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ROAD PROPOSAL GAINS TRACTION

A first look at Mountaire's plan for a new East Third Street

BY D. LARS DOLDER
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SILER CITY — Town officials and the public will get to view an animated virtual presentation Monday illustrating proposed construction plans for a re-routed East Third Street which Mountaire Farms hopes to build as part of a \$6 million roads project — to be paid for by Mountaire.

It'll come as part of a public hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the auditorium of Jordan-Matthews High School. In its formal petition to Siler City's board of commissioners, Mountaire is requesting closure of parts of East Third and East Fifth streets and all of Johnson Avenue as part of the project; re-routing a portion of East Third is included in the request. Town staff is seeking the board's direction

about the proposal following the public hearing; the road project is awaiting approval or rejection from commissioners and the North Carolina Dept. of Transportation.

Mountaire's president, Phillip Pylar, and other company officials will attend the meeting, during which residents will have the chance to provide input into the proposal.

Mountaire representatives shared

the presentation with the News + Record and emphasized that while their petition to the town is officially listed as a road closure request, their plan is to reroute the downtown artery after constructing a higher-quality replacement.

The video — as well as a high-resolution map detailing the project — can be seen on the News + Record's website

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102-YEAR-OLD WORLD WAR II VETERAN

Chatham's Wesley Hart set to be awarded French Legion of Honor



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

World War II veteran Wesley Hart, who's 102 years old, poses with his daughters Lynne Dyer (left) and Kathy Wakeman at the home he shares with Kathy in Chapel Ridge. Hart will be awarded the French Legion of Honor in a ceremony on Aug. 12.

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PITTSBORO — At 102 years of age, Chatham County resident Wesley Hart is in rare company — one of just a relative handful of surviving centenarians from among the 16 million U.S. servicemen who fought in World War II.

He's about to join an even more exclusive club.

On Aug. 12, during a ceremony in Pittsboro, Hart will be awarded the French Legion of Honor for his meritorious service in France during World War II. It's the highest French decoration of distinction for those in military and civilian life in France, tracing its history to Napoleon Bonaparte, who established it in 1802.

There are only about 92,000 Legion of Honor members, mostly French nationals, but 300 or so foreigners are



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Hart's Bronze Star medal.

recognized with the honor each year. You can't seek Legion of Honor recognition for yourself; French ministers identify potential recipients, who are in turn invited to apply.

Hart will receive the symbol of the award — with its famous red ribbon and five-armed Maltese asterisk hung on an oak and laurel wreath medal — in a ceremony

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New state guidance on masks in schools

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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School districts should require masks indoors for all students and staff in elementary and middle schools, and for unvaccinated students and staff, Gov. Roy Cooper announced last Wednesday.

With Cooper's current executive order — which includes a mask mandate in schools and settings like health care, public transportation and prisons — set to expire at the end of this month, masking in schools will no longer be mandated, however.

"Although we will no longer have a statewide mask mandate, we expect people to be smart, follow public health guidance and do what works," Cooper said Wednesday on Twitter. "Today, we are releasing strong protocols for schools as they plan for the year ahead. Local school districts should continue to protect students and staff by requiring masks and testing as outlined in (NCDHHS guidance)..."

The update came as COVID-19 cases across the state increased by nearly 60% that week, something officials are widely attributing to the Delta variant, with an increase in cases also occurring in Chatham.

The statewide mask mandate was lifted in May after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed its guidance, save for a few specific settings — including schools. Earlier this month, the CDC again updated its guidance,

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1,4-DIOXANE IN PITTSBORO'S WATER

Town manager: Greensboro's lack of accountability 'is just obnoxious'

BY D. LARS DOLDER
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PITTSBORO — In a specially convened meeting last Tuesday, July 20, Town Manager Chris Kennedy and the Pittsboro board of commissioners publicly demanded the City of Greensboro or the State of North Carolina pay recompense for water contamination issues in the town's drinking supply.

In the last month, Pittsboro staff have daily monitored the town's water since Greensboro announced an illegal discharge of 1,4-Dioxane — a suspected carcinogen derived from industrial runoff — from its TZ Osborne Wastewater Treatment Plant. The city's effluent feeds South Buffalo Creek, a tributary of the Haw River, from which Pittsboro draws its drinking water.

Preliminary water samples in Greensboro indicated 1,4-Dioxane levels between 543 parts per billion and 687 parts per billion had been released. The chemical "slug" was almost 20 times greater than the Environmental Protection Agency's guideline, which recommends no more than 35 ppb of 1,4-Dioxane in healthy drinking water. The chemical had not previously appeared in Pittsboro's water at any detectable level for more than a year.

The contamination violated a Special Order of Consent between the City of Greensboro and the North Carolina Dept. of Environmental Quality signed in February. The SOC stipulates

no more than 45 parts per billion of 1,4-Dioxane may be released into the Haw 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 ppb to 1,210 ppb 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.

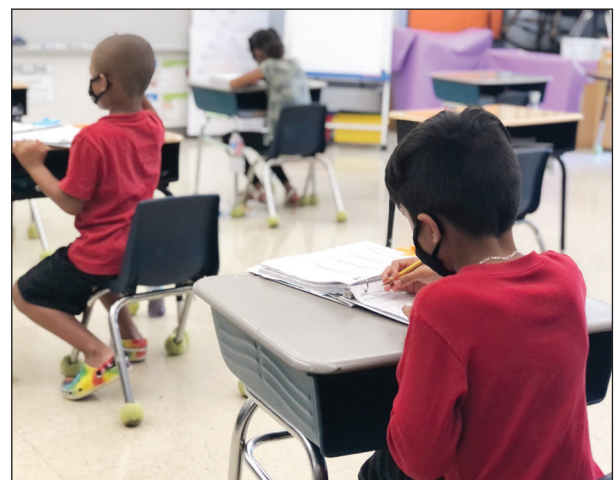
Water samples of Shamrock's effluent showed 98.8 ppb of 1,4-Dioxane on July 6 and July 7 and 466 ppb on July 7 in a "flume grab" — water which had not been mixed with other sources at the wastewater treatment plant. But Greensboro representatives have denied any connection between the company and last month's spill.

Alternative potential sources have not been suggested.

Regardless of who the guilty party is, Greensboro may be liable for a penalty fee of \$5,000 according to the SOC stipulations. But to Kennedy, the sum is laughable.

"One of the things I want to bring up, because it's just obnoxious, is the penalty Greensboro received before was \$5,000," he said, referring to when Greensboro was first penalized following Shamrock Environmental's earliest-discovered pollution. "That covered everything from December of 2017 until February of 2021."

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Students learn at Virginia Cross Elementary's summer learning site Monday morning. The six-week program concludes Thursday.

Staff photo by Hannah McClellan

State leaders praise CCS summer learning

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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SILER CITY — A small group of state lawmakers, local leaders and education experts gathered at Virginia Cross Elementary School Monday morning for an event highlighting Chatham County Schools' summer learning offerings — namely, a six-week program which concludes Thursday.

The event, hosted by the education nonprofit The Hunt Institute, featured a presentation from

district administration on the various aspects of its summer programming — "Ignite Chatham: Empowering Learners" — a tour of classrooms at Virginia Cross and a panel discussion reflecting on what made the programming a success.

"We know that the past year and a half has hit some students and families particularly hard, including students with disabilities, English learners and students from low-income communities,"

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

• **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet have a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at the Jordan-Matthews High School auditorium on the subject of road closures and re-routing proposed by Mountaire Farms.

• **Chatham County Public Libraries** has reinstated its pre-COVID hours of operation at all three branch locations.

• **Siler City Parks and Recreation** Summer Open Gym Program: Children are invited to visit the Ernest Ramsey Gymnasium — located at 512 East Sixth Street in Siler City — each Week-day (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

• **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 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:

• Health Fair and Blood Drive, at **Moncure Fire Department**, on Saturday, August 7, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to

everyone. There will be free vision screening, free shaved ice and popcorn. Call 919-770-6750 for appointment for the blood drive. Fire department is located at the corner of Pea Ridge & Old US1. Something for everyone! Moncure Lion’s Club hosting.

• The Central Carolina Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program will soon begin training at the CCCC Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro. Tuition is free for students who have a sponsorship from a N.C. law enforcement agency. Learn more about the CCCC BLET program at www.cccc.edu/blet/. For more information, contact Neil Ambrose at 919-777-7774 or email to lambr287@ccc.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://friendsccl.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 furni-

ture 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.

• 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 Luterloh 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 till 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, through August 13, 9 am to 5 pm, (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, pytmktg@gmail.com - 18A E. Salisbury St., Pittsboro; 919-533-6997.

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

• 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 American actor (Thin Man, My Man Godfrey) was born on this day (7/29) in 1892?

Find the answer in this issue for your chance to win a \$25 Visa Gift Card!

NEWS BRIEFS

More than 8 million pounds of roadside litter collected this year

RALEIGH — The N.C. Dept. of Transportation’s crews, contractors and volunteers have collected more than 8 million pounds of litter from roadsides and are on pace to exceed the state’s record for litter collection set in 2019.

“We’re less than two months away from our annual Fall Litter Sweep, and we’re counting on everyone to help keep this momentum going,” said state Transportation Secretary Eric Boyette. “Please do your part by securing your loads before traveling, throw away trash in garbage bins, recycle when you can and make sure your friends and family do the same.”

NCDOT and its partners have removed 8 million pounds of litter since Jan. 1. At this rate, NCDOT will exceed the 10.5 million pounds of litter collected in 2019.

The 2021 Fall Litter Sweep will be

held from Sept. 11-25. To sign up for the litter sweep, go here. To learn more about the litter sweep, visit the program’s webpage.

NCDOT’s litter management programs are multifaceted. The department makes use of state-owned forces and contract services statewide. NCDOT’s Sponsor-A-Highway Program allows businesses, organizations and individuals to sponsor litter removal along roadsides. NCDOT is also proud to partner with the more than 120,000 participants in the Adopt-A-Highway Program, where volunteers pledge to clean a section of our highways at least four times a year.

If you spot someone littering from their vehicle, report them with NCDOT’s Swat-A-Litterbug app by downloading the app at ncdot.gov/litter.

Litter is unsightly, costs millions of dollars to clean up and can hurt the environment, tourism and the state’s quality of life.

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said Daniela Doyle, The Hunt Institute's director of policy & research, who also has children at CCS. "As we think about how best to support them, we know we have to practice an additional degree of thoughtfulness."

"Today," Doyle continued, "You'll have the chance to listen from leaders and teachers and other representatives in Chatham County Schools about how they planned for and implemented learning recovery for students with diverse learning needs this summer."

Among the delegates assembled by the Hunt Institute were members of the North Carolina General Assembly, a representative from the Wake County Board of Education, state municipal leaders, CCS Board of Education Chairperson Gary Leonard and Chatham Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores.

Superintendent Anthony Jackson addressed the group, noting that the event fell on day 15 of his tenure as the district's new superintendent.



Staff photo by Hannah McClellan

Kindergarten students at Virginia Cross' summer learning site practice matching upper- and lowercase letters on Monday. CCS's summer programs received praise from the state level.

"Chatham County Schools, based on my assessment, has been uniquely positioned for this work," Jackson said. "When you look at the impact and the intentional work that's been done around the strategic plan of this district, looking at providing support for all students and innovation being the accelerant ... It's clear this summer learning has been an opportunity to do amazing things for young people to help them, even in the middle of a pandemic, win."

CCS's summer programming included 10 academic and enrichment opportunities offered to all students in the district — with more than 1,000 K-8 students and

400 9-12 students participating in academic programs, and 4,000 in the district's various enrichment opportunities.

Not only did this summer served — previous summers averaged about 300 K-3 students, the district said previously — but along with districts across the state, CCS also saw a drastic jump in federal and state dollars available to spend toward programming. Unlike many other districts, CCS already had an infrastructure in place for its summer programs which allowed it to more quickly maximize the potential of its \$1.5 million 2021 program.

"We get results," said

CCS's Amanda Hartness. "Our programs for summer have been highlighted over the last seven years at the state level, because (in) our programs we typically have larger growth than what we see at the state average for summer programs."

Fittingly, the event was hosted at Virginia Cross, the top-ranked public school in the state for growth among schools where at least 90% of the students receive free or reduced-priced meals at school. The school's previous "low-performing" status with the state — which was removed in 2017 — doesn't tell the school's full story, Hartness said.

Following a legislator's question about what information to bring back to their fellow lawmakers, Hartness urged reconsideration of the current accountability model for schools. Currently, the model assigns "school performance grades" based on an 80% achievement score, 20% growth formula.

"It really sets up our schools to someone who doesn't understand (growth) to look like they aren't doing well," said Hartness, who is the assistant superintendent of academic services

& instructional support. "That accountability model doesn't help a school like Virginia Cross tell their story well."

District administrators shared with delegates what makes Chatham's programming different than in many other school systems: data-driven and district-written curriculum, provided materials and resources, an emphasis on social and emotional health and partnerships with more than 20 community partners to send CCS students to camps, free of charge for families.

Hartness and Leonard both praised Chatham commissioners for their support of Chatham schools, saying that prior to the influx of COVID-relief funds, increased local funds helped make up for the decrease of state support.

CCS administrators said challenges for the summer included securing staffing and writing curriculum — particularly after such a grueling school year adjusting to COVID-19 and on relatively short notice following state legislation requiring 150 hours of or 30 days of in-person instruction, among other things.

In the future, Hartness said more flexibility with

the time structure would be helpful in planning, noting that the Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. schedule meant a large time sacrifice — and potential barrier — for students and teachers alike.

Still, walking through the halls of Virginia Cross — decorated with encouraging messages and filled with generally smiling students — it's evident that the program is doing something right.

After a year of remote and hybrid learning, including a virtual summer program last summer, many students and teachers alike looked forward to an opportunity for completely in-person instruction.

In one Kindergarten classroom, students practiced the alphabet, with some matching colored cubes to pictures based on the letter they start with and others matching them to written letters.

Upon finishing her board, one student called out to her teacher, letting him know she finished.

"I'm going to have a good day forever!" she said before moving on to the next task.

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PROPOSAL

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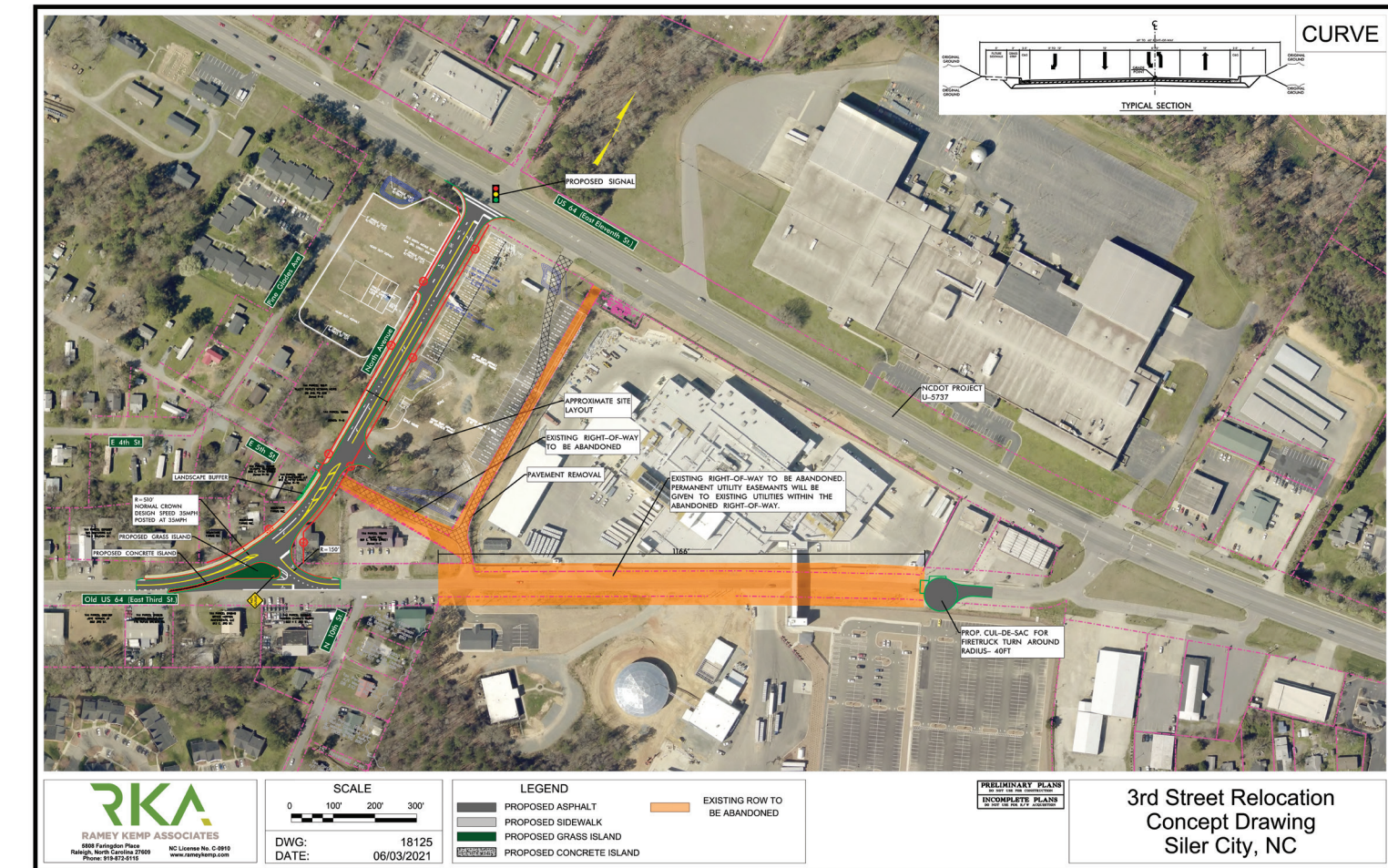
"We think it will be the nicest road in all of Siler City when it's done," Cathy Bassett, Mountaire's director of communications and community relations, said. "It will be a better, more thoughtful, safer road. And we'll be using our own money to build it."

The international poultry processor first submitted its request for a road closure in Oct. 2018 before construction of its \$170 million, 255,000-square-foot facility began. Located at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 64 and East Third Street, the plant sits prominently along the primary access point to downtown Siler City. The company cites frequent poultry truck traffic, and the necessity for trucks to traverse Third Street as they load and unload — a potential danger to regular vehicles — as its motive for the road realignment. Future plans for plant expansion would also benefit from shifting the street.

"It became clear," Bassett said, "that in order to ensure safety and maximize our footprint, we needed to reroute traffic."

About 148 trucks per day enter and leave Mountaire's property, according to Bassett.

"Those trucks have to cross over Third Street



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to reach the scales and back, and offsite trailer storage and back, several times a day," she said. "With the new configuration, we would reduce those trucks from crossing Third Street an additional 464 times a day."

According to Mountaire's virtual rendering of the new road, East Third Street's current terminus at U.S. Hwy. 64 would close to regular traffic and shift about 510

feet west, replacing North Avenue. East Fifth Street and Johnson Avenue — minor roads running through the Mountaire complex — would also close to the public.

The project would introduce several upgrades compared to East Third Street's current two-lane incarnation. A center turn lane would promote safer and more convenient access for trucks turning into Mountaire's complex. Privacy fencing

and landscaping would shield nearby homes and businesses from traffic. And sidewalks would encourage more pedestrian activity, driving potential customers toward Third Street businesses.

"Those business will actually be more visible," Bassett said. "I think they'll see a boost."

Over the years, business owners along Third Street have had mixed reactions to Mountaire's proposal, though few would have their businesses directly affected by the road's new trajectory. But the general response has improved since Mountaire produced concrete renderings in recent months.

"I think it will be only good for all these businesses up here," Butch Hudson, owner of Preferred Insurance on Third Street and a member of the town's planning board, told the News + Record. Hudson's building sits almost directly across from the mouth of the proposed road.

"My business would be one of the most impacted," he said, "but I think it'll be good. (Drivers) will be looking right at us as they come down the new road."

Hudson did not always support the proposed road realignment. For most of the past few years, he feared the shift might detour traffic away from Third Street businesses. But the rendering on a map of the area, which Mountaire previously shared with some business owners, made the difference.

"We just hadn't known what to expect," he said. "They didn't give us anything to see. Now that we actually have a picture, I think we can all feel better about it."

In the last two and a half years, Bassett and other Mountaire staff have brought the company's proposal before the town board of commissioners about 10 times. A company timeline lists more than 40 total interactions between Mountaire representatives, the Town of Siler City and NCDOT, which holds final authority over what happens to the state-maintained road.

Aaron Moody, a public relations officer with the NCDOT, told the News + Record that if the town approves a proposal to reroute East Third Street, the agency would likely support the move "so long as required traffic improvements are made and they are up to current safety and design standards."

"We would be working closely with the town and company/developer to ensure all the necessary steps were taken," Moody said.

In a board of commissioners meeting last month, the long-stagnant project gained traction with town officials for the first time. After offering mostly favorable comments, board members scheduled a public hearing to be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 2 in the Jordan-Matthews High School auditorium for town residents to formal-

ize their opinions on the potential road re-routing.

Unless additional community input convinces the commissioners that Mountaire's proposal is contrary to the public's best interest or the rights of nearby property owners, they will likely adopt an order at some point soon to permanently re-route the streets, after which the decision will be submitted to NCDOT.

But initial approval from the town and state will only begin another years-long process before a new road is complete.

"This project will take several years of approvals, design, engineering and construction," Bassett said, "so it's difficult to put an exact timetable on it."

She emphasized, however, that construction would not force closure of the current East Third Street until its replacement was complete.

"The most feedback we've heard is, 'Whatever you do, don't close it before opening a new road,'" she said. "So that is absolutely our number one priority."

And if residents can endure some years of construction, Bassett expects the community will appreciate the final product.

"Change is hard, we get that," she said. "But this is a positive change that we think residents will really enjoy. And it will be a better gateway to downtown."

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VIEWPOINTS

Hey, litterbug. What gives?

Life is pockmarked with an array of puzzling incongruities. Among them is the fact that we actively recruit volunteers from among

our ranks to bag up roadside trash — trash discarded by litterbugs who *also* come from among our ranks.

A relative few carelessly violate norms. The rest of us are left to clean up after them, as if they were 3-year-olds.

Tossing litter out your car window is moronic.

Look, I really dislike a lot of things in life. A handful of things — online bullying, yardwork, writing “your” instead of “you’re,” people who use

the f-word in public and men who can wear skinny jeans — really, really irk me. But few behaviors chafe me as much as the careless, idiotic act of littering.

Why’s it so ingratiating? I dunno. Aside from letting loose the occasional handful of empty sunflower seed hulls on long drives along open highways years ago, I can honestly say that, as an adult, I’ve never littered. Something about my internal moral compass just won’t allow me to throw out as much as a crumpled-up straw wrapper, probably more biodegradable than those sunflower hulls I used to toss back in my sunflower seed-eating days.

Lest you think this is a humblebrag, rest assured that my own life dossier has plenty of stains on it. And I’m no tree-hugger. But if you offered me \$1,000 in cash to toss out

my empty Starbucks chai latte cup, I wouldn’t even vaguely consider it. (Starbucks customers must share my proclivity; I never, ever see trash from Starbucks on my walks or cycling forays into the country. Bud Light and Pepsi drinkers, on the other hand, are the absolute worst.)

I took notes on my cell phone about what I saw during a recent walk down a rural road near my house. There was a discarded Little Caesar’s pizza box. A diaper. Quite a few empty blue Bud Light bottles. Three empty Styrofoam serving cups — presumably from an ice-cream run — one with the spoon still inside. Discarded potato chip and Doritos bags. An empty Modelo can. A half-full bottle of Mt. Dew Code Red. More fast food bags than I could keep track of. Dozens of empty, flattened beer cans. At

least a half-dozen large drink cups, the kind you buy at a convenience stores; some still had lids and straws intact. A shirt sleeve. Empty take-out containers. Some discarded face coverings.

That was just in the first half-mile.

Littering is a Class 3 misdemeanor here in N.C. Intentionally littering less than 15 pounds gets you a fine of up to \$1,000 and 24 hours of community service.

In other words, *it’s against the law*. But so is speeding, many folks must reason; plus, it’s OK so long as you don’t get caught.

I’m sure that wasn’t on the mind of the dudes who threw out all the beer bottles on the road near my house. They were solving a dilemma: they certainly didn’t want to get stopped with an open container of alcohol. That’d be real

trouble. Much easier just to chuck ‘em out the window and let them be someone else’s problem, right? Simple. Fix two problems with a single throw.

How much trash are we talking about? In North Carolina, about a million pounds a month is collected in our Adopt-a-Highway programs, on average. That probably puts the uncollected volume at at least another million or two pounds per month.

A recent survey revealed that 48% of you admit to littering. We don’t just need more people like me who hate seeing it. We just need more of the rest of you to be responsible.

For *your* garbage. Please. Otherwise, *you’re* garbage.

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Tempus really does fugit

It was hot the afternoon of that day, some 50 years ago.



BOB WACHS
Movin’ Around

But then, it should have been.

July 24. Right in the heart of a North Carolina summer.

But you know what they say about North Carolina’s weather — namely, if you don’t like it, wait about 10 minutes and it’ll probably change. That’s why on Monday we run the air conditioner and on Tuesday we can turn on the heat.

On that day back then, I was sweating. My Right Guard had not only surrendered but it had gone over to the enemy. And my dad’s Old Spice after-shave? Long gone to the sun, that great evaporator in the sky.

But the temperature wasn’t the only reason I was in a lather.

In a few moments, the young lady who caught my eye when she first came into my office about 14 months earlier was going to walk down the left aisle as a single woman and then leave out the right one as a “Mrs.”

The previous year she was a summer replacement for a Pittsboro lawyer’s secretary who wanted to be at home with her children while they were out of school. One day she came into the one-room Pittsboro office of this newspaper asking for a copy of an estate notice that had been printed in the legal section for the required four weeks. As I filled out the necessary form, she looked around at the stacks of newspapers on the floor and desk, the scattered notes on legal pads and crumpled papers, the boxes piled on top of one another here and there, the empty Coke cans, the ashtray full of smoked cigarettes and the vacationing bug family in the corner. In other words, it was all the things that made up newspaper offices of long ago. So, of course, the next words out of her mouth were, “I really like your filing system.”

“Thanks,” I shot back. “I did it myself.” As she left the building, I followed behind, discreetly, of course. When she went out the door, I said to a fellow in an adjacent office, “Earl, who was that?”

“Don’t you know?” was his reply. “No. If I did, I wouldn’t have asked you.” “She works next door for lawyer Billy Smith.”

Fortunately for me, I knew where next door was. And I wound up spending considerable time there in the following days, so much so that one day Mr. Smith came in from the courthouse, saw me in my customary chair in front of the desk of the object of my affection and said, “You’re here so much I think I’ll just put you on the payroll.”

On that special day at the church back that hot summer day, it wasn’t that I didn’t want to go through with things. Far from it. Rather, truth be told, it was that deep down inside I knew it was the awareness that although I thought I was a pretty sharp guy, I was still a babe and was about to take a giant leap into the unknown. After all, I had no experience doing this.

However, I did have experience in the art of dating, especially this young lady. We went to lots of movies, mostly at the Varsity and Carolina on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. After we’d been married a short while, she told me sometimes during those days she had wondered if I knew how to do anything else. But I submit to you, who wouldn’t want to see “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” six times?

Usually after the movie, we’d go to Amber Alley to the Rathskeller for as much pizza as I could hold. Sometimes we went to the Triple R Fish House in Ramseur with her folks. Not only was I trying to make points with the whole family but I genuinely liked them — and the food. We made ice cream on Sunday afternoons. I sent her

flowers — about every two weeks — and rode in the back of the delivery van to her house to show the driver where she lived.

We went out once in July and then pretty much every night in August before she went back to UNC-Greensboro for her senior year. I went to see her occasionally during the weeks of that year but I paced myself. I never went more than three or four times during any one of those seven-day spans. She came home on weekends, which made things convenient. We’d go to her grandma’s, go to the mall, go here, go there, go anywhere or stay home and play Rummy. It didn’t matter. I just wanted to be where she was. We even went to UNC football games on glorious autumn Saturdays, sometimes with my dad, who once told me if I didn’t try to win her heart there was something wrong with me.

There wasn’t.

And I did. Try, that is.

And then there came the time when I thought I had done that but, also being a sometimes-dense guy, I wasn’t really, really, really sure, and I didn’t want to get shot down. So, I devised a plan to find out but to save face in case I had misread the signals. Sitting in her driveway late one December night in my 1970 Mustang with the big V-8, the floor-mounted transmission and the heavy-duty suspension with the Michelin steel-belted radials — the car that could take a curve above the posted limit and stay on the road — I posed what I thought was the ultimate smooth question.

We’d been listening to mood music for a while when I said to her, “What would you say if I asked you to marry me?” See, I reasoned by saying it that way, I hadn’t really asked her if the answer wasn’t going to turn out good for me. Without missing a beat, she replied, “Why don’t you try it and find out?”

So, I did. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Lately, I’ve been trying to wrap my mind around 50 years. See, 50 years is how old my dad was when I thought he was ancient. Fifty years is how long other people have been married. I’m not even old enough to be 50, much less be married that long. But although my mind says I’m 37, the body says “Whoa! Not so fast.”

Those 50 years have brought us much happiness, some sadness but little regret, two children — the 40-somethings who used to be teenagers who lived at my house — and seven grands. And I know why they’re called “grand” — it’s because they are. Remind me to show you my pictures the next time I see you.

Along the way, we’ve buried our parents and other family folk, lost some good friends, endured many surgeries, lived in a number of places and had several careers. And, again as they say (whoever “they” are), “it’s all good.” In short, I’d do it all over again.

She didn’t know it that day when she came into my office but she was seeing a foretaste of her future. Today, in my study, there are stacks of newspapers, books here and there, assorted piles of notes, memorabilia on the shelves. But no bugs, Coke cans — I’ve switched to tea — and no cigarettes butts or ashes. I quit shortly after we wed.

So, as Bob Hope often said, “Thanks for the memories.” It was a good day for me, both of them, that day she came into my office and that hot Chatham County summer day.

Did I mention I’d do it all over again if she would?

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Melissa Florer-Bixler is right about ‘Ted Lasso’ — a full confession

After I read my respected colleague Melissa Florer-Bixler’s recent editorial



ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN
Hope Matters

in the Washington Post (“‘Ted Lasso’ showed us how kindness can change UK soccer. Until we saw the real UK soccer”), why did I want to kick my laptop across the room like a soccer ball?

Spoiler alert: it has to do with me, not her.

I admit that I love

“Ted Lasso” and confess that I have

been known to gush effusively about

Jason Sudeikis’ title character on the

Apple TV+ series as a moral exemplar.

Florer-Bixler acknowledges that she, too, was sucked into watching the series.

But in order to watch, she had to pretend that the story was set on a deserted island far away from society, much like another popular television series, “Lost.”

Florer-Bixler writes that her disconnect with reality on “Ted Lasso” was not the central premise that an unknown college coach of American football would suddenly be named head coach of one of the premier soccer teams in England. Rather, “In Ted Lasso’s alt world, politics and power barely exist.”

Florer-Bixler explains, in the world of the television show, “racial, socioeconomic and gendered power is absent and all human conflict is interpersonal” as opposed to systemic. This dynamic became glaring after the real-life racism toward Black players on Britain’s national team after its loss in the European Championship.

Despite my abiding love of “Ted Lasso,” I admit that Florer-Bixler’s argument is persuasive, which means that I have more to confess — actual sins.

Confession of sin is often thought of as admitting what we have done wrong.

Few would disagree that hurling racial epithets at Black athletes is a blatant example of the sin of racism.

But there are also sins of omission — when we do not do what is right.

Reading Florer-Bixler’s piece, I realized that I was guilty of these silent sins of omission. Following the Black Lives Matter protests that summer, I sought an escape by binge-watching “Ted Lasso.” I checked out of thinking about systemic racism as if I went on vacation to a tropical island.

Now, you might be tempted to say that I should cut myself some slack. Maybe what you would actually like is a little break yourself. But the issue is that certain people cannot escape systemic racism.

There are also redemptive aspects to Ted Lasso. I love that Sudeikis’ character is unfailingly kind, even to his enemies. His kindness wins over nearly everyone, even those who had sought to destroy his reputation.

While Florer-Bixler acknowledges that kindness can transform personal relationships, she points out that kindness may distract or prevent “confront(ing) iron-clad systemic power.” By failing to confront racial, socioeconomic and gendered power, I am guilty of this sin of omission and also of excusing my inactivity and silence in the name of kindness.

Fuller confession: I plan to continue watching “Ted Lasso.” But Florer-Bixler’s editorial gave me a strong nudge — if not a kick in the seat of the pants! And I offer this mea culpa in hopes that you, too, would be motivated to work for racial, gender and economic justice in our real world.

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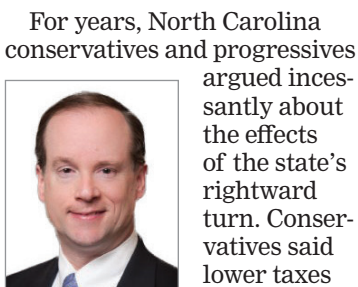
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VIEWPOINTS

Effect of state policy isn't huge



JOHN HOOD
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For years, North Carolina conservatives and progressives argued incessantly about the effects of the state's rightward turn. Conservatives said lower taxes and less regulation tend to boost entrepreneurship, job creation, and economic growth. Rejecting that position, progressives argued that spending more money on education and other public programs and making greater use of health, safety and labor regulations would have net-positive results for the economy.

I've been an active participant in these spirited debates. But what if (gulp) it was much ado about not very much?

It was in 2013 that the Republican-led General Assembly and newly elected Republican Gov. Pat McCrory enacted many of policies in

question — from sweeping tax cuts and spending restraint to unemployment insurance and regulatory reforms. Conservatives predicted higher growth. Progressives predicted lower growth.

Well, from mid-2013 to the first quarter of 2021, North Carolina's gross domestic product grew by a compound annual rate of 2.1%, adjusted for inflation. The national average growth rate was 2%. For the Southeastern region, it was 1.9%. For per-capita income, the three averages — state, regional, national — were identical.

The growth-rate differentials were larger when it comes to jobs. From June 2013 to May 2021, total employment grew 10.4% in North Carolina, vs. a regional average of 8% and a national average of 6.3%. Still, some "bluer" states posted comparable rates of job creation during the same period.

When it comes to economic growth, I've cautioned politicians of both parties and activists of all stripes not to

overstate their respective cases. Regardless of what you think government ought to do, you should keep your expectations reasonable.

Most of the time, GDP growth rates of American states are closely correlated. This is especially true for nearby jurisdictions. If South Carolina's economy is growing robustly, North Carolina's economy probably is, too. If Tennessee's economy takes a nose dive, don't expect North Carolina's to soar into the clouds.

Moreover, whatever theory of public finance or regulation you buy, you should grant that policy effects are likely to be gradual and relatively modest. For instance, if you think cutting the corporate income tax will produce more investment, job creation, and income gains for state residents, you should grant that most corporations do not frequently move large-scale operations from state to state based on two-, three-, or four-point differences in marginal tax rates. Com-

panies produce their goods or services where they do for a host of reasons, and may incur substantial costs in relocation that wouldn't be made up for from annual tax savings for a long time.

Similarly, if you believe that businesses would be more likely to come to North Carolina if our educational attainment and achievement were higher, you should grant that even large funding increases would take a very long time to manifest themselves in more and highly performing workers — even if we assume, rather precariously, that increased funding would boost attainment or achievement more than a modest amount.

Simply eyeballing economic statistics, as I did earlier in this column, can't really answer the underlying questions. You have to construct econometric models that account for multiple variables. Having read hundreds of such studies over the years, I conclude that lower taxes and less regulation tend

to boost state economic growth when all other things are held equal.

That's a more modest claim that saying either that North Carolina's economy will shoot off like a rocket or that it will crash and burn based on what the governor or state legislature may decide to do. Neither outcome is likely. We should acknowledge that factors entirely outside the control of state leaders — national policies, international trade flows, technological innovations, or emergencies such as storms or diseases — will often have such large and lumpy effects that the effects of state policy become hard to discern.

We ought to keep debating these issues, of course. But we should also practice humility and keep things in perspective. Not the current fashion, I know. Don't care.

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Lessons from famous and ordinary people

What North Carolinians would you most like to be subject to a new biography? People whose lives are lessons or inspirations?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

My suggestions include the late Senator Robert Morgan, the late Governor Jim Holshouser, Erskine Bowles, Betty Rae McCain, Bill Johnson and Mary Carol Michie.

I would love to hear your suggestions. Robert Morgan was a puzzle. Was he liberal or conservative? He was an enthusiastic supporter of liberal Frank Porter Graham in his 1950 U.S. Senate campaign and then 10 years later managed the campaign of segregationist Dr. I. Beverly Lake for governor

Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1974 as a moderate, with considerable support from conservatives, he was defeated six years later by a campaign that defined him as an ultra-liberal. A few years later Morgan worked for liberal Walter Mondale's campaign for president.

So what was Morgan — a conservative or a liberal?

I think his biographer would find that he was both, and he was neither, like many other North Carolinians.

In 1972, Jim Holshouser, a mountain Republican lawyer, was elected his party's first governor since 1896. He was the youngest North Carolina governor ever elected. Limited to one term, he continued to serve the state in many ways, including as a member of the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors. There he helped the board's Democratic majority deal with growing Republican strength in the General Assembly. His reasonableness and kindness opened avenues of trust that helped bring adversaries under the same tent.

Erskine Bowles' father, Skipper, was the Democratic candidate who lost to Holshouser. Erskine learned lessons of public service and respect for those of the other side from his dad and from Holshouser. Bill Clinton persuaded him to raise funds for the Clinton campaign and to serve in the White House as Chief of Staff. Bowles' supporters persuaded him to twice run for the U.S. Senate. While neither effort was successful, Bowles had shown his strength and ability to lead, resulting in a call to serve as UNC's president for five productive years. His life experiences would have many lessons for us.

Betty Ray McCain grew up in Faison, but she became well-known and by people across the state due to her numerous statewide roles. Living in Wilson, she became a good friend of Jim Hunt in his campaigns for governor and his efforts to change the state's constitution to permit a governor to run for a second term. She left a permanent mark in our state's life, serving for eight years as secretary of Cultural Resources and 14 years on the UNC Board of Governors.

The late Bill Johnson was owner and editor of the Charlotte Post (Charlotte's Black newspaper) until his death in 1986. I was his lawyer and his student for several years. He taught me about the incredible complications that a Black business owner faced in a white dominated world. His hard work and perseverance helped him make his newspaper serve his community that was still afflicted by traditions of racism and inequality. Johnson's biographer would have the opportunity to tell an important story of persistence and good will.

Mary Carol Michie died June 25 in Swannanoa near Black Mountain. Beginning in 1967, she and her husband George were mainstays of Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. The church was across the street from the Piedmont Courts public housing project. The church and the project were transitioning from all-white to majority Black. Mary Carol devoted her life to the people in the project and the church. Just as important, she recruited people from all over Charlotte to help her. For those she helped and those who helped with her, she was the Mother Teresa of Charlotte. In her determined unselfishness, there are lessons for the rest of us.

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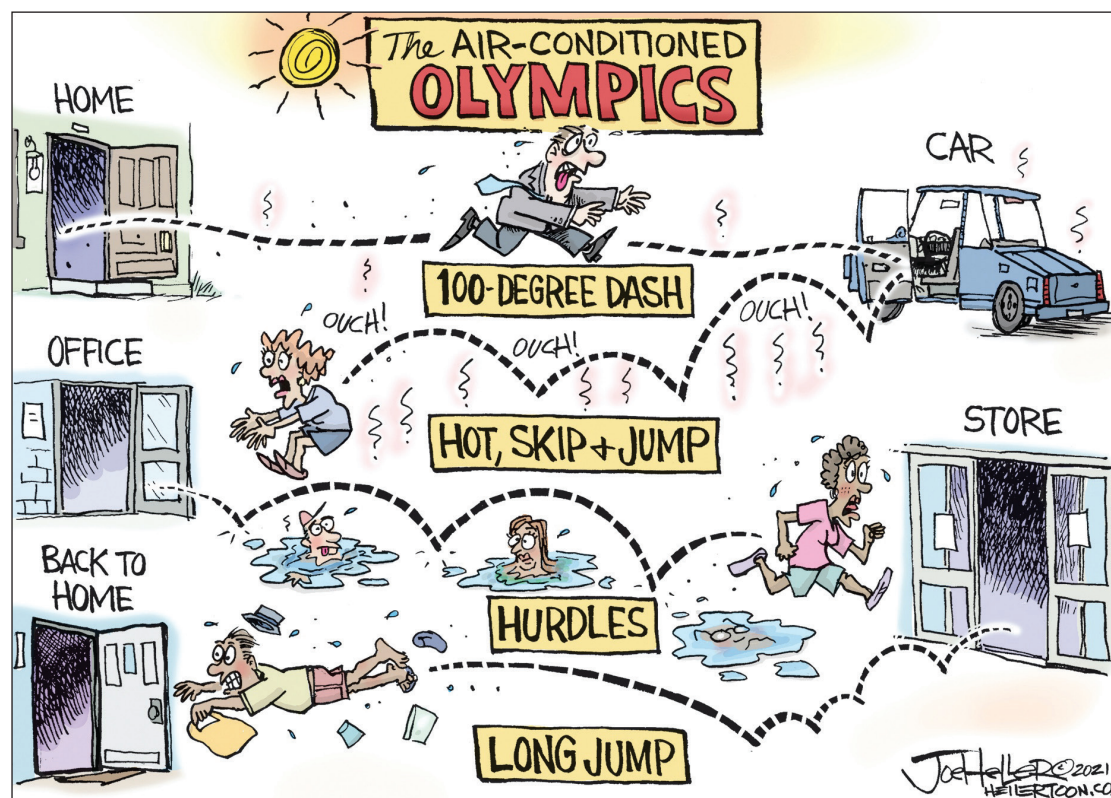
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Burning the midnight kilowatts

"There's nothing good going on after midnight that you

need to be part of," my momma repeatedly told me.

She was right. Our legislators would do well to heed that advice. No legislation

passed after midnight is good for most of our state. Exhibit A is House Bill 951, passed by a 7-vote margin at 12:01 a.m.

Why the dark of night shenanigans? Why did this bill require negotiation behind closed doors? Why do we even need HB 951? No wonder a legion of groups lined up to oppose the bill; some are normal antagonists with each other.

Nobody has yet made the case why we need HB 951. It circumvents the regulatory rate authority of the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission. Instead of Duke coming to the Commission to ask for a rate increase every year, HB 951 would allow them to set their rates three years at a time. A similar measure was defeated last year. Why try to cram it through again? Ok, there is too long of a time lag between when the date rate hikes are requested and a decision is reached — typically 270 days. A better use of everyone's time would be to consider how to shorten that timeline while ensuring ade-

quate public protections.

Chief among the opponents to this measure are environmentalists and manufacturers. Our state is still in recovery from the pandemic and companies that are high electric users, such as textile manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies and others worry about rate increases projected to be as much as 50% over the next 10 years as a result of this bill. Some are threatening to scale down operations or move out of state. Environmentalists complain the provisions would reduce carbon emissions by 61% instead of the 70% Gov. Roy Cooper wants.

There are some good points. HB 951 aids the conversion of coal-fired power generation plants to natural gas, a step in the right direction. It also provides \$50 million to explore building a modular nuclear reactor. We will never provide for our total electric needs through renewable energy and the best, most efficient alternative with the least pollution is nuclear, however it is expensive to build and has a waste disposal problem. Modular reactors are worth considering.

Gov. Cooper will veto any bill that resembles HB 951. Based on their midnight vote the House doesn't have enough votes to override that veto. Lawmakers know this, so why don't they do the right thing and involve the public, interest groups and, most certainly Duke Energy, to negotiate a reasonable energy bill. That's

what good leaders do.

Here's my spin. Duke is a well-run company, the 9th-largest public utility in the nation. Last year the company earned \$1.1 billion in net profits, serving 78 million customers in six states. Execs are well compensated, electricity is reasonably priced and shareholders well rewarded. Last year Duke paid shareholders a 3.9% dividend on stock that hovers between \$100-105 per share. Duke has operated well under the current regulatory environment and will continue to do so.

The North Carolina Public Utilities Commission has a stellar record also. Their task is to make sure customers are protected and charged fairly, while also ensuring our regulated monopolies can earn a reasonable profit — up to a 9.9% return on their invested capital.

North Carolina has been well served by our system of regulated monopolies. Let's stop the midnight games and give power to the people, while also protecting our valuable public utilities.

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If your water’s contaminated, here’s what you need to know

BY D. LARS DOLDER
 News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Water contamination issues have for years been the exigent asterisk beside glowing reports of Pittsboro’s budding reputation.

A month ago, residents’ frustration was evoked anew when the town was blindsided by a new “slug” of upstream pollution. Dangerous concentrations of 1,4-Dioxane were discharged into the Haw River — the source of Pittsboro’s drinking water — from a Greensboro water treatment plant. And it’s not the first time upstream cities have contaminated downstream supplies with a suspected carcinogen.

In 2018, a research team led by Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment Professor Heather Stapleton discovered disconcerting levels of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in the town’s tap water — well in excess of the Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended limit. Since then, scientists have consistently identified alarming concentrations of the chemical family in Pittsboro’s water.

“There are multiple known sources of contamination stemming from within the municipalities of Reidsville, Burlington and Greensboro,” a report from the Pittsboro Water Quality Task Force said in October.

In April, a nationwide study by Consumer Reports found Pittsboro had higher concentrations of PFAS in its water compared to any other sample site in the country — and by a lot. Pittsboro’s water

sample contained 80.2 parts per trillion of PFAS, a staggering figure. Albeit infinitesimal, just a few parts per trillion can be of detriment to the human body when consumed regularly over several years.

But the problem is unlikely to change without governmental intervention. Both PFAS and 1,4-Dioxane are prolific in factory effluent and commonly-used products.

But just how dangerous are these chemical really?

What they’re saying

- “There have been a number of studies investigating health effects from exposure to PFAS,” Stapleton said in a presentation of her team’s findings last year, “and we know based on these studies — laboratory studies and human epidemiological studies — that higher exposure to PFAS is associated with risks for thyroid disease, increased blood cholesterol levels, reduction in our bodies’ abilities to fight off viruses, reduction in our response to vaccines — so, implicating our immune systems — and implications for reproduction and birth outcomes.”
- “1,4-Dioxane is a likely human carcinogen ...” the EPA reports. “The physical and chemical properties and behavior of 1,4-dioxane create challenges for its characterization and treatment. It is highly mobile and does not readily biodegrade in the environment.”

Staying safe

There’s much to be said about PFAS

and 1,4-Dioxane water contamination, as the News + Record has often reported for the past several years. But here are the most important facts you must know to preserve your health:

Only ingestion of contaminated water is dangerous: That is to say, drinking 1,4-Dioxane and PFAS contaminated water is dangerous. But other exposure to the chemicals is unlikely to hurt you.

Health officials say it’s unlikely enough 1,4-dioxane or PFAS can be absorbed into your body through bathing, washing dishes or other household water use to be of major concern.

There are home solutions: some home water purifiers protect against 1,4-Dioxane and PFAS, although they come with hefty up-front costs. Of the two chemicals, PFAS is a bit easier to remove. Both reverse osmosis filters and granular activated coal systems will do the trick. For 1,4-Dioxane, you must select reverse osmosis.

A less expensive option in the short-term is to sidestep the water issue entirely by drinking only bottled water.

Pittsboro is the only town in Chatham that draws its drinking supply from the Haw River. Siler City, Cary and the county’s other areas use different bodies of water such as the Rocky River and Jordan Lake. Those water sources are not impervious to pollution, but they are not riddled with resilient contaminants like the Haw.

Long-term solutions

Town staff and elected officials are

trying to resolve Pittsboro’s water crisis, but it’s slow going.

Under consultation from CDM Smith — an engineering and construction company, which provides water solutions for government and private clients — the board of commissioners adopted a plan in February for tiered installation of various treatment methods starting with a “fast-track” option that should be operational in less than a year.

The filtration method, known as granular activated coal (GAC), would filter approximately 90% of all PFAS from a drinking supply of at least one million gallons per day (mgd) — more than enough for the town’s water demands on all but the hottest days of the year.

The project will cost \$2.5 million to \$3 million.

But with 1,4-Dioxane having resurfaced in the last month, after more than a year-long absence, the town must accelerate its plan to add a reverse osmosis filtration system, Town Manager Chris Kennedy said in a special meeting of the board of commissioners last week (see coverage in this edition). The board has plans to host similar special meetings over coming months dedicated to resolution of the town’s water woes and potential action against upstream polluters.

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Per state requirements, Greensboro fulfilled its responsibility to Pittsboro with that money. But the payment contributed little toward the millions of dollars in ongoing expenses Pittsboro must spend to treat its drinking water — both to dilute 1,4-Dioxane and remove PFAS, another carcinogenic family of chemicals introduced into the town’s water by upstream factories.

“I did the math on that,” Kennedy said. “Their budget in fiscal year 2021 was \$139 million. Our budget is \$3.9 million. It would be in effect like the state of North Carolina penalizing us \$143. Every dollar and

cent counts to us, but \$143 doesn’t make me sweat. And so I think we’ve got to impress upon the state that \$5,000 to \$140 million doesn’t do anything.”

Several commissioners expressed similar frustration.

“Each exceedance of these levels is minuscule in the cost to Greensboro,” Commissioner Michael Fiocco said. “There is no motivation ... If they can’t stop this pollution from getting in there, they should really get whacked.”

Commissioner John Bonitz asked whether litigation might be brought against the City of Greensboro.

“I think it begs the question, when will we have that conversation?” he said. “I’m reluctant to even voice this because I don’t want to distract staff

from the urgent work of attending to the pollutants and the monitoring that’s necessary to ensure that our citizens are continuing to receive safe water. But I do think it’s a compelling question.”

It’s unlikely Pittsboro could gain any real legal leverage against Greensboro, though. The SOC, designed to enforce Greensboro’s responsible behavior, could work to the opposite effect, Kennedy said. The city has legal recourse explicitly identifying \$5,000 as penalty for breach of contract.

“I would say litigating against Greensboro would probably be fruitless,” Kennedy said. “They have a document that says they can adhere to this.”

A better course of action, he said,

would be to seek restitution from North Carolina’s Environmental Management Commission, the state’s Division of Water Resources or “the contaminators themselves” once they’ve been identified.

“As a ‘Boro going against another ‘Boro,” Kennedy said, “our ‘Boro is smaller. And so we need to be very precise and calculated about how we do that.”

Pittsboro’s board of commissioners will host more special meetings in coming weeks dedicated to the resolution of the town’s 1,4-Dioxane contamination. The next will be held via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

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MASKS

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saying masks should be optional for fully vaccinated students and staff. A few days later, Cooper said he expected to release updated recommendations soon.

Less than a week after Cooper’s July 21 recommendation, the CDC reversed its guidance, instead recommending on Tuesday that people vaccinated for the coronavirus resume wearing masks indoors in parts of the country with “substantial” or “high” transmission (more than half of U.S. counties, including Chatham) and that everyone in K-12 schools should wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. Its unclear whether such a recommendation would again change the state’s guidance to schools and businesses.

In its updated school guidance, the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services Wednesday said all K-8 schools “should make mask use universally required,” given that students in those schools are not eligible to be vaccinated. Only the Pfizer vaccine is currently available to people who are 12 or older; Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are for people 18 and older.

That guidance also says all schools should require passengers and staff to wear a mask on buses and other group school transportation.

Cooper said local school leaders are responsible for requiring and implementing recommended protocols in coordination with their local health departments.

The guidance is effective July 30.

‘Do it safely’

Leadership from Chatham’s public and private schools have closely aligned COVID-19 protocol with state and local recommendations.

Within Chatham County Schools, with public student enrollment of more than 8,500, the Board of Education routinely consulted local and state guidance and research in navigating decisions about returning to in-person learning. Though the board won’t be mandated to require masks under the new guidelines, not doing so with current recommendations in place would mark a large departure from past decision-making.

While the board hasn’t officially announced plans for next fall, local officials have long pointed to the hope of returning to five days of “normal” in-person learning next year. This year’s summer programming — which concludes Thursday — was 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 welcomed. Still, some people worry new guidance leaves too much wiggle room for local institutions. These concerns come as the Delta variant spreads and emerging research suggests vaccines might not be as effective for immunocompromised people. Additionally, some wonder how mask requirements for unvaccinated people will be enforced.

Last month, state legislators introduced 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; it’s unclear if lawmakers will continue working toward a compromise bill following the state’s updated guidance.

At least three N.C. school districts — Harnett, Rowan-Salisbury and Union counties — defied Cooper’s face mask mandate for schools before it was removed by voting to make them optional, the Raleigh News & Observer’s T. Keung Hui reported in a Twitter thread last week.

“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.”

In Chatham, the board did not explicitly discuss COVID-19 protocol next fall at its meeting last week, but it did approve a motion lifting the suspension of field trips, after school activities, facility rentals, and school access for visitors and volunteers. Those suspensions were put in place in spring 2020 in response to COVID-19.

That meeting began with public comments from parents calling on the school board to make mask-wearing optional for CCS students next fall.

Last Monday, the American Academy of Pediatrics joined the CDC in calling for in-person learning to fully resume, but departed from the institution in saying

that universal masking should be part of a “layered approach to make school safe for all students, teachers and staff.”

“Our children need to get unmasked, OK, if not, if you do not unmask our children, you better come up with some money to help provide for them in the future for their social, emotional and mental stress that they’re going to have in the future,” said one speaker, Edie Jacomet, “because they will — they will, mark my words, so I’m just asking you, please unmask our children.”

While COVID-19 data suggests young children are less likely to get COVID-19 and to spread it, epidemiologists have long cited mask-wearing as an essential protection against spread of infection among unvaccinated people. Data also suggests the Delta variant is more contagious than other strains.

Cooper echoed the importance of mask-wearing last Wednesday, stating that masks and vaccinations would help keep students in the school building.

“The most important work our state will do next month is getting all our school children back into the classrooms safely for in-person learning. That’s the best way for them to learn, and we want their school days to be as close to normal as possible after a year of disruption,” Cooper said. “Getting our kids back in the classroom for full-time, in-person instruction is critical. And this health guidance will help schools do it safely.”

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at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 12 at New Salem Church on Old Graham Road in Pittsboro.

The public is invited to the event. French Consul General Vincent Hommeril, who’s based in Atlanta, will make the presentation.

Among the 10,000 or so American recipients awarded entry into the group over the years are former Army General George S. Patton, former Army General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, aviator Charles Lindbergh, animator and entrepreneur Walt Disney and a wide array of other historic Americans who have made a mark in France — among them, comedian Jerry Lewis, author James Baldwin, musician Miles Davis, chef Julia Child and still-living Americans Clint Eastwood and Bob Dylan.

Until recently, Hart — who was a member of both the 44th Infantry and 102nd Infantry divisions and was in active service from September 1942 through February 1946 — didn’t even know he was being considered for the Legion of Honor.

Here’s how it happened: a former Chatham County resident now living in South Carolina — Phil Bienvenue, who was a member of a Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter — attended the same church as Hart’s daughter, Kathy Wakeman. Bienvenue told Wakeman he’d heard the

French government was looking for potential Legion of Honor applicants.

Hart, who achieved the rank of Captain while in the Army, received the Bronze Star Medal for his service during the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944-45. Knowing about his Bronze Star, given for heroic achievement or meritorious service in a combat zone, Wakeman and her sister, Lynne Dyer, agreed their father might be a good candidate.

Hart lives with Wakeman in Chapel Ridge; Dyer lives next door. Wakeman filled out the lengthy application — which also required extensive documentation — and submitted it in writing to the French consulate in Atlanta.

Hart’s late wife Agnes had kept all of Hart’s service records, making the time-consuming application process easier, but the girls still decided not to tell Hart about it in the event he didn’t receive the honor.

Then Wakeman and Dyer waited.

“We didn’t hear anything for two years,” Wakeman said.

The coronavirus pandemic then happened, and the sisters assumed that the recognition, for which there is no set criteria, wasn’t going to happen. Wakeman, in fact, ran across a copy of the application while cleaning the office in her home later and decided — since she’d not heard anything about it — to shred it.

About a month later, the telephone in her home rang. It was Pierre Frechette from the French

consulate in Atlanta.

“I was on the floor, because I knew what was coming,” Wakeman said, laughing. “He said, ‘We want to give your father the Legion of Honor.’”

War service, then a book

Hart’s service with the U.S. Army began in the winter of 1941. He was drafted out of his native New York and assigned to the 44th Infantry Division for basic training in Fort Dix, N.J. After Pearl Harbor, he was deployed to Ft. Lewis in Washington state, then went to Officer Candidate School in Maryland, where he became an ordnance officer and 2nd Lieutenant.

After a stint in Texas, Hart ended up back near Fort Dix before traveling from the U.S. to Europe in 1944 aboard the Queen Elizabeth, which had been converted from a cruise ship to a troop transport. His last three nights in the United States were spent in New York City with Agnes before he set sail for Glasgow, the large Scottish port town, in war-torn Europe.

After disembarkation, Hart, members of his Company and fellow soldiers took a train to South Hampton, England, a major staging area for June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion on Normandy.

Hart’s landing on Omaha Beach on the French coast occurred after D-Day — which was a turning point in World War II — and “was similar to the landing on D-Day, except

that there were no bullets flying,” Hart wrote.

He tells that story in a self-published book recounting his military experience. About 18 months ago, not long after assembling the Legion of Honor application, Wakeman and Dyer began helping Hart put his recollections to paper. The result — “WWII: In My Words” — is a matter-of-fact, first-person narrative of Hart’s wartime experience. Wakeman did much of the transcribing of Hart’s recollections and worked with the printer; Dyer handled the editing.

The 54-page book is brief — The Battle of the Bulge and Germany’s surrender, for example, are each covered in a page or so — but filled with Hart’s insights, observations and personal recollections. In a section about the Battle of the Bulge, for example, Hart writes that his company was stationed near a railroad bridge in Düsseldorf, Germany, that had been destroyed. In the railroad yard “were three flatbed cars loaded with German rocket bombs.”

“Our General wanted to know if the bombs could be fired back at the Germans,” Hart writes. “It became my job as the Division Administration Officer to find a way to do just that. I enlisted the help of two other officers, and we found a building in the brickyard in where there was a bomb shelter. There was also a large bomb crater in the yard. The bombs were 18” in diameter and about four feet

long and housed in a crate that had a hinged front end that opened. With wire and detonators, we were able to fire a single rocket bomb from the shelter. It went over the Rhine River just as we had planned.”

The book tells how Hart and his company followed the Allies’ front lines through France and Belgium and into Germany, providing ordnance and ammunition en route to Germany’s ultimate surrender. Because Wakeman and Dyer are neighbors, access to their father, was, of course, easy. Accessing his memories of his service experience wasn’t too difficult, either. Beginning in his 40s and 50s, Hart — after not talking much about his wartime years when they were children — started sharing war stories with his daughters.

“We helped him,” Wakeman said. “We’d heard some of the stories over and over. He would forget some of the details, but because we’d heard the stories we were able to help him remember.”

‘Took awhile to absorb’

Today, with the Legion of Honor ceremony approaching, his daughters say the honor is beginning to sink in for Hart.

“Well, you know, he’s 102,” Wakeman said. “And I think it took several weeks to sink in. He acknowledged it, but it’s only been about the last week or so that he started to ask real questions about it. So it took a little while to absorb it.”

Hart suffers from macular disease, but Wakeman and Dyer say his mind is still sharp enough to comprehend what will happen on Aug. 12.

“He heard me,” Wakeman recalls about telling her father of the Legion of Honor news, “and I didn’t push it because I wanted him to think about it ... So he worked it all through and he finally got to figure it out. And he said, ‘This is really getting exciting.’”

For Wakeman, hearing her father’s stories makes her realize how brave, “and how tough,” he and his fellow soldiers were.

“... and how determined they were,” she said. “It was an exceptional generation because I don’t think people realize what they did ... because it’s hard to imagine it today. So I’m just proud of him — and both of them, because although my mom is gone, we were equally proud of her because she stood by him and was such a good wife.”

Wakeman said Agnes would be thrilled to know about Hart’s honor. She died in 2017, about a month before the couple’s 75th anniversary.

“She would be over the moon,” Dyer echoed.

Dyer recalls spending one rainy day years ago with her mom and dad, listening to him tell stories; she was suddenly struck by how much she’d learned from him.

“We found all these pictures and dad started talking and telling all these little stories,” she said. “And you know, it made me realize what made him such a wonderful dad. He gave us the resourcefulness and the ingenuity and the ‘chutzpah,’ if you will, to get through any tough situation.”

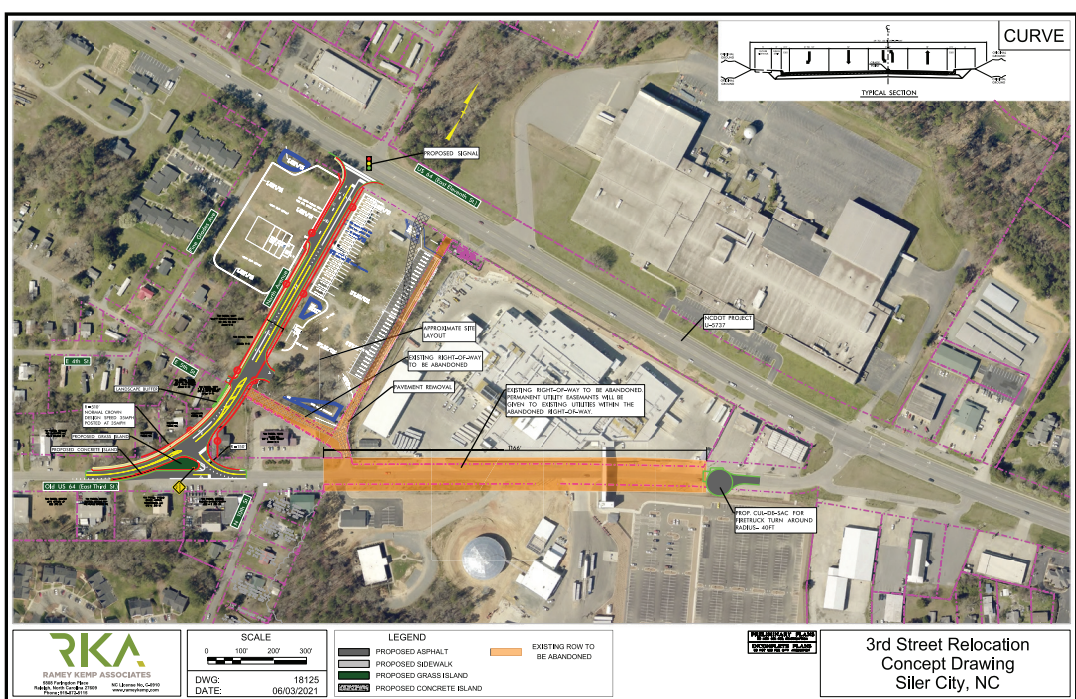
Dyer remembers hearing Hart tell her that because he was an officer, he could have bunked in more comfortable barracks where most officers slept — but he’d prefer to stay with “his men.”

That was typical of him. “Just the things that he did,” Dyer said. “They needed the ‘so-and-so’ to make that Jeep work, so Dad would go into a bombed-out factory and find a part and get it going. And I’m thinking, ‘That was Dad.’ He was the most resourceful person to figure out things, to make it work, or to put it together. He has always been the fix-it man.”

“He had that kind of mindset,” she said. “And all the ways we knew him as a dad growing up, I can visualize that in him as a soldier, and as a younger man. So I think that’s kind of what this means to us — it brings it all together, and it’s so appropriate, because this is our dad, and who he is, and who he was at that time and what he meant to everyone around him.”

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.

OBITUARIES

MARIECHEN LAWRENCE WILDER SMITH



7/27/1924 - 7/16/2021

Mariechen Smith's long and joyful life came to an end at Carolina Meadows in Chatham County, N.C., where she resided for the last 24 years.

Mariechen was predeceased by her parents, Frank Wilder and Julia Wilder; her husband, George Dutilh Smith; her brother, Charles Wilder; her sister, Catharine Louise "Kitty Lou" Pope, and her brother-in-law, James Pope. She is survived by her sister, Virginia "Ginny" (Rich) Wen-

ner; her son, Douglas (Carol "Cookie") Smith; her daughter, Mariechen "Mandy" (Randy) Matson; and her grandchildren, Ronald Smith and Julia Matson Wagner.

Mariechen grew up in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. She attended the Greenwich Academy and graduated from the Grier School in Tyrone, Pennsylvania in 1941. She graduated from the Connecticut College for Women in 1944. She later earned a Master's in Education at the University of Bridgeport.

George and Mariechen married in 1946. During their 56-year marriage they lived in New York City, Darien, Connecticut; and Punta Gorda, Florida, before moving to North Carolina in 1997. Their greatest pleasure was spending time with friends and family cruising on the various boats they owned over the years, each named "Cheers." Mariechen was an avid sports lover. She played field hockey as a young woman, tennis throughout most of her life, and golf and croquet in her later years.

Mariechen's business life was varied and fulfilling. When she and George lived in New York, she was the publicity director at a national toiletries company, and a magazine writer and beauty editor. When they lived in Connecticut she worked as a realtor, a career she continued when they moved to Florida. Her real estate career was an especially good fit for Mariechen's outgoing, friendly nature, and her desire to meet and talk to people in all walks of life. She maintained a busy social schedule, and was a prolific correspondent who maintained relationships with a wide range of friends from every facet of her life.

Mariechen was always a woman ahead of her time. She was a working wife and mother when many of her peers were not. After giving birth to her son, she was the first person in her company to be granted maternity leave. She was the first female lecturer on real estate principles and practices at the University of Connecticut. She role modeled "you can do whatever you want" to her daughter, whose early career was in a male-dominated field.

Mariechen was "Nana" to her grandchildren, and her vivaciousness was an inspiration for how to live life fully. She was unfailingly supportive of her grandchildren's dreams, and as an advocate of education, supported each as they pursued their educational and professional goals. She embraced the paths each of her grandchildren took; telling her about the latest adventure in life was a joy, as her excitement was infectious. Her loss will be felt for a lifetime, but so will the lessons and love she imparted.

The family is grateful for the wonderful staff at the Pines Health Center of Carolina Meadows, who tended Mariechen with compassion, dignity, and humor. An activities specialist beautifully captured her personality in a lovely note to the family: "Your Mom was without a doubt the finest impromptu Social Director of the Pines I have ever known. If there was a party going on she would find it. If there was no party, she would create one. She loved to sit with other residents at the nurse station lounge area whenever I played piano there. She encouraged others to join in the singing, usually after she had announced she could not sing but loved the music and the people. Mariechen was classy, sassy, and unforgettable."

The family will gather for a memorial service at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Carolina Meadows Employee Fund. Checks should be written to the Carolina Meadows Foundation, with a notation that this is in memory of Mariechen Smith, and sent to: Carolina Meadows Foundation Inc., 100 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517.

NELLIE GRACE WELCH BREWER

Nellie Grace Welch Brewer, 90, of Bennett passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021, at Chatham Hospital.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at Bennett Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Jason Whitehurst, Pastor Edwin Moore, and John Phillips presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Nellie was born in Chatham County on May 3, 1931, to Joe and Ada Scott Welch. She was a member of Bennett Baptist Church, where she served as the church treasurer for 43 years, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. Nellie worked in textiles and sold Hazel Keller cosmetics. In addition to her parents, Nellie was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Bunn Brewer; eight brothers, Leon, Lester, Frank, Porter, Henry, Howard, Nuby and Ted.

She is survived by children, Iris B. Humble of Franklinville, Cheryl Brewer, Bill Brewer and Bunnie Brewer, all

of Bennett; and two grandsons.

Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to Chatham County Council on Aging, 112 Village Lake Rd., Siler City, N.C. 27344 or Bennett Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 91, Bennett, N.C. 27208.

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

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

EDWARD GARRIS SR.

Mr. Edward Garriss Sr, 81, of Bronx, N.Y., passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, N.Y.

Funeral service as held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2021, at Knotts Funeral Home in Pittsboro, with burial following at Pittsboro Community Cemetery.

JOHNNY QUICK

Mr. Johnny Quick, 81, of Greensboro passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Greenhaven Health and Rehabilitation.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

GERALD LYNN FOUSHEE



RAMSEUR — Gerald Lynn

Foushee, 77, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at Randolph Hospice.

Born November 3, 1943, in Chatham County, he was the son of the late Maddie Bynum Foushee and Lil-lie Louise McDaniel Foushee. Gerald worked for Glendale Hosiery in the shipping and receiving department for 42 years. He enjoyed refinishing antique furniture. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Clarence Foushee and

Kenneth Foushee.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 18 years, Amy Cox Foushee; children, Teresa and her husband Carl Smith, Ritchie Foushee; step-children, Joshua and his wife Wanda Siler, Amanda and her husband Jonathan Davis; grandchildren, David Smith, Casey Foushee, Hannah Foushee, Lilly Davis, Wyatt Davis, Eli Davis; sisters, Zelda and her husband Brack Lewis, Sylvia and her husband Frank Brown, and Faye Dean and her husband Roy Stout; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, August 1, 2021, at Shady Grove Baptist Church, 6853 Old Staley Road, Staley, N.C. 27355.

Services entrusted to Midstate Cremation & Funeral Service, Asheboro.

DAVID SAMS



Larn David Sams was called to Heaven on Friday, July 23, 2021.

Born on September 27, 1933, in Reidsville, North Carolina, David was the son of the late Larn McGil-lian Sams and Clatie Mae Phillips Sams. While he resided in Denton over the years, David settled as a proud member of the Asheboro community for most of his life. As a cryptographer in the U.S. Army, David served during the Korean War from July 1953 to June 1955. He

worked in textile management for Klopman of Burlington and also as a general contractor for many years. David liked to spend his free time golfing with his friends and family. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was fondly known for being a keen marksman. In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his son, David Wayne Sams.

David is survived by his wife, Edna Brown Sams; his daughters, Shelby Turpin and her husband David, Donna Sams Jackson and her husband Danny. David was a grandfather to many wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

David laid in repose from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2021, at Ridge Funeral Home. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Bennett. A funeral service followed at 2 p.m. with Pastor Don Edwards officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with military honors by the Randolph County Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Cemetery Fund, 5946 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Bennett, N.C. 27208; Richmond County Hospice, 1119 U.S. 1 North, Rockingham, N.C. 28379; or to the Randolph County Honor Guard, P.O. Box 1672, Asheboro, N.C. 27204.

Condolences may be made online at www.ridgefuneral-home.com.

MICHAEL JEFFREY (BUGS) COMBS

Michael Jeffrey (Bugs) Combs, 58, of Sanford, passed away on July 19, 2021, at his home.

The memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Countryside Presbyterian Church with Pastor Dave Kinney officiating.

Michael was born in Landstuhl, Germany, on February 15, 1963, to the late Tommy and Alta Everidge Combs. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Larry Combs. Michael worked in sales for many years.

He is survived by his daughter, Erin Combs Walton of Colorado Springs; brothers, Billy Everidge of Olivia and Jack Combs of Asheville; sisters, Teresa Wood (Flo) and Fran Blakeley, both of Sanford, and Ann Revels of Holden Beach.

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

GENEVA HUNT LLOYD

Ms. Geneva Hunt Lloyd, 82, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, July 19, 2021, at her residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

LLOYD CECIL CASSIDY

Lloyd Cecil Cassidy, 64, of Siler City, passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2021, at his home.

Services provided by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

BOONRUAN NEIGUM

Boonruan Neigum, 69, of Sanford, died Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Peak Resources Pinelake in Carthage.

A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25, 2021, at Pocket Presbyterian Church, Sanford, with Pastor Daniel Owens officiating.

Ms. Neigum was born March 15, 1952 in Thailand. She is preceded in death by her parents and older sister.

She is survived by a daughter, Cindy Mulvihill-Putnam; older and younger brothers and sister; five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

TAKINA PATRICE BRISTOW

Takina Patrice Bristow, 44, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at her residence.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 2021, at St. Mark United Church of God with burial following in Lee Memory Garden.

DARRELLE O'BRIAN GUNTER

Darrelle O'Brian Gunter, 37, of Sanford passed away on Friday, July 23, 2021, at Genesis HealthCare in Mt. Olive.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

CONRANGE VICTOR FLACK JR.

Conrange Victor Flack Jr., passed away on Friday, July 16, 2021.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2021, at Mitchells Chapel AME Zion Church with burial following at St. Paul AME Zion Church Cemetery.

JAMES MARSHALL PETTY

James Marshall Petty, 69, of Sanford passed away on Monday, July 26 2021, at his residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

ED ROBERT SMITH JR.

Ed Robert Smith Jr., 89, passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at UNC Hospice in Pittsboro.

Mr. Smith Laid in Repose on Tuesday, July 27, from 12 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at Loves Creek Baptist Cemetery, with Rev. Kenny Black officiating. The family requests that no food be brought to the home.

Mr. Smith was born in Chatham County on February 4, 1932. He was the son of Ed Robert Smith Sr. and Eva Hester Smith. Ed was a member of Loves Creek Baptist Church. He retired from Auto Systems of Ramseur and was also a retired farmer. Ed was an Army Veteran, serving in the Korean War, stationed in Germany. Ed was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carlene Williamson Smith; and a son, Ed Robert Smith III of Siler City.

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 Smith family.

KIMBERLY CHER GILMORE

Kimberly Cher Gilmore, 47, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021, at her home.

She was born in Lee County on February 25, 1974, to the late Clarence and Victoria Gilmore Dunn. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandfather, Bill Gilmore. Kimberly worked with her grandfather at Bill's Grill in Sanford.

She is survived by her son, Gregory (Scooter) Newell of Sanford; daughter, Mikayla Comer of Sanford; brother, Jimmy Dunn of Moncure; sisters Crystal Snipes and Brandy Jackson, both of Sanford; and one grandson.

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

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

DALPHINE (BUIE) ADAMS

Dalphine Buie Aams, 68, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at her residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

LEE MAJORES BURNS

Lee Majores Burns, 53, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at his home.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

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LARRY LEE TART 'POPTART'



Larry Lee Tart, "PopTart," 79, of Sanford passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Funeral services will be held at Crossroads Ministries in Broadway on Friday, July 30, 2021, at 3 p.m. Burial will follow at Lee Memory Gardens.

Larry was a route salesman for many years for Jesse Jones before starting his own business as Tart Enterprise. He lived to serve his customers who became his life-

long friends. Larry was a founding member of Crossroads Church where he served as a Deacon for over 20 years. Since retirement, Larry has enjoyed his place at the lake and traveling with his motorcycle friends as often as he could. He will be sorely missed by so many people whose lives he has touched.

Mr. Tart is survived by his wife Jackie Mitchell Tart; son, David Tart (Marlee); daughter Angela Tart Gipson (John); stepson, Dustin Mitchell (Lauren); stepdaughters, Michelle Mitchell Johnson (Edwin) and Crystal Mitchell; grandchildren, Carson Tart, Walker Tart, Alivia Gipson, Rebecca Gipson, Wesley Gipson (Haley), Isabell Mitchell, Berkley Mitchell, Cassidy Johnson, and Mylee Mitchell; two great-grandchildren; sister, Shelby Tart Raynor (J.F.); sister-in-laws, Rebecca Tart, Betty Tart; and many nieces and nephews who he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Faye Stewart Tart; parents, Ulysses Alton Tart and Alma Byrd Tart; seven siblings; and a step-grandson, Caleb Johnson.

A visitation will be held before the service in the sanctuary at 1 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Crossroads Ministries, 107 Milton Ave., Broadway, N.C. 27505.

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

Arrangements are by Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home.

ETHEL JANE TALLY BURNS

Ethel Jane Tally Burns, 80, of Bear Creek passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021, surrounded by her family at her home.

Mrs. Burns was born in Chatham County on October 8, 1940, the daughter of William Woodrow and Florence Laurene Phillips Tally. Jane was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, and loved listening to gospel music, and the singing of John Lanier. She spent her working years as an RN for UNC Memorial Hospital. Jane had a love of reading. You could often find her in the kitchen fixing food for her family; she was famous for her pound cake and banana pudding. Jane enjoyed traveling and dancing. Jane is preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Dennis Albert Tally.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Thomas L. Burns; daughter, Brenda B. Williams of Cary; son, Marvin Burns and wife Diane of Johnsonville; sister, Marie Tally Adams and husband Lloyd of Pineville, W.V.; grandchildren, Kelly Seagroves and husband Shane of Sanford, Christopher Timms of Greenville, S.C., Walker Williams of Cary, and Zachary Burns of Johnsonville; great-grandson, Grayson Seagroves; and great-granddaughter, Aubrey Timms.

Ethel will Lie in Repose on Thursday, July 29, 2021, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Ave., Siler City. The family will also receive friends in the Church Fellowship Hall on Friday, after the service. The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, 17721 N.C. Hwy 902, Bear Creek with Rev. Darrell Garner officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Burns family.

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

PITTSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Citing COVID risks, commissioners postpone public hearings

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — In a rare deviation from normal procedure, Pittsboro's mayor and board of commissioners delayed most agenda points from Monday's regular meeting, citing the surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant.

The meeting was scheduled to be the commissioners' first in-person assembly since the coronavirus pandemic began almost a year and a half ago. Since then, the board has met exclusively via Zoom, even after state mandates permitted a return to regular proceedings.

Over the last few weeks, however, COVID-19 case numbers have risen consistently across the state as the novel Delta variant — a more contagious, though not necessarily more dangerous COVID-19 mutation — continues to proliferate. As of Monday, state officials had designated 13 North Carolina counties as suffering "substantial" COVID spread.

Chatham, a "significantly" impacted county, has also seen an alarming jump in positive COVID-19 diagnoses over the last month. Throughout most of June, Chatham experienced fewer than 20 new cases on average across a 14-day span. On Monday, the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services reported 114 cases in the previous two weeks, almost exclusively among the unvaccinated population.

Considering the heightened risk to some attendees, Pittsboro's commissioners and mayor decided to truncate the in-person meeting and postpone the bulk of its content to their next meeting on Aug. 9, which will be moved back to Zoom.

"The board collectively determined that we should not proceed as originally planned in the interest of public health and the safety of those who may wish to attend the meeting," Mayor Jim Nass said in a press release Monday morning. "... (A) decision was reached to proceed with an in-person, abbreviated version of the regular meeting to include the updates and commissioner comments, public comment and to consider the consent agenda as customary."

The board was originally scheduled to host four consequential public hearings. Each was opened Monday, but immediately continued to the Aug. 9 meeting without entertaining discussion.

"I, as mayor, and the board of commissioners find this plan preserves the rights of the parties involved in the public hearings already scheduled for the July 26 regular meeting agenda and the interested parties who may wish to provide comments," Nass said, "while also promoting the public health and safety of each of those groups that may wish to attend the meeting ... As always, the health and safety of our citizens and residents is our primary concern."

The four public hearings to be continued on Aug. 9 are:

- Annexation request from The Rexford Group

The petitioner, The Rexford Group Ltd, requested approval of a voluntary contiguous annexation of about 197 acres west of Old Graham Road and north of the U.S. Hwy. 64 Bypass.

The petition was previously discussed at the June 14 and June 28 regular meetings of the board of commissioners in which the town clerk and commissioners

investigated and accepted "sufficiency" of The Rexford Group's request, according to the agenda.

- Chatham Park development agreement

The commissioners will host a legislative public hearing to evaluate Chatham Park Investors' request for a development agreement to encompass the entirety of the Chatham Park Planned Development District, including a broad range of residential, institutional and commercial land uses as authorized and provided for in the Chatham Park master plan. The plan anticipates 22,000 residential units and 22,000,000 square feet of nonresidential uses.

- Rezoning request for the Townsend Tract

Jamie S. Schwedler requested a general use rezoning of three parcels spanning about 740 acres near 1377 Sanford Rd. The rezonings would be from manufacturing-heavy industrial use to residential-agricultural, and from residential-agricultural (2 acres) to low density residential. The property is adjacent to and south of Moncure-Pittsboro Road and owned by CPF LLC.

- Special use permit for the Townsend Tract

Jamie S. Schwedler requested a special use permit for a planned unit development including a maximum of 2,223 units to include one-family, detached residences; town homes; and associated accessory buildings and amenities such as club houses. The development would sit on the aforementioned 740 acre property near 1377 Sanford Rd. subject to approval of Schwedler's rezoning requests.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

CCCC BLET program beginning soon

Are you looking for a challenging, but rewarding profession? The Central Carolina Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program can put you on that path to a satisfying career in public service. The next class will soon begin at the CCCC Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro. Tuition is free for students who have a sponsorship from a N.C. law enforcement agency. Learn more about the CCCC BLET program at www.cccc.edu/blet/. For more information, contact Neil Ambrose at 919-777-7774 or email to lambr287@ccc.edu.

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If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Pollan, Chatham 250 Project Manager, at hilary.pollan@chathamcountync.gov. If you would like more information about Century Farm Orchard and/or the Aunt Rachel apple tree, see below and/or visit www.centuryfarmorchards.com.

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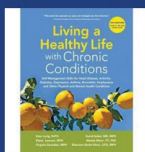


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CHURCH NEWS

**MARTHA'S CHAPEL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Martha's Chapel Christian Church has cancelled its scheduled Gospel Singing set to occur on the evening of July 31, due to the ongoing risks of COVID-19 exposures.

**BROWN'S CHAPEL U.
M. C.**

Brown's Chapel United Methodist Church will celebrate its 175th year of ministry with Homecoming Celebrations on

Sunday, August 1. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by our traditional Homecoming Feast. All are welcome.

**MITCHELL CHAPEL AME
ZION CHURCH**

In partnership with the local police department, Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church Men's Ministry will host the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6. This will bring the police

and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

It will take place in the parking lot from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be music, dancing, games for all ages, police participation, food and frozen treats and prizes. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food donations for the local food bank, CORA.

The church is located at 1085 Mitchell's Chapel Road, Pittsboro.

RANDOLPH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Spring Semester, 2021,
area students named to
the Honors List:

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,
Trevor Gray
Franklinville: Taylor
Leonard, Skyler Robbins
Liberty: Loubna Elkhaba-
baz, Jakson Kirkman,
Kory Langley, Arielle
Woods
Pittsboro: Anthony

Shamblav

Ramseur: Jeremy Auler,
Taryn Brunson, Dalton
Craven, Melanie Garner,
Kaden Graham, Cynthia
Phillips, Caleb Robbins,
Alex Rodriguez, Aija
Thomas

ACADEMIC MERIT LIST

Bear Creek: Cayley Powell
Bennett: Jonas McCannless, Suzana Morgan, Charlise Phillips
Franklinville: Jordan Baker, Kimberley Brooks Kendall Cox, Trenton Crutchfield, Macie Dav-enport, Lucas Gartner, Brandon Green, Ariadna Juarez-Valencia, Casey Junod, Monica Stover
Liberty: Priscilla Bau-tista Chahuiz, Alyssa Beasley, Abbey Burgess, Lily Butler, Owen Can-edy, Jonathan Garrett, Cadence Heilig, Braxton

Hiatt, Cassie Horvath, Delton Johnson, Natalie King, Kailey Mabe, Stephanie Marceleno, Montserrat Mariscal, Shane McDuffee, Samantha McPherson, Tia Meredith, Jesus Mondragon, Austin Morrow, Jacqueline Raya Puente, Daniel Redding, Leah Switzer, Dalton Thompson, Issac Vera-Espinoza

Ramseur: Cyrus Bartholow, Kimberly Flores-Perez, Katie Gaines, Lydia Hamilton, Brooklyn Hargett, Samuel Harris, Karen Peltier, Hannah Proper, Marlene Rangel, Zachary Ratchford, Wendy Roman-Hernandez, Margarita Santos-Perez, Amanda Smith, Abbey Stout, Avery Wright

Siler City: Mason Clark,
Yasleen Perez Bautista,
David Stecher, Doris
Tomas Garcia

Staley: Haley Langley, Nicholas Lanier, Jessica Waite

NEWS BRIEFS

Chatham County Public Utilities Implements Increases to Some Fees

PITTSBORO — As of July 1, 2021, residents who have a water tap and/or meter installed on their property in Chatham County will pay more for these services. The fee increases are necessary in order to cover the costs that Chatham County incurs to install taps and set meters. Fees will also be increasing for fire flow testing, hydrostatic pressure testing and bacteriological sampling. It has been more than a decade since Chatham County Public Utilities has increased its fees.

The list of increased fees:

- Meter Set (Installation) Fee – previously \$200, increased to \$250
- Tap Fee (standard ¾ tap) – previously \$1,000, increased to \$1,400
- Fire Flow Testing – previously \$50, increased to \$160
- Hydrostatic Pressure Test on new construction – previously \$70, increased to \$80
- Bacteriological Sampling on new construction – previously \$35, increased to \$160

“The previous fees did not cover the cost Chatham County incurs to conduct these services,” said Chatham County Public Utilities Director Larry Bridges. “The additional fees will cover the cost of materials and labor to perform each service as the county continues to experience increased

development.”

The fee changes can be found on the Chatham County website where Water Fees and Rates are provided. Residents may call 919-542-8270 if they have questions.

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New art gallery, fine art and fine crafts in Pittsboro

PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Gallery of Arts has now opened at the center of downtown Pittsboro. It can be visited from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

This gallery is owned and operated by local and regional artists, whose purpose is to exhibit and offer an opportunity for art lovers and patrons to see, purchase and collect fine art and fine crafts. The gallery is spacious, allowing for over 30 artists to show their creations in many media, as well as offer classes.

Additionally, the artists wish to promote artistic excellence and contribute to the cultural and economic welfare of the community.

For more information about the Pittsboro Gallery of Arts, go to www.pittsboroarts.org. At that website you can view sample images of the artist's work, videos, a map as well as many details about the gallery.

— *CN+R staff reports*

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CCCC plans for a full in-person return this fall

Will require universal masking in all indoor classes, regardless of vaccination status

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

More than a year and half after first moving classes online due to COVID-19, Central Carolina Community College is set to fully resume its in-person instruction across its programming this fall.

The college offered some in-person instruction shortly after moving completely remote in spring of 2020, as was the case for many science lab courses or technician courses such as welding or construction. While in-person class offerings have only increased since then, fall 2021 will mark the first semester returning to CCCC's pre-pandemic academic in-person programming since March 2020.

"We felt we had very little issues during the pandemic following the safety protocols, and feel very confident that we're going to be good this fall as well," CCCC's Chatham County Provost, Mark Hall, told the News + Record. "We've been doing it — and we've been successful. As one of the college leaders, I'm proud of how the college, all the employees, together did that for the students. And how we're going to do that this fall."

CCCC is still closely following guidance from local, state and national health departments and organizations, Hall said, noting specifically that recommendations like those from the national Centers for Disease Control OK'ing three feet of physical distance in school buildings had not been extended beyond the K-12 level. While CCCC is not technically operating at half capacity in its buildings, Hall said classes and furniture were arranged to maximize distance in every place in-person learning is being offered.

As of now, the college's policy is



Submitted photo

Dr. Lisa Chapman, president of Central Carolina Community College.

to require universal masking inside instructional spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

"What we didn't do, is we didn't go across the board and say it's all half capacity," Hall said. "We looked at every space, and what was happening in that space, and decided what would be a safe number for that particular space — and then we're running classes accordingly."

The college has campuses in Chatham, Lee and Harnett counties, and through partnerships with the prospective governments, offers two free years of tuition to qualifying high school graduates through a program called Chatham Promise.

The second semester of summer classes at CCCC concluded last week, and registration for the fall semester doesn't end until Aug. 12, with classes beginning Aug. 16.

Nationally and across North Carolina, many community colleges have seen decreased student enrollment that many attribute to the negative financial impact of the pandemic. At CCCC, Hall said enrollment is "actually doing OK."

Last fall, the News + Record reported the college's 9% enrollment decrease. At the time, Hall said the decline was not too concerning for two reasons: it represented a decline from the college's all-time-high enrollment in 2019, and didn't yet include registration for the college's eight- and 12-week courses.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Along with many other colleges in the state, Central Carolina Community College faced enrollment declines last fall. This fall, enrollment numbers are up, with the campus set to fully reopen for in-person classes.

Now, Hall said enrollment numbers are currently higher than last year's, with three weeks before registration closes.

"So the trajectory is probably going to be somewhere between our highest enrollment ever and our second highest enrollment," he said, "because 2020 was still our second highest enrollment ever, down from the year before."

Still, enrollment dipped further in the spring, college President Lisa Chapman told the News + Record last June. While she still wasn't too concerned — noting the numbers were still comparable with previous years — she did note that registration could still impact the college's budget moving forward.

"We're hoping the legislature will address that for all of our colleges," she said at the time. "What concerns us more, however, is that we didn't engage students as we usually had. Since we have important career pathways in place for lots of great jobs coming to this region, our biggest concern at the college was that we've cut opportunities in this area."

Still, CCCC offered some in-person

instruction during times in which other neighboring colleges and universities offered remote courses only, and opened campuses with very limited operations.

Now, though the college will still be marked by some signs of COVID-19 — such as masks and more spaced out classrooms — the return to a full offering of in-person courses is an encouraging sign, one Chapman attributed to higher vaccination rates among the "college family." Chapman also said she couldn't have asked for a better "professional group" with which to make the transition through COVID-19 — including students and faculty alike.

"... We try very hard not to use the term 'normal' anymore; I don't think you can even say 'new normal,'" Chapman said in June. "We're just going to continue to do business — the way circumstances support us doing business."

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‘IT’S JUST SUCH A STRONG STORY’

CCS BOE signs agreement to bring Los Jets mobile exhibit to schools this fall

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Across select Chatham County Schools this fall, students will have the opportunity to take a look back at an important piece of local sports history.

With the 20th anniversary of Los Jets soccer program coinciding with the county’s semiquincentennial, the Chatham 250 committee has plans to honor the famed program.

The CCS Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Agreement at its monthly meeting on July 19, which will allow a mobile exhibit documenting

the team’s history to be presented at agreed-upon schools this fall.

According to Paul Cuadros — the head coach of Jordan-Matthews’ men’s soccer team and founder of the program, who has been heavily involved in the planning of the exhibit — it will feature “artifacts that we have, trophies, uniforms, posters, things like that” which represent the last 20 years of Los Jets soccer.

The memorandum — presented by Janice Frazier, CCS’ associate superintendent of human resources, and John McCann, CCS’ public relations coordinator — directly cites the importance of Cuadros’ book about the team, “At

Home on the Field,” as part of the reason for the exhibit.

“...the book At Home on the Field: How One Championship Soccer Team Inspires Hope for the Revival of Small Town America by Paul Cuadros is of cultural importance and historical significance to Chatham County,” the memo states, “and ... the N.C. History Museum exhibit ‘Los Jets: Playing for the American Dream,’ inspired by Cuadros’ book (‘Exhibit’), offers a valuable opportunity for Chatham County students and residents to learn about the history of their Hispanic/Latinx residents.”

However, the exhibit will consist of

much more than a few pieces of memorabilia and a few plaques.

While the exact details are still being ironed out, Chatham 250 plans to make the exhibit as interactive as possible, especially when presented to younger students, according to Hilary Pollan, lead organizer for Chatham 250.

“We still have to sign the contract, but our plan is to offer K through 3rd graders a 15-minute program that’s interactive, using a soccer ball to talk about when you felt like an outsider; when you felt like a champion ... which is one of the themes of the book,” Pollan said. “We’re

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‘WE’RE GOING TO MAKE THEM BIGGER AND BETTER’

J-M assisted by Duke, Campbell coaches in ‘encouraging’ joint baseball/softball youth camp



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Jordan-Matthews volunteer camp counselor and baseball player Kelton Fuquay keeps spirits high among the campers during the final day of the Jets’ youth baseball/softball camp last Thursday. In total, 75 campers attended — the highest number of any J-M camp this year.

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jordan-Matthews’ youth summer camps keep getting bigger.

The Jets started their summer break by hosting 20 campers at its youth soccer camp in late June, which then increased to 35 campers at its basketball camp a couple of weeks later, numbers that already had J-M staff — like Athletic Director Josh Harris — amped up.

But just last week, J-M shattered expectations with 75 campers — from

elementary to middle schoolers — attending the Jets’ joint baseball/softball camp, nearly quadrupling the attendance of June’s soccer camp.

“That was the coolest part, just seeing the numbers, man. I was tickled to death with it,” Harris said last Friday, a day after the camp concluded. “It was really cool to see the volume of kids, just the sheer number that showed up. ... I think it’s exciting. We have a lot of kids, too, and I think that gets the kids excited when there’s a bunch of people here. They get fired up.”

Harris credits most of the camp’s boom in attendance to the season, as summer is prime time for baseball/softball, with many kids engrossed in recreational and travel leagues, along with MLB games being a daily staple in millions of American homes.

However, he also said that Siler City and the surrounding areas are rich with young athletes interested in taking part in America’s pastime.

“That scene is pretty popular in

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The NFL’s pro-vax stance isn’t political, it’s strictly business

Let me go ahead and clear the air: I rarely defend the NFL.



VICTOR HENSLEY
Sports Editor

I’ve criticized our country’s most popular — and profitable — professional sports league on several occasions.

I’ve opposed the league’s tax-exempt status — which it voluntarily gave up in 2015 — despite being a multi-billion dollar business.

I’ve been outspoken about the shadiness of the league’s attempts to cover up the link between concussions and chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) — and the lack of care it gives to former players affected by trauma-related brain injuries, of which many studies show football as a primary catalyst.

I’ve scoffed at the way the league blackballed Colin Kaepernick for standing up (or kneeling) for a cause he so passionately believes in.

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It’s not too early to get excited for the 2021-22 NBA season

At the end of every sports season, there’s a news outlet (primarily ESPN) that does way-too-early predictions for the next year. For example, after Baylor stomped past Gonzaga in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship, analysts released their “way too



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early” Top 25’s.

Typically, I can’t stand them. Can’t we just celebrate the last year for what it was and gradually move to previewing the upcoming season? But with the NBA Draft on Thursday, it’s time to turn the page. And looking at the potential storylines of the 2021-22 NBA campaign, it is the most anticipated season in recent memory.

Since the Golden State Warriors added Kevin Durant in 2017, it’s felt like there’s been a clear title favorite before every year. Although teams like the Houston Rockets and Boston Celtics made a push, it became inevitable that the Warriors and Cavaliers would meet in the finals in 2017 and 2018 and injuries derailed the Warriors in the 2019 Finals.

With the last two seasons impacted by COVID-19 — the 2020 playoffs being held in a bubble

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‘Couldn’t think of a better situation’: Former Northwood baseball star headed to N.C. State

BY MAX BAKER
News + Record Intern

Earlier this summer, Vermont Mountaineers baseball coach Charlie Barbieri pulled catcher Matt Oldham aside and into the batting cage.

Oldham, a former Northwood high school baseball star playing in the New England Collegiate Baseball League this summer, said that while he had some prior success that summer, Barbieri made a few adjustments to his swing and worked with him on new drills.

The next day, the backstop hit a home run, one of his eight long balls this summer,

earning him a spot at the All-Star Game and Home Run Derby. Oldham hopes that this success will benefit him in his next opportunity.

After spending four years at Elon University, Oldham committed to North Carolina State as a graduate transfer. With more than 400 college at-bats and 118 games started behind the plate, Oldham hopes to provide experience and leadership to a program coming off a College World Series appearance.

“I bring a lot of veteranship to the table and knowledge that a lot of the young guys may not have or may not have

experience doing,” Oldham said. “I’ve caught a lot of great pitchers in my career. That’s something that N.C. State has. I think I’ll be able to handle them and be able to swing the bat a little bit too.”

Oldham waited to commit to N.C. State until after the MLB Draft because he wanted to find the situation and place that was the best fit for him. The Wolfpack had their starting catcher, Luca Tresh, selected in the draft and he saw an opportunity to compete for the starting job right away next year. That’s why, although being contacted by Clemson and Rutgers among

other schools, he chose to stay close to home.

“The opportunity to play in the ACC, (that) should pretty much sell itself right there. You’re playing in Raleigh, at a great university, 45 minutes away from home. I couldn’t think of a better situation than N.C. State.”

Rick Parks, Oldham’s high school baseball coach, has remained in close contact with his former student. He helped Oldham think about life after baseball when he was considering a transfer destination and knew how valuable he would be at N.C. State.

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‘I’m hopeful’: As season approaches, Jets look to build off of last year’s PAC 7 title in ‘normal’ 2021



Cuadros tryouts are slated to begin on Aug. 2, first contests are scheduled to be held on Aug. 16 and Chatham students plan to return to school on Aug. 23. Men’s soccer is one of seven sports that will begin in the fall — compared to just two in last year’s pandemic-shortened season — and that includes the Jets of Jordan-Matthews, who are coming off of a 10-2 overall record, a PAC 7 conference title and second-round exit (a 4-2 loss to Washington) in last year’s 2A postseason. This week, in the first-ever edition of The Clipboard — a series featuring coaches from across the county — we speak with Paul Cuadros, the Jets’ championship-winning head coach and founder of the program, about the ups-and-downs of last year and his projections for the upcoming season. Cuadros has led J-M to 11 conference titles, 19 consecutive playoff appearances, two Final Four appearances and one state championship (1A, 2004) in 19 seasons at the helm. He’s also a seven-time conference Coach of the Year, a seven-time N.C. Soccer Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year and a one-time NCHSAA 1A Men’s State Coach of the Year. He was named the PAC 7’s Coach of the Year for the 2020-21 season.

Looking back at last year, how would you describe last season and what did you learn from it that you’ll take into this season?
 PAUL CUADROS: I think it’s going to be a completely different season. The kids we got last season for essentially the COVID season, as I like to call it, were kids that we had

sort of cobbled together into a team because we lost kids due to COVID. And by that, I mean ineligibility issues because of not attending their Zoom classes, having poor grades, just the impact of COVID did all of that to them. We’re hoping that those particular kids are going to come back. Some of them went to summer school, so hopefully they’ll be eligible to try out next week and they’ll be on the team. I don’t know what to expect in terms of who’s actually returning and who isn’t, but I’m hopeful that at least the ones who were with us in January through March will be back with us and the ones who were not with us will join us.

Do you have a sense of the numbers you’re going to have this season and who will be returning?
 I know some people, of course, who are going to come back for sure. We’ve been having these workouts, so I have a good general sense of that. There’s some hurdles for them to pass through, though. One is eligibility, have they gotten their paperwork in and so forth and so on. That’s a real question mark, not too bad in terms of answering, but they just have to get their paperwork done. I’m hopeful that if they come to the workouts this week, we’ll get them set up so they can get a physical and get their paperwork in and be able to tryout next week.

What will this season look like in terms of practicing, working out and preparing for the season, compared to last year, when you didn’t exactly have an offseason?
 This coming season, it should be more like a regular season. We’re beginning in August, not January. As of now, there’s no rules to have the athletes masked during practices or games or anything else. So there

are not going to be any COVID restrictions on us to be able to play, so that would be tremendous. And the kids will be back in school, so they’ll have a routine that is more normal to them. And the season should have a routine that’s more normal to everybody else. We’re looking to return to things being normal as much as you can. We’re still in the pandemic, but as much as we can.

On the field, after a successful season last year, who are you looking toward to step up for some of the all-conference players that you lost this offseason?
 We’ve lost Franco Basurto, Kevin Gonzalez, Cristian Escobedo and Alfredo Hernandez. So, we’ve lost four guys, and of those four guys, one was essentially a starter. We’ve lost some experience, I think, but the juniors that were on the squad this past season, I’m expecting them to step up into leadership roles and they’re all very good players and some of them are all-conference. Brian Hernandez is all-conference, Alexis Ibarra is all-conference, Irvin Campos is all-conference, so we’re returning, I think, some strong players. We’ve lost some players, but we’re returning some prominent players, too.

Are you thinking that this year, you can go a little bit further in the playoffs, especially having some of the guys back that you didn’t have last season?
 I’m hopeful for that. I’m hopeful that we’ll be able to win our conference and be conference champions and then make a deep run in the playoffs. I’m hopeful for that every season, but as much as I’m hopeful for that, there are all kinds of factors that can play into what happens during the run to the fi-

nals, so I tamper that hope with reality.
What are you most excited about for this upcoming season?
 I’m excited to return to a more normal type of play, so definitely that. And being able to train more normally. Under the restrictions from last season, you can only be out there 90 minutes, now you can be out there a little bit longer, so that should have an impact on training. We won’t be training in the wintertime, so that’ll be a plus, it won’t be cold or rainy or anything like that, so the delays that we’ve had for games, hopefully, won’t come back and we’ll have a more normal training schedule and playing schedule. That all said, this is a new conference we’re going into under the new realignment, so what can we expect? We don’t know. That’s a bit of a mystery, but I think we’re hopeful that we can do well and prevail. Some of the other teams that we have traditionally played have moved up to (3A). I’m very happy that First Flight in Kitty Hawk is no longer in 2A and has moved up to 3A. That means that none of us in 2A, on the East side, will have to travel six hours to play a playoff game. So I’m very happy about that, because that was just a killer for everybody, every program struggle with that type of travel. So I’m grateful for that, for this new realignment.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Los Jets. Do you have any additional celebrations planned?
 I’m hoping that we can do some things, sort of depending on how much free time I have and what we’re able to do. I’m hoping that maybe for senior night, we’ll be able to do something special and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the creation of the program.

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the younger groups with softball and baseball,” Harris said. “There’s a lot of kids around here that play it. So I think that’s just something that really jumps out during summer is that they’re just in the mindset to play.” The four-day camp lasted from July 19-22 and was open to rising 1st-9th graders with no cap on enrollment. There were originally 87 campers signed up, Harris said; 75 attended.

Rather than splitting up the campers by sport, the Jets decided to keep both the baseball and softball sections of the camp together, choosing only to separate them by age group when running them through “stations” — sections of the field that were designated for different drills — so they could be with other campers their own age. In all, while Harris said a majority of campers were younger, elementary-level kids, he was excited to see a good chunk of middle schoolers in attendance.

“We had a lot of older kids, too, which was really encouraging,” Harris said. “They really showed up this week. ... It’s cool to see those middle schoolers and get them on campus and be able to interact with them before they get (to Jordan-Matthews).” Harris acted as the lead counselor for the baseball portion of the camp, while the Jets’ Holly Clark — a three-time All-Conference, All-District and All-State selection during her time at J-M from 2012 to 2016, who was recently hired as the team’s head softball coach — was in charge of softball.

In addition to Harris and Clark, there were more than two dozen volunteer counselors, consisting of about a dozen current J-M baseball/softball players and 15 coaches. Hosting a camp of that magnitude takes a village. “We had a big crew out there,” Harris said. “We had to adjust on Monday and go inside because of the rain, so we had to kind of organize the chaos. ... It was awesome. It just adds another camp that went really well this summer for us.” While most of the coun-



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Duke Baseball’s Director of Player Development Tyler Rost (in blue) gives a speech to campers ahead of the final day of the Jets’ joint baseball/softball camp last Thursday. A day earlier, Campbell Baseball’s Adam Wyse, director of offensive development, visited the camp as a guest counselor.

selors had an affiliation with J-M as either a player or a coach, Harris brought in a couple that didn’t, including two — Tyler Rost, the director of player development at Duke, and Adam Wyse, the director of offensive development at Campbell — with plenty of baseball experience.

Rost and Wyse worked with Harris during his time at Pfeiffer University and had built a relationship with him over the last few years. So when Harris asked them to visit Siler City for this year’s camp, they didn’t turn it down. “Most college coaches are always looking to grow the game,” Rost said. “So if we get a chance to give back to local communities and inspire young baseball players to continue playing the game and develop a love for the game, we’ll jump at that any chance we can get.” Both coaches are well-versed in developing young players and preparing them for a Division I college experience, through on-field education and data-driven analysis.

At camp, however, their main goal was to answer questions, provide encouragement and bestow their baseball wisdom upon the campers. Each of them spent one day at the Jets’ camp, with Wyse taking Wednesday and Rost Thursday. Each of them made their time count. Plus, the campers were locked in (and enjoying themselves).

“You can just see the passion for the game,” Wyse said. “The level of passion doesn’t change. Obviously, the guys at Campbell are more talented, but when you see people on the baseball field, they’re there

to have fun. Whether that’s at Campbell, in the big leagues or at J-M, baseball fields are meant for people to have fun. They were working hard, they’re out there trying, but at the end of the day, they’re having fun.” Before each of their days, Wyse and Rost took about 20 minutes to speak to the campers about a variety of topics, primarily focusing on having mental toughness, learning some of the game’s most basic fundamentals and giving it your all in the classroom.

“If you want to play baseball at Duke University, you have to be really good in the classroom, so just telling kids ‘Don’t overlook your homework, don’t overlook your grades,’” Rost said. “And I also told them that we recruit people who have high character. Obviously you have to be talented on the baseball field, but we try to recruit really awesome people, too.”

“That’s a pretty unique thing for our kids ... I mean, what other youth camp at a high school around has Division I coaches coming to it?” Harris added. “After (Wyse and Rost) left, they were like, ‘Man, y’all have some energetic kids, they’re having fun out there,’ so that’s pretty rare, too, for kids at a camp to be complimented like that. It speaks a lot to the kids in our community.” The turnout of last week’s baseball/softball camp is encouraging for the Jets, who are in the midst of hosting their first-ever large group of youth camps, according to Harris. This was the first baseball camp since



Camper Lily Hicks makes contact with the ball during batting practice as part of the final day of J-M’s joint baseball/softball camp last Thursday.

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little more to really get the word out there and just improve the camp itself in any way we can. ... Most all the feedback we’ve gotten has been really positive. ... I think our camps are just going to take off.”

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Harris’ tenure as a J-M coach six years ago. J-M finished out its summer camp schedule this week, with football and volleyball camps taking place from July 26-29. If this year’s positive reception of the camps is any indication, this won’t be the last time the Jets put on a batch of them. They’re just getting started. “We’re going to make them bigger and better,” Harris said. “This is a

learning experience for us. We’ve seen things in each camp that we could improve on, so that’s kind of our goal for next summer is to push the marketing a

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Summer stars



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The West Chatham 12U All-Stars (front row, from left to right: Isaac Mathison, Gavin Davis, Raje Torres, Landon Albright, Nate Oxendine, Maddox Dunn, Gavin Vanderford, Rhett Wood; back row, from left to right: Jackson Bare, Davis Rhodes, Brett Phillips and Blake Ritter) pose with their trophies for winning an Around the Horn competition during the opening ceremonies of the Dixie O-Zone Youth Baseball State Tournament this past week in Eden. West Chatham finished in second place, one win shy of making it to the World Series.



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West Chatham 12U All-Stars pitcher Davis Rhodes winds up to throw a pitch during the Dixie O-Zone Youth Baseball State Tournament this past week.



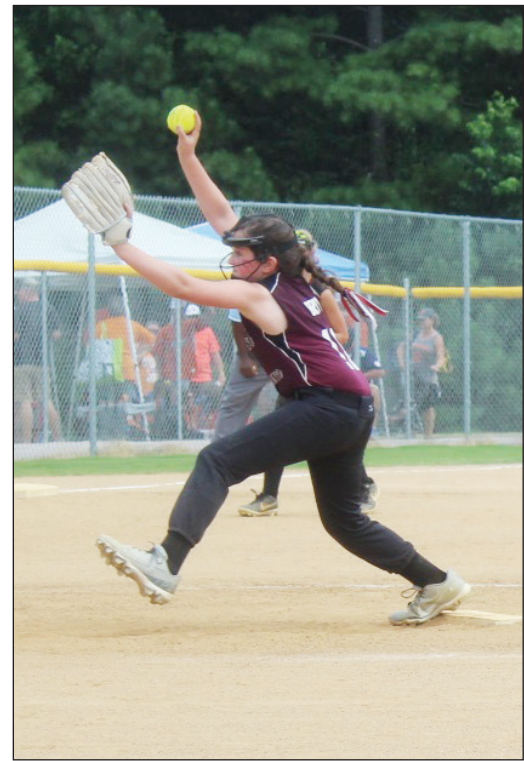
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The West Chatham 10U All-Stars, representing North Carolina, run to celebrate with one another after a close win over Florida, 6-5, in the third round of the 2021 Dixie Angels X-play Softball World Series in Prince George, VA.



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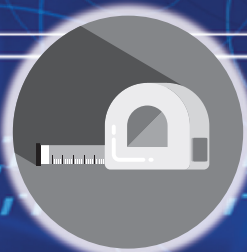
The West Chatham 10U All-Stars (front row, from left to right: Presley Walters, Ruby Parks, Ellie Lambert; second row: Ally Rae Rogers, Aubry Covington, Madison Brown, Sadie Luther; third row: Ella Parks, Mollie Oldham, Allison Lineberry, Blair Hill, Lilly Poe; back row: Preston Parks, Jeff Lambert, Blake Oldham), representing North Carolina, pose for a photo during the 2021 Dixie Angels X-play Softball World Series in Prince George, VA. West Chatham finished the tournament with a 2-2 record, with both losses coming to Alabama, including an 18-4 loss in the semifinals.



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West Chatham 10U All-Stars pitcher Madison Brown throws a pitch during the 2021 Dixie Angels X-play Softball World Series in Prince George, VA.

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doing a similar program, but for about 30 minutes, with 4th through 8th graders, that'll get a little more into the history of it ... so there will be a little bit of social-emotional learning, but also a little bit about history."

Chatham 250 is working alongside the Hispanic Liaison's Orgullo Latinx Pride (OLP) youth program to design a program specific to high school students.

Pollan said that one of Cha-

tham 250's primary goals is "that every resident has one interaction with us that they feel good about, and this is a great way to bring it to our young folks and make sure they support a piece of their own history."

In 2016, the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh opened an exhibit, referenced in the memo, entitled "Los Jets: Playing for the American Dream," featuring memorabilia from the Jets' 2004 men's soccer state championship season, which came just three years after the program was established by way of a 2-0 victory over Lejune.

Cuadros, who was also a member of Chatham 250's Historical Content Committee, suggested the idea of honoring Los Jets' 20th anniversary by using part of the museum's exhibit at one of the committee's first meetings last year.

The museum "was more than happy to share their materials," Pollan said, and Ernest Dollar, director of the City of Raleigh Museum and co-liaison for the Historical Content Committee, recommended Chatham 250 transform it into a mobile exhibit and take it across the county.

"It makes a lot of sense to do

that and it's a heck of a lot cheaper, which is important to us since we're trying to be pretty responsible with our funds for Chatham 250," Pollan said, "but we really decided that the way to do this was to take it to the schools."

There isn't yet a timetable for when the contract could be signed between CCS and Chatham 250, or when the exhibit might officially open, but Pollan said her hope is to begin having the exhibit make its rounds during Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. "It's a great way to lift up this

more recent piece of history, to be able to share it with our young people, it's just such a strong story of growth and change, which is one of our celebration themes for Chatham 250," Pollan said. "I think Paul (Cuadros) is such a treasure to have in this county. His ability to tell the stories of people and residents who live here today, it made a lot of sense. I'm just grateful he's willing to share this."

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"He works hard at the game of baseball," Parks said. "It's like almost his craft, his passion. The opportunities that have come up these past few weeks, months, years is a direct correlation to his hard work."

Oldham is a career .238 hitter with seven home runs and in 2020, tied for the league lead in runners caught stealing.

This summer, he said that he's used platforms such as TrackMan and Synergy to look at advanced analytics like spin rate. It has helped him see what pitches he's hitting well and the ones he should lay off of. He has also played around with different techniques such as catching on one knee to see if it helps him frame pitches at a higher level.

"A lot of the tools that we have here, I didn't have at Elon or have access to," Oldham said. "They've really benefited me because now I'm able to take the data in my

own hands and use it the way I want to."

He credits his time at Elon for helping him grow both on and off the field and bringing him some of his closest friends.

"You don't really remember the stats and the outs or home runs, but you remember the good times with your teammates on and off the field," Oldham said. "There's friends that I've made that will be at my wedding someday."

But now, he's on to Raleigh, where he will have the opportunity to play college baseball for one more season,

and Parks believes he's got a shot to be an impact player.

"He's got a smooth looking left handed swing and it plays," Parks said. "He's solid behind the plate, he's got a lot of experience and he's got a strong arm. Where that directly correlates when shows up at N.C. State, I don't know. But I know he's got a chance. I know he's in a good position."

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NFL

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But this time, things are different.

If you haven't heard the loud voices of some of the league's outraged players on social media, then let me catch you up to speed.

Last Thursday, the NFL sent out a memo regarding some of its COVID-19 guidelines for team officials and players for the upcoming 2021-22 season, among which it was stated that:

- There will be no "19th week" added to the schedule; if a game cannot be played or rescheduled within the 18-week season due to a COVID-19 outbreak among unvaccinated players, the team responsible for the outbreak will forfeit the game, being credited with a loss in playoff seeding. Neither team's players would be paid for the canceled game.
- If a game is canceled due to a COVID-19 spike resulting from a team's unvaccinated players, that team will be subject to potential discipline from the league.

It's since surfaced that unvaccinated players will also be fined \$14,650 for any violation of COVID-19 protocols, such as not wearing a mask at the team facility — a luxury reserved only for fully vaccinated folks.

Most of these protocols are the same as they were during the 2020 season, but now, instead of them being a universal standard across all players, team staff and clubs, there's a clear distinction between the fully vaxxed and the un-vaxxed.

And, as shown above, unvaccinated players could potentially cost

teammates and opponents their game checks, which could be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars for some players. That shouldn't be taken lightly.

When the news of the memo broke, many players took to social media to voice their opinion.

Arizona Cardinals' wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins — one of the most revered receivers in the league — was perhaps the most surprising, writing in a since-deleted tweet: "Never thought I would say this, But being in a position to hurt my team because I don't want to partake in the vaccine is making me question my future in the @nfl."

He then followed that tweet up with another: "Freedom?"

Quincy Avery, a well-known quarterbacks coach, tweeted the following: "Def a bad teammate if you don't get the vax now..." to which Jalen Ramsey, an All-Pro cornerback for the Los Angeles Rams, wrote in response, "I know 2 people right now who got the vaccine but are covid positive.. (shrug emoji) I'm just saying. I wouldn't look at a teammate as bad if he don't get the vax, no pressure from #5 (Ramsey's number).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers' running back Leonard Fournette, who helped lead the team to a Super Bowl LV victory last season, said simply in a since-deleted tweet: "Vaccine I can't do it....."

And in what was likely the most popcorn-worthy thread, two Buffalo Bills teammates — defensive end Jerry Hughes, a pro-vax player, and wide receiver Cole Beasley, a player who has become a noteworthy voice in the anti-vax community — argued back and forth

about the vaccine.

The thread started, however, with a tweet from former NFL cornerback Darius Butler, which reads: "The @NFL is dead ass wrong w/ that new memo they sent out to teams today. What's new tho?! Basically forcing these needles into players arms at this point. Every player/personnel should have an ACTUAL 'choice' in the matter. They are sending a CLEAR message today."

This, finally, brings me to one of the biggest issues I have with those that oppose the NFL's policies: They aren't forcing you to do anything.

The NFL isn't requiring that players get vaccinated.

Individual teams aren't requiring that players get vaccinated.

The league is simply stating that if you choose to remain unvaccinated, there may be consequences if you break protocol or start/contribute to an outbreak in your locker room, which could lead to a game's postponement/cancellation and could result in lost revenue for both players and owners.

As I mentioned earlier, the NFL is a multi-billion dollar organization. Last season, its revenue dropped from \$16 billion in 2019 to \$12 billion in 2020, a loss that came primarily from a lack of fan attendance.

The NFL isn't being political here — as strange, and ridiculous, as it is for me to have to call vaccinations political — it's being a business.

These policies are purely a business move, something the NFL is no stranger to.

And, despite the fact that it's tough to support owners hoarding money from their players, it

makes sense.

If a game has to be canceled due to an outbreak among unvaccinated players, that's money the NFL and the teams are losing from not having ticket/concessions/merchandise sales, as well as money from advertisers and other various sources.

So, the most logical option — as crappy as it sounds — is to take game checks away from the players since the game was never actually played. That, at the very least, negates most of the cost of an unplayed contest.

The more players that get vaccinated, the less any of them will have to worry about an outbreak derailing their season or costing them a good chunk of their monthly earnings.

While it may seem like a ton of players oppose

the vaccine, the league made it a point to emphasize that 80% of players have at least one dose of the vaccine, with nine teams having rates above 90%.

Unvaccinated players are the vocal minority.

And if Hopkins wants to retire — he later tweeted that he still has nine more years left in him, so I doubt it — or Beasley or Fournette want to

hold out or sit this season on the sideline to avoid following protocol, then so be it.

Their vaccinated teammates — who have a much smaller chance of losing paychecks without them there — might thank them.

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A: William Powell

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.

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Chatham COA Events & Announcements

July 29th through August 4th

Thursday, July 29th

- [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 30th

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

Monday, August 2nd

- [Chair Yoga with Liz](#) at 10:00 AM
- [Tai Chi for Arthritis](#) at 3:00 PM

Tuesday, August 3rd

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

Wednesday, August 4th

- [Chair Yoga with Liz](#) at 10:00 AM



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NBA

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and a crammed 2021 season that led to numerous star players getting injured — this could finally be a year with some normalcy. And by normalcy, I mean more NBA chaos.

Multiple superstars like Bradley Beal and Damian Lillard are headed for uncertain offseasons and Kawhi Leonard and Chris Paul both have player options, allowing them to leave their current teams if they choose.

The defending champion Milwaukee Bucks won't be the favorite to come out of the Eastern Conference with the return of two healthy superstars, James Harden and Kyrie Irving, who joined Durant as part of a big three in Brooklyn. Without Irving, the Nets took the Bucks to seven games before losing the win-or-go-home game in overtime, But with a fully healthy team, they could be the early favorites to win the title.

Elsewhere in the Eastern Conference, the Philadelphia 76ers have a decision to make. Despite Joel Embiid's MVP-like year, the Sixers once again lost before the conference championship. Point guard Ben Simmons seems like a potential piece that will be dealt before

the season begins.

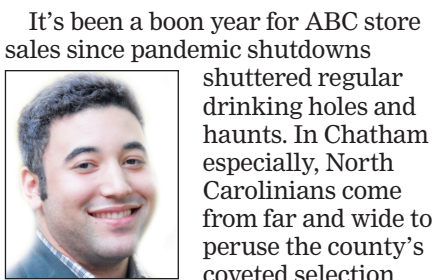
If that doesn't excite you, don't worry, that was the less competitive conference.

In the West, the Warriors will return Klay Thompson, Stephen Curry's back-court mate and member of the iconic Splash Bros. That, coupled with two lottery picks, will give them a chance at a fourth title in the last decade. The Clippers' championship window with Paul George and Leonard might be shrinking, but if those two are still playing at an elite level together, they will be a tough out in any seven-game series. The Suns and Jazz could build off of surprising years and make greater leaps with their younger cores. And of course, the Lakers still have LeBron James and Anthony Davis, making them an automatic championship threat.

So yes, reminisce on the wonderful series that the Bucks and Suns gave us. It had been a long time since a Finals series was that evenly matched. But if you're like me, there's no need to feel bad looking ahead at what's to come. It's going to be a wild one.

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Can't find your favorite bourbon? There might be something better.



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Chatham County ABC, told me. In the last fiscal year, which ended in June, Chatham ABC's revenue exceeded the previous year's by about 25% to 30%, Williams said. Between the four Chatham locations (Governor's Club, Moncure, a new location in Wilsonville and a flagship on U.S. Hwy. 15-501), William's 23 employees have stayed busy. Especially for bourbon lovers, Chatham's stores are the place to go.

"We're kind of a 'bourbon store system,' or whatever you want to call it," Williams said. "People know that I go out of my way to reach out to the distillers and see if they have any barrels or harder-to-get bourbons, and customers have figured that out. So the bourbon folks really like coming to our locations."

Still, many fan favorites are few and far between. Word of Buffalo Trace or Angel's Envy in stock at a nearby store electrifies bourbon enthusiasts. They're the sort of bottles ABC stores stash behind the counter. Demand for such liquors far exceeds available supply, so why don't stores just order more inventory?

"It doesn't work that way," Williams said. "North Carolina doesn't order products — the state doesn't order the product from the suppliers. Suppliers ship in what they want to sell in North Carolina."

North Carolina is one of 17 states in the country which authorizes a state agency with total control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of all alcoholic beverages, according to the ABC commission's website. But in a reversal of traditional economics, distillers hold almost exclusive power over which of their products, and how many, North Carolina's ABC commission purchases. Individual ABC boards then place orders to the state

based on available supply. With more than 160 ABC boards and 430-plus locations around the state, competition for much-loved brands is fierce.

"Demand for those names is so huge in North Carolina," Williams said. "The supply is not enough for the demand, and I can tell you as soon as they hit those shelves, it's gone."

Any bourbon lover can corroborate. But Williams has an alternative for the real devotees among us: barrel picks.

"So that's where the suppliers will set up a tasting, and basically they'll bring three to five different samples," he said. "What those samples consist of is a pull from a particular barrel that the master distiller has set aside that he feels is above and beyond for their brand. They will offer them up and basically the county buys the entire barrel bottled. You're the only one that's ever going to get that barrel; nobody else is going to be able to sell that particular barrel. And we do a lot of those."

To maintain consistency of flavor for a mass-produced bourbon, distillers will usually mix the product of several barrels. Individual barrels taste singularly different, however, and can make for exciting nonpareils.

"So I think that really sets us apart," Williams said.

But ABC boards and locations are not allowed to promote any products. That means only the most vigilant consumers catch barrel picks before they sell out. Just this one time, though, I'll tip you off to the inside track.

"I've actually got a few of them in the system right now that we're going to be releasing next week," Williams told me.

The barrels are coming from Wild Turkey distillery — a barrel of Russell's Reserved Single Barrel and one of Kentucky Spirit.

"It's something totally different, it's not the same as your everyday purchase that's sitting on the shelf in every other location," Williams said. "It's been in one barrel and never touched any other wood, so you know it will be distinctly different than the everyday shelf stuff, and people like that difference."

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CORA to launch August's 'Hunger Heroes' food drive

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PITTSBORO — Starting next week, CORA — the Chatham Outreach Alliance — will launch its "Hunger Heroes" month-long food drive to collect popular food items for the pantry.

The event, for which the News + Record is a sponsor, begins Aug. 1 and continues throughout the month. CORA is partnering with local businesses and community groups to collect food items, with 17 current drop-off locations in place across the county.

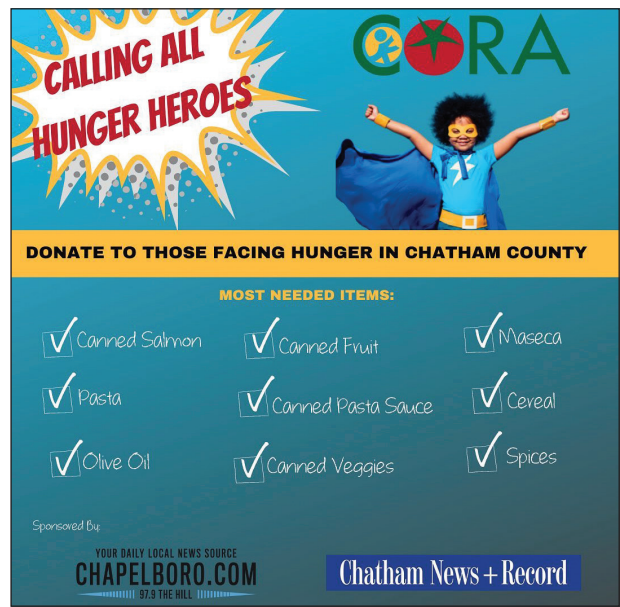
"CORA serves a diverse community; families, students, and the elderly many of whom thought they would never have to seek food assistance," CORA's website for the drive says. "Your support is essential and will strengthen our ability to ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors get the food they need."

CORA's mission is to build a community without hunger — something the organization works toward throughout the year by providing food to individuals and families in need within the community through its various programs.

Currently, its SNACK program, which provides participating children with 21 nutritious meals each week, is under way — it's been in operation since mid-June and will continue through mid-August, when school resumes in Chatham.

The organization's Pittsboro-based "client-choice" food pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To better reach Chatham residents in the western part of the county, CORA started a "Mobile Market" which operates the fourth Tuesday of every month at Technology Way in Siler City. At those events, food for 21 meals is distributed to each person.

With 50% of public school children receiving free or reduced meals in Chatham schools, the need for nutritious and stable food options in Chatham is evident. CORA Executive Director Melissa Driver Beard previously told the News + Record that the organization is exploring hybrid and online shopping models that might remove additional barriers for



Courtesy of CORA

A flyer for CORA's Hunger Heroes month-long food drive, which starts Aug. 1.

clients moving forward.

"We're really trying to think about how to better serve the community and better be a resource for those that we do serve," Beard said in June. "And so I think we've really embraced this year of change and are gonna roll with that."

The Hunger Heroes food drive is a focused effort and opportunity to stock the pantry, especially as summer is ending and school routines resume.

The most needed items, CORA's website says, are cereal, maseca (a corn flour), canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned salmon, pasta, canned pasta sauce, olive oil and spices.

"Please donate the requested items," the website says, "as they truly are our most needed and most popular items."

To donate

People can make food donations directly at CORA, 40 Camp Drive, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations can also be made at the following grocery stores and businesses, with household and nonperishable food items left in boxes, cans or plastic containers.

(Businesses interested in collecting, can contact Rebecca Hankins at rebecca@corafoodpantry.org to get a food drive bin. People interested in volunteering can also email Hankins to help with food collections.)

- Breakaway Café - 58 Chapelton Ct. Suite 100, Chapel Hill
- Browns Auto - 11744-B, US Hwy 15 50, Chapel Hill
- Carolina Brewery - 120 Lowes Dr. #100, Pittsboro
- Edward Jones – Kevin

Maley, 984 Thompson

Street, Suite E2, Pittsboro

• Edward Jones – Jessica Villagrana, 180 Providence Rd Suite 1C, Chapel Hill

• Edward Jones – Kathy Brommage, 190 Chatham Downs Dr. Suite 103, Chapel Hill

• First Bank in Pittsboro - 18 Chatham Corners Dr.

• Food Lion Governors Club - 50000 Governors Dr.

• French Connections in Pittsboro - 178 Hillsboro St.

• House of Hops in Pittsboro - 112 Russet Run

• McIntyre Books at Fearington in Pittsboro - 220 Market St.

• Pittsboro Outdoor Equipment Co. - 184 Moncure Pittsboro Rd.

• Root Cellar - 35 Suttles Rd., Pittsboro

• Salon Breeze - 111 Polks Village Ln #108, Chapel Hill

• The Mod - 46 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro

• WCHL - University Mall in Chapel Hill

Apart from its food pantry and SNACK program, CORA also offers its celebration station, Commodity Supplemental Food Program and Emergency Food Assistance Program. Beard told the News + Record that people of all ages can get food if they need it; the pantry won't turn anyone away.

"Everybody should know that the pantry is there to serve them," she said.

You can make a monetary donation to CORA online at <https://bit.ly/3l03Fik>.

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Is Roth IRA Better for Young Workers?

If you're in the early stages of your career, you're probably not thinking much about retirement. Nonetheless, it's never too soon to start preparing for it, as time may be your most valuable asset. So, you may want to consider retirement savings vehicles, one of which is an IRA. Depending on your income, you might have the choice between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. Which is better for you?

There's no one correct answer for everyone. But the more you know about the two IRAs, the more confident you'll be when choosing one.

First of all, the IRAs share some similarities. You can fund either one with many types of investments – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And the contribution limit is also the same – you can put in up to \$6,000 a year. (Those older than 50 can put in an additional \$1,000.) If you earn over a certain amount, though, your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced. In 2021, you can put in the full \$6,000 if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$125,000 and you're single, or \$198,000 if you're married and file jointly. The amount you can contribute gradually declines, and is eventually limited, at higher income levels.

But the two IRAs differ greatly in how they are taxed. Traditional IRA contributions are typically tax-deductible (subject to income limitations), and any earnings are tax-deferred, with taxes due when you take withdrawals. With a Roth IRA, though, your contributions are never tax-deductible – instead, you contribute after-tax dollars. Earnings are tax-free when withdrawn, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't take withdrawals until you're at least 59½.

So, which IRA should you choose? You'll have to weigh the respective benefits of both types. But when you're young,

you may have particularly compelling reasons to choose a Roth IRA. Given that you're at an early point in your career, you may be in a lower tax bracket now than you will be during retirement, making the tax-deduction of traditional IRA contributions less beneficial. So, it may make sense to contribute to a Roth IRA now and take tax-free withdrawals when you're retired.

Also, a Roth IRA offers more flexibility. With a traditional IRA, you could face an early withdrawal penalty, in addition to taxes, if you take money out before you're 59½. But with a Roth, you'll face no penalty on withdrawals from the money you contributed (not your earnings), and you've already paid the taxes, so you could use the money for any purpose, such as making a down payment on a home. Nonetheless, you may still want to be cautious about tapping into your IRA for your spending needs before you retire, since IRAs are designed to provide retirement income.

If your income level permits you to select a Roth or traditional IRA, you may want to consult with your tax advisor for help in making your choice. But in any case, try to max out on your IRA contributions each year. You could spend two or three decades in retirement – and your IRA can be a valuable resource to help you enjoy those years.

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On July 20, Troy Kirk Corbin, 50, of 204 North Graham Street, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Andrew Gray for failure to appear on charges of no liability insurance and cancelled/revoked/suspended certificate/tag. Corbin was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Brunswick County District Court in Bolivia on July 28.

On July 21, Wilmer Tyrelle Cheek, 20, of 780 West Dolphin Street, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Alex Lukasewycz for possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises. Cheek was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on August 2.

On July 22, Joshua Lewis Freeman, 32, of 1120 Horton Road, New Hill, was arrested by Deputy Tyler Clark for indecent liberties with a child, statutory sex offense with a child by adult and sexual battery. Freeman was issued a \$350,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on August 2.

Freeman was also arrested for indecent liberties with a child and issued a \$40,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Wake County District Court in Raleigh on July 26.

On July 22, Anthony Lawrence Tucker, 52, of 4016 Dooster Street, Oxford, was arrested by Deputy Andrew Gray for failure to report a new address as a sex offender. Tucker was issued a \$10,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Granville County District Court in Oxford on July 28.

On July 23, Robert Anthony Chisholm, 58, of 1003 Silver Avenue, Greensboro, was arrested by Deputy Phillip Hanson for failure to appear

related to a charge of simple affray. Chisholm was issued a \$200 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on August 24.

Chisholm was also arrested for failure to appear on charges of driving while license revoked — impaired revocation, exceeding posted speed, and fictitious/alterd title/registration card/tag. He was issued a Written Promise to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on August 31.

On July 23, Douglas Clemon Siler, 66, of 242 Hyatt Court, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Cody DeViney for trafficking in opioids by possessing, trafficking in opioids by transporting, possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule II controlled substance, possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule III controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Siler was issued a \$1,240,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on August 2.

On July 23, Jesse Lee Moore Jr., 50, of 3086 Silk Hope Gum Spring Road, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Jonas Lassiter for failure to appear on charges of assault by strangulation, assault on a female, habitual felon and communicating threats. Moore was issued a \$50,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Guilford County District Court in Greensboro on August 3.

On July 24, Shana Hillard McLeod, 34, of 138 Morris Wood Lane, New Hill, was arrested by Sgt. Brian Inman for injury to personal property. McLeod was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 28.

On July 24, Royce Mor-

gan, 42, of 316 Barker Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Johny Griffin for failure to appear on eight different occasions. The failures to appear are related to charges of failure to wear a seat belt, driving while license revoked — impaired revocation; driving while license revoked, fictitious/alterd title/registration card/tag; giving/lending/borrowing license plate; driving/allowing a motor vehicle to operate with no registration, expired/no inspection; driving while license revoked, failure to stop for a stop sign/flashing red light; operating a vehicle with no insurance, driving/allowing a motor vehicle to operate with no registration; expired registration card/tag, driving while license revoked; driving with registration plate not displayed; and driving/allowing a motor vehicle to operate with no registration. Morgan was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in

Pittsboro on August 25.

On July 24, Michael Arthur Capone, 51, of 44 Don's Drive, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to appear on charges of obtaining property by false pretense, felony conversion and misdemeanor larceny. Capone was issued a \$5,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 13.

On July 25, Daniel Dwayne Lizana, 46, of 208 Gunter Street, Sanford, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for misdemeanor stalking and cyberstalking. Lizana was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on August 11.

On July 25, Jerrod Nowland Lindley, 34, of 810 Silk Hope Lindley Mill Road, Siler City, was arrested by Sgt. Dominique York for failure

to appear on seven occasions. The failures to appear are related to charges of speeding and reckless driving to endanger; driving while license revoked; speeding in excess of 55 mph and driving while license revoked; possession/open container/consuming alcohol in the passenger area and driving while license revoked; driving while license revoked and operating a vehicle with no insurance; expired/no inspection and expired registration card/tag; and brake/stop light equipment violation, driving/allowing a motor vehicle to operate with no registration, and driving while license revoked. Lindley was issued a \$3,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 21.

On July 25, Hannah Michelle Dowdy, 27, 130 Star Ranch, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to appear

on a charge of driving while license revoked. Dowdy was issued a \$700 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in Alamance County District Court in Graham on August 19.

On July 25, Jenrri Evaristo Merida Del Valle, 26, 20 Lystra Hills Lane, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for no operator's license and failure to heed blue light or siren. Merida Del Valle was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on August 18.

On July 26, Kyle Mathison Armstrong, 19, of 4304 NC Hwy 902, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for possession of marijuana with intent to sell/deliver, possession of marijuana greater than 1/2 to 1.5 oz, and carrying a concealed gun. Armstrong was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on August 2.

TOWN OF SILER CITY SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ANNUAL REPORT

I. General Information

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Responsible Entry:	Town of Siler City
Wastewater Permit Number:	NC0026441
Wastewater ORC:	Brittany York, Wastewater Superintendent
Collections Permit number:	WQCS00056
Collections ORC:	Chris McCorquodale, Director of Public Works and Utilities
Contact Information:	Town Hall, (919)-742-4732

The Town of Siler City operates and maintains a 4.0 million gallon a day (mgd) extended aeration wastewater treatment facility. The sanitary sewer collection system is comprised of approximately 57 miles of 6" – 24" diameter lines, (7) pump stations and (5) Step System Pump Stations.

II. Performance

The wastewater treatment facility treated 1,100.8 million gallons of wastewater during the 2020-2021 fiscal year or an average of 3.02 MGD.

Following is a summary of permit violations of the discharge limits for fiscal year 2020-2021:

MONTH	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF VIOLATION
July 2020	BOD, 5- Day	Weekly Average
July 2020	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Weekly Average
September 2020	Toxicity	Quarterly Average
February 2021	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Weekly/Monthly Average
February 2021	BOD, 5day	Weekly/Monthly Average
February 2021	Coliform, Fecal	Weekly/Monthly Average
February 2021	Flow	Monthly Average
March 2021	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total	Weekly/Monthly Average
March 2021	BOD,5- Day	Weekly/Monthly Average

The water and sewer maintenance department cleaned 38,789 linear feet of sewer line during fiscal year 2020-2021.

Following is a summary of sewage spills from the Collection system exceeding 1,000 gallons for fiscal year 2020-2021:

INCIDENT STARTED	VOLUME REACHING SURFACE WATER	SURFACE WATER NAME	LOCATION	PROBABLE CAUSE
03/08/2021	50 gallons	Loves Creek	220 E. 11 th Street	Unknown

Following is a summary of sewage spills that did not reach surface waters but were documented for the fiscal year 2020-2021:

INCIDENT STARTED	VOLUME	LOCATION	PROBABLE CAUSE
04/05/2021	20 gallons	316 East 3 rd Street	Grease
04/06/2021	25 gallons	1328 East Raleigh Street	Roots
04/30/2021	300 gallons	305 Progress Blvd.	Bubbler failure

III. Notification

This report is being made available to the user and customer by a newsletter in the water bill, posted notification, on the Town website and publication in The Chatham News.

IV. Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the Town of Siler City and that those users have been notified of its availability.

Chris McCorquodale, Director of Public Works and Utilities Date 07/16/2021

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“Yeah, but I didn’t know the cookies would be so good!” — my boss, when I offered him his seventh cookie. He said, “Keep them away from me!”

“But when I said I was thinking of baking some cookies and bringing them to work,” I replied, “you said that it was a good idea.”

The truest test of a chocolate chip cookie is



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

These ‘vanilla explosion cookies’ are great — with or without chocolate chips.

what it tastes like sans chips.

I learned this very important piece of wisdom when I was in elementary school, living in Puerto Rico.

We lived on a very small military base, and sometimes our commissary ran out of items before the supply transport came to restock our little corner of the island.

So, very often there were no chips available.

But we still made chip-less cookies. And after the first bite it was painfully evident whether each particular cookie recipe was a dud or a stud.

A tiny morsel of chocolate should not be forced to redeem a mediocre cookie. It’s like having a kid to prop up a failing marriage. It’s not fair, it won’t work, and it ain’t right. That’s a whole lot of pressure to put on a shard of chocolate or a brand-new human.

This particular tastes-really-good-without-chips cookie recipe came from a People magazine interview with the cater-

er of Seinfeld, the hit TV comedy from the 1990s. It called for mocha chips, but they were impossible to find in a pre-Amazon world, so I used any other add-ins that struck my sweet tooth. The original also had too much butter, not enough flour and consequently ran all over the baking sheet. I tinkered until the ratio was right.

When I began keeping vanilla beans in my pantry and discovered the unexpectedly nutty flavor of brown butter, I added both to my cookies. I sent some studded with milk chocolate chips and dipped in caramel to my child at sleepaway camp.

Once they’d eaten them, the campers requested another batch, but this time with no chips or dips. They were a huge hit. The kids named them “vanilla explosion” cookies, and I’ve been making them sometimes naked (the cookies, not me) and sometimes full of other stuff ever since.

I took my basic chocolate chip cookies to work because I was afraid I’d frighten them with the naked version — my coworkers have very traditional palates.

Thanks for your time. Contact me with questions and comments at dm@bullcity.com.



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Vanilla explosion cookies

1 cup brown sugar	2 eggs	1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup white sugar	1 tablespoon vanilla extract	Malden salt or other large flaky sea salt, for sprinkling (optional)
2 sticks (8 ounces) butter, browned with vanilla bean, cooled and re-softened	1 vanilla bean	
	3 1/4 cups cake flour	
	1 teaspoon baking soda	

Cookie instructions:

Split the vanilla in half, scrape out the insides and set aside. Put butter and empty vanilla pod into a small skillet and melt, then brown, watching carefully that it doesn't burn. You want the final butter color to be akin to caramel. Once browned, pour butter into a small bowl and place in fridge to cool and harden, stirring occasionally to suspend the solids. This can also be done days in advance. A couple hours before making cookies, set brown butter on counter to soften.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees (make sure the oven is HOT when the cookies go in). In a stand mixer or by hand, mix butter, sugar, and vanilla bean innards. Add eggs, one at a time until thoroughly combined.

In a separate bowl, sift together dry ingredients. Mix together wet and dry ingredients. Put dough in fridge for one hour to stiffen. Once you're ready to bake portion dough and place on parchment covered baking sheets, leaving plenty of room for them to spread out (6-8 cookies per sheet for larger, and 10-12 for smaller cookies). Flatten dough with a small plate to 1/4-inch thickness and sprinkle each with a little flaked salt if desired.

Make the cookies any size you like, baking all one size together. A large cookie bakes for 10-12 minutes, a bite-size cookie may only need 7-8. Bake until golden brown, the longer they cook, the crispier they'll be. Makes about 3 dozen large cookies.

These cookies are a terrific texture to use for ice cream sandwiches. Banana ice cream makes a tasty frozen take on banana pudding.

*The cookies I took to work today had 1 1/2 bags of Ghirardelli milk chocolate chips. You can use whatever type of chips and add-ons you like. You can add dried cherries and toasted pecans. Chocolate chunks and pretzel pieces. I once added semi-sweet chips and a whole bag of sweetened coconut — they were a cross between chocolate chip cookies and coconut macaroons. You could add diced apple and bacon pieces.

My personal fave is the double doozie a shameful amount of butter-cream is sandwiched between two cookies.

The point is to make the cookies your own. The naked cookie, while delicious by itself, can be a canvas.

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Chatham Snapshot: In Good Heart Farm



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The ‘In Good Heart Farm’ family: Ben Shields, Patricia Parker and children Elliott and Abilene.



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Ben serves a customer at the Fearington Farmers’ Market.



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Ben and a helper harvest celery to take to the Fearington Farmers’ Market later that afternoon.



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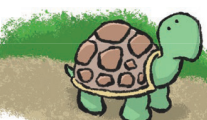


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Here’s a Greek fable by a man named **Aesop** about a race between a tortoise and a hare. It may surprise you who wins!



THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

WATCH **RUN** **FINISH** **WIN** **MORNING** **TIED** **EASY** **SPRANG** **FASTEST** **SLOWEST** **CROSSED** **BLINKED** **SNOOZING**

GO! The hare zipped off the starting line in a blur, leaving the tortoise in a puff of dust. The tortoise coughed, _____ her eyes, and took the first of her slow, steady steps.

The hare was soon way ahead, far down the road. The tortoise could hardly see the hare in the distance, but she wasn’t worried.

As the hare rounded the bend in the road, he laughed and thought, “This is too _____! I’m going to rest. That tortoise is so slow that I’ll get up in time and *still* beat her to the finish line!”


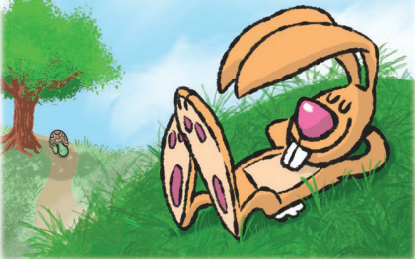
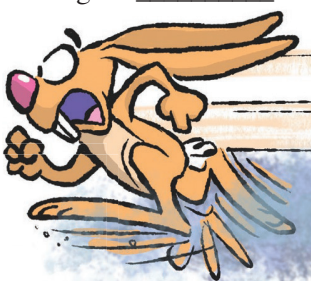

The hare laid down on the warm, soft grass and fell asleep! Later, when the tortoise walked right by the _____ hare, he didn’t

wake up. The tortoise didn’t stop. She just kept walking her slow and steady pace.

When the tortoise was nearly to the finish line, the hare woke up. Yawning and rubbing his eyes, he was shocked to see the tortoise nearing the _____ line.

The hare _____ to his feet and ran as fast as he could to try catching up to her to _____ the race.

But by then it was much too late. The slow little tortoise _____ the finish line first. All of the forest animals cheered loudly for her!















About Aesop

Aesop was a storyteller. He lived about 2,500 years ago in ancient Greece. His favorite story to tell was a **fable**. A fable is a very short story with a **moral**, or a lesson to teach.

Aesop’s fable *The Fox and the Grapes* tells about a fox who tries and tries to reach grapes on a high branch. Embarrassed by being unable to jump high enough to reach them, the fox walks off angrily, saying loudly that the grapes are sour and not worth the effort anyway.

Use the code to discover the moral of Aesop’s fable *The Tortoise and the Hare*.

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and _____ the _____.


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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: Jennifer 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 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 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,

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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
Box1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
(919) 542-5605
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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
Jy15,Jy22,Jy29,Au5,4tc

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. GILLIL-AND 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.



David Weekley Homes

Growth is an incredible thing. It is the result of vision, planning, and a lot of hard work. At Chatham Park, we are seeing growth in all aspects of our community from the opening of parks and businesses to the sprouting up of new neighborhoods with beautiful modern homes. With that growth, we are seeing people from all walks of life who are drawn to the lifestyle and amenities of Chatham Park and the town of Pittsboro. To quickly meet rising demand, the developer recently announced plans for a new phase which will feature homes targeted towards active adult living. Built by David Weekley Homes, the successful Encore product will serve as the first 55+ neighborhood in Chatham Park. Decorated models are expected to be complete by mid-2022. The Encore product has already seen sold-out success in surrounding areas, making Chatham Park the only community in Chatham County with options for the 55+ demographic. In addition to the new homes being built in Chatham Park, David Weekley is also building the Encore product in Wendell Falls and has recently sold out in Briar Chapel.

This neighborhood will be comprised of 345 homesites within the larger community and feature three product lines: Classic, Tradition, and Villas. This series of thoughtfully designed floorplans will provide its residents with an ideal balance of livability and price point for aging in place comfortably and actively. Villas, a new addition to the Encore lineup, will boast paired homes.

“CHATHAM PARK IS AN IMMERSIVE, EXPERIENCE-RICH COMMUNITY THAT COMBINES NATURE AND QUAIN CHARM ALONG WITH MODERN CONVENIENCES”

RYAN WELLS, PRESIDENT OF DAVID WEEKLEY RALEIGH DEVISION

“The concept of a small enclave of adult homes inside a larger, age-diverse neighborhood resonates with our buyers who want a vibrant community,” says David Weekley’s Raleigh Division President Ryan Wells. “We enjoy the partnership with Preston Development Company and are honored to be a part of Chatham Park’s builder team. Chatham Park is an immersive, experience-rich community that combines nature and quaint charm along with modern conveniences. It is a well-planned and dynamic neighborhood

that will highlight the quality and lifestyle design of our David Weekley Homes.”

This first adult resident-only neighborhood within Chatham Park is scheduled to include a variety of private amenities including walking/cycling trails, a swimming pool and clubhouse, a yoga lawn, putting green, tennis and pickleball courts, grills, and firepits. Encore residents will also benefit from the close proximity to Mosaic, a 44-acre live-work-play-learn mixed-use development located within Chatham Park along Highway 15-501. Scheduled to open Fall 2021, Mosaic will provide opportunities for shopping, dining, and entertainment as well as space for businesses and health care facilities.

“David Weekley’s Encore homes have proven to be very successful in the Triangle area due to their demographic considerations and intentional design. The Encore community will be a wonderful and much needed addition to our current offerings as well as a valuable asset to the town of Pittsboro for those seeking an active adult lifestyle,” said Executive Vice President Vanessa Jenkins of Preston Development.

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Lisa G. Denkins,
Administrator CTA
103 N Church St
Goldston, NC 27252
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
20 E 345**
All persons having claims against **JAMES HENRY BUTCHER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 22nd 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 22nd day of July, 2021. James Jeffrey Butcher, Executor
8 Piedmont Lane
Palmyra, VA 22963
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 207**
All persons having claims against **THERESA JULIUS FONTENOT**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 22nd 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 22nd day of July, 2021. Leon A. Alston, Jr., Administrator
209 S. Fir Ave.
Siler City, NC 27344
c/o Lewis Fadely, Atty.
119 N Fir Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 421**
All persons having claims against **ALICE MARIE NUNN FOUSHEE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 22nd 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 22nd day of July, 2021. Co-Executors:
1. Wayne R. Foushee
791 Carl Foushee Road
Moncure, NC 27559
2. Donna F. Turner
2237 Deer Run Road
Ridgeway, SC 29130
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **KATHRYN J. O'CONNOR**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to Neil MacIntyre, Executor, 3920 Wentworth Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27707, on or before the 22 day of October, 2021 or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 22 day of July, 2021. Neil MacIntyre, Executor of the Estate of Kathryn J. O'Connor
3920 Wentworth Drive
Durham, North Carolina 27707
Keith E. Hartley, Esquire
Maxwell, Freeman & Bowman, P. A.
Post Office Box 52396
Durham, North Carolina 27717-2396
Telephone: (919) 493-6464
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 427**
All persons having claims against **PATRICIA B. MARKS AKA PATRICIA BECKWITH GALES MARKS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 22nd 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 22nd day of July, 2021. Donnie Lane Gales, Executor
800 Hawkins Road
Sweetwater, TN 37874
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **NANCY YVONNE LITTLE**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before October 22, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 22nd day of July, 2021. Debbie Ann McClary, Administrator
c/o Hopler, Wilms & Hanna, PLLC
2314 S. Miami Blvd., Suite 151
Durham, NC 27703
Jy22,J29,Au5,Au12,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 401**
All persons having claims against **ELIZABETH BYAM SHER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 22nd 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 22nd day of July, 2021. Vickie McNeill Crocker, Executor
641 Fearington Post
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tp

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
SILK HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT, INC.**
To each member of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department (all adults of age 18 years or more residing in Hope Fire District). Take notice that the annual meeting of the membership of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. will be held on August 3, 2021 at 8 p.m. at the office of the Corporation, being the fire station located at the intersection of SR 1003 (Silk Hope Rd.) and SR 1346 (Silk Hope-Gum Springs Rd.) The business to be conducted will be (1) The election of four (4) directors, (2) Any other business which may lawfully come before it. This the 20th day of July, 2021. Tony Bristow, Secretary
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **KAREN KAY ATKINS** 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 21st day of October, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 19th day of July, 2021. Kathryn Atkins Johnson, Executor of The Estate of Karen Kay Atkins
3405 White Smith Road
Siler City, North Carolina 27344
Moody, Williams, Atwater & Lee
PO Box 1806
Pittsboro, NC 27812
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tc

**ESTATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM**
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ANNABEL COLVARD HARRILL**, deceased on 5/14/2021 of the Carolina Meadows community in Chapel Hill, Chatham County, NC, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of ANNABEL COLVARD HARRILL, to present them to the undersigned on or before November 1, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in the bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment. This the 22nd day of June, 2021. Jeffrey Neal Hunter, Executor
c/o Miller & Johnson, PLLC
PO Box 49
Boone, NC 28607
828-264-1125
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,Au12,4tc

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 16-CVD-550**
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
COUNTY OF CHATHAM
Plaintiff, vs
The HEIRS, ASSIGNS, and DEVISEES
of ERNEST N. LEE, et al
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVISEES of ERNEST N. LEE and spouse, if any, which may include ANTHONY POWELL and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder
A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on July 22, 2021. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after July 22, 2021, or by August 31, 2021, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought. This the 22nd day of July, 2021. Zacchaeus Legal Services
By: /s/Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill
Attorney for Plaintiff
NC Bar #12852/56782
310 W. Jones St.
P. O. Box 25
Trenton, North Carolina 28585
Telephone: (252) 448-4541
Jy22,Jy29,Au5,3tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
All persons having claims against **JOHN RICHARD SEED aka JOHN R. SEED** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 18th day of December, 2020, are notified to present them to David R. Seed, Executor of the Estate of John Richard Seed aka John R. Seed in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before November 4, 2021. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees

of John Richard Seed aka John R. Seed. Those indebted to John Richard Seed aka John R. Seed are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz
Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203
Exchange West at Meadowmont
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
Jy29,Au5,Au12,Au19,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 438**
All persons having claims against **LYNN M. SULLIVAN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th 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 29th day of July, 2021. Lauren Ann Cox-Fazio, Executrix
85 McCormack Road
Slingerlands, NY 12159
c/o Becker Law Offices, PC
Diane Becker, Esquire
6030 Creedmoor Road, Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27612
Jy29,Au5,Au12,Au19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 436**
All persons having claims against **MELVIN S. MCMANUS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th 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 29th day of July, 2021. Marjorie Ann McManus Bona-gura, Executrix
7351 Watkins Ford Rd,
Kernersville, NC 27284
Jy29,Au5,Au12,Au19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 425**
All persons having claims against **PEGGY STALEY THREADGILL**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th 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 29th day of July, 2021. Chad Threadgill, Administrator
1128 Brooklyn Ave, Ext.
Ramseur, NC 27316
Jy29,Au5,Au12,Au19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 434**
All persons having claims against **EDWARD P. LEWY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th 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 29th day of July, 2021. Stephen W. Hoover, Executor
c/o Bagwell Holt Smith P.A.
111 Cloister Ct. STE 200
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Jy29,Au5,Au12,Au19,4tp

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF PITTSBORO**
The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold **Public Hearings on Monday, August 9, 2021.** The hearings will be held via Zoom, a teleconferencing platform. In the event that the state-wide State of Emergency is cancelled prior to the meeting, it will be held in person at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room (Superior Court Room) located on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse located at 9 Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro. The hearings are for the following items:
Legislative Public Hearings:
1. Voluntary Annexation Request A-2021-03: Corbett Landing Subdivision-Preliminary Plat Resubmittal
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: 197.07 acres
CORPORATE LIMITS: Yes
EXISTING USE: Vacant
UTILITIES: Property proposed to be served by Town water
The purpose of this legislative public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING.
2. Voluntary Annexation Request A-2021-02: Northwood MUPD US 15-501 N
The Town of Pittsboro has received a voluntary contiguous annexation petition for The ECO Northwood MUPD, LLC. 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: ECO Northwood MUPD, LLC
APPLICANT: ECO Northwood MUPD, LLC
LOCATION: On the NW Corner of 15/501 and 64 Bypass
PARCEL: 72825
CURRENT ZONING: MUPD
PROPOSED ZONING: No change
ACREAGE: 2.89 acres
CORPORATE LIMITS: Yes
EXISTING USE: Vacant
UTILITIES: Property proposed to be served by Town water and Sewer.
The complete records to the proposed actions which are the subject of these hearing are available for inspection at the Town of Pittsboro Town Hall Department located at 635 East Street, during regular business hours (8:30am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday). Please give reasonable notice to the Town's Clerk Cassandra Bullock at (919) 542-4621 ext. 1104 if accommodations for individuals with disabilities or impairments are required. If you wish to participate in the legislative public hearings, you may speak via Zoom or submit written comments for consideration by the Board prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021. The written comments will not be read but will be provided to the Board and included in the minutes. Written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk, Cassie Bullock, at cbullock@pittsboronc.gov. Participation in the evidentiary hearing will be limited to interested persons with standing who shall testify under oath. Please sign up with the Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on August 9, 2021, if you wish to participate in any hearing. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website under the BOC Agenda & Minutes tab (PittsboroNC.gov).
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Legislative Public Hearings:
1. Townsend Rezoning (REZ-2021-03): Jamie S. Schwedler on behalf of CPF LLC 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.
The purpose of this legislative public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT 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, the Chatham Park Master Plan and the Town of Pittsboro Development Agreement Ordinance. 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 this legislative public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING. Evidentiary Public Hearing: 3. Townsend Planned Unit Development (SUP-2021-02). Jamie S. Schwedler on behalf of CPF LLC 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. The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to determine, by the presentation of factual evidence, whether the specified use(s) will be allowed on the above referenced property pursuant to the terms of the Town of Pittsboro Zoning Ordinance. 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 which are the subject of these hearing 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. If you wish to participate in the legislative public hearings, you may speak via Zoom or submit written comments for consideration by the Board prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021. The written comments will not be read but will be provided to the Board and included in the minutes. Written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk, Cassie Bullock, at cbullock@pittsboronc.gov. Participation in the evidentiary hearing will be limited to interested persons with standing who shall testify under oath. Please sign up with the Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on August 9, 2021, if you wish to participate in any hearing. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website under the BOC Agenda & Minutes tab (PittsboroNC.gov).
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NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 426**
All persons having claims against **PEGGY SMITH ANDREWS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th 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 29th day of July, 2021. Diane Rives, Executor
3205 Mockingbird Ln.
Sanford, NC 27330
Jy29,Au5,Au12,Au19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 432N**
All persons having claims against **JIANMIN WANG**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th 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 29th day of July, 2021. Co-Administrators: Austin Wang
28 Evandale Lane
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Oliver Wang
28 Evandale Lane
Pittboro, NC 27312
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