: The master bedroom includes a breakaway bookcase that hides a secret chamber.

Barnaby was open this week for exclusive, invite-only tours on Tuesday and Wednesday. Digital and remote walk-throughs were also available. The house is located at 28 Edgefield St. in Pittsboro at the intersection of Vine Parkway and Edgefield. To learn more about the project, visit concepthome.garmanhomes.com/#/.

Have an idea for what Chatham business topics I should write about? Send me a note at dldolder@chathamnr.com or on Twitter @dldolder.

SUBSCRIBE

POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On July 7, Latasha Momiue Outlaw, 46, of 65 TW Alexander Drive, Durham, was arrested by Deputy Shannon Parker for second degree forcible sex offense, sexual battery, kidnapping, assault by strangulation, assault and battery and larceny from the person. Outlaw was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 19.

On July 8, David Scott Perron, 34, of 1251 Goode Street, Raleigh, was arrested by Deputy Mackenzie Abbott for breaking and entering and larceny after breaking/entering. Perron was issued a \$1,000 secured bond to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 19.

On July 8, Jordan Michelle Wiseman, 34, of 166 West Shannon Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for failure to appear on charges of simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. Wiseman was issued a \$1,000 secured bond to appear in Rockingham County District Court in Reidsville on August 26.

On July 8, Stephen Michael Welch, 34, of 38 Lee Street, Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for pretrial violation involving a domestic violence

protective order violation. Welch was issued a \$75,000 secured bond to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 21.

On July 8, Kristopher Ray Jeffries, 30, of 600 Goldston Glendon Road, was arrested by Deputy Michael Cox for possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver marijuana, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz and possession of drug paraphernalia. Jeffries was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 19.

On July 8, Anna Marie Wall, 27, of 600 Goldston Glendon Road, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver marijuana, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz and possession of drug paraphernalia. Wall was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 19.

On July 8, David Richard Klarmann, 70, of 204 Hillcrest Avenue, Goldston, was arrested by Deputy Mackenzie Abbott

for probation violations. Klarmann was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 28.

On July 9, William Joseph Purdy, 33, of 2384 Mt. Gilead Church Road, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for breaking and entering a place of worship, larceny after breaking/entering, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and simple possession of schedule IV controlled substance. Purdy was issued a \$5,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 19.

On July 9, Jordan Hamilton Bryarley, 34, of 5421 Piney Grove Church Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for failure to appear on charges of failure to wear seat belt, driving while license revoked — impaired revocation, driving a motor vehicle with no registration, operating a vehicle with no insurance, and giving/lending/borrowing a license plate. Bryarley was issued a \$200 secured bond to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 20. Bryarley was also served for failure to appear on charges of driving while impaired, no operator's license, speeding, expired/no inspection, expired registration card/tag and fictitious/altered title/registration card/tag. For these charges, he was issued a \$5,000 secured

bond and is scheduled to appear Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on August 8. On July 9, Jordan Hamilton Bryarley, 34, of 5421 Piney Grove Church Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Branden Havens for failure to appear regarding child support. Bryarley was issued a \$750 cash bond and is scheduled to appear in Guilford County District Court in Greensboro on July 12.

On July 9, James Melvin Burnsfield, 41, of 4534 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Cody DeViney, for failure to appear — misdemeanor larceny. Burnsfield was issued a \$200 secured bond to appear in Chatham County District Court, in Pittsboro, on July 28.

On July 10, Jose Ramirez, 34, of 33 Rosebud Drive, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Devin Smith for assault on a female. Ramirez was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court, in Pittsboro, on July 21.

On July 10, Michael Dallas Snook, 26, of 90 Mt. Vernon Springs Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Snook was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 19.

CCS extends deadline for next year's standalone virtual academy

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

Chatham County Schools has extended its deadline for K-8 applications to its standalone virtual academy for next year, and will now accept students through July 30.

The deadline for high schoolers was June 15. At the end of June, about 155 students signed up for the standalone academy, CCC's Amanda Hartness told the News + Record. Now, that number is still hovering around 150 students, she said.

Last year, more than 2,000 CCS students — about 25% of the system's enrollment — opted into Virtual Academy, a remote-only option mandated by the state to allow students to continue learning online even as schools resumed in-person learning. Though not required by the state this year, Hartness said offering a learning option all families feel comfortable with is important.

"As we think about services post pandemic, we have to think about the opportunities we provide for students and families," said Hartness, who is the district's assistant superintendent of academic services and instructional support. "We want our students and families to have as many options as possible."

The academy will require a semes-

ter-long commitment and will not provide a paper packet option for students like it did last year, claiming its "almost impossible to provide quality instruction" through them. (To sign up or learn more about the program, visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQUH_hJXJeJ-896P6AZf2Xszj4pFwpHp-pjVM3dv-Vz3ttmDw/viewform)

CCS is using part of its COVID-19 relief funds to fund the standalone virtual academy K-12 program, paying for district-wide virtual academy positions: six teachers, two instructional assistants and one enhancement staffer. Previously, the district said teachers and staff teaching students in-person and those opting to learn virtually was a big source of burnout last year.

The standalone academy will be housed at two schools: K-8 at Bennett School and high school at Chatham Central, which has had a virtual academy for the last four years. Teachers will be hired for the virtual classes, but the principal at Bennett will oversee the program.

"It'll be different in that different schools aren't having to piece this together, I'll have a staff specifically dedicated to the Virtual Academy," said Bennett Principal Carla Neal. "So I'm in the process right now of hiring teachers. We have a great new virtual

curriculum coach that I'm really excited about, and will operate this kind of as two schools within a school, but as a separate entity, so we can give all of our energy and attention to virtual learning. I'm really excited about that part."

Last year, there were mixed feelings among families regarding asynchronous learning — learning done on your own time, rather than at a set time. Some families liked the option, saying it provided more flexibility for students, while others thought the lack of structure was harmful to learning.

Next year's virtual academy will have synchronous and asynchronous components, Neal said, with about two hours every school day set aside for direct instruction with teachers.

"It wouldn't be fair to say that your kid's going to be logged onto a computer for five hours, nor would that be best for students," she said. "That's not age appropriate. That's just not good learning. It's not good for your health."

While some families indicated interest in the virtual academy due to remaining COVID-19 concerns, Neal said most were interested due to the flexibility provided to students. Research has also shown that some students — particularly LGBTQ students and students of color — virtual learning offered reprieve from school environments that often felt stressful or unsafe.

About 20% of families expressed interest in a virtual-only option in a district survey last semester; fewer students ended up signing up. At this time, Hartness said the program is definitely worth having, though moving forward, she said the district will have to think about "the fiscal viability of the program," using online services if student registration numbers don't warrant a full staff.

Karla Eanes, principal at Chatham Central, said the virtual academy there was originally started as a partnership with homeschool groups and has since expanded to students looking to take online courses. The academy is an opportunity to partner with the wider community, she said.

"We saw this as a need before COVID even hit. ... The fact that we saw that need early in the game, I think those reasons are still very valid and real reasons," Eanes said. "I think COVID taught us that there are some students who actually, contrary to popular belief, really thrived in this environment. I think that students have learned I don't need to sit in a building every day, all day long for six, seven hours to learn. And I think this honors that."

Reporter Hannah McClellan can be reached at hannah@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @HannerMcClellan.

CDC's guidance says schools should fully reopen, masks optional for the fully vaccinated

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged schools on Friday to fully reopen in the fall, also saying that fully vaccinated students and teachers don't have to wear face masks in school.

While the CDC also emphasized a return to in-person school last spring, this most updated guidance is the first with language explicitly stating the importance of offering in-person learning, even if all prevention strategies cannot be implemented at a school.

"For example, because of the importance of in-person learning," the updated guidance says, "schools where not everyone is fully vaccinated should implement physical distancing to the extent possible within their structures (in addition to masking and other prevention strategies), but should not exclude students from in-person learning to keep a minimum distance requirement."

The guidance also encouraged vaccine promotion as "the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic" and clarified that anyone not fully vaccinated should wear a mask indoors. In addition, the agency said screening testing, ventilation, handwashing, staying home when sick and cleaning and disinfection are also "important layers of prevention" at schools.

"COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people, includ-

ing students, teachers, and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels," the guidance says.

CDC also said local health departments and governments should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing and occurrence of outbreaks to make decisions on the level of "layered prevention strategies" such as physical distancing and screening testing. The guidance did not offer a roadmap for situations in which a school should not fully reopen.

In Chatham, most students had the option of returning to some form of in-person learning by mid-spring. At Chatham County Schools, students had the option to return to four days of in-person learning under Plan A starting in April, following new legislation requiring daily in-person learning for elementary students and allowing it for middle and high schoolers.

Under that plan, a mid-week planning/cleaning day was still allowed; CCS administration stressed how important that planning day was for staff teaching multiple groups of students (remote, hybrid). Next year, CCS will offer a standalone virtual academy, meaning students opting for online-only courses will be taught by teachers designated to that program.

While nothing official has been announced by Gov. Roy Cooper or the CCS Board of Education regarding plans for next fall, both state and local officials have long pointed to the hope of returning to five days of "normal"

in-person learning next year. Cooper said on Tuesday, at a vaccination stop in a Cabarrus County high school, he expects to issue a new recommendation for mask-wearing in schools soon, the Raleigh News & Observer reported.

"I want our schools to go back in the fall as normal as possible," Cooper said.

At CCS, this year's summer programming is offered completely in person.

For many students and teachers, remote learning was full of challenges, and the return to any form of in-person learning is welcomed. Still, the new guidance is concerning to some community members, particularly as the World Health Organization still recommends universal masking in indoor public spaces and as the Delta variant spreads. Additionally, emerging research suggests that vaccines might not be as effective for people who are immunocompromised — calling into question how such students and teachers will be protected at schools loosening masking mandates, even if they are fully vaccinated.

In North Carolina, Gov. Cooper previously cited the CDC's old mask guidance for schools as reason to continue face covering requirements in schools, even as he lifted them in most other places.

North Carolina legislators could soon pass a law that would allow K-12 schools to make face masks optional. The "Free the Smiles Act" was approved by the state House but was rejected in the Senate, but lawmakers

are working toward a potential compromise bill.

Two N.C. school districts — Harnett and Rowan-Salisbury — have already defied Cooper's current face mask mandate for schools, the N&O's T. Keung Hui reported in a Twitter thread Tuesday.

"It's masks today & vaccinations today. What's it tomorrow?" Hui tweeted, quoting Rowan-Salisbury board member Travis Allen on opting to make face masks optional. "If they can make your child wear a mask at school, or a teacher wear a mask & dictate they can't have a public education unless they do, I think they can attempt anything."

While the CDC guidance does stress masking for individuals not fully vaccinated, some people have expressed concern over how that will be controlled, particularly with so many politicized views surrounding the importance of mask-wearing — despite research from the CDC, WHO and epidemiologists alike emphasizing the important role masks play in preventing spread among the unvaccinated.

In North Carolina, 54% of the state's 12-17 year olds and 56% of all adults have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, according to the state's vaccination dashboard as of Tuesday morning. It's not yet clear if students 12 and younger will have the option to be vaccinated by the fall.

Reporter Hannah McClellan can be reached at hannah@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @HannerMcClellan.

CHATHAM CHAT | 'CREEK WEEK' AT ROCKY RIVER

Foundation's volunteers conduct clean-up effort

Environmental and volunteer organizations routinely devote hundreds of hours every month to keep lakes and rivers in North Carolina as pristine as possible. This week, we speak with Pamela Hawe, a member of the Rocky River Heritage Foundation; foundation members and other river organizations recently completed Chatham's first "Creek Week" program, working to clean a portion of the Rocky River. Hawe serves as vice president of the foundation and has been affiliated with the group since 2008. She and RRFH President Phillip Cox work with the state of North Carolina and other groups to coordinate Creek Week.

expert guidance — to get into the water and observe the wildlife first hand. Brena Jones from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission thrilled a group of enthusiasts by finding the ever-elusive *Notropis mekistocholas*, better known as the Cape Fear Shiner. She explained the work that is going into the protection and recovery of this endangered fish. A variety of other native fish were netted and observed, but the highlight was an unusually marked leech specimen, complete with babies!

And Matt Jones with the N.C. State Co-op Extension gave an informative Zoom lecture to a very interested audience about the best plant life to use for the local rivers.



Submitted photos

Volunteers at the first 'Creek Week' collected a dozen bags of trash during the clean-up of a portion of the upper Rocky River.

Was this the "first" Creek Week in Chatham County?

Yes, for both Chatham County and Lee County. There has been opportunity in the past for us to participate in the statewide event, but this has been the first time it has been attempted for both. Since we share the Deep River, it seemed like a good chance to do something together. That is why we are proud for the interest and great ideas offered. Next year it will be bigger, hopefully including more sites and rivers. We have plans to go through the lessons learned and expand on this year's wonderful events.

What was the focus of the week?

Creek Week took place in Chatham and Lee counties from June 19-26, allowing residents to explore the natural resources of our local rivers and creeks. The celebration included daily river-oriented activities for public participation.

Starting on June 19, several events kicked off the week. RRFH volunteers conducted a clean-up project along the upper Rocky River, which yielded 12 bags of garbage, tires, refrigerator, and a prayer. The Deep River Park Association also did a clean-up on the Deep River at Camelback Bridge, filling several bags of trash removed from the banks. Afterwards, volunteers were treated to bluegrass music by the Hill Boys while munching on well-earned hot-dogs.

In addition to cleaning the river areas, there was opportunity — under

When the work was done, did the volunteers get a chance to learn more about the river and the area?

Yes. Many participants came for the stories. Several events gave insight into the history of the Deep River, as told by our local and gifted story tellers. Starting after the clean-up Mike Parker entertained with one about a favorite cryptid here in Chatham County, Bigfoot. Cole Wicker, a Duke graduate student researching Central North Carolina's coal mining heritage, shared his family history in the Cumnock settlement. Finally, Jimmy Haire, who knows all there is to know about Sanford and Lee County history, kept the audience spell-bound with tales from around the county.

There was even a chance for individuals to creatively express the river's beauty. Aspiring artists were coached on how to capture the water lily adornments in a masterpiece of acrylic painting by retired art teacher Donna Strickland.

Lastly, for the adventurous, paddling opportunities were offered on the Rocky and Deep. Those wanting a closer look at the rivers and wildlife were provided capable equipment and instruction by the RRFH, Cape Fear River Adventures and Endor Paddle groups. There was a good response to this function indicating residents want to see, and be, more connected to our natural resources.

All in all, more than 130 people participated in the celebration of Chatham

and Lee County rivers and creeks during the inaugural Creek Week. Support was given by local businesses,

organizations and individuals who appreciate the importance and benefits of maintaining our life-giving waters.

At Cambridge Hills & Twin Rivers
Your Family Is Our Family



CAMBRIDGE HILLS ASSISTED LIVING
140 Brookstone Lane • Pittsboro
919.545.9573



TWIN RIVERS
25 S. Rectory Street • Pittsboro
919-545-0149



www.silver-thread.com



Chatham News + Record

would like to acknowledge & thank our **online** advertisers.

Visit (our site) to connect with them!



www.chathamnewsrecord.com

Pet of the Week: MAISIE

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Maisie, a 6-month-old, female, black and white Labrador-Retriever mix. Given a choice between running in the yard or curling up next to a loving human, Maisie will choose your company every time! She is a lovable, darling dog with a calm, quiet demeanor and loyal personality. A very good doggo, indeed! When Maisie is in a spirited mood, she is most excited to playfully tussle with her person or roll around in the grass as opposed to chewing tennis balls or playing tug-o-war. If you or your family is in search of a dedicated companion who will never leave your side or stop adoring you, Maisie is the sweetheart for you! For more information about how to meet or adopt Maisie or another pet, please contact the Sheriff's Office Animal Resource Center at 919-542-7203 to schedule an appointment for a visit at 725 Renaissance Dr., Pittsboro.



Courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

NEWS BRIEFS

Siler City forms Immigrant Community Advisory Committee

SILER CITY — The town of Siler City's new Immigrant Community Advisory Committee has vacancies of seven members with no residential requirements. The committee is for those from historically underrepresented communities with ancestry in Latin America and/or other world regions. Committee members shall be foreign-born or have recent immigrant ancestry (the children and grandchildren of foreign-born individuals). Committee members must have a vested interest in immigrant communities and have particular knowl-

edge, skills, or abilities that serve the interest and intent of this stated purpose. The committee has not set a monthly meeting schedule. All positions are advisory in nature and are unpaid. Persons interested should submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson Town of Siler City, Post Office Box 769, Siler City, N.C., 311 N. Second Avenue, or jjohnson@silercity.org no later than Aug. 9. The letter of interest should include home address, phone number, email address, educational background, current employment, civic involvement, why you wish to serve, and any other information you feel is pertinent.

— CN+R staff reports

Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE
 Find Kid Scoop on Facebook
 © 2021 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 37, No. 32

A FOLKTALE FROM AUSTRALIA How Kangaroo Got a Pouch

Some of the words in the story got washed into the stream. Use them to fill in the blanks.

One day, Mama Kangaroo was _____ with her joey near a stream.

An old, blind wombat wandered close to them. He was _____ and muttering, "Old and useless, old and useless ..."

Mama Kangaroo asked him, "What's the trouble, friend Wombat?"

"I'm old and I'm blind and none of the other _____ want me around. I'm very lonely."

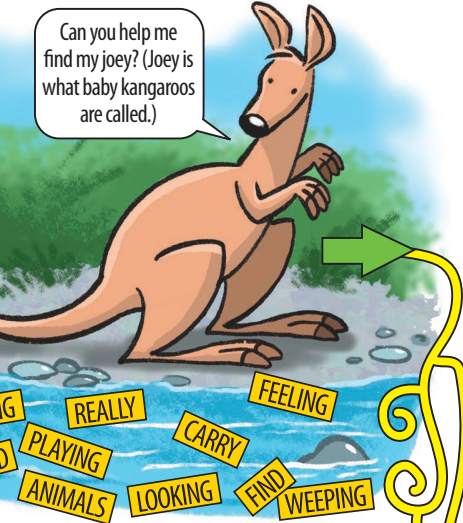
Wombat smiled. It made Mama Kangaroo happy to see him _____ better.

Just then, Mama Kangaroo looked for her joey. He had wandered off! She couldn't _____ him.



Mama Kangaroo was _____ She said to Wombat, "My joey has wandered off! He's always hopping away when I'm not _____!"

Mama Kangaroo had a kind heart. "I'll be your friend," she said. "My joey and I will _____ you find tasty grass and clean water."



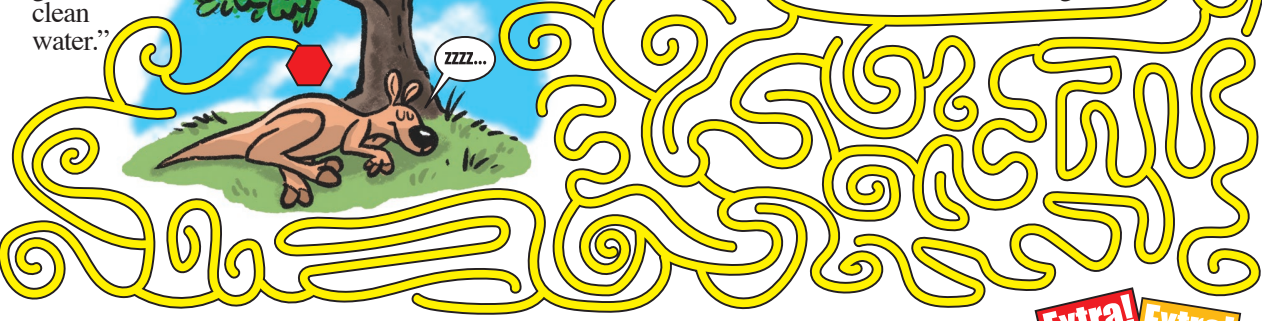
That afternoon, Mama Kangaroo found her joey _____ under a tree. She was so relieved!

Wombat was not _____ a wombat - he was the god Byamee in disguise. He had come to the world to find out which creature had the kindest _____.

Byamee gave Mama Kangaroo a gift - a pouch where she could carry her joey! Now she could _____ him wherever she went and he could even sleep in the pouch when she did her chores.

Ever since then, kangaroo babies almost never got lost.

- HEART HELP SLEEPING SCARED REALLY PLAYING ANIMALS FEELING CARRY LOOKING FIND WEEPING



What is a wombat? A wombat looks like a small bear but is, in fact, a marsupial with a pouch to carry its young. They are found in Australia and the surrounding islands.

Kangaroo Code Trivia

▲ = A	■ = J	◊ = O	▼ = X
● = B	■ = L	■ = S	■ = Y
■ = E	■ = M	■ = W	■ = Z

What's the name for a group of kangaroos?

What do you call a kangaroo that weighs less than 45 lbs (25kg)?

Who is Byamee?

In Australian aboriginal mythology, Byamee is the creator god and sky father. The first inhabitants of Australia have been there for more than 50,000 years.

Looking for Kindness

Look though the newspaper for articles and photos that are examples of kindness. Cut them out and paste them on another sheet of paper to make a kindness poster to display in your home.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand meaning from context clues.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Old folktales like *How Kangaroo Got a Pouch* were often created to teach a lesson. Unscramble each word below to figure out what this folktale teaches.

**NEO DOGO NURT
 ESVSEDRE HOATNRE.**

_____ N _____ T U R N
 _____ V S
 _____ N H _____

Double Double Word Search

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

ABORIGINAL
 KANGAROO
 RELIEVED
 WOMBAT
 BYAMEE
 FATHER
 SCARED
 POUCH
 BLIND
 HEART
 TEACH
 JOEY
 LOST
 GIFT
 MAMA

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

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

**Kid Scoop Together:
 How to Draw a Kangaroo**

1. Draw an oval for the head.
2. Add a neck and a body.
3. Add a tail.
4. Add a pouch.
5. Add a kangaroo joey in the pouch.
6. Add legs and feet.
7. Add ears and a nose.

KID SCOOP'S MISSION

Children are born curious. From their earliest days, sensory exploration brings delight and wonder. New discoveries expand their minds. When they unlock the joy of reading, their world widens further. **Magic happens.**

Kid Scoop opens the doors of discovery for elementary school children by providing interactive, engaging and relevant age-appropriate materials designed to awaken the magic of reading at school, at home, and throughout their lives.

For more information about our literacy non-profit, visit kidscoopnews.org

Write On!

If I Were an Animal

Which kind of animal are you most like? Why? If you were an animal, what kind would you be?

the Y YMCA

Chatham YMCA

- CHATHAM YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP
- YMCA DAY CAMP: PITTSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- YMCA DAY CAMP: PERRY HARRISON SCHOOL

287 East Street, Suite 412,
 Pittsboro, NC 27312
 More Info: 919-545-9622

Chatham News + Record

Subscribe Today
 919-663-3232

PLACE YOUR AD HERE FOR \$5 PER WEEK. CALL 919-663-3232

Up to 25 words — additional words 20¢ each

PLUS: Your ad is posted on chathamnewsrecord.com for FREE!

CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

LEARN ABOUT LAND - Chatham Land Experts - www.learn-aboutland.com - 919-362-6999. Jy2,tfnc

ing apps for wait list for 1 bdrm units. Amenities include: playground, fitness center, computer room, and much more! Affordable housing, must meet income requirements. Call (919) 799-7557 for more info, or stop by 511 West Fourth St A-10 in Siler City Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm. Credit & criminal background check required. Handicap accessible units subject to availability. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Partnership Property Management. Jy15,22,29,Au5,4tc

OFFICE SPACE RENT

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT, Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. reception area, conference room, six offices, kitchenette and restrooms. Siler Business Park, 919-930-1650. Jn15,tfnc

RENTAL APARTMENTS

WINDSOR ARMS APARTMENTS - Has 2 bdrm units available NOW! Accepting apps for the wait list for 1 bdrm units. Rental Assistance available; \$25 application fee; Credit/Criminal check required. Visit us Mon-Wed 9am-1pm & Thurs 9am-12pm at 1409 E. 11th Street, Apt 2-B in Siler City, NC 27344, or call to schedule an appointment (919) 663-2473. This institution is professionally managed by Partnership Property Management, an equal opportunity provider and employer. Jy15,22,29,Au5,4tc

POWELL SPRINGS APTS. Evergreen Construction introduces its newest independent living community for adults 55 years or older, 1 and 2 bedroom applications now being accepted. Office hours: Mon, Tues & Thurs, 8:30 - 4:30. Call 919-533-6319 for more information, TDD # 1-800-735-2962, Equal housing opportunity, Handicapped accessible, A2,tfnc

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS now for one bedroom apartments, adults 55 years or older. Water included, appliances furnished, on-site laundry, elevator, keyless entry. Section 8 accepted. \$486/mo., no security deposit. Application fee \$25 per adult. Call Braxton Manor, 919-663-1877. Handicap accessible. Equal Housing Op-

portunity. A2,tfnc

FOR SALE

BLUEBERRIES, Pick your own! at Busy Bee Farm, 1092 Dewitt Smith Road, Pittsboro, 919-542-5890. Jy1,8,2tp

YARD SALES

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - Friday, July 16, 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lots of name brand items. 901 East Third Street, Siler City. J15,1tp

AUCTIONEERS

AUCTIONEER SCOTT L. HARRIS at JHA. One Call...We sell it all!!! Real Estate, Personal Property, Estate Settlement, Farms & Land, Business Liquidation. JHA has been conducting auctions in the state of NC since 1989. Fully licensed Real Estate and Auction Firm. NCAL #8420 Firm #8086 www.JerryHarrisAuction.com, 919-498-4077, My6,tfnc

RICKY ELLINGTON AUCTIONEERS - Equipment, Business, Liquidation, Estates, Land, Houses, Antiques, Personal property, Coins, Furniture, Consignments, Benefits, etc., NCAL #7706, 919-548-3684, 919-663-3556, rickyellingtonauctions@yahoo.com, My6,tfnc

SERVICES

AUTO BROKERS RECYCLERS - Cash paid for Junk/Wrecked vehicles. Call 919-545-0194. My13,tfnc

JUNK CARS PICKED UP Free of charge. Due to months of low steel prices and unstable steel markets, we cannot pay for cars at this time. Cars, trucks, and machinery will be transported and environmen-

tally correctly recycled at no charge. 919-542-2803. A2,tfnc

I PAY IN CASH FOR Junk Cars and trucks. Prompt courteous service. Call 910-464-5434 or Cell: 910-639-5614. God Bless! J9,tfnc

LETT'S TREE SERVICE - tree removal, stump grinding, lot clearing. Visa & Master Card accepted. Timber. Free estimates. 919-258-3594 N9,tfnc

HELP WANTED

SOUTHERN SUPREME FRUIT-CAKE CO. has openings for full time, temporary positions in all areas of production from August 2021 - December 2021. Interested applicants may apply between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday at 1699 Hoyt Scott Rd, Bear Creek NC 27207. Jy15,22,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY - DETECTIVE - Performs intermediate protective service work, enforces laws; investigates criminal activity; ensures safety of public; interviews and/or interrogates victims, witnesses, and/or suspects; gathers evidence; prepares reports; testifies in court; maintains files and records; promotes community policing; serves all members of the public with dignity and respect. - Required Education and Experience Qualifications: Graduation from a community college with an associate degree in criminal justice or related field and considerable experience in law enforcement, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Current certification through a Training and Standards program (transfers from other agencies or out-of-state must meet NC Training and Standards' criteria for a Police Department). Extensive training in areas related specifically to Investigations. Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license or

ability to obtain. - Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: Possession of Radar, Intoxilyzer, Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), and DCI I certifications upon hire. Completion of Basic Narcotics Investigation, Crime Scene Investigation, and Interview and Interrogation training upon hire. One year of experience in an Investigations unit. Bilingual in both written and spoken English and Spanish. - Additional Employment Requirements: Must obtain Radar, Intoxilyzer, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), and DCI I certifications within 12 months of hire and maintain certifications at all times without a lapse during the course of employment. Must complete Basic Narcotics Investigation, Crime Scene Investigation, and Interview and Interrogation training within 18 months of hire. -- Annual Hiring Salary \$45,004 (additional pay incentives for bilingual, years of relevant work experience, and education level). -- To Apply: This posting is open until filled. A completed Town of Siler City application is required for consideration for all positions. The application may be found on our website at www.silercity.org or picked up at City Hall. The application may be mailed or delivered to City Hall, Attention: Human Resources, 311 N. Second Ave., PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or submitted via email to dritter@silercity.org. Pre-employment drug testing, DMV check, and background checks are required upon job offer. EOE. - The Town of Siler City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Siler City's applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, disability, or other legally protected status. The Town invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Line ad deadline Tuesday — Noon

Display ad deadline Monday — 5 p.m.

Rates and payment Minimum charge of \$5 for each classified advertisement of 25 words or less per week. For each additional word, no matter how many insertions, add 20¢ per word. Payable in advance.

Blind ads

No information will be given out by this office to the identity of person placing "keyed" or "blind" ads.

Errors

In advertisements that run more than one week, we are responsible for errors appearing in the first week only. If you find an error in your ad, report it immediately.

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 necessary 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. Jy15,1tc

LAND SURVEYOR - Instrument Operator. Experienced only. Total Station, data collector, GPS equipment. No travel. Chatham County area. Must have valid driver's license and be able to drive a company vehicle. Good driving record. Full time work and benefits. \$58,000. 919-812-3592. finch-survey2507@gmail.com. Jy15,1tc

ROBIN'S CLEANING SERVICE is looking for help. Must have a driver's license and be willing to work flexible schedule, Monday - Friday. Please contact Robin at 919-742-0964 for more information. Jn24,-Jy1,8,15,4tp

CHATHAM MONUMENT COMPANY has an immediate opening for a monument installer. Work involves digging monument foundations, mixing cement and installing monuments. Work is generally Monday through Friday, 8 to 4:30 p.m. but some weekend work is necessary. Please apply in person to: Chatham Monument Co. Inc., 227 N 2nd Avenue, Siler City. Jn24,tfnc

PITTSBORO VILLAGE APARTMENTS

Now accepting applications for 2BR, 1.5BA Range, refrigerator, dishwasher are included in the rent. Rent starts at \$630 and up. 400 Honeysuckle Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312 919-542-5410 TDD 1-800-735-2962 Email: pittsborovillage@ECCMG.com EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Join the News + Record's Team

HELP WANTED

Delivery Drivers

The Chatham News + Record is seeking part-time drivers to assist in the delivery of newspapers on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. Ability to lift 25lbs, work in various weather conditions and a valid NC drivers license is required.

Please email resume and references to Jason Justice at jjustice@chathamnr.com

Chatham News + Record

EOE



Career Opportunities Available

Visit www.chathamcountync.gov and click Jobs.

HIRING CNA's 3RD SHIFT

CALL: 919-542-3151
Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm
for appointment to complete application and interview
Pittsboro Christian Village
1825 East Street, Pittsboro, NC



NOW HIRING

APPLY — IN — PERSON

1015 Alston Bridge Road • Siler City, NC

HOMECARE SEEKING, Now hiring for immediate positions in Pittsboro/Siler City: Certified Nurse Aides - Competitive weekly pay, CNAs start at \$10.00/hr. & up for extra care cases - Total LifeCare, Call 919-776-0352 or visit 824 South Horner Blvd., Sanford for more info or to apply. A29,tfnc

HELP WANTED - EVENINGS & WEEKENDS, Please inquire in person: Country Mart, 320 W. Raleigh St., Siler City, NC or Desperados, 602 North Second Avenue, Siler City A29,tfnc

MISCELLANEOUS

INTERESTED IN OWNING your own business? For interview, please call 919-346-4019 for further details. Jy15,22,29,Au5,12,5tp

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 362

All persons having claims against **SUSAN HUNT JOHNSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of September, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of June, 2021. James Hunt Johnson, Administrator, Estate of Susan Hunt Johnson, Deceased Law Offices of James Hunt Johnson 106-A South Maple Street Graham, NC 2723 Jn24,Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 350

All persons having claims against **RUBY CRIBB MARSH**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of September, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of June, 2021. Jennifer Dianne Lane, Executrix 1020 Wooded Lake Dr Apex, NC 27523 Jn24,Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20 E 651

All persons having claims against **PATRICK LAMONT FRENCH**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of September, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of June, 2021. Colton Lambert, Administrator c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 31205 Raleigh, NC 27622 Jn24,Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BERA EDWARDS WILLIAMS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE # 21 E 332

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor for the estate of **BERA EDWARDS WILLIAMS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned executor c/o Ralph A. Evans, Attorney at Law, at P.O. Box 1145, Liberty, North Carolina 27298 on or before September 22, 2021, or this Notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This the 21st day of June, 2021. Vernon Edward Williams, Executor 1234 Zion Church Road Staley, NC 27355 Ralph A. Evans, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1145 Liberty, NC 27298 (336) 622-5320 Jn24,Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of **ALFRED PAUL DE LA HOUSSAYE** deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before the 24th day of September, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to please make immediate payment. This the 24th day of June, 2021. BRIANNA MARIE DE LA HOUSSAYE Administrator c/o LEWIS & ANDERSON, PLLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Drawer 4825 Chapel Hill, NC 27515-1825 Jn24,Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 383

All persons having claims against **MARY G. STOUT AKA MARY HILDA STOUT**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of October, 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 July, 2021. Douglas G. Gunter, Co-Executor 135 Everett Dowdy Road Sanford, NC 27330 Ann G. Mason, Co-Executor 1850 Asbury Ch Rd Sanford, NC 27330 Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 347

All persons having claims against **GLORIA ALSTON DAVIS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of October, 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 July, 2021. Alice Alston Noell, Executrix 233 Alston Rd Apex, NC 27523 Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **JAMES A. WEBSTER, JR. A/K/A JA WEBSTER**, deceased, of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before October 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 July, 2021. Sylvia ("Doni") Durham Webster, Executor c/o Elizabeth K. Arias, Esq., Wombale Bond Dickinson (US) LLP 555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1100 Raleigh, NC 27601 Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,4tp

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM BEFORE THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT FILE NO. 21 SP 60

JAMES M. ELLIS, Administrator of the Estate of William Robert Parker, Petitioner, vs The Heirs of William Robert Parker by and through Timothy J. Tyson, in his capacity as GAL, Sylvia Fowler and Pat Doe 1 Respondents

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

To: The Heirs of William Robert Parker by and through Timothy J. Tyson, in his capacity as GAL, Sylvia Fowler and Pat Doe 1 1 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is a Petition for Possession, Custody, and Control, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 28A-13-3(c). You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than August 10, 2021, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. A hearing is set in this matter for August 16, 2021, at 10:00 am. This the 1st day of July, 2021. James M. Ellis, NC State Bar 23087

Stone & Christy, P.A. 110 N. Dougherty St. Black Mountain, NC 28711 (828) 669-7642 Ext 2240 james@stoneandchristy.com Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,3tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21-E-298 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Bruce Ray Jones, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MYRTLE PHILLIPS JONES**, 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 1st day of October, 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 1st day of July, 2021. Bruce Ray Jones c/o Marie H. Hopper, Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21-E-357 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Cynthia Clark, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SHIRLEY J. HOVEY**, 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 1st day of October, 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 1st day of July, 2021. Cynthia Clark, Executor C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 369

All persons having claims against **ELIZABETH FONTAINE HEATWOLE AKA MARY ELIZABETH HEATWOLE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned

on or before the 1st day of October, 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 July, 2021. Elizabeth H. Bottorf, Co-Executor 64 Willow Bridge Drive Durham, NC 27707

Robert A. Heatwole, Jr., Co-Executor 2411 Tom Geddie Road Eastover, NC 28312 Jy1,Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 351



Hiring Diesel Mechanics Full & Part Time Available

- Automotive or Diesel Technician Certificate
- Two Years Experience (preferred but not required)
- Class A CDL License (preferred but not required)
- Must have own tools
- Must pass drug and alcohol test
- Competitive Pay & Benefits Package

Includes: Medical, Dental, Life, STD and LTD Insurance, 401K Plan, Holiday & Vacation Pay

\$5,000 Sign-On Bonus ...come grow with us!
Immediate Openings!

Please Inquire At: **Wilson Brothers Main Office**
20412 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC 27207
Applications Also Available Online:
www.wilsonbrotherstrucking.com
EOE/M/F/V



Job Title:
Maintenance Technician – Chatham County

Job Description:
The Maintenance Technician will troubleshoot problems reported and make repairs to facilities and equipment. Technician will assist with HVAC repairs and preventive maintenance, as well as furniture and equipment moving and surplus. Also, employee will make minor renovations and alterations to facilities. This position will work on the Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro.

Minimum Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent with basic skills in electrical, HVAC, mechanical, plumbing required
- At least two years experience in general facilities maintenance or equivalent combination of training and experience
- Valid NC Driver's License
- Equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered

For a complete listing of employment opportunities, visit us online at www.cccc.edu/employment.

Diversity Policy: Central Carolina Community College believes the college experience is greatly enriched through diversity; therefore, the college encourages diversity of thought within the student body and staff. Furthermore, the college seeks to promote awareness of diversity and the respect for all individuals, and the college pledges to adhere to this mission in its relationship with the community.



Prepare for power outages with a Generac home standby generator

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!
866-495-1123

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty* A \$695 Value!

Offer valid February 15 - June 6, 2021

Special Financing Available
Subject to Credit Approval

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.

Walnut Grove Apartments

321-433 N. RECTORY STREET PITTSBORO, NC 27312

An Affordable Housing Community for the Elderly, Handicapped or Disabled (Persons 62 years old, Handicapped or Disabled of any age)

One and Two Bedroom Units and HC Accessible Units

Rental Assistance Available and Housing Vouchers Accepted (On a Limited Basis and for those who Qualify)

Please call 919-542-2669
TDD/TYY # [1] 800-735-2962

This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer



Statewide Classified

YOUR AD can be promoted in multiple markets with one easy and affordable ad placement. Your ad will be published in 114 NC newspapers for only \$375. You reach 1.7 million readers with the North Carolina Statewide Classified Ad Network. Call this newspaper's classified department at 919-663-3232 or visit www.ncpress.com.

Denied Social Security Disability? Appeal! If you're 50+, filed SSD and denied, our Favorite Screens. CHOICE attorneys can help! Win or Pay Nothing! Strong, recent work history needed. 877-553-0252 [Steppacher Law Offices LLC Principal Office: 224 Adams Ave Scranton PA 18503]

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call:833-987-0207

Replacement Windows. \$229 Installed. Price Includes Window and Basic Install. Any size up to 100 united inches. Free Estimates, Lifetime Warranty. Fairway Windows 252-232-8422.

Never Pay For Covered Home Repairs Again! Complete Care Home Warranty COVERS ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES. 30 DAY RISK FREE. \$200.00 OFF + 2 FREE Months! 877-544-1736

Guaranteed Life Insurance! (Ages 50 to 80). No medical exam. Affordable premiums never increase. Benefits never decrease. Policy will only be cancelled for non-payment. 833-380-1218

DISH Network. \$64.99 for 190 Channels! Blazing Fast Internet, \$19.99/mo. (where available.) Switch & Get a FREE \$100 Visa Gift Card. FREE Voice Remote. FREE HD DVR. FREE Streaming on ALL Devices. Call today! 1-877-920-7405

ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 oxygen pounds. FREE information kit. Call 866-579-0885

Donate your car, truck or van. Help veterans find jobs or start a business. Call Patriotic Hearts Foundation. Fast, FREE pick-up. Max tax-deduction. Operators are standing by! Call 1-866-955-1516

Life Alert. 24/7. One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE Brochure. CALL 844-902-2362

Attention: Auto Injury Victims. If you have suffered a serious injury in an auto accident, call us! Our attorneys have the experience to get you the full compensation you deserve! Call Now: 844-545-8296

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920. Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution. Call for Your Free Author's Guide 1-888-575-3018 or visit <http://doranceinfo.com/press>

A-1 DONATE YOUR CAR, RUNNING OR NOT!! FAST FREE PICKUP. Maximum tax deduction. Support United Breast Cancer Fdn programs. Your car donation could save a life. 888-641-9690

AT&T TV - The Best of Live & On-Demand On All Your Favorite Screens. CHOICE Package, \$84.99/mo for 12months. Stream on 20 devices at once in your home. HBO Max FREE for 1 yr (w/ CHOICE Package or higher.) Call for more details today! (some restrictions apply) Call IVS 1-855-548-9839

BANKRUPTCY RELIEF! Help stop Creditor Harassment, Collection Calls, Repossession and Legal Actions! Speak to a Professional Attorney and Get the Help You NEED! Call NOW 844-404-0601

GENERAC Standby Generators provide backup power during utility power outages, so your home and family stay safe and comfortable. Prepare now. Free 7-year extended warranty (\$695 value!). Request a free quote today! Call for additional terms and conditions. 1-844-938-0700

Become a published author! Publications sold at all major secular & specialty Christian bookstores. CALL Christian Faith Publishing for your FREE author submission kit. 1-855-658-2057

DONATE YOUR CAR OR TRUCK TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-855-869-7055

Never Pay For Covered Home Repairs Again! Complete Care Home Warranty COVERS ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES. 30 DAY RISK FREE. \$200.00 OFF 2 FREE Months! 1-888-660-1252

Attention Active Duty & Military Veterans! Begin a new career and earn your Degree at CTI! Online Computer & Medical training available for Veterans & Families! To learn more, call 877-354-3499

Don't let the stairs limit your mobility! Discover the ideal solution for anyone who struggles on the stairs, is concerned about a fall or wants to regain access to their entire home. Call AmeriGlide today! 1-888-618-0918

Credit Card Debt Relief! Reduce payment by up to 50%! Get one LOW affordable payment/month. Reduce interest. Stop calls. FREE no-obligation consultation Call 888-841-0674

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-877-649-1190

Wesley Financial Group, LLC Timeshare Cancellation Experts. Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 844-213-6711

All persons having claims against **RONALD W. SCHULTZ**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of October, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This is the 1st day of July, 2021. Kelley Schultz, Executor 2037 Shadow Creek Dr. Raleigh, NC 27604
Jy1, Jy8, Jy15, Jy22, 4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 388

All persons having claims against **JANICE F. LAMBERT**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of October, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This is the 1st day of July, 2021. Rodney N. Testerman, Administrator 6144 Farmer Denton Rd Denton, NC 27239
Jy1, Jy8, Jy15, Jy22, 4tp

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF EAST THIRD STREET AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION. WHEREAS, East Third Street (E. 3rd St.) is located within the town limits of Siler City. WHEREAS, the subject portion of E. 3rd St. is shown and more particularly described in Plat Book 2018, Page 284 and Plat Book 2002, Page 158 of the Chatham County Registry. WHEREAS, Mountaire Farms Inc. are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject portion of E. 3rd St. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1930, Page 879 and Deed Book 1930, Page 883 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1101 E. 3rd St., 1040, E. 3rd St., 1100 E. 3rd St., and 1323 E. Raleigh St. The property is also

shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 61441 and 16852. WHEREAS, Alloy, Inc. are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject portion of E. 3rd St. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1896, Page 413 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 901 E. 3rd St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 15070. WHEREAS, Mountaire Farms Inc. have petitioned and requested the Board of Commissioners to permanently close a portion of E. 3rd St. (from the eastern most corner of Parcel ID 15070 to the eastern most corner of Parcel ID 61441). NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City do RESOLVE, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299, the following: 1. A public hearing shall be held on the **2nd day of August 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, before the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City, North Carolina at which time the Board shall consider the permanent closing of said street. and so as to determine whether or not said street shall be permanently closed or otherwise restricted in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299. 2. The public hearing will be held in the **Jordan Matthews High School auditorium at 910 E. Cardinal St. 3.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to all owners of property adjoining the said street as shown on the county tax records. 4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, as required by applicable law. 5. That a notice of closing and public hearing shall be prominently posted in at least two places along said street. 6. That after said public hearing, if the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that the closing of said street would not be contrary to the public interest or to the rights of individuals owning property abutting or in the vicinity of said street and does not interfere with ingress and egress of said property, the Board of Commissioners may adopt an

Order permanently closing said street above described. 7. That in the event that Order is made closing said street, a copy of said Order shall be submitted to North Carolina Department of Transportation. 8. That in the event that North Carolina Department of Transportation abandons maintenance of said street, a copy of said Order shall be filed in the Office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina. 9. That in the event the Board of Commissioners shall close said street as above described, the title to said properties contained within the boundaries of said street shall vest in the persons or entities owning said street provided by §160A-299 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Motion Presented by: Fadely. All those in Favor: 7. All those Opposed: 0. RESOLVED, this 7th day of June 2021. Cindy B. Bray, Mayor Pro Tempore ATTEST: Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk. The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. 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 as 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.
Jy8, Jy15, Jy22, Jy29, 4tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF EAST FIFTH STREET AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION. WHEREAS, East Fifth Street (E. 5th St.) is located within the town limits of Siler City. WHEREAS, the subject portion of E. 5th St. is shown and more particularly described in Plat Book 2019, Page 269, Plat Book 2018, Page 284, Plat Book 2017, Page 369, Plat Book 2002, Page 158, of the Chatham County Registry. WHEREAS, Mountaire Farms Inc. are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject portion of E. 5th St. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1930, Page 879 and Deed Book 2073, Page 498 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1101 E. 3rd St., 815 E. 3rd St., and 819 E. 3rd St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 61441 and 16892. WHEREAS, 1206 East Eleventh Street, LLC are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject portion of E. 5th St. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1955, Page 484 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1202 E. 11th St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 17246. WHEREAS, Alloy, Inc. are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject portion of E. 5th St. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1896, Page 413 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 901 E. 3rd St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 15070. WHEREAS, E.L. Kidd Heirs are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent

to the subject portion of E. 5th St. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book JZ, Page 474 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as E. 5th St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 79513. WHEREAS, Mountaire Farms Inc. have petitioned and requested the Board of Commissioners to permanently close a portion of E. 5th St. (from the intersection of E. 3rd St. to western most corner of Parcel ID 17246). NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City do RESOLVE, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299, the following: 1. A public hearing shall be held on the **2nd day of August 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, before the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City, North Carolina at which time the Board shall consider the permanent closing of said street. and so as to determine whether or not said street shall be permanently closed or otherwise restricted in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299. 2. The public hearing will be held in the **Jordan Matthews High School auditorium at 910 E. Cardinal St. 3.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to all owners of property adjoining the said street as shown on the county tax records. 4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, as required by applicable law. 5. That a notice of closing and public hearing shall be prominently posted in at least two places along said street. 6. That after said public hearing, if the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that the closing of said street would not be contrary to the public interest or to the rights of individuals owning property abutting or in the vicinity of said street and does not interfere with ingress and egress of said property, the Board of Commissioners may adopt an Order permanently closing said street above described. 7. That in the event that Order is made closing said street, a copy of said Order shall be submitted to North Carolina Department of Transportation. 8. That in the event that North Carolina Department of Transportation abandons maintenance of said street, a copy of said Order shall be filed in the Office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina. 9. That in the event the Board of Commissioners shall close said street as above described, the title to said properties contained within the boundaries of said street shall vest in the persons or entities owning said street provided by §160A-299 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Motion Presented by: Fadely. All those in Favor: 7. All those Opposed: 0. RESOLVED, this 7th day of June 2021. Cindy B. Bray, Mayor Pro Tempore ATTEST: Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk. The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. 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 as 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.
Jy8, Jy15, Jy22, Jy29, 4tc

simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject Johnson Ave. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1697, Page 522 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1212 E. 11th St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 16654. WHEREAS, Mountaire Farms Inc. have petitioned and requested the Board of Commissioners to permanently close Johnson Ave. (from the intersection of E. 5th St. to the intersection of E. 11th St.). NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City do RESOLVE, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299, the following: 1. A public hearing shall be held on the **2nd day of August 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, before the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City, North Carolina at which time the Board shall consider the permanent closing of said street. and so as to determine whether or not said street shall be permanently closed or otherwise restricted in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299. 2. The public hearing will be held in the **Jordan Matthews High School auditorium at 910 E. Cardinal St. 3.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to all owners of property adjoining the said street as shown on the county tax records. 4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, as required by applicable law. 5. That a notice of closing and public hearing shall be prominently posted in at least two places along said street. 6. That after said public hearing, if the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that the closing of said street would not be contrary to the public interest or to the rights of individuals owning property abutting or in the vicinity of said street and does not interfere with ingress and egress of said property, the Board of Commissioners may adopt an Order permanently closing said street above described. 7. That in the event that Order is made closing said street, a copy of said Order shall be submitted to North Carolina Department of Transportation. 8. That in the event that North Carolina Department of Transportation abandons maintenance of said street, a copy of said Order shall be filed in the Office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina. 9. That in the event the Board of Commissioners shall close said street as above described, the title to said properties contained within the boundaries of said street shall vest in the persons or entities owning said street provided by §160A-299 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Motion Presented by: Fadely. All those in Favor: 7. All those Opposed: 0. RESOLVED, this 7th day of June 2021. Cindy B. Bray, Mayor Pro Tempore ATTEST: Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk. The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. 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 as 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.
Jy8, Jy15, Jy22, Jy29, 4tc

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 as 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.
Jy8, Jy15, 2tc

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

21 SP 40 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Brandon Ashley Powell and Jayne C. Powell a/k/a Jayne S. Powell to Paul S. Messick, Jr., Trustee(s), which was dated April 11, 2013 and recorded on April 12, 2013 in Book 01679 at Page 0662, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the **usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on July 20, 2021 at 01:00 PM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: Adjoining the land of Brooks Estate, W.D. Taylor, and SR 1006, and BEGINNING at an iron pin in Brooks' line, same being South 08 degrees 23 minutes West 112.13 feet from a stone in W. D. Taylor's corner and running thence with the line of Brooks' Estate South 08 degrees 23 minutes West 1281.24 feet to an iron stake just north of SR 1006, the original corner of W. D. Taylor's land; thence North 54 degrees 04 minutes West 215.44 feet to a nail and cap in the center line of SR 1006; thence with the center line of SR 1006 North 44 degrees 10 minutes West 179.73 feet to a nail and cap in the center of SR 1006; thence a new line with W. D. Taylor North 25 degrees 40 minutes East 1123.06 feet to the beginning, and containing 4.984 acres, according to a survey made by Roger Clarence Cagle, Registered land surveyor, December 27, 1974. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as **11803 Siler City Glendon Road, Bear Creek, NC 27207**. A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED**. Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of 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. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/ are Brandon Ashley Powell and wife, Jayne S. Powell. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for

TAKING APPLICATIONS
for Siler City Country Club
seasonal golf maintenance
position. Applications at
clubhouse.
919-742-3721



Wilson Brothers
In Business Since 1940

DRIVERS WANTED Hiring Local Drivers
Full & Part Time Available

- Feed Haul, Grain Hopper, Live Haul, and Pallet Haul Drivers
- Local Loads – Home Daily
- 200-300 Miles Per Day
- Late Model Trucks
- Good Driving Record/Clean History Required
- Competitive Pay & Benefits Package Includes: Medical, Dental, Life, STD and LTD Insurance, 401K Plan, Holiday & Vacation Pay



\$5,000 Sign-On Bonus ...come grow with us!
Immediate Openings!

Please Inquire At: Wilson Brothers Main Office
20412 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC 27207
Applications Also Available Online:
www.wilsonbrotherstrucking.com
EOE/M/F/V



Building a Brighter Future
By Supporting Local Education

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE JOHNSON AVENUE AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION. WHEREAS, Johnson Avenue (Johnson Ave.) is located within the town limits of Siler City. WHEREAS, the subject Johnson Ave. is shown and more particularly described in Plat Book 2018, Page 284, Plat Book 2017, Page 369 of the Chatham County Registry. WHEREAS, Mountaire Farms Inc. are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject Johnson Ave. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1930, Page 879 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1101 E. 3rd St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 61441. WHEREAS, 1206 East Eleventh Street, LLC are fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject Johnson Ave. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 1955, Page 484 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1202 E. 11th St. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 17246. WHEREAS, Billy Jordan Siler Jr. are fee

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a **public hearing on Jul. 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room of the Wren Memorial Library located at 500 N. 2nd Ave.** Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: Town of Siler City proposes the following text amendments to the UDO: §172 Building Height Limitation (Heavy Industrial Zoning District height increase). The proposed items are available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. All persons interested in the outcome of the application are invited to attend the public hearing and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on Jul. 12 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and

any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC

Substitute Trustee
Brock & Scott, PLLC
Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
5431 Oleander Drive, Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403
PHONE: (910) 392-4988
FAX: (910) 392-8587
File No.: 20-03525-FC01
Jy8,Jy15,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED, as Executor of the Estate of **BLANCHE OLIVE GOLDSTON**, 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 October 14, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 8th day of July, 2021.
RONALD P. COLLINS, EXECUTOR
BLANCHE OLIVE GOLDSTON, ESTATE
117 West Raleigh Street
Siler City, N. C. 27344
(919) 663-2533
Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

21 E 329

All persons having claims against **REYNALDO LOZADO BASURTO**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of October, 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 July, 2021.
Lewis R. Fadely, Administrator
119 N. Fir Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **JOAN P. YATES**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before October 8th, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This 8th day of July, 2021.
Joanna Lynn Yates, Executor
c/o Timothy A. Nordgren
Sands Anderson PC
1005 Slater Rd., Ste 200
Durham, NC 27703
Jy8,Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **DENNIS KEITH TALLY** 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 14th day of October, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 12th day of July, 2021.
Kevin Lynn Tally, Administrator of The Estate of Dennis Keith Tally
Post Office Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
MOODY, WILLIAMS, ATWATER & LEE
Attorneys at Law
Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
(919) 542-5605
Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,Au5,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 6th day of July, 2021, as Executor of the ESTATE OF **JOAN RIPPLE CLARK A/K/A JOAN CLARK**, Deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 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 15th day of July, 2021.
STEVEN THOMAS CLARK, EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF JOAN RIPPLE CLARK
A/K/A JOAN CLARK
c/o Stephen C. Rhudy, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,Au5,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of **GILBERT ALLAN WINDHEIM**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 9th day of July, 2021, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before the 17th day of October, 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 15th day of July, 2021.
Patricia Arcoleo and Kenneth Windheim
Co-Personal Representatives
c/o Catherine L. Wilson, Attorney for the estate
McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson & Hinkle, PLLC
3211 Shannon Road, Suite 400
Durham, NC 27707
7/15,7/22,7/29,8/5,4tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO

The Pittsboro Town Board of

Commissioners will hold Public Hearings on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room located on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse located at 9 Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro, for the following items:

Legislative Public Hearings:
1. Townsend Rezoning (REZ-2021-03). Jamie S. Schwedler is requesting a General Use Rezoning from M-2 (Manufacturing - Heavy Industrial), RA (Residential-Agricultural), and RA-2 (Residential-Agricultural - 2 acres) to R-15 (Low Density Residential) of 3 parcels (Parcel ID 60774, 89720, 7413), the total being approximately 740.8 acres, located at and near 1377 Sanford Road, Pittsboro, and is adjacent to and south of Moncure-Pittsboro Road, owned by CPF LLC. 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.

2. Chatham Park Development Agreement. Chatham Park Investors, LLC is requesting a Development Agreement pursuant to NCGS 160D-Article 10. A legislative public hearing will be held on the proposed Development Agreement that will apply to the entirety of the Chatham Park Planned Development District or Chatham Park PDD. The Chatham Park PDD is identified as the land zoned as planned development district by the Board on August 10, 2015, in Town zoning case no. REZ-2015-04 and all land added to Chatham Park PDD in accordance with Town ordinances, but excluding all land deleted from Chatham Park PDD in accordance with Town ordinances. A broad range of residential, institutional, and commercial land uses are authorized and provided for in the Master Plan, including up to 22,000 residential units and 22,000,000 square feet of non-residential uses. Residential and non-residential uses will be located generally as depicted in the Master Plan and more specifically as provided in Small Area Plans and Development Plans approved by the Town. Building types will include single family detached dwellings, townhouses, condominiums, apartments and other forms of attached residences, mixed-use buildings, offices, and a variety of institutional and commercial structures. Architectural styles and designs may vary within the Chatham Park Planned Development District. Small Area Plans provide additional information as to permitted uses, population densities, building types, design, intensity of development, placement of uses and development, and design. A copy of the Development Agreement is available on the Town's website, <https://pittsboronc.gov>, or it may be obtained by emailing the Town Clerk Cassandra Bullock at cbullock@pittsboronc.gov or by requesting a copy at Town Hall. To accommodate disabilities and to comply with ADA regulations, please contact Town Hall if you need assistance.

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. Townsend Planned Unit Development (SUP-2021-02). Townsend Planned Unit Development (SUP-2021-02). Jamie S. Schwedler is requesting a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development including a maximum of 2,220 units (one-family detached residences, townhome residences, and duplexes; and associated accessory uses and amenities such as club houses), located on 3 parcels (Parcel ID 60774, 89720, 7413), the total being approximately 740.8 acres, located at and near 1377 Sanford Road, Pittsboro, and is adjacent to and south of Moncure-Pittsboro Road, owned by CPF LLC. 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 EVIDENTIARY HEARING IN ITS PROPOSED LOCATION, BUT ONLY THOSE CONDITIONS MUTUALLY APPROVED BY THE TOWN AND THE PETITIONER MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. The complete records to the proposed actions are available for inspection at the Town of Pittsboro Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400 during regular business hours (8:30am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday). Please give reasonable notice to the Pittsboro Planning Department at (919) 533-5480 if accommodations for individuals with disabilities or impairments are required.

Jy15,1tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold Public Hearings on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room located on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse located at 9 Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro, for the following items:

1 The Town of Pittsboro has received a voluntary annexation petition for The Rexford Group, Ltd. If directed by the Board of Commissioners, each request for annexation will be investigated by the Town Clerk to determine the feasibility, then the Board of Commissioners may elect to schedule a public hearing to receive public comment and act on the subject petition.
OWNER:
The Rexford Group, Ltd
APPLICANT:
The Rexford Group, Ltd
LOCATION:
West of Old Graham Road, Just North of 64 bypass
PARCEL:
6580 & 69515
CURRENT ZONING: 6580-RACZ & 69515-RA-5
PROPOSED ZONING:
No change
ACREAGE:
197.07acres
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. 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). 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 by 4 p.m. on October 26, 2020. The Clerk will receive written comments to be included in the minutes for 24 hours after the meeting. Please sign up with the Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on October 26, 2020 if you wish to participate.
Jy15,Jy22,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

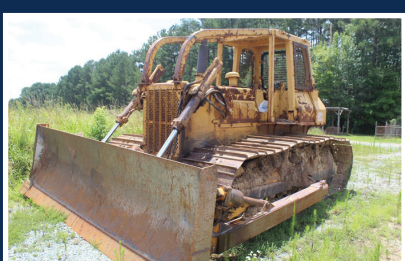
20 E 159
All persons having claims against **TAMMY S. DOWDY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of October, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of July, 2021
Doris Dowdy, Administrator
1556 Silk Hope Rd.
Siler City, NC 27344
Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,Au5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

21 E 391
All persons having claims against **CAMILLA B. GILLILAND AKA CAMILLA BINKLEY GILLILAND**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of October, 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 July, 2021.
Lisa G. Denkins,
Administrator CTA
103 N Church St
Goldston, NC 27252
Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,Au5,4tp

AUCTION

Chatham County Surplus Vehicles & Equipment
Cars, Trucks, Tractor, Bobcat Loader, Buses, Bulldozer
811 Renaissance Dr., Pittsboro NC



Pet of the Week: CHIPMUNK

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Chipmunk, a spayed female who is approximately ten months old and as cute as can be! She earned her name for her chubby cheeks and squeaky meows and quickly solidified herself as a staff favorite at the Animal Resource Center (ARC). Chipmunk loves attention and even enjoys being held and cuddled by humans! Her favorite spot is snuggled into the cozy base of your neck where she can purr enthusiastically and nuzzle you with her nose. If you are sitting on a couch or recliner, she will likely curl up on your lap or claim a perch on your shoulder where she can "knead biscuits" on your achy trapezius muscles. If working from home has you feeling bored or stiff, Chipmunk will make an ideal roommate/companion! Chipmunk's adoption fee is only \$20 and covers her spay, microchipping, vaccines and more! For more information about how to meet or adopt Chipmunk or another pet, please contact the Sheriff's Office Animal Resource Center (ARC) at 919-542-7203 to schedule an appointment for a visit at 725 Renaissance Dr., Pittsboro.



AUCTION

Home on .59+/- Acres & 2 Lots
Estate of the Late Ruth Fields
814 N. Garden Ave., Siler City, NC



Bid Online - Ends August 3rd!
RogersAuction.com

RA ROGERS AUCTIONEERS & REAL ESTATE
(919) 545-0412
RogersAuction.com
NCFL7360

Inspection/Previews:
Saturday, 7/17: 10-1pm • Monday, 7/19: 4-6pm
Tuesday, 7/20: 12-2pm

Bid Online - Ends July 20th!
Register to Bid @ RogersAuction.com

RA ROGERS AUCTIONEERS & REAL ESTATE
(919) 545-0412
RogersAuction.com
NCFL7360

Courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office