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NURSING SHORTAGE, VACCINE REFUSAL CREATE UNDUE PRESSURE

For Chatham Hospital's staff, frustrations abound

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — From the desk in his office at Chatham Hospital, Eric Wolak sees a glimmer of hope when talking about the COVID-19 pandemic. The recent surge has slowed a bit, vaccinations are on the uptick and the few “break-through” cases the hospital has treated have been minor.

But the frustration that Wolak — the hospital's COO

and chief nursing officer — still feels is palpable. You can sense it in the tenor of his voice, his manner, as he talks about the strain the pandemic has put on the hospital's ability to meet the demand for care.

And then there's Chatham Hospital's nursing shortage.

Wolak takes a breath before answering a question about it.

“It's been very stressful for myself and for our leaders,” he says firmly. “We are doing everything we can to make sure

we continue to provide great care here at Chatham Hospital and that patients have access to any bed that they need.”

Almost 95% of current UNC Health Care employees are vaccinated; the system established a requirement that its medical staff be at least partially vaccinated against COVID-19 by Sept. 21 and fully vaccinated by Nov. 2. Chatham Hospital is part of the UNC system, and the requirement has led to resignations among the staff that

Wolak oversees. He won't give details, but adds the resignations aren't solely related to the vaccine requirement.

“We've also had resignations of people, including nurses, who are honestly just kind of tired,” Wolak said. “They have other sources of income within their own households. And they're just like, ‘I don't need to work right now.’ So they're not working.”

Other caregivers have left their positions to take contract

positions in “traveling nurse” programs, where they can earn higher wages and — because demand is so high and hospital staffing shortages so severe — travel just 30 or 60 miles to work and then still come home after a shift, instead of working in far-flung locations like California or New Mexico or other locales where travel nurses have traditionally been in high demand.

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EUGENE DANIEL | 1905-1921

Community events remember Daniel, Chatham's Black history

BY BILL HORNER III
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PITTSBORO — On the 100th anniversary of his lynching death, Chatham County paused to remember — and formally memorialize — Eugene Daniel, and honor the county's Black history, at two separate events on Saturday.

At a soil collection ceremony that morning at New Hope Baptist Church, not far from Jordan Lake, members of the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham, descendants of the other children of Eugene's parents — John and Ida Daniel — and others gathered around Eugene's gravesite to reflect on his brief life and tragic killing.

CRC-C President Mary Nettles, who also serves as president of the East Chatham Branch of the NAACP, was one of the day's chief organizers; she and Eugene's great-niece, Cheryl Taylor, filled two large glass jars with soil which had been removed from the site of Eugene's lynching. One was presented to representatives of the Equal Justice Initiative and



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Chatham County Commissioner Karen Howard sprinkles water on the ground as a part of the libation ceremony she led Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church.

will go on permanent display as part of the EJI's Community Soil Collection Project in the EJI's Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.

The EJI has partnered with community coalitions around the

country to memorialize documented victims of racial violence and to promote community dialogue about race and justice. The Community Soil Collection Project

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Commissioners approve apology for role of elected officials in Daniel's 1921 lynching

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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PITTSBORO — One hundred years and two days after Eugene Daniel was lynched by a mob of Chatham County men, county commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution formally apologizing “for any part an elected official or appointed local official played” in his 1921 murder.

Daniel, who was Black, had been 16 for just a week when he was murdered.

Commissioner Karen Howard, the only Black member on the five-person board, read the resolution at the board's meeting Monday night and seconded the motion made to approve it.

“There is evidence that a Chatham County Commissioner, the Chatham County Sheriff, the Chatham County Coroner, and the Chatham County Jail keeper were complicit in the perpetration of the murder by lynching of Eugene Daniel,” Howard read from the resolution.

“The Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby apologize on behalf of any appointed or elected local public official, who participated in, witnessed, facilitated, censored, suppressed, or was in any way involved in the lynching of Eugene Daniel, and the subsequent failure to prosecute those involved to the fullest extent of the law,” Howard read. “...The Chatham County Board of Commissioners expresses to the family and descendants our deepest sympathies and regret for the death of Eugene Daniel, and the denial of his dignity and basic human rights.”

The consideration of this resolution was

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- Chatham Commissioner Diana Hales on righting the injustices of the past.
- CN+R Publisher Bill Horner III on sifting the soil from Eugene's lynching site.
- Syndicated columnist Barry Saunders on why the lynching wasn't discussed.

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Meet Goldston's (likely) mayor-to-be

BY D. LARS DOLDER
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GOLDSTON — Many municipalities across the country will elect new officials this November, but precluding a substantial write-in campaign, Goldston's mayoral race is already decided.

Jonathan Hensley, a lifelong Goldston resident, is the town's only registered candidate and will likely replace Mayor Tim Cunnup, who is stepping aside after nearly 30 years in town politics.

“It was certainly a hard decision because when you've done something that long and you've worked on so many projects, it's sort of hard to give it all up,” Cunnup previously told the News + Record. “But at the same time, I'm approaching retirement age, and really have been hoping for some younger people to

get involved in town government. And that time has come, so I feel like it's time for the old guy to move on and get some young blood in and let them take it over and run with it.”

In Hensley, Cunnup identified the youthful ambition he hopes will facilitate Goldston's continued revitalization.

“Tim came to me and expressed his interest in getting some younger people because our board's been on the board forever and a day,” Hensley said. “It was an honor for him to take an interest like that, and I'm excited to sort of take up the baton.”

Henley, 37, was born in Siler City, but moved to Goldston with his mother when he was 2 years old. His family has deep roots in

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'WE WANT THIS TO BE THE NEW NORM'

UNC students launch dental prevention program for Siler City clinic's Spanish-speaking patients

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON
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SILER CITY — Inside an unassuming brick building just off 401 N. Ivey Ave., two UNC dental students have hatched a months-long program to instill in patients the necessary habits — and hope — to achieve lifelong oral health.

Literally. The program — called HOPE, or Hispanic Oral Health Prevention and Education — seeks to offer Spanish-speaking patients critical oral health education and individualized care at Vidas de Esperanza, a medical and dental clinic in Siler City. HOPE's goal, according to co-founders, Sylvette Ramos-Díaz and Arlet

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

HOPE program co-founder, Arlet Montes Sánchez, tends to a patient inside Vidas de Esperanza last Saturday in Siler City.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

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

ON THE AGENDA

The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27, via Zoom.

OTHER

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

The **Chatham Artists Guild** announces the opening of its 2022 Membership Drive. Artists 18 years of age or older, in all mediums, that reside or work in a studio in Chatham County may apply. The deadline for application is October 31st. The application process has been streamlined to make it as easy as possible for entrants to apply. Applicants can visit www.chathamartistsguild.org/membership to begin their application with a small entry fee paid online.

Siler City Parks and Recreation invites you to start your days off 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 masks are encouraged. For more information, visit www.silercity.org or

contact Siler City Parks and Recreation at 919-742-2699 or email recreation@silercity.org.

THURSDAY

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church provides a healthy meal at no cost to those who come to us hungry at noon on Thursdays. We provide a place of hospitality and fellowship for everyone. All are welcome, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religious preference, handicap, or income.

OTHER UPCOMING

A **rain garden workshop** event has been scheduled for Siler City. Help protect water quality and reduce flooding. Learn how to capture rain in your yard with a rain garden, a bowl-like depressions in the ground that capture rainfall runoff from your rooftop and driveway and allow water to filter into the ground. The plants, mulch and soil in a rain garden combine natural processes to filter pollutants from runoff and break down in the soil over time. The workshop is free to Siler City residents from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 2. (Rain date: Oct. 16.) The location of event will be provided at registration. Sign up to reserve a spot at <https://event.me/n9zLZ2>. Translators will be made available at the workshop for any Spanish speakers. Also all education materials are available in Spanish.

INSCRIBASE PARA RESERVAR SU LUGAR: <https://event.me/0K-GwqD>

Chatham County Parks and Recreation announces the **2nd annual Chatham County Challenge** — a virtual walk, run, or bike challenge. From October 1 to 31, bikers are challenged to complete a 100k (62 miles) and runners/walkers are challenged to complete a 50k (31 miles). There

is no cost to participate. Participants will be asked to track their miles through a free mobile app called Map My Fitness and must sign up through the app no later than September 30th. The top 20 bikers, 20 runners, and 20 walkers with the most distance logged in the Challenge will receive a free T-shirt. The participant with the most miles logged in each category will also receive a \$25 gift card to the local business, New Horizons. A weekly leaderboard and end of challenge winners will be announced on the Parks and Recreation website, Facebook, and Instagram. Further instructions for the Challenge and other information from Chatham County Parks and Recreation can be found at chathamcountync.gov/parks-recreation. Individuals with questions may contact Mallory Peterson at the Parks and Recreation Department at 919-545-8553 or mallory.peterson@chathamcountync.gov.

Siler City Parks and Recreation announces that on Friday, Sept. 24, you may join the free movie at Bray Park with a "You've Got A Friend In Me" theme. This is a free series on the fourth Friday night of September and October. The fun will continue this month with the premier of "Toy Story 4." Grab your blankets, chairs and enjoy the free family friendly movie under the stars. This will begin at dusk (approximately 7:40 p.m.). Come early for fun activities, free inflatable attractions, music, and activities. Concessions will be available for purchase by Customized Dogs and Catering. In case of inclement weather, the event rain date is Saturday, Sept. 25. Also, be sure to save the date for the premier of "Trolls World Tour" on Friday, Oct. 22. The Bray Park Sports Complex is located at 200 Bray Park Complex

Dr., Siler City.

Chatham County Public Libraries are extending outdoor story time beyond summer for an additional two months through late October. Outdoor Story Time allows families with young children to enjoy the great outdoors while experiencing the joy of reading. Outdoor Story Time programs will continue through Oct. 28, 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; Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. — Goldston Public Library lawn, 9235 Pittsboro Goldston Rd., Goldston; and Saturdays 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. 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 Community Library presents virtual film screening of "Don't Tell Anyone," from Sept. 16-23. This program is free and open to the public. Access to the virtual screening will be available by visiting <https://www.wmm.com/virtual-screening-room/dont-tell-anyone-watch-page-chatham-community-library>. A password is required at the time of viewing. If interested, contact social.library@chathamlibraries.org to request the password or for additional informa-

tion.

Central Carolina Community College - Sanford - The next 8-week classes begin Oct. 15. To register for courses, contact your advisor or the Admissions office at 919-718-7300 (Lee Main Campus), 919-545-8025 (Chatham Main Campus), and 910-814-8827 or 910-814-8867 (Harnett Main Campus). You can also connect with an Advisor virtually by visiting www.cccc.edu/admissions/contacts/ or visit us in person at any Main Campus. See www.cccc.edu/12and8/ for a list of classes.

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. 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 at <https://chathamhistory.org>

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

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 CCC. 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.

Goldston's 'Old Fashion Day' festival scheduled for Oct. 9

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff

GOLDSTON — The Goldston Lions Club will host its 34th annual Old Fashion Day next month, featuring more than 100 vendors and a slate of activities.

The free festival will take over a portion of Main Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. The road will close to car traffic and offer "a mix of art, antiques, crafts, food, jewelry and fashion accessories, mums, candles, wreaths, pottery, home décor and clothing for your shopping pleasure," according to a press release from the club. A food court will include such festival staples as barbecue ribs, sausage dogs, funnel cakes, kettle corn, fried apple pies and ice cream.

Four bands are scheduled to perform throughout the day: The Plank Road Band from Cameron, The Dowdy Boys from Pittsboro, Crabtree Bluegrass from Cary and Goldston's own Golden Stars. Limited seating

will be provided, but attendees are advised to bring lawn chairs.

Many of the day's activities will cater to children. The Goldston Fire Dept. will have a "Fire Safety House" near the food court where kids can learn how to exit a burning house. Pirates of Promised Treasure, a historical reenactment and entertainment group based in Bear Creek, will have a pirate ship exhibit teaching the pirate history of North Carolina. Children can also sift for treasure in a mock gem mine.

Inflate-a-Party Inflatables from Apex will host a "Fun Zone" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Ubi the Clown will make balloon animals, hats, swords and flowers. "The Climbing Place" will furnish a challenging rock wall and a mini wall for youngsters.

On the other side of Main Street, Sanford's Central Carolina Antique Power Equipment will display tractors, engines, corn shellers and hand water pumps. County agencies will also be

available to help families access Chatham services.

"We look forward to a great day with vendors and spectators from near and far," event sponsors said in a press release.

Main Street Goldston can be reached from exit 159 on U.S. Hwy. 421 between Sanford and Siler City. Multiple merchants in Goldston and surrounding area are sponsoring the festival. All proceeds will go back to community projects, the Lions Club said, and will provide aid to the blind and visually impaired. The club will be

collecting eyeglasses, hearing aids and "new/gently used" coats during the event. Those interested in donating can drop items off at the Lions Club ice cream tent or at Lizzie's Grill in Goldston. Handicap parking is available at Goldston Automotive, directly across from the festival street.

For more information, contact Lisa Denkins at bldenkins@embarqmail.com or 919-721-1403.

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CHATHAM SPEAKS: VACCINES, MASK & MANDATES

News + Record readers sound off

The News + Record invited readers through its Chatham Brew newsletter to share thoughts about vaccines, masks and mandates. Here are the responses:

I welcomed the vaccine as a key defensive strategy to contain and control the COVID-19 virus. Vaccines have been central in the elimination of fearful afflictions in my memory. For example, polio and smallpox. Vaccines are not 100 percent safe and some have reactions to components within the vaccine. What is key is the evaluation and understanding of risk to benefit. It is apparent that many do not use this analysis to make wise decisions.

Much of the discussion is centered around freedom — the freedom of the individual. However, the U.S. military soldier's creed talks about freedom, not of the individual but of the nation, and defending the constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. The freedom is not for the individual but for our nation, our community, our neighbors. It isn't about individual freedom but our collective freedom.

The virus is an evil entity — and needs to be viewed as a serious threat. In the simplest terms one opposes the virus by reducing its ability to spread and proliferate. When one chooses to not participate in the defense against the virus this is equivalent to giving the enemy assistance and promoting the proliferation of the enemy. In simple terms one is either part of the solution or part of the problem.

Some are reinforcing their abetting of the virus from their religious beliefs. They are waiting for a message and not getting one. Christian teachings are very clear about taking care of your neighbor as the Good Samaritan.

As a scientist I am baffled by the opposition to practices that reduce the probability of the virus to proliferate. Holding and judging those practices in contempt because they are not 100% or perfect is seriously flawed thinking. Our immune systems are complex and varied with the response to the COVID virus from no reaction to death.

I'm not one for mandates in general, but when the nation is threatened and our neighbors are dying from a virus, how can one be for the virus?

Keith McLaurin, Siler City

"I am a mature 54-year-old woman with Type 2 diabetes and I am AFRAID!!! I had thought the crisis was past and re-enrolled in the Bachelor's of Social Work Program at N.C. State after a year's hiatus. NCSU has a mask mandate, self-reporting and requires either proof of vaccination or weekly testing. These are not enough! I have one class that requires us to meet in person; the rest are being done remotely. I dread the two days per week that I must go to campus.

My fellow students, in general, seem to take the mask mandate pretty casually. I often see students with their mask on their chin who, upon noticing they are observed, quickly and sloppily raise it to barely cover

their nose. I wear not only a mask but a full face shield and still I carefully wash my hands before removing either. I live with two older adults and fear for their safety as well as my own. PLEASE require vaccinations!!!"

Sharon Hartwell, Pittsboro

"I'm a long-time conservative but believe the "anti" or "not me" vaccination crowd is way off base on this issue. I consider getting this shot a civic duty and believe their 'constitutional rights' end when their actions (or lack thereof) put others at risk.

The medical and scientific evidence is clear. As Ron White says, "You can't fix stupid," but it is amazing how Facebook, the internet, and blind political allegiance has made a large portion of America dumb as hell."

David S. (Steve) Heesacker, Chapel Hill

"I will receive a booster later this month. I am immunocompromised. If vaccine effectiveness weakens over time — my body needs a boost more than most. My physician recommended that I receive the booster. He has already received his booster due to personal health conditions. I have had to fight FOR my health for as long as I can remember. For those who have never had to fight FOR their health — I can imagine that the unknown is uncomfortable. This is about as uncomfortable as it gets. I hope that people will choose to fight for their health."

Kimrey W. Rhinehardt, Pittsboro

APOLOGY

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added to the meeting agenda on Monday night; its approval was met by applause from those present at the meeting. Howard and Commissioner Diana Hales attended a memorial and libation service for Daniel on Saturday, hosted by the Community Remembrance Coalition of Chatham County, at New Hope Baptist Church — the cemetery of which is Daniel's final resting place.

White Americans lynched thousands of Black people — primarily men — in the 19th and 20th centuries as a form of racial terrorism and social control. Nearly 99% of those involved in such lynchings went unpunished, the county's release says. By definition, according to the NAACP, a lynching is the public killing of an individual who has not yet receive due process, often carried out by large lawless mobs.

About 72% of people lynched in the 19th and 20th centuries were Black, according to the NAACP, but they weren't the only victims of lynching. Immigrants, along with some white people who aided Black people or publicly condemned lynching, were also lynched.

Of Chatham's six lynching victims; Daniel was the last of the lynching victims to die and the first to be formally remembered.

After being accused and arrested for trespassing and attempted rape — though he never faced his accuser — Daniel was unlawfully taken from the Chatham County Jail in Pittsboro on Sept. 17 and lynched at a site near Moore's Bridge, east

of town, on the basis of an unsubstantiated allegation, a day later.

In light of remembering this tragedy, Commissioner Jim Crawford urged the community to think about the racial injustices that continue today, prior to making the motion to approve the resolution.

"We're having a reckoning in this country with the changes with our demographics, and that's forcing us to look at white supremacy," he said. "The question is often asked, 'Why bring up this painful chapter? You're seeking to cause harm and make divisions.' My answer to that is — this is how one gains atonement. This is how we as a community acknowledge the roots of injustices that continue in many ways."

Crawford pointed out that the day after the lynching, young African American men were brought to the Historic Courthouse — where commissioners convened Monday night — and given "a talking to" by county officials. He called on residents to acknowledge this painful history in a step toward healing.

"If we don't address this and begin to have these really difficult conversations about what could have been taught to the succeeding generations about what happened that day, we're never going to unravel this," Howard said. "I encourage us all to take that really, truly bitter fruit and talk to our neighbors and friends about who we were, who we are and who we want to be."

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"So that combination, along with the increased numbers of patients we're seeing in our (emergency department),



Dr. Andy Hannapel

and sicker patients, not only with COVID but with just normal care, has really put a strain on us," Wolak said. "The leaders are working really hard every day to make sure there's adequate staffing to be able to continue meeting the demands of our care."

He says once more, "It's been very stressful."

Wolak says that so that far, Chatham Hospital hasn't missed a beat. The staff has daily "safety huddles" to look at stress points within the hospital and weekly meetings — "to help us know where our pain points are," he said, "so we can plan accordingly" — in addition to offering incentive compensation, beyond overtime, and boosting its nurse recruiting. And even Chatham Hospital has hired travel nurses.

That load, and the nursing shortage, comes with a cost at the 20-bed hospital, which has reduced its capacity to about 13 or 14 beds, at least a quarter of which typically are filled by COVID-positive patients.

"I will say two things," he said. "One, we continue to meet the demand that our patients need. So we've not turned anyone away for care. It requires a lot more coordination and conversation to ensure we can provide that care. We are consistently able to do that. That may mean some non-emergent cases in our (emergency department) have to wait much longer than they are used to waiting. But we are able to consistently provide the care people are seeking."

Wolak's personal level of exasperation comes from what he describes as

a lack of recognition, by some, of the seriousness of COVID and the vaccine hesitancy and skepticism he still sees — and when those at risk turn their backs on the very solution to the COVID problem: vaccines.



Eric Wolak

"This is a monumental moment for us during our lifetime," he said of the pandemic. "This hasn't happened in over 100 years. As a nurse I see what this is doing, with over 650,000 dead in the United States so far — a number I think is underestimated, I'm sure. I'm shocked that this is still a topic of conversation. The science and the data are so clear that the vaccine works, that it saves lives. Nursing is a science. And I would think as scientists we should all be able to see that and recognize it — and to understand that we need to get vaccinated for not only ourselves, but for our family and for our patients."

People who come to Chatham Hospital aren't there because they're well, Wolak said emphatically.

"They are here specifically because they are NOT well, and that puts them at increased risk of complications related to COVID," he said. "So I do not know why this is even a topic of conversation. It's very frustrating, and very exhausting."

And yet Dr. Andy Hannapel, Chatham Hospital's chief medical officer, says some patients treated for COVID there maintain they must be sick with something other than the virus.

"We do hear people who say, 'It just can't be COVID. COVID is a hoax, COVID isn't real,'" he said. "But the majority of the unvaccinated patients we bring into the hospital will admit, 'You know, I should have gotten (the vaccine), I should have gotten it, and I want it now.' Which is a pretty hard thing to see. And they're saying this in between gasping for breaths. So it's not an



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Chatham Hospital in Siler City.

exaggeration. There are people who are suffering, who have great suffering. And that could have been avoided."

Hannapel says the staff at Chatham Hospital treats those patients "without judgment."

"And we try to help them," he said. "Because, you know, once they cross that door, and ask for help, that's what we're here for."

Here, he repeats Wolak's refrain: "But it is frustrating for our staff."

As a medical professional, Hannapel realizes there are those who can't get vaccinated — young children, those who are immunosuppressed. That puts an extra burden on those who *can* get vaccinated, but refuse.

"You do this to protect your neighbors and loved ones," he said. "And that's what vaccines are all about."

'Within your right'

Wolak says he does understand concerns from those hospital staff who feel it's their individual right not to get vaccinated.

"I agree 100% if someone doesn't want to get the vaccine, then that's within your right," he said. "I think that also means you cannot work here anymore. And we all have to acknowledge that's the reality of the situation. And I also

think, to be very blunt and honest, it's a very selfish approach — though within your right. But that is selfish, right? Because again, you are putting not only yourself but others at risk — and they're going to strain our health care system. And I would think that if someone works in health care, the last thing you would want to do is contribute to the straining of the system."

As for patients, nearly all COVID-related admissions at Chatham Hospital are among those unvaccinated. Wolak says he can recall two or three "breakthrough" cases, but those "tend to be people much older, age 65 or 70, or those who have immunocompromising situations. So again, that reinforces that the vaccine works, right? Like, if you get the vaccine, you may get COVID, but we know you are not going to get terribly sick ... the data is overwhelming that if you are unvaccinated, you are at a very high risk."

And for the unvaccinated determined to stay that way?

"I can understand someone who is hesitant to get the vaccine," he said. "I appreciate that. Everyone has a decision they have to make. But what I'm seeing is, if you choose that route, you need to continue

wearing your mask 100% of the time when you leave your house. And I'm not seeing that at all. So again, it goes back to this idea of 'I'm just gonna do what I want to do, and everyone else be damned,' almost. And that's not a society I think we want to be in."

"If you don't want to get vaccinated, I support that, but just understand that to do what's right for yourself and others, you should be wearing a mask 100% of the time when you leave your house or interacting with anyone else."

"We know masking works," Hannapel said. "And you know, you've read in some places where it's controversial. It's *not* controversial — masks work. Period."

As far as the COVID-19 vaccines, Hannapel acknowledges they aren't perfect.

"But it's the next best thing we have," he said — so long as "we're going back to masks" in those scenarios when COVID is still spreading among the unvaccinated and vaccinated.

"At this point in time, I would say it's common sense," Hannapel said. "I just can't overemphasize it. It's common sense."

He casts his sights back to before the Delta variant started to show up in late 2020. Could we have avoided the strain

altogether?

"Think about it — the more that are vaccinated, the less that virus can be passed from person to person," Hannapel said. "A higher vaccination rate would mean more people being protected, and less bouncing around of the Delta variant among both vaccinated and unvaccinated people."

Some people make the argument that it's too late, Hannapel said, because Delta is affecting the vaccinated, too. But we haven't lost an opportunity to control Delta?

No, he said.

A higher vaccination rate, the fact that children tend to avoid serious illness when infected with COVID, and vaccines for younger children put us in a position to emerge from the pandemic, Hannapel said.

Wolak is hopeful as well. He cited the 750,000 new doses of vaccine being administered daily and potential mandates for large employers, as well as continuing proof that vaccines work.

"We'll continue to work to convert people who are kind of on the fence (about vaccines)," he said. "Over the course of the next couple of months, I'm very hopeful we'll be in a much better spot in a year. I'm hopeful for spring."

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My vaccine worked. So did my sister's.

I was just about to head to the gym four Saturdays ago when I received an unwelcome — and unexpected — piece of news.

“Your sister’s just tested positive for COVID,” my dad told me. I nearly dropped my phone.

“Wait, what?” At first, I thought maybe I’d heard wrong. Like the rest of my immediate family, my sister was fully vaccinated; she’d received the Pfizer vaccine last spring. She’s also among the most COVID-conscious people I know. She cares for a months-old baby who can’t yet get the shot.

“Your sister’s got COVID,” my dad repeated.

I could feel the blood draining from my face. I’d just spent a couple of days with her earlier that week; in fact, my entire family had — and what about Baby Lou, the most vulnerable among us all?

I didn’t go to the gym that day — or the rest of that week. But this isn’t a story of yet another time in which the vaccine didn’t work; it’s a story of a time it did. We hear so much from friends, family and the media about all these times the vaccines failed to prevent COVID-19 breakthrough infections. In the face of all this, it’s easy to lose sight of how effective the vaccines really are — and how they actually protect us.

Vaccines protect most of us from infection, but even if they don’t, that doesn’t mean they’re not working. It just means they’re working in a different way — by reducing

your symptoms, keeping you out of the hospital or perhaps even keeping you alive.

My sister, her husband, Baby Lou and a stowaway virus flew into the Charlotte Douglas International Airport on Aug. 24, after a weeks-long trip to the United Kingdom. They’d gone to bring Baby Lou to meet her other grandparents in Scotland and to attend a wedding in England.

Both tested negative before boarding the plane. My family and I had, too, so when they arrived in North Carolina for a short visit, we didn’t think twice about unmasking, hugging and carrying on. But three days later, one after she’d returned to the west coast, she took an at-home rapid antigen test — and much to her shock, it came back positive.

As it turned out, the groom at the wedding they’d attended the week before had contracted COVID

and hadn’t even known it. She probably wouldn’t have either if she hadn’t taken a test on a whim.

We were all but certain she’d caught the Delta variant, which we knew even vaccinated people could spread. So, we decided to get tested — especially after most of us began to manifest “symptoms.”

Suspiciously, mine began the day I found out I’d been exposed, which should have tipped me off, but I still managed to convince myself that I’d been infected — headache, cough, etc. No fatigue, though my mom felt tired and she’d spent the most time with my sister out of all of us.

My sister’s husband tested negative first. Then Baby Lou. After inconclusive antigen test results, both of my parents tested negative — twice — on a PCR test, but not before they had to cancel the international trip they’d been looking for-

ward to for months. By the end of the week, my brother and I tested negative, too.

Out of six adults and an unvaccinated baby, only my sister tested positive for COVID-19. That’s pretty darn good.

Magically, my “symptoms” dissipated within hours of receiving my results. Placebo effect? Maybe. My body fighting off the infection? Lord, I hope so. Ending up with Delta antibodies on top of the original vaccine would feel like an early Christmas present.

The vaccine worked for me. It worked for my family. It even worked for my sister — besides a few sniffles and fatigue, she had few symptoms and tested negative for COVID just a week later. Vaccines will work — or perhaps have worked — for you, too, in one way or another. Sometimes, it just comes down to a matter of perspective.

To read or not to read not the only question; consider content also

Among the many weaknesses in my life are too much tea (notice I didn’t say “iced” or “sweet,” since any other form is not tea), a tendency to stay too long at the table, and a healthy dose of procrastination.

The drive toward procrastination has been with me since forever, I guess. My guiding principle there has been “never do today what you can put off until tomorrow” and I have taken it to a high level through the years. But I’m not sure that’s a good thing and I really am trying to get away from it since I don’t think I have 70 more years to play around.

Nowhere, though, has it been more perfected than in the world of literature and reading in general. In my study, on the bedside table, on the floor beside the bed, on the table next to the couch — really, anywhere there’s about 20 square inches of available space — you’ll find a book or two or four or more, sometimes stacked pretty high and often leaning a bit. Most of them are volumes I “had” to have; many are about half-read.

Not my fault there is such good stuff out there.

It kind of reminds me of an episode of the original “The Twilight Zone” in which a nerdy little banker played by Burgess Meredith gets himself locked into a timed vault during his lunch hour on a Friday. After the weekend passes and the vault unlocks itself and he’s set free, he discovers an atomic blast has destroyed civilization as he knew it.

Now he has time to read all he wants. Except on his way to his first taste of his newfound freedom, he drops his glasses and they shatter on the rubble.

Poor guy. I’ve always been hooked on the printed word. It was in the 4th grade, I think, I decided to keep a notebook of the books I’d read. Seems the list got up to about 150 or so; of course, most of them had only seven or eight pages but still it looked pretty good when, at the tender age of 9 or so, I showed the list around.

Today, some of my volumes are for pleasure; others for edification or personal improvement and some I’m not sure why. For instance, there’s a book about how Christianity should respond to today’s culture. It’s pretty deep, something not to skim over lightly. I have to read and reread; maybe that’s why I’m only up to about page 37.

Then there’s one titled “Tombstone.” It’s about Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday and all the folks at the OK Corral. When I read it, I remember the movie of the same name and how good that was. Maybe that’s why I’m more than half done with it.

Then there are some once read that probably should be read again. One of those is one used in a long-ago Sunday morning church study class. Entitled “One Month to Live: Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life,” basically it’s about setting priorities as in what would we do with our lives if we knew we had only 30 days to live.

There’s some great stuff in it, for sure, and I learned some things and improved my focus on some. Truthfully, I think it’s probably the kind of book that is best utilized on a second or even third go-round.

But here’s the real key. The stuff I either already knew, either innately, from experience or as new information, is all well and good. But I’m still having trouble putting significant amounts of it into play and I wonder why.

That reminds me of the young book salesman who went from farm to farm trying to peddle his company’s new publication entitled “How to be a Better Farmer.” One day he’s leaning on a prospective customer’s fence extolling the virtues of the book.

“Why, if you’ll just buy this book and do what it says do,” he said, “you’ll be farming 10 times better than you are now.”

“Son,” the old farmer replied, “I already know how to farm a sight better than I’m actually doing.”

Southern comic Brother Dave Gardner, a legend of the 1950s, had a line or so in a standup routine where he said, “I know what’s in every book in every library in the world.”

“What?” the straight man would reply.

“Words,” came the answer.

And so it is. It’s just picking some and leaving others that’s hard.

And putting the good ones into practice, as well.

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A perspective on 9/11 and fear

A mentor and friend came to my house for supper the other night and shared his story of that infamous day 20 years ago. The Friday before the attack, he had visited New York City for the first time. A friend took him to the top of one of the Twin Towers so that he could look over the city.

He has pictures from a viewpoint that no longer exists.

After 9/11, America invaded Afghanistan and Iraq, setting off a chain reaction that killed many of our soldiers and many more civilian citizens of those countries.

But instead of our foreign policy, I write with a perspective on the state of our souls.

Metaphorically speaking, the viewpoint of Americans fundamentally changed after 9/11. Many of us felt unsafe for the first time. Terrorist attacks that we had thought only happened in other countries were now a reality here in our country. We felt vulnerable and exposed.

We responded by hardening our hearts. We have branded groups of people as our enemies. Muslims and other minorities became victims of hate crimes. A North Carolina politician named Walter Jones introduced legislation to rename a certain fried potato “freedom fries” because the country of France did not support our invasion of Iraq. Never mind that french fries actually originate in Belgium and refer to the style of cut!

In the years since, our hearts have continued to harden. Another North Carolina politician, Madison Cawthorn, recently threatened “bloodshed” and promised his willingness “to pick up arms against a fellow American.” And his talk of violence isn’t based on any substantiated evidence of voter fraud.

Such rhetoric from politicians is based not on reason but fear — a fear we attempt to hide with bravado and tough talk. Because of our fear, we elect politicians like Cawthorn and grant such leaders extraordinary powers to, for example, restrict voting rights. This fear is in direct opposition to our American values of liberty, equality and justice.

Fear is also contrary to the religious values many of us claim, including Cawthorn. Writer Marilynne Robinson’s 2015 observation in *The New York Review of Books* is still relevant: “First, contemporary America is full of fear. And second, fear is not a Christian habit of mind.” She cited Psalm 23: “Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.” She points to the risen Christ’s promise to be with us “to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Yet, instead of placing our trust in a Higher Power, we increasingly attempt to wield power with our hands. The past 20 years offers evidence from abroad and at home that our actions have often resulted in unintended, disastrous consequences. I can’t help but think that Cawthorn’s careless, callous rhetoric will result in the same.

Returning to my friend, his pictures from the top of the twin tower cannot be recreated. That viewpoint is gone.

But we Americans can change our perspective. What is needed is to ground ourselves in humility and compassion for others. Instead of reaching for lofty, violent rhetoric, we need to walk a mile or two in someone else’s shoes. Only love can drive out fear (1 John 4:18).

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Income and poverty facts matter

The income of the median American household fell by nearly 3% last year as the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent regulations shuttered many businesses for months, closed others for good, and forced still other employers to cut back on hours and wages for the people they still employed.

Or so the official federal income statistic tells us. It includes wages and salaries, of course, as well as investment gains and unemployment-insurance benefits. However, it doesn't include tax refunds, stimulus checks, or noncash assistance in the form of food or housing. If those forms of income were included, median household income in the United States went up in 2020, by 4%.

Similarly, the standard

poverty measure from the U.S. Census Bureau hit 11.4% last year. That's up a percentage point from 2019, representing about 3.3 million more poor Americans. But, again, the standard poverty measure leaves a lot of income out of its calculation. According to the bureau's supplemental poverty measure, 9.1% of Americans were poor in 2020, a big drop from the 11.7% rate it reported in 2019.

Are these just examples of statistical fun and games? Hardly. How policymakers, opinion leaders, and the general public respond to economic issues cannot be attributed solely or even mostly to their own experiences. Decades of polls suggest that Americans tend to rate their own economic present and future much more positively than they rate the overall economy's present and future. The latter is based more on what they see, read, or hear from news reports rather than their own personal experience, which is inherently limited.

It has never made sense to measure and track trends in personal incomes and poverty based on such narrowly circumscribed and unrepresentative "official" statistics. To say that a family would be poor if not for off-the-books income or government assistance, for example, is to convey useful information, to be sure. But it doesn't tell us whether that family is actually living below the poverty line in terms of total cash, goods, and services received.

Indeed, even the Census Bureau's supplemental poverty measure still leaves out too much. As economists Bruce Meyer of the University of Chicago and James Sullivan of Notre Dame have demonstrated convincingly in a series of published papers, the true poverty rate has averaged well below 5% in recent years.

Having written about this issue for a long time, I can say from personal experience that highly partisan analysts dislike hearing about it. Progressives say such alternative measures

are nothing more than an attempt to wish away problems of poverty and income inequality. Conservatives say to include government benefits in income and poverty measures is to give too much credit to welfare policies that, they insist, have had little effect since the onset of the War on Poverty in the 1960s.

These faulty responses serve as an excellent illustration of why accurate statistics about economic conditions are so important. They aren't just numbers. They are tools for depicting real facts on the ground. To measure the poverty rate without including all cash and noncash benefits the poor receive from the government is to misrepresent reality. Doubling or tripling welfare spending would, by this measure, have no effect on poverty. What a silly notion.

As for my fellow conservatives, we are better off distinguishing between measurements of living standards and measurements of self-sufficien-

cy. The War on Poverty wasn't simply a promise to redistribute income indefinitely, in order to alleviate immediate suffering. Its promise was that early interventions by government, ranging from preschool and child care to job training and housing assistance, would help more American families become self-sufficient over time.

Many programs did provide immediate relief, and continue to do so. You can measure their effects with accurate statistics, which show a dramatic decline in poverty since the 1960s. But for the most part, they didn't produce self-sufficiency.

Poverty remains a big problem afflicting millions of people. Measuring it incorrectly doesn't move us towards long-term solutions.

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Losing our grandchildren, and finding them again

In some North Carolina houses, this is a time of empty rooms and empty spaces. Children, so long ever-present, are now suddenly gone away to college.

Even though they knew the day was coming, there is great emptiness in their homes and in their hearts. This is true especially for parents, but also for grandparents, even though all knew that the day was coming.

Both my granddaughters are going far away to college, one to Vermont, the other to Scotland.

Both are so far away I will seldom see them.

My own children stayed reasonably close to home in North Carolina at Davidson.

Still, the break was painful.

How much more so when the distance is more than a long drive away?

Each year I watch young parents bring their children to Chapel Hill.

So much is the same every year: Heavy trunks to carry up long stairways on the first day.

Waiting for them are professors — giants of teachers — whose love of scholarship and service is exceeded only by their commitment to the opening and nurturing of the minds of their students. Will they be worrying about the meaning of life, or something more important — like a broken date?

What makes taking or sending a child to college such a milestone for parents — such a passage? Is it the sudden freedom from the hour-to-hour worries of child rearing? No more waiting up past midnight — waiting and worrying. No more strain of daily negotiation for the use of cars, time of meals, attendance at church, volume of the music, or use of the bathroom.

Or is it the extra worry and uncertainty that comes with an absent child so far away in distance and independence?

Suddenly, the house is peaceful — and so empty. Gone is the daily joy of their companionship. Gone is the excitement of their new ideas. Gone is the richness and seasoning that their growing up brought to our

lives — every day.

You wonder, "Does life have meaning without children to watch over?"

The answer is not certain.

But the question remains.

My granddaughters will live in the future, but the occasion draws me almost 100 years into the past when, in 1928, my father entered Davidson.

When these men, (it would be 50 years before women were allowed at Davidson) first came to college in the fall of 1928, they brought everything they needed in a suitcase or small trunk.

Things were different in the 1980s when my children entered college. Most students arrived in cars driven by their parents and loaded down with the students' "things." Former Davidson President John Kuykendall welcomed them with a short "freedom and responsibility" sermon to help explain what this business of leaving home for college is all about.

He reminded them that colleges and universities no longer pretend to take the place of parents or impose strict parental rules to dictate how the students will act. At 18, they must seek and find their own moral guides. And freedom means the freedom to fail.

Kuykendall would then talk about responsibility, explaining that free people have the responsibility to develop and accept rules if they are to live together in harmony and dignity. Our freedom to make choices makes us responsible for those choices. Freedom gives us the free choice to serve others. Freedom gives us the opportunity and the responsibility to search for the truth. That quest brings us towards the goal of a college education: a liberated mind, a mind that never stops searching, and never stops learning.

If our grandchildren's college experience helps make them partners with us in a search for truth, then the pain of physical separation and giving them up to their own freedom can bring us together in a way that gives our lives rich new meaning.

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Decision to close collection centers looks political

TO THE EDITOR:

It does run downhill ... and it appears a bit of the swamp water from Washington, D. C., has run down to Pittsboro.

I'm referring to the recent decision to close seven of Chatham's 12 waste collection centers. After a summer of almost weekly visits requiring me to hoist my trash bags into an eight-foot-high container because the regular compacting bin was full, I agree it was time for the county to drop back and punt. However, the solution appears to be somewhat political.

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Three closures materially affect Democrat Commissioner Franklin Gomez-Flores' Dist. 5 constituents (Siler City and southwest Chatham). The sites are Harper's Crossroads and Bennett, which are squarely in the 5th, and Goldston which is marginally outside the 5th but provides service to many in the district.

Gomez-Flores, in an email, commented to me that Moncure, one of the five sites to remain open, was chosen to give "access to those in the southeast." Is southwest Bennett any different than southeast Moncure? Both communities are in the county's extremities. I suggested that keeping Bennett or Harper's Crossroads open would have had minimal effect on the over-

all plan to the county but major positive impact to residents now forced to transport trash to Bonlee or one of the other four open sites. Fair is fair.

Seeing as how Dist. 5 often leans conservative in the southwest and considering democrat Gomez-Flores' heaviest support comes from the more liberal northern part of his district, it's fairly obvious what has happened. I think the county, and Gomez-Flores, either by oversight or by association, has played politics with this issue.

I hope residents from Bennett, Harper's Crossroads, and Goldston raise hell about this slight to their county services.

Philip H. Johnson
Siler City

What made today's North Carolina economy?

During one of my recent early morning workouts at the local YMCA in Raleigh, I met an impressive young person.

He is a senior at NCSU's textile college. We talked about the textile industry and his occupational goal. I mentioned that the textiles industry was once one of the dominant economic sectors in the state for many decades. That statement surprised him.

I don't blame my new friend for not knowing the history of textiles in North Carolina. Most of us focus on today and not the past. And if we do know about the past, it's the past we've lived through. At age 70, I've lived through more time than my 20-year-old new friend.

When most people think about history, the focus is on big events like wars, elections and inventions. But equally important — at least in my opinion — is economic history, which tracks changes in industries, companies and occupations.

North Carolina has a long and dynamic economic history. When I arrived in the state in the 1970s, the "Big Three" industries of tobacco, textiles and furniture dominated the economy, accounting for almost one-quarter of all economic production.

Today, the Big Three accounts for less than 10 percent of the state's aggregate economic production. In place of the Big Three is the new "Big Five" sectors of technology, pharmaceuticals, banking, food processing and vehicle parts.

The shift from the Big Three to the Big Five occurred in the span of less than half a century, which in historical time is the blink of an eye. How did it happen? There were five key causes: globalization, the rise of higher education,

national banking, the transformation of agriculture and the movement of new companies and people to North Carolina.

Since the end of World War II, the world has been moving toward free and open trade between countries. But two trade agreements in the 1990s and 2000s, NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and the WTO (World Trade Organization), really put a capstone on globalization. The result was economic production gravitated to locations with the lowest costs.

For North Carolina, globalization meant large parts of the state's manufacturing base in textiles, apparel and furniture departed to foreign countries. However, one upside was growth in the state's vehicle parts industry supplying auto assembly factories operating in South Carolina.

As the economy shifted in the late 20th century from relying on "brawn power" to using "brain power," higher education expanded everywhere. North Carolina had already developed a strong public university system to complement its high-profile private universities and colleges. Hence, the state was ready to expand its college training. One factor helping the state was the high level of state support for higher education, thereby allowing North Carolina to be among the states with the lowest public university tuitions and fees.

As early as the 1950s, farsighted state leaders in North Carolina recognized economic change was on the way. Efforts were made to attract new companies in technology and pharmaceuticals, the most prominent being developing Research Triangle Park, the first of its kind in the country. North Carolina combined this effort with growing numbers of college graduates, a relatively low cost-of-living, attractive natural amenities and a sunny climate to grow these sectors just at the time traditional

manufacturing was waning.

In the 20th century, most states restricted banks to one location. Both North and South Carolina were exceptions, allowing banks to have branches across their states. Hence, when nationwide banking was approved by Congress in the 1990s, banks in the Carolinas had the experience to rapidly expand. The result was Charlotte — on the border of the two states — became the second largest financial center in the country.

As tobacco's importance in North Carolina declined, farmers looked for substitutes. One alternative was meat — specifically hogs — which led to rapid expansion in the state's food processing sector.

Last, as the nation became more economically and culturally linked in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, the relocation of both businesses and households increased. North Carolina has consistently been on the positive side of these relocations, with many more companies and people moving to the state than moving out. These movers have come from the two ends of the age spectrum — retirees enjoying their golden years and young people beginning their careers.

These five forces have remade North Carolina — economically, socially and culturally — within the span of five decades. This demonstrates the lesson that change can occur rapidly. Some futurists believe the pandemic has put us at the beginning of another set of forces creating widespread change in the upcoming decades. Are they correct? What kind of changes will occur? And do we have the ability to mold the changes so they provide the most benefit to the largest number of people? You decide.

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SOIL

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gathers soil at lynching sites for display in exhibits bearing victims' names.

The other jar will remain in Chatham County as part of a display the CRC-C is developing.

Nettles and Taylor, who traveled to Chatham County from her home in New Jersey, also filled smaller jars to present to Daniel descendants — some of whom hadn't met each other before Saturday — and community members.

About 75 people attended the remembrance ceremony; the morning's events ended down the road at a libation ceremony in front of the church, during which those attending poured water onto the ground as an offering in memory and tribute to Eugene.

'He may not have been convicted'

But the day began with a stark reminder of what's changed in the last century. In remarks at the very start of the morning ceremony, Chatham Sheriff Mike Roberson told the gathered observers that what happened to Daniel — jailed without facing his accuser, abducted illegally from the jail, then lynched — “goes against every fiber of my being.”

“No person should ever go through the terror, fear or injustice of being kidnapped and brutally killed by a vigilante mob,” Roberson said. “No matter what a person may be accused of — and even if they actually committed the accused crime — we all have a constitutional right to due process and equal protection under the law. We have a right to be brought before a jury of our peers for a fair trial, to present a defense and to be treated humanely. Eugene received none of those constitutional protections.”

Eugene, barely a week after his 16th birthday, was accused, and charged, with trespassing and attempted rape after allegedly being seen in the bedroom of Gertrude Stone, who was a year older than him, at her parent's home on Farrington Road in New Hope Township. She lived not far from Eugene's own home just a few miles outside of Pittsboro.

After being tracked by bloodhounds and apprehended, Eugene was said to have confessed. He was jailed, but later abducted from the jail by a group of men and taken to a site near the old Moore's Bridge, where he was hanged. Some of his murderers then opened fire at his body. As he hung, the lynching site was visited by more than 1,000 people, according to contemporary press accounts, before Chatham County's coroner came to remove the body.

In 2021, Roberson pointed out, the justice system would consider Eugene a juvenile.

“He would be afforded an opportunity to have his charges decided by a system that would not put him to death — a system that might not even leave him with an adult criminal record that could mar his future,” he said. “He may have not been convicted of anything at all.”

Taylor, Eugene's great-niece, only recently learned about the details of his killing. She said some family members had vague recollections about rumors of the cause of his death, but no one was certain about this history until the planning for Saturday's remembrance ceremony began to take shape in the last two years.

She said she was “hurt, angry, sad — every emotion came about,” upon discovering Eugene's lynching — but pleased that Eugene has now been memorialized.

To have soil from the site, and to know the soil will be displayed at the Legacy Museum, has brought members of the Daniel family relief.

“It's incredible to me,” Taylor said. “He deserves to be a part of this. It means a lot to me.”

'It must happen'

Commissioner Karen Howard presided over the libation ceremony which followed at the church, honoring “the spirit of our ancestors who came before us,” she said, as part of a traditional offering in memory of the dead. “Those who arrived in a foreign land on ships and in shackles. Those who went through the trauma of slavery and bore the weight of its ugly inheritance. I honor the ancestors who laid the foundation from which we have grown. Who brought with them traditions, beliefs, practices, fortitude and strength.”

She led those in attendance through a series of recitations paying homage to Eugene and to deceased relatives, calling for a spirit of truth and honesty, and a spirit of forgiveness, love and tenderness, with each recitation concluding with the blessing “ase” — which means “it must happen.”

Howard also announced to the group that county commissioners would consider a resolution on Monday night formally apologizing



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Siblings Eliot (right) and Emily Feenstra, descendants of former Chatham County slaveholders, receive jars of soil from Eugene Daniel's lynching site from Mary Nettles, who helped organize the soil removal.

“for any part an elected official or appointed local official played” in his 1921 murder. The resolution passed unanimously during the board's meeting (see accompanying story).

The CRC-C's Nettles said afterward she felt in her heart that Eugene Daniel had been done “a terrible injustice.”

“I wanted to do all I could do to make things better now for his family,” Nettles said. “Eugene Daniel did not have the opportunity to know all that was kept hidden in the Pittsboro community.”

Another organizer, CRC-C member Bob Pearson, said Saturday's event “marked a sea change in Chatham's history.”

“There is no turning back,” he said Monday. “The old history of the county is now shelved, and the new history is being written.”

The two events Saturday “put on the public record the most comprehensive story in 250 years of the tragedy and the achievements of the county's Black citizens as the whole community, white and Black, came together to remember the pain and praise the achievements,” Pearson said. “Truth was heard and acknowledged. The county commissioners officially apologized for the failures of the past county leadership to protect the county's citizens and condemned the lynchings. Looking ahead, we have the duty of remembrance for the five other lynching victims and the public recognition of those acts for the whole community. We see the clear opportunity to bring justice closer and make reconciliation more likely. That will be our goal in all our work going forward.”

Black history

About 50 people attended the “Black History of Chatham County” event Saturday afternoon at the county's Agriculture & Conference Center. Speakers included Congressman David Price, state Rep. Robert Reives II, Chatham Commissioner Diana Hales, former county commissioner Rev. Dr. Carl Thompson Sr., Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Charles Gardner and others.

Siblings Eliot Feenstra and Emily Feenstra, descendants of the Poe family, who were Chatham County slaveholders, came from Oregon and Washington, D.C., respectively. They attended to “bear witness to the truth” of the the role their family may have played in the racial oppression of the time, and vowed “to learn, to listen,” and to commit to having conversations within their surviving family members about “how to repair that wrong.”

Dr. Charles Johnson, an associate professor and the director of public history at North Carolina Central University, shared a presentation — “From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans in Chatham County” — which gave a brief history of the transatlantic slave trade. He said lynching was used as a form of social control and genetic annihilation, particularly the ritualistic, public spectacle lynchings that tended to be common. As a part of his presentation, he traced the history and contributions of a number of families in Chatham County who emerged from slavery to become community leaders.

In addition, a documentary on Eugene's murder — produced and narrated by Chatham resident Mark Barroso — was shown, delving into possible motives Chatham officials had to murder Eugene.

In his remarks, Thompson, the senior pastor of Word of Life Christian Outreach Center in Siler City, said that any time history is celebrated, we must look at the good and the bad.

“The history of every culture is replete with shining triumphs and horrific tragedies that are scattered through the landscape of time,” he said. “Much of a historical celebration then, must be from a view of where we were and where God has brought us to. In that we can celebrate! The tragedies of history remind us of the power and joy of deliverance.”

He recalled his earliest days seeking elected office in Chatham County,



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

This jar of soil, from Eugene Daniel's lynching site, will go on display at the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.

before the water was impounded to fill Jordan Lake.

“I remember during my first campaign covering that entire area and many times I would stop and look out over the vast area of land that would ultimately be covered with miles of water,” he said. “And little did I know then that I was probably traveling in the very spot where that horrendous murder of Eugene Daniel took place 100 years ago.”

He described Eugene as “a symbol, a reminder of the many young people who experienced this unimaginable pain of being taken from their homeland, never to see it again. Brutalized, mutilated, raped and chained. Taken to a land far away and, chained like animals and dehumanized in every way possible. And what we are saying to the descendants of Eugene Daniel, and to all of the Eugene Daniels, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Wilmington, N.C, to those millions who died during the Middle passage, the scourge of slavery and Jim Crow, and even to the George Floyds of history, is that while many in white America have revised American history and changed the narrative to hide and sweep under the rug the many atrocities like this lynching, we are here today, saying to as many of those who would hear us, that we will never forget your humanity. You were once a living, breathing person, with hopes and dreams, loves and desires. That you were somebody's brother, somebody's sister, somebody's mother, somebody's father.

“We have a moral imperative to remain vigilant and not let the atrocities of the past become events of today,” Thompson said. “We must have the courage to speak out against the wrongs of systemic racism, to stand for the truth no matter the cost, and hold our fellow human beings accountable when they forget or remain silent due to a callous disregard, intimidation or fear.”

'Teach them to never forget'

Speaking as a part of the audience joining the session on the Zoom videoconferencing platform, Thompson asked: “How has history made you?”

“Hopefully just understanding what has been passed on today has made all of us more mindful of the pain and sacrifices and exceptionality of our ancestors, and their courage, sheer fortitude and faith in God that has passed a rich history and legacy to our generation,” he said. “Let us be mindful and with due diligence, pass this rich history and legacy on to the next generation and teach them to never forget.”

During the program, the EJJ's Elliot Spillers explained about the significance and symbolism of displaying soil from Eugene's lynching site. During his remarks, a storm cell moved over the Ag Center, pelting it with a heavy downpour. As the sound of the rain reverberated throughout the room, Spillers recalled a similar storm at one of EJJ's first outdoor events — and what was said about the rain that day.

“Maybe it's tears of joy from these lynching victims,” he said, “and from Mr. Daniel, letting us know they're pleased with what happened here today.”

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A commissioner looks at history, reconciliation

BY DIANA HALES

Special to the News + Record

Editor's note: These remarks were delivered as part of the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham's libations and remembrance ceremony Saturday morning at New Hope Baptist Church.

The death by mob lynching of Eugene Daniel in 1921 was regrettable and also routine in an America that was still roiling from the emancipation and migration of former slaves. The very idea that all humans shared the same intelligence and soul laid the foundation for the horror perpetuated by white Americans. Hundreds of years of social and religious conditioning led white Americans, whether slave owner or not, to believe they needed to “fix” Black and indigenous people. It was, and still is, our national hubris and disgrace.

Even when individuals showed genius, creativity, and high level of skills, the color of their skin excluded them from legal equality under the law throughout the United States. The passage of the 14th amendment in 1868 gave Black men over 21 years of age the right to vote and full citizenship privileges that states could not abridge. But many of the former Confederate states found ways to keep white control through their social norms that included repression of all women and Black men. The question of race was bound up in “white survival” thinking, even then. In the 1988 publication of “Within the Plantation Household,” author Elizabeth Fox-Genovese states that the domestic subordination of white women was necessary to “survival and progress of the white race.” And those females became the arbiter of household justice toward their Negro slaves ... who probably disappointed the woman's expectations ... and could be removed or sold with permission of the master. The hierarchy was clear. No matter the church teaching on the Gospels, white men and women held firm to their belief that they were doing God's work by keeping human slaves and “fixing” them for serving white society.

As the migration of emancipated Black people from the Confederacy to the North continued, it was accompanied by the terrorism of individual lynching and murders, and includes 25 race massacres. Although it was not taught in North Carolina's classrooms, we know that the only coup d'etat in America was in Wilmington in 1898 as a white mob murdered its way through the town's elected government and Black community. Those race massacres were possible because of social norms about white race superiority. Across the South, the Midwest, and North from 1866 to 1985 Black people were under mob attack for the right to vote, sharecropping, governing, business success, and any white woman pointing a finger at a Black man. From the destruction of Tulsa's Black business community in 1921, to the 1943 massacre in Detroit where Blacks were excluded from housing and jobs, and to the 1985 Philadelphia police bombing of a group in row housing because some were involved with a Black organization, the white mob delivered normal — and sanctioned — violence.

This violence is not just reflected in lynching and race massacres, but in our national propensity to individualize all minority groups and assume that white households are always more efficient. We don't stop to consider how white American legislative and social power has framed the laws for 200 years to actively discredit black intelligence and education, impede economic mobility, and stifle the creation of family wealth. Even today, Black unemployment is twice the rate of white unemployment. No jobs? Or is it white social conditioning that wants to label Black people as deficient?

And we are not finished with mob violence. Witness the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol. Again a white mob who, waving the flags of the United States and the defeated Confederacy, claimed they were the patriots saving America. The election was surely stolen by Black people illegally voting Democratic. It had nothing to do with the mob's manifest desire to hold on to American white supremacy and historic privilege in our changing demographic landscape.

Eugene Daniel was a farmer's teenage son in a Black family. And that caused his death.

We have many injustices to right, and the work stretches out before us as we grapple with our own inner dialogs and conditioning passed down through generations. We can do better, and we must, in order to honor the terrified Black people who shouldn't have died by a white mob.

Let reconciliation begin now in Chatham County.

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EUGENE DANIEL: FINDING OUT

‘My mother or father never spoke of his death’

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Every family has a member they don’t talk about or talk about only in hushed tones because of the shame it might bring to the family name.

In my family, it was me, a notorious — for that time period — juvenile delinquent.

When Sheila Thompson found out about her family’s scrupulously unacknowledged relative, she was sitting in a classroom at Horton High School in Pittsboro and a teacher was talking about her uncle, Eugene Daniel.

It quickly became apparent why no one in the family — indeed, no one in Chatham County — talked about Eugene. The silence regarding him had nothing to do with any shame his life might bring to the family: it had everything to do with the disgraceful spotlight his death would shine onto the county and some of its former leading citizens.

You see, Eugene Daniel, baby brother of Sheila Thompson’s grandmother, was lynched in Chatham County 100 years ago this week. His death is recognized unofficially — I don’t reckon anybody was scdulous about keeping count — as the last lynching in the county.

Thompson had never heard a word about Uncle Eugene, who was 16 when a mob pulled him out of the county jail and lynched him. It was serendipity that she heard of him at all.

“One day during my high school days, the teacher was absent and the class was told to return to our respective homerooms. It just so happened that my homeroom (teacher) was the history teacher,” she recounted when we corresponded via email.

“That day, they were talking about my Uncle Eugene. Before that day, I’d never heard of a lynching in Chatham County . . . I can remember feeling sad.”

So sad, in fact, that she never mentioned it to her parents when she got home.

“I wondered if there was some type of stigma felt by the family,” she said, “since all of my grandparents’ 10 children left Chatham County except my dad.”

Didn’t her parents or grandparents, her aunts or uncles, I asked, ever say anything about Eugene, ever mournfully lament, in the privacy of their homes with the shades drawn when they returned for holidays or funerals, “It was a damned shame what they did to that child?”

Nope.

“My mother or father never spoke of his death,” she said.

This was, she said, back in the days when fellow students drove school buses, and her bus driver was a classmate. “Since the teacher told us where the site of the lynching was, we went off-route a little and drove past the site,” she told me.

In 1921, there was no Instagram, no Facebook, no Tiktok, no Twitter. What there was, however, was the Chatham Record, forerunner to today’s Chatham News + Record. That is where award-winning journalist Mark Barroso got much of the information used in his fascinating documentary, “A Mass of Murderers.”

Barroso reports on what apparently is the lone contemporary account of the evil event. He begins:

“(B)uried beneath stories of a new railroad, a squirrel eating hickory nuts, the arrest of a bootlegger and a plea for the colored folks to go to church, is a small story on the lynching of Eugene Daniel.”

The newspaper’s remarkably unskeptical account, under the headline “Lynched Sunday,” begins: “Last Friday night, Sept. 16, Eugene Daniels, colored, entered the home of Walter Stone in New Hope Township and attempted a criminal assault upon his daughter, Miss Gertrude Stone...The young lady gave the alarm and a hunt for her assailant was begun.”

Bloodhounds, “secured from Raeford,” led the law to Eugene’s home, where he was arrested. These were, we learn later in the documentary, the same bloodhounds that had earlier led police to another Black man who was arrested for a homicide but was later found to be innocent after Sheriff G.W. Blair, sensing a lynching was fixing to take pace, spirited the man to the jail in Raleigh.

Eugene never got the chance to be found innocent. Around 2 a.m. Sunday, according to the newspaper’s account, a mob stormed the jail. “He was taken from there by an angry set of men, carried five miles east of town and there swung up with an auto tire chain and his body filled with bullets.”

The newspaper didn’t exult in the murder, but neither did it denounce it with any degree of righteous indignation. It certainly didn’t call for the murderers to be held accountable, and no one ever was.

Like the story itself, the spot where the lynching occurred, on property owned by the alleged victim’s granddaddy, has been buried — or, more likely, submerged when Jordan Lake was created.

I’ve got a feeling that if that lake hadn’t submerged that cursed land, the silent tears of that poor, terrified child’s family members would have — if they’d been allowed to grieve without fear of reprisal.

They no doubt knew, in 1921, that to grieve too loudly or too publicly could result in similar violence being visited upon them.

No, best to never speak of a murdered child, a murdered son, a brutalized brother. One hundred years later, Sheila Thompson speaks of Eugene Daniel, and of the ceremony on Saturday which recognized his murder.

“The commemoration brings up some of the truths concerning his death,” she said, while acknowledging that “all of his story will never be told. I believe forgiveness is, for all those who have experienced this type of trauma, the way to healing. No amount of anger will undo history. We can’t change it. We can only pray for a better world.”

It’s not hard to imagine that Eugene Daniel, in the moments 100 years ago before his 16-year-old body was hoisted onto a tree limb with an auto tire chain and filled with bullets, was thinking the same thing: praying for a better world.

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MAYOR

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town, running Rufus’ Restaurant — named for Hensley’s grandfather — since 1973. After serving 14 years with the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office, the last 10 as a detective, Hensley left law enforcement in May to help his grandmother as restaurant manager. As mayor, he hopes to promote an atmosphere that will attract more businesses like his family’s.

“Right now we’re kind of limited to two restaurants, a service station, a gas station and the Dollar General,” he said. “So I’d really like to see more local business coming in. I want to offer something for the community so that if local families want to start up a bakery, or some type of little antique store or something like that, they can. I would really like to see more shops in Goldston to bring in more commerce to benefit everybody.”

Before businesses can flourish, though, some basic infrastructure is necessary. Hensley’s first priority as mayor will be to secure reliable and fast broadband internet for residents across town.

“I’ve been in contact with Randolph Communication to get fiber run to the town and maybe get citywide Wi-Fi for the park and stuff like that,” he said. “Imagine if people can go to the library, go to a local coffee shop, sit outside on a beautiful day and do their homework or do some research or what have you.”

The last year has spotlighted internet shortages in areas such as Goldston as students and workers struggled to connect with teachers and colleagues from the confines of their homes. And it’s increasingly difficult to operate a business without easy internet access.

“As far as a hard line goes, our only provider is CenturyLink, and they’re not great,” Hensley said. “It’s really hard, especially for students, and it’s tough for business, too.”

Small towns often have difficulty attracting internet providers, but Goldston’s roughly 250 residents are enough, Hensley says, for Randolph Communication to profit.

“Randolph is very interested in coming to town,” he said. “They told us what to expect, what they can offer, which will be town Wi-Fi to

the park and the library and fiber to all the houses.”

The company will not commit, though, without explicit interest from most town residents, which can be done via www.myrandolphfiber.net/address-lookup/.

“We just have to have enough interest, which I’ve kind of put the call out for on our Facebook page,” Hensley said. “You go to that website on Randolph, fill out your interest, and if they have so many people within a certain radius that want it they’d be more than willing to come out and run all kinds of fiber everywhere for the town. That’d be really good for businesses as well, just to upgrade that internet speed so they can conduct a little bit more business.”

Other top priorities for Hensley include continued sewer expansion — building upon one of Cunnup’s greatest achievements — and widening the town limits.

“Goldston hasn’t grown any in 30 or 40 years, somewhere around in there, maybe even longer than that,” he said.

“Essentially, our city limits have been unchanged since Goldston was incorporated. So we’re kind of looking at expanding our city limits so that people can get city water, they can get city trash pickup, they can get city sewer, and it would give us a little bit more tax revenue to make improvements to the town like broadband and other upgrades.”

That’s not to say he envisions a large town. The “hometown feel” is what many residents love about Goldston, Hensley says, and it’s one of his favorite features.

“People complain, ‘We don’t want a giant town, we don’t want a big city,’” he said, “and I don’t want that either.”

But he wants an improved town where business can thrive and residents can access the necessities of 21st Century living.

“I would like everybody to know that if there’s something they would like to have in the town, I’m open for a discussion,” Hensley said. “I definitely like new ideas, and I think that’s kind of where we’ve been stagnant over the years. So tell us what you have in mind, what ideas you have, and I want to see how we can help and assist.”

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Sifting the soil, the past, to help make it clean

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CRC-C volunteers Jo Corro, left, and Adele Kelly work to prepare soil from Eugene Daniel’s lynching site last Wednesday at Hanks Chapel Church.

Wednesday, an overcast, humid start to a late summer day — we didn’t really stop to talk about the significance of the soil we were handling. We just worked. But we knew, of course. And we knew, too, that day — that Wednesday — was 99 years and 364 days removed from Eugene Daniel’s last day of freedom. The 100th anniversary of the beginning of the just-turned 16-year-old’s nightmarish journey to the noose was the very next day.

Eugene’s life would end on Sept. 18, 1921, not too far down the road from where we stood. His murder occurred after he was wrested from the jail in Pittsboro and hung by a tire chain thrown over what was described in a press account as “a convenient limb,” his body then riddled by shotgun

and rifle blasts.

Some of our group — members of the Community Remembrance Coalition of Chatham County — wore work gloves. I didn’t; neither did Bob Pearson, whom I worked beside. I’d come prepared to help, but didn’t bring gloves, so in short order my hands were tinged orange from handling the soil, as were Bob’s.

It was from Bob that I first heard about the lynchings in Chatham County — six of them in all, though some records suggest seven. Two years ago, meeting for the first time, we’d sat across from each other at the Sweet Bee Caffe coffee shop in Pittsboro. Bob, a retired diplomat, spoke of Chatham’s lynchings and the work of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, to memorialize our nation’s 4,400 or so victims of racial terror lynching in the time between Reconstruction and World War II, then of his idea for soil removal (also an EJI project) from the lynching sites and the creation of some kind of remembrance memorial or marker for Eugene and the others. And his vision for telling the truth, and working toward real racial reconciliation, in the county he and his wife Maggie now call home.

That initial meeting eventually led to a two-part series I wrote for

the News + Record about an effort to memorialize Eugene — the last of the lynching victims — and the others: Harriet Finch, Jerry Finch, Lee Tyson and John Pat-tishall (1885), and Henry Jones (1899). (Some lists of victims include Richard Cotton, lynched in 1865.)

In researching and writing, I was particularly struck by Eugene’s story, in part because of the various press accounts describing the events. And there I was, this past week, joining other CRC-C members and volunteers in preparing soil taken from the earth near the area where he died.

On Saturday, that soil was worked again: two large jars were filled, spooned into place — with help from Cheryl Taylor, one of Eugene’s descendants — just feet from Eugene’s burial site near New Hope Baptist Church. One jar was given to representatives to be permanently displayed as part of the Community Soil Collection Project in the EJI’s Legacy Museum. The other will be put somewhere in Chatham County, in a place yet to be determined — maybe the county’s historical museum, or a library.

The rest of the soil was scooped carefully into small jars and shared with family members and others. Mary Nettles, who leads the East

Chatham Branch of the NAACP and has organized much of the soil retrieval, presented me with jar. The inscription on the small jar’s lid reads: “Eugene Daniel, 1905-1921.”

Back on Wednesday, after an hour or so of work handling the same soil that would find its way into those jars, I left the group — departing with Ray Bland, who lives in the Hanks Chapel Road area. Ray had joined us to recount an incident from his boyhood, from well over a half century ago: He was riding shotgun in his father’s truck down a road alongside nearby Robeson Creek when his dad gestured out the window and said, “Over there, up on that hill, they took a Black man and tied him to a tree a shot him.”

His father never said another word about it. Until recently, neither had Ray.

Was the reference to the lynching of Eugene Daniel? Impossible to say now. But Ray’s recollection is vivid. I’d been told — I’d read, too — that the spit of land which held the tree and the “convenient limb” from which Eugene was hung was now under water. It may be. It may not be.

I accompanied Ray to the area and saw the hill his father had pointed to. We stood and talked for several minutes in view of a stretch of Robeson Creek and

caught glimpses of a large group of young people — some, no doubt, 16 years old, like Eugene was — cavorting about in canoes on the creek. Just a minor meandering stream a century ago, the creek is now a good-sized tributary for the Haw River and nearby Jordan Lake.

Before Ray and I parted, I wiped the last vestiges of the soil from my hands.

Though, of course, I’ll always have it with me — in the small jar Mary gave me, in the memory of Eugene and his tragic and senseless murder, in remembering the work we did on Wednesday and the full day of events later on Saturday set aside to remember Eugene and honor Chatham County’s Black history.

The creation of Jordan Lake may or may not have submerged the site where Eugene Daniel died. It doesn’t matter. It was the manner and the nature, not the location, of his death, which makes the soil sacred.

We’re all stained by it. The cleansing will require some work. Each of us has our own narratives to grind down and sift through to get to truth, and then reconciliation.

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DENTAL

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Montes Sánchez, is to empower patients to take charge of their own oral health and prevent debilitating — and costly — oral complications later in life.

“We’re trying to reshape the way that they see dentistry and how they can actively work towards keeping their teeth,” Ramos-Díaz, a second-year dental student at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, told the News + Record. “Many of them expect to just lose all their teeth with age, and that’s not accurate, so we’re just educating them as much as we possibly can.”

Since early August, Ramos-Díaz, Montes Sánchez and a small team of volunteers have spent nearly every Saturday at Vidas, attending to patients from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. — and sometimes even later. On a typical day, Ramos-Díaz said, they might see an average of 16 patients, both old and new.

As of Monday afternoon, 44 patients had enrolled in HOPE — and counting.

“The hope is that we get to at least in the 80s by the end of the project,” said Montes Sánchez, a third-year dental student.

HOPE lasts about three months from the initial paperwork to the project’s exit survey. Once new patients complete their medical paperwork, Ramos-Díaz and Montes Sánchez first treat them to a nearly 19-minute educational video.

This video explains the program, talks about treatment options and goes over basic dental concepts — all in Spanish. Ramos-Díaz and Montes Sánchez are native Spanish speakers from Puerto Rico and Cuba respectively.

“We basically look like two news reporters, and we show pictures every once in a while,” said Ramos-Díaz with a laugh. “Like, ‘This is a cavity. This is amalgam. This is composite.’ That kind of thing.”

Once patients watch the video, they then undergo a

series of exams — including X-rays and plaque and salivary analyses — which will determine the kind of treatment and education they receive. That, too, is when they’ll begin to go over basic oral hygiene instruction.

“We actually stand with our patients and watch them brush,” Ramos-Díaz said. “We give them a toothbrush and toothpaste, and give them pointers, let them know what they’re doing right, what they need to improve.”

For the next series of visits, the HOPE team monitors patients’ oral hygiene habits and steadily goes through their treatment plans. At their three-month visit, patients receive an exit survey to gauge what they’ve learned, plus a six-month follow-up appointment with Vidas’ regular dental clinic.

“We’re really trying hard to make sure that in our system ... that we’re charting to bring them back within a year for a follow-up because before there was no such thing as following up with a patient,” said Ramos-Díaz. “It was always first come, first serve, and so we’re trying to be a little bit more structured just to make sure no patients fall through the cracks.”

‘The best way we can help them’

Dressed from head to toe in PPE, Ramos-Díaz first stepped foot into Vidas de Esperanza last October with a team of other dental students to resume dental services at the clinic after a months-long pandemic-related hiatus.

She’d just started dental school a couple of months before that and had been eager to get involved with the student-run dental clinic. After a few weeks, however, she and Montes Sánchez noticed a big problem.

“Many of our patients were coming back to our clinic with the same issues that they came in with the very first time we saw them,” Ramos-Díaz said. “It just seemed like things were

not getting necessarily better — sometimes maybe were progressing and not in the best way.”

They realized it all came down to little or no oral health education, she said; many of their patients didn’t know how to properly take care of their teeth — and instead of educating their patients, students were just “drilling, filling and pulling teeth” at Vidas.

So, she and Montes Sánchez decided to do something about it. Their solution? Education and prevention.

“Some of our patients have told us that they’ve never touched a toothbrush in their lives,” Ramos-Díaz said. “They use a napkin, wrap it around their finger and dip it in hydrogen peroxide to clean their teeth, and so we knew that this was something very much needed.”

The community Vidas de Esperanza serves is “extremely vulnerable,” Montes Sánchez added. For many, barriers to care don’t just stop at exorbitant dental fees; other barriers can include lack of health literacy, or literacy in general, lack of transportation, demanding work schedules and even unreliable or unaffordable child care.

“All of those things affect whether or not they’re able to really own their health and take care of themselves at home,” Montes Sánchez said, adding, “It became extremely clear for us that to be able to give these patients comprehensive care and something that is going to be long lasting for them, we need to start treating the disease. ... Putting an emphasis on prevention is the best way that we can help them.”

They began brainstorming ideas late last year — should they create “a huge official program” or just hand out oral hygiene bags? In December of 2020, they decided to commit to a full-blown project: They drafted a project proposal and with it, applied for the North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellowship.

In March, they got it — and from there, they began a lengthy planning process.

The fellowship supplied them enough funding to get the project going, and their two clinical advisors — Dr. Steve Kizer from Vidas de Esperanza and UNC’s Dr. Apoena Ribeiro — helped them perfect it. The Hispanic Student Dental Association, which oversees Vidas’ dental clinic, also chipped in manpower and support.

“It’s taken up a lot of planning,” Ramos-Díaz said. “From December to basically, July, that was all nothing but planning.”

In early August, Ramos-Díaz and Montes Sánchez held their first HOPE clinic — and in just two months, HOPE has already left its mark on Vidas de Esperanza, its co-founders, and of course, its patients. For Ramos-Díaz and Montes Sánchez, serving and empowering patients has been the most rewarding part of the entire program.

“Many of them are just mind-blown when we talk to them about these things,” said Ramos-Díaz, “so, we know that they’re learning and they’re very appreciative of the education that we’re providing them with ... I was calling a patient and she said she is so excited to finally get a cleaning tomorrow, so it’s a really wonderful feeling to be working with these patients.”

Last month, Montes Sánchez worked with a patient who hadn’t gone to the dentist in years because she’d felt “mortified.” After she started HOPE, though, that all changed.

“We had her back for her recall, she was like, ‘Oh, I love coming here now. Like, I used to be so terrified of the dentist, but you guys are so gentle, and so nice, and you treat me so well,’” Montes Sánchez said. “It’s just knowing that we are actually making a difference in people’s lives in that way, even though we’re mostly focusing on just educating them and sitting down with them going through these concepts.”

According to Vidas de Esperanza’s volunteer staff, HOPE has also worked wonders to expand the clinic’s services, improve its standard of care and reduce its long dental waitlist.

“We have been able to get people signed up to have their teeth cleaned on a regular basis, so people seem to be taking to the program,” Ascary Arias, Vidas founder and president, told the News + Record. “They seem to like it. I think, this prevention thing, if it works, it’s really a program that should be applied everywhere.”

According to Carolina Torres, the assistant director of Vidas’ medical and dental clinics, patients might wait months — perhaps even years — for dental treatment at the clinic. Recently, the waitlist numbered between 200 and 300 people, she said, but now with HOPE, that number has been steadily decreasing.

“So, with this program we have been able to see more patients,” Torres said. “... The patients with emergencies are definitely waiting less time.”

Torres hopes the program will continue indefinitely, as do its co-founders.

Their fellowship officially ends in April of 2022, but Montes Sánchez and Ramos-Díaz have already been taking steps to ensure the program survives. Even now, just two months in, they’ve been bringing in and training other students passionate about the program’s goals.

According to Ramos-Díaz, those students could apply to continue the program next year as Schweitzer Fellows.

“We want this (HOPE) to be the new way that we bring patients in,” she said, “... (by educating them) on what their options are, how to properly brush and floss, the very basics that should have been honestly part of the clinic before but weren’t. That’s what we’re aiming for. We want this to be the new norm at the clinic.”

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



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Are Your Loved Ones Prepared to Be Caregivers?

Once you’re retired and your children are grown, they are likely “off the books,” as far as your financial responsibility for them is concerned. Yet, you’re probably still prepared to do anything to help them — but are they ready to take care of you if the need arises?

Consider this: Almost half of retirees say that the ideal role in retirement is providing support to family and other loved ones, according to the Edward Jones/ Age Wave study titled *Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes* — and a slightly earlier version of the same study found that 72% of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their family members.

So, if you are recently retired or plan to retire in the next few years, you may need to reconcile your desire to help your adult children or other close relatives with your concern that you could become dependent on them. You’ll need to consider whether your loved ones can handle caregiving responsibilities, which frequently include financial assistance. If they did have to provide some caregiving services for you, could they afford it? About 80% of caregivers now pay for some caregiving costs out of their own pockets — and one in five caregivers experience significant financial strain because of caregiving, according to a recent AARP report.

One way to help your family members is to protect yourself from the enormous expense of long-term care. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is now over \$100,000 a year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare won’t pay much, if any, of these costs, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest possible ways of addressing long-term care expenses.

Even if you don’t require a long stay in a nursing home, you still might need some assistance in the future, especially if your health or mental capacities decline. So, start talking to your loved ones about their possible roles if you should ever need caregiving. You may want to create a caregiving arrangement that specifies payment for caregiving services and outlines the expenses to be reimbursed if paid out of pocket by a caregiver. Also, you may want to create the appropriate legal documents, such as a durable power of attorney for health care, which enables someone to make medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to make your financial decisions if you become unable to do so yourself. A legal professional can help you make these arrangements and incorporate them into your overall estate plan. A financial advisor can suggest ways of preparing for the costs involved with caregiving and can direct you to relevant resources, such as social services provided by your city or county.

Clearly, there’s much you can do to help shield your family from the financial strain of caregiving. But you are not alone: By drawing on other resources and outside help, you can ease the burden on your loved ones. And everyone will feel more secure when you have your arrangements in place.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

United Way of Chatham County's 'Day of Service' deemed a success

165 volunteers gather across the county to give back to community

From the United Way of Chatham County

The United Way of Chatham County hosted its second-ever Day of Service on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The event officially kicked off United Way's annual fall fundraising season and connected 165 volunteers to community service opportunities in Chatham County.

The Day of Service supported 11 in-person volunteer opportunities, and two donation drop-off sites.

"Thank you to everyone who made the Day of Service a success this year!" said Katie Childs, the local United Way's executive director. "This year's event saw more projects, 50% more volunteers than last year and deeper financial support from wonderful sponsors. Members of this community are continually pouring themselves into Chatham making it such a special place to live and work. It is such a gift to see it all unfold."

Community service projects for the day included:

- Boys & Girls Club Wren Family Center – facility beautification and playground updates
- Chatham CARES Pharmacy, Smith and Buckner Funeral Home and Siler City Police Department – food drive to benefit West Chatham Food Pantry and drug take back event
- Chatham Education Foundation – book sort and distribution
- CORA Food Pantry – raised bed planting, fruit tree planting and landscaping
- Chatham Habitat for Humanity – community build
- Salvation Army and Galloway Ridge – Angel Tree preparation
- Primrose School of Chapel Hill at Briar Chapel and Communities in Schools – school supply drive for students of Chatham County Schools
- Love Chatham – weekly food distribution preparation and clothing closet organization
- Carolina Meadows and United Way – fall campaign mailing preparation

• Chatham School of Science and Engineering and United Way – assembly of hygiene kits and fall campaign mailing preparation

• Chatham 4-H, which will hold a Saturday project with its student members building garden beds at Union Taylors Community Action Center.

United Way also held an online fundraiser during the Day of Service, encouraging those unable to attend to make a donation with a goal of \$1,500. If you'd like to help United Way reach the Day of Service goal, make a donation at www.UnitedWayOfChathamCounty.org/DayOfService.

"It seemed as though this year's underlying lesson was evolution," Childs said. "And what an important lesson to learn and apply right now. There were some things we knew would evolve in our second year of this event, like the addition of the digital fundraiser to officially mark the beginning of our fall campaign. However, there was so much that was still changing right up

until the day of the event. I am so grateful to our partners and volunteers for being flexible and gracious as we all continue trying to navigate life during a pandemic."

United Way of Chatham County Day of Service sponsors included Carolina Civilworks, Axis Utility, Sanctuary at Powell Place Apartment Homes, Triangle Community Foundation, Realty World Carolina Properties – Eric Andrews, and Marley's Hair Design. The Day of Service media sponsor was the Chatham News + Record. A special thank you to North Carolina Ice Cream Catering – Ben & Jerry's for providing the students and staff at Chatham School of Science and Engineering with ice cream after their entire school participated in the Day of Service.

With a 50% increase in volunteers over last year's Day of Service, United Way sends many thanks to the following volunteer teams: Triangle Community Foundation; Duke Energy; NC DPS; Diprofito

Homes; Edward Jones – Office of Eric Williams; Chatham County Sheriff's Office; Siler City Police Department; Chatham School of Science and Engineering; Sanctuary at Powell Place Apartment Homes; Chatham County Government; Carolina Meadows and Galloway Ridge.

To view photos from the Day of Service, follow United Way of Chatham County on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UnitedWayofChatham. You can also subscribe to our monthly newsletter to keep up with what we're doing in the community at www.UnitedWayOfChathamCounty.org/newsletter.

The United Way of Chatham County funds 23 programs managed by its 16 nonprofit agencies that specialize in the education, financial stability and health of Chatham County residents. For more information on the agencies and programs funded by United Way, volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation, visit www.UnitedWayOfChathamCounty.org.

Childs, United Way prepare for agency's 2021-22 campaign

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Katie Childs' transition from a supporting role at the United Way of Chatham County to its executive director came, in part, because she just didn't know how to stay in her own lane.

She was hired five years ago in an annual campaign support position, performing tasks such as stuffing envelopes and writing campaign letters. But since the organization's staff was small, she said, "Everyone just did the job that needed to be done."

Childs, now 31, initially worked with volunteers and donors in the annual effort to raise funds — more than \$600,000 annually from the community — to be allocated and distributed among a dozen-plus nonprofits the United Way supports in Chatham, including the Boys & Girls Clubs, Communities In Schools, Chatham 4-H and Chatham Cares Pharmacy.

The United Way, though, is more than just its annual campaign — which gave Childs, in her new job, an opportunity to take on additional responsibilities over time.

"I've always had a passion for nonprofit work," she said, "so getting experience across the board in terms of fundraising, working with volunteers and having relationships with donors and businesses and the government aspect of things has always been something I've wanted to be heavily

involved in. I never wanted to do just 'stay-in-my-lane' kind of nonprofit work. I don't even know if that exists, because in nonprofits everyone does everything."

When then-executive director Dina Reynolds stepped down a little over a year ago — Reynolds now works as director of development at Chatham Trades, a United Way-funded agency — Childs, a native of Ohio, moved into the interim role. The timing wasn't ideal. The COVID pandemic was raging, Childs was pregnant, her husband was in the middle of a job relocation, and the daycare the couple's 2-year-old was in closed.

"But I knew professionally that this was what I wanted," she said. "So I said, 'I'll step in, in this interim capacity, and we'll figure it out.' I've at least got the knowledge of the organization. And I know who our partners are, who we can work with and continue to do good in Chatham County — even though everything as we know it is up in the air."

Childs' interim title was removed last fall, and as another fall begins, she's developing a vision for what she sees the agency, bolstered by Chatham's coming population and business growth, becoming.

In its 36th year

But it doesn't mean she and her staff — Outreach Coordinator Shelley Smith and Finance Officer/Volunteer Center Coordinator Alane Coore — aren't busy now. To

the contrary: the organization's second annual "Day of Service" (it was a program Childs launched here, based on the United Way's national effort) was held last week. A virtual art auction, featuring works by painter Karen Meredith and benefiting the agency, just wrapped up, raising more than \$12,000. And the staff is working with a few dozen volunteer leaders on the main thrust of the United Way year, the 2021-22 annual campaign — which continues next week with an employee event Sept. 30 at Chatham Hospital.

This is the Chatham United Way's 36th year raising funds for its member nonprofit agencies locally. The bulk of the outreach work to individuals (more than 10,000 support request envelopes will be mailed to household in Chatham in the first week of October), business and industry happens between now and the start of the year. A lengthy allocations process then starts; through-out that, volunteers review funding applications and financial statements of the nonprofits requesting funds, as well as meet with leadership at each to drill down on operational and outside funding questions. That wraps up with funding letters sent to qualifying agencies in June; around \$360,000 will be divided up among them at that point.

In the meantime, in the first half of next year, Childs and the staff and board will hold a series of strategic planning sessions for the United



Photo courtesy of the United Way

Dr. Jim Sink, left, the chairperson of the United Way of Chatham County's board of directors, poses with United Way staff, from left, Alane Coore, Shelley Smith and Katie Childs.

Way to look at operational challenges and changes and think long-term about how the agency can better serve those nonprofits which, in turn, serve those in need in Chatham County.

The outreach focus will continue to address areas of greatest need in Chatham County. COVID has complicated that, but by using 2-1-1 data — 2-1-1 is a statewide information and referral service; callers dialing 2-1-1 can obtain confidential information on health and human services within their community, 24/7 — from Chatham residents, Childs and her staff can pinpoint critical problem areas.

"The most pressing needs in our community right now are housing and homelessness, and this gap that's been created in K-12 education as a result of online learning over the course of the past year," she said. "I don't say that to disparage any of the teachers or students who did online learning last year; it was just hard. We had people in our office trying to home-school their kids while also working, and that's coming from a family with full support, with two parents in the home."

This also includes callers who have reached out to the United Way from their cars — where they've been sleeping because they're lost a place to live.

COVID's impact

Within the last year, COVID-related grants and a special additional campaign funded by individual Chatham donors allowed the United Way to disperse an additional \$100,000 in one-time, issue-based assistance to local nonprofits.

Today, COVID is still impacting the United

Way. Calls to the agency from the homeless and the hurting come regularly. Adding to the challenge, on the eve of campaign season, is knowledge that some regular United Way-supporting individuals and businesses have either relocated or pulled back on planned giving in this year's campaign.

"So we have a lot of ground to cover," Childs said. "Any my plea to Chatham County is that if we can't meet our goal this year" — \$645,000 — "I don't want the nonprofits in Chatham County to suffer as the result of that. If we don't raise the money, we can't give the money. So we have a lot of work ahead of us. I think we can do it. And I think that this community is one which cares deeply. They've shown time and time again, that they truly are passionate about philanthropy in Chatham County and philanthropy through United Way. But it's going to be an uphill battle for us this year."

New agencies scheduled to get United Way funding this coming year include Second Bloom of Pittsboro, which provides support and resources for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault in Chatham County, and Chatham County NC Homeless Shelters of Siler City.

What makes the United Way an ideal philanthropic beneficiary to help them, she says, is that funds donated go to agencies fully vested by the agency's board and a team of community leader-volunteers.

"We make sure that we are not investing in duplicated services or in agencies that are not stable or in programs that aren't making an impact," Childs said. "What

I would say to donors in Chatham County is that if you're looking to make a difference, to make an impact, to make sure that your money is going to the most viable organization, then give through United Way, and we will be sure of that."

Childs is quick to credit Smith and Coore for their work, and her board's support, as they endeavor to help grow the United Way's reach.

"And at the end of the day, the people in our community really believe in us and trust us with their money," she said.

As Childs looks ahead, she says a near-term goal, as Chatham grows, would be for the United Way of Chatham County's annual campaign to reach \$1 million in total donations.

"I think it's really feasible," she said. "It's not going to be easy, and I don't anticipate it's going to be quick. But I think that with some real energy, some real planning and some real thought, we can be a million-dollar organization — which means we can increase the allocations to the agencies, which at the end of the day means that Chatham County is just better taken care of."

"That's something that I work really hard not to lose sight of — you know, the reason why I'm doing this. It's not so that I can say, 'Oh, yeah, we raised a million dollars.' That's not at all the thing that gets me up every morning to go to work. It's the people who call our office and say, 'I'm sleeping in my car with my children.' Those are the people I think of when I'm sending out a mailing. There will always be people who fall on hard times. We can be the people who help them, to pick them up."

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OBITUARIES

JOHNNIE CLINE JR.

Johnnie Cline Jr., 88, of Goldston passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at his home.

Mr. Cline was born in St. Laundry Parish, Louisiana, on January 2, 1933, the son of Johnnie and Lottie Belle Smith Cline. Johnnie was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in the Special Forces. He just knew work and was always staying busy. Johnnie was mechanical minded, and a jack-of-all-trades. He spent his years working as a dairy farmer and became an excellent cattle farrier. In addition to his parents, Johnnie was preceded in death by his sister, Patsy Ann Cline, a brother, Benny Cline, and granddaughter, Simone.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Blanche Thompson Cline; daughter, Angela Camille Cline of Siler City; sister, Clarice Smith of Riverside, California; brothers, Richard Cline of Snowflake, Arizona, and Lynn Cline of Riverside, California; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, at Chatham Memorial Park, 13260 Hwy. 64 West, Siler City, with Rev. Darrell Garner officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Cline family.

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

JONATHAN BARBEE BURKE



Jonathan Barbee Burke, 53, of Siler City passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Chatham Hospital, Siler City.

Mr. Burke was born in Chatham County on January 8, 1968, the son of Tommie Gene and Ada Josephine Boren Burke.

Jonathan loved racing cars and was an excellent wood worker. He cherished his family. He was employed with the family owned business, Western Auto of Siler City for

many years. In addition to his parents, Jonathan is preceded in death by his brother, Mark Burke.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie Faye Collins Burke; children, Jonathan, Jessie, Shelby, Zackary, Sophia, Natalie and Madelyn; sister, Laurie Clendenen of Greenville; brothers, Tommie Burke of Greensboro, Ben Burke of Cary, and Travis Burke of South Carolina,

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Oakwood Cemetery, N. Chatham Ave, Siler City.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Burke family.

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

FAY BEAL JESSUP BROGAN



Fay Beal Jessup Brogan, 87, of Goldston went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 17, 2021, at Genesis Siler City Center.

Mrs. Brogan was born in Chatham County on January 16, 1934, the daughter of Joe and Florence Hilliard Beal. Fay was a Registered Nurse. She graduated as an Honor Student at CCC College in Sanford. She loved her work and her children. Fay taught Sunday School classes for many years at Brush Creek Baptist

Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husbands: Aubrey Jessup, Johnny Welch, and Roger Brogan; daughters, Joanna Jessup Harris, and Judy Jessup Burns; brothers, Loy, Vernie, Byrd, Glen "Doc", and Forest Beal; and sisters, Josie Pickard, Violet Yow, Gertie Headen, and Gola Hammer.

She is survived by her daughter, Jenny Oldham and husband Terry of Pittsboro; brother, Freeman Beal of Washington.; grandchildren, Christy Holt, Sara Burns, Holly and Haven Barth, and Randa Brady; several great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Fay Laid in Repose on Monday, September 20, 2021, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Brush Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, 5345 Airport Road, Bear Creek with Rev. Frank Taylor officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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

CASSIUS JUNIOR GREEN



Cassius Junior Green, 61, of Siler City passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021, at Chatham Hospital, Siler City.

Mr. Green was born in Haywood County on November 11, 1959, the son of Cassius Bud and Phyllis Ann Gaddis Green. Cassius cherished his family and his beloved cat George. He was a very hard-working man and would do all he could to help his neighbors. He spent his working years as a poultry farmer. In

addition to his parents, Cassius is preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy Green.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Debbie Kivett Green; daughters, Crystal Green and spouse Quamain of Siler City, Candace Green and spouse Jason of Black Mountain, Ashley Green Hicks and spouse Raymond of Siler City, and Brooke Green Barth and spouse Shane of Siler City; son, Bryant Green and spouse Monique of Siler City; grandchildren, Chloe, Logan, Haley, Brooklin, Morgan, Avery, Trey, Taylor, Kady, Tyler, Skylar, Torie, Easton, Cassidy and Hannah; sister, Martha Brady of Burlington; brothers, Mike Green of Waynesville and Dennis Green, and Phillip Green.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Bethlehem Wesleyan Church Cemetery, 9468 Snow Camp Road, Snow Camp, with Pastor Eddie Smith officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memorial Giving, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-9959, www.stjude.org/memorial

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Green family.

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

BILLY GOODMAN CLARK SR.



Our father, Billy Goodman Clark Sr., 91, of Pittsboro went home to our Lord on the morning of September 18, 2021. He was being tenderly loved by his family and the staff at SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

Billy was born to the late Mae Goodman White on September 7, 1930. In his younger years he was raised by his loving Uncle and Aunt, Lexi and Lela Clark. He shared his childhood with stepsisters Peggy

Smith, Frances Smith, and Barbara Pugh.

Billy became a proud soldier in the U.S. Army at 18 years old. He told many stories of his service in European countries as a fascinated boy from a small Chatham County town. He returned to soon marry his lovely young bride, Shirley Babb Clark, and begin a 38-year career transporting people with both Trailways and then Greyhound Bus Lines. He later transported freight until he was 77 years old. He was proud to have accumulated over 5 million accident-free miles. Billy was a member of Columbus Lodge #102 AF & AM and VFW Joe Wagner Post 7313 in Pittsboro. Billy was also a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

In his latter years he enjoyed time on his mini-farm in Pittsboro caring for his miniature donkeys and alpaca and his beloved sidekick dog, Margaret.

In addition to his mother, he is predeceased by his wife Shirley Babb Clark, son, Eddie Clark, and grandson, Patrick Clark.

He is survived by his children, Billy Clark Jr. and wife Rebecca, Melody McCall, and Vicki Winstead and husband Mar; six grandchildren, Christopher and Brandon Evans, Kane Clark, Jeremy Clark, Kelli Denney, Melissa Zerbs, and Tari McCracken; five great-grandchildren, Ava Rae Clark, Ocean Lynn and Olivia Rayne Evans, Hazel Lucille Denny and Piper Denney.

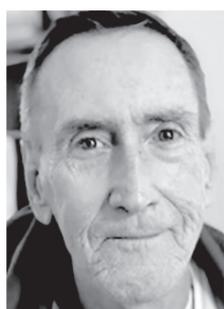
The family will receive friends Friday, September 24, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory, Griffin Chapel. A funeral service will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Gooch presiding. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made in Billy's memory to the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Clark family

TIM (THOMAS EDWIN) HUBBARD



Tim (Thomas Edwin) Hubbard, 77, formerly of Pittsboro passed away peacefully on August 26, 2021, at Durham Regional Hospital.

Tim was born in Roseboro, N.C., on July 10, 1944, to the late Mercer Reeves Hubbard and Charles Hubbard. He was a resident of Raleigh, N.C., at the time of his death and is survived by his siblings Martha, Charles, and John; two daughters, Eliza and Caitlin; and grandson, George.

Tim graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1962 and attended Emory University for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1963-1968. Tim graduated from Duke University in 1970 with a BSE in biomedical engineering and from UNC School of Law in 1973 with a Juris Doctor. Tim moved to Pittsboro in 1979 to be closer to his family and founded Chathamborough Research Group, which operated from 1979-1998 helping medical device companies navigate the FDA approval process.

Tim was always an adventurous spirit who loved new experiences. At age 18, he sailed a 25-foot sailboat to the Bahamas to live for a year, and after graduating from law school he backpacked to over 30 countries in Europe for a year. He was also a soccer coach and administrator for several leagues in the Triangle area for over 20 years, including middle school coach at Horton Middle from 2000-2003.

In fall of 2012, Tim was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which temporarily paralyzed him from the neck down until he was able to recover again to the point of walking without an assistive device. Following his positive experience with all the medical professionals that helped him recover, Tim became interested in nursing and received his CNA license in 2015.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, September 25th, at 10 a.m. at Pittsboro United Methodist Church.

MAMIE LEE (FRENCH) NETTLES

Mamie Lee French Nettles, 62, of Sanford passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Knotts Funeral Home with burial following at Lee Memory Gardens.

CURTIS JAMES SELLARS

Curtis James Sellars, 57, of Sanford, passed away on September 4, 2021.

A Time of Remembrance was held at 3 p.m. Friday, September 17, 2021, at Knotts Funeral Home.

ANTHONY MORRIS WORRELL

Anthony Morris Worrell, 67, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at his residence.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Knotts Funeral Home, followed by burial at Liberty Chapel Church Cemetery in Moncure.

SAMUEL BERNARD BURCH, JR.

Samuel Bernard Burch, Jr., 34, of Cameron, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2021 at his residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

NICOLE CARTER TREMBLEY

Nicole "Nickie" "Kiki" Carter Trembley, 41, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at her home.

The funeral service was held Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Tramway Baptist Church with Dr. Gary McCollough officiating. Burial followed in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

She was born in Lee County on June 13, 1980, to Stanley David Carter and Kathleen Spivey Darnell. She was preceded in death by grandparents, Ronnie Gib and Sylvia Spivey; great-grandparents, Earl and Mae Spivey and grandfather, Herman Lee Carter Jr. Nicole attended Central Carolina Community College. She graduated from Campbell University with a Bachelor of Applied Science and was employed at Persistent Systems.

Nicole is survived by her parents, Stanley David Carter and Kathy Spivey Darnell; children, Julian Reece Trembley and Riley Madison Trembley; great-grandmother, Ruth "Nanny" Carter; brother, Roc Carter; sister, Natalie Freeman; and step-sister, Ashley Knight.

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

DAISY MAE HATLEY

Mrs. Daisy Mae Hatley, 89, passed away, on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

A native of McDowell County, West Virginia, Daisy was born May 1, 1932, daughter of the late Edith Oakley Hunt and David Pride Hunt.

Daisy worked at Roses for and then at Adam and Eve before retiring. She was married for 65 years to John "Billy" Willis Hatley. Daisy was preceded in death by three grandsons; her brother, David Hunt; and three sisters, Mary Dodson, Lois Mauer and Betty Worrell.

Daisy is survived by her daughters, Vickie Ann Hatley Tackett of Temple, Georgia, and Deborah "Debbie" Lynn Hatley of Pittsboro; two granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her brother, Bobby Hunt of Fresno, California; and two sisters, Pearl Hunt Williams of Pittsboro and Mary Jane Hunt of Raleigh.

A service to honor her life followed at 2 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory with the Reverend Ray Gooch officiating. Following the service, she was laid to rest at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

CAROLYN LANIER GUNTER

Carolyn Lanier Gunter, 80, of Sanford, passed away Friday, September 17, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital.

The funeral service was held on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial followed in Moncure Methodist Church Cemetery.

She was born in Lee County on November 22, 1940, to the late James Robert Lanier Sr. and Beulah Mae Smith Lanier. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Ray Gunter and brother, Robert Lanier Jr. Carolyn had worked at Federal Spinning.

She is survived by her sons, Charles Gunter and Tracy Gunter, both of Sanford; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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CHATHAM CHAT | AUTHOR DENNIS HETZEL

Nazis? UFOs? A mysterious abduction?

Author's new book has it all. He'll discuss the novel at McIntyre's event on Oct. 2

Dennis Hetzel is a media consultant, freelance journalist and author of the new book "Azalea Bluff," a novel which involves Nazis, UFOs, a missing reporter and more. This week, the News + Record talks with Hetzel about his book. He'll appear at an author event at McIntyre's Books in Fearington in Pittsboro on Oct. 2.

Before becoming a novelist, Hetzel worked as a reporter, editor, publisher, college journalism professor, trade association executive and lobbyist recognized nationally for his work on First Amendment issues. A Chicago native, he now lives in Holden Beach. His firm, Fresh Angle Communications, provides a variety of writing, editing and government relations consulting services. He has a degree in political science and a minor in journalism from Western Illinois University, where he met his wife, Cheryl, a school psychologist and guidance counselor.

You've said this book traces its lineage to Ed Galloway and an "old time" radio drama he wrote and produced. For those who don't know Ed, share a little about him and how his radio story inspired you to write "Azalea Bluff."

I met Ed at my publisher's booth at the big annual holiday show in Charlotte a few years ago. I could tell that he was a "radio guy" from his deep voice. He told me about his hobby as a UFO buff and how he had created an old-school radio drama that he was selling on two CDs about a journalist who disappears after investigating a strange object that lands on a golf course. Then he added that he had always wanted to find an author who could turn "Incident in Mint Hill" into a full-fledged novel.

I later learned that Ed had quite a remarkable reputation in the broadcasting world. I'm sure people in Chatham County have heard his voice on syndicated shows, commercials or on the Discovery Channel.

It helped that I love great sci-fi. I left the bones of Ed's story intact, but made quite a few changes as I fleshed out his script with additional research. For example, I moved the setting from the Charlotte suburbs to a Carolina beach town, and my main character, Olivia Claven, is a struggling millennial instead of a nearly-retired journalist. Ed was great about supporting my ideas.

The sad epilogue is that Ed passed away from a heart attack just as I completed the first draft. His widow, Carolyn, quickly agreed that we wanted to complete the project, which now serves as a great tribute to Ed.

As readers, we're used to assigning genres to books and asking (or telling), "What is the book about?" This book transcends genres, though ... so how do you describe it for potential readers?

The truth is that while I like the challenge of writing thrillers with intriguing plots, what I really love is creating interesting, believable and memorable characters — even when I'm not doing it consciously.

Beyond all the intrigue about Nazis, UFOs and more in "Azalea Bluff," it's also what I hope readers will recognize

as an intimate, all-too human story about the bonds between a father and his daughter, particularly as Olivia's dad, Jim Claven, is forced out of his comfortable self-absorption to start what turns into a relentless search for answers about Olivia's disappearance. My daughter Lindsay is about the same age as Olivia Claven. I thought about Lindsay a lot, and asked her advice at times, to help me bring Olivia to life. I get a lot of comments from readers about how much my characters connect with them, and that's a huge compliment.

There's been a heightened interest in UFOs in recent years, particularly in the national press. What's been your interest, and — what do you say to someone who asks whether it's a "UFO book"? Because it's so much more, right?

I make no claim to being an expert on UFO incidents and secret Nazi research, but I learned a lot. I think readers will be as fascinated as I was to realize how much the general public still doesn't know about that topic as well as what the Nazi scientists knew and studied.

Ed Galloway was all-in. As much as I love sci-fi, and as much as I've always been fascinated by UFOs, I was skeptical about the facts he said underpinned his original drama. Well, the more research I did, the more I realized Ed was onto something.

If you want to get a hint about some of the fact-based incidents that are part of "Azalea Bluff," type "Kecksburg, Pennsylvania" or "Hans Kammler" into your Google search bar. Kecksburg was the source of a fascinating UFO incident; Kammler was a key Nazi leader who probably knew all there was to know about their most-secret research.

You're a Chicago boy who spent a lot of time in Pennsylvania and now lives in North Carolina. How did your familiarity with Brunswick County help shape the book?

It always helps to know your settings. Plus, I thought it would just be more fun to have the setting in a beach town instead of a suburb. "Azalea Bluff" is a fictional town that I plopped into some real-life Brunswick County locations.

Although my wife's family has lived in North Carolina since the 1970s and we've been going to Holden Beach for years, we're not native Southerners, so I was conscious of being respectful of how much Southerners love and appreciate their literature — and also love and appreciate their beach towns. I hope people feel that the book deserves a spot on a shelf of good Southern fiction.

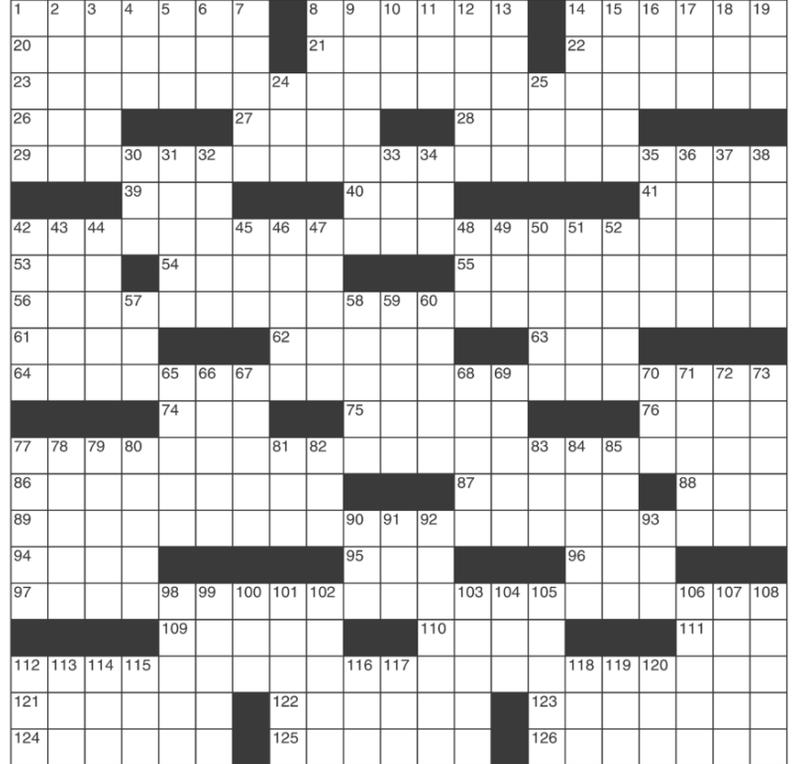
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My event is Oct. 2 from 2-3 p.m. at the store in lovely Fearington Village. The capacity is limited and ticketed due in part to COVID. The \$5 cost can be applied to the cost of my book, which I'll be happy to sign and personalize. To pre-register, just go to this link: <https://www.fearington.com/events/dennis-hetzel/>. The store's phone is 919-542-3030. And I always invite people to check me out at www.dennishetzel.com or my social media pages.

In these weird times, I hope people appreciate the importance of having a great bookstore, and great libraries, near where they live. McIntyre's is a local treasure.

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Chatham counselors, therapists support increased mental health services in schools

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

In the beginning months of the pandemic, Siler City Elementary School Counselor Teresa Meadows remembers scrambling to find ways to check in with students without having designated times to see them in a school building.

Counselors eventually used virtual platforms, like Seesaw and Google Classroom, to check in with students once a week, as opposed to visiting classrooms or hosting students in their offices.

“That made our job more difficult in some ways,” Meadows said, “and much more time consuming.”

Now, with Chatham County Schools students back at in-person learning full-time, counseling services more closely resemble how they looked before COVID-19.

Still, with increased mental health challenges wrought by and throughout the pandemic, things aren’t back to normal.

“When we have families coming from all different kinds of situations and backgrounds, it’s just hard to figure out, you know, what is the need?” Meadows said. “And how can we meet the need?”

Teaching about and supporting mental health is just one piece of the job of school counselors, who primarily support social emotional development, cognitive development and career development in schools.

At CCS, the district is working to address rising mental health needs in schools by increasing its contracted mental



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Jennifer Saylor, counselor at Chatham School of Science and Engineering.

health services for in-school therapy and by hiring two additional counselors and three social workers — supported by federal COVID-19 relief funding. The district will continue its contract with Renaissance Wellness Services, a Pittsboro clinic it has partnered with since 2017, for \$57,811.

Eight of Renaissance’s 19 employees work with CCS students, Renaissance owner and Clinical Director Karen Barbee told the News + Record. The clinic works with about 150 CCS students who typically meet with therapists once a week at their base school during a non-core class.

“It’s definitely the accessibility and the consistency of the service,” Barbee said of the appeal of in-person therapy to students and parents.

Every year since 2017, the services offered at CCS have increased, she said. She doesn’t expect that will be different

this year, particularly in light of the pandemic.

“One of the big things that we’re preparing for currently is just an uptick in referrals,” Barbee said. “I do believe that we are going to be inundated with referrals. And it’s not a bad thing — I think that it could really be an amazing thing. Because as a whole, we need to be utilizing mental health services more.”

As a general practice, district counselors usually refer students to outside services if they meet with a student about the same thing more than five or six times.

“That’s a loose guideline that we use,” Meadows said, “so that we know their needs are being met.”

Beyond meeting one-on-one with students, counselors address social emotional and mental health in a variety of ways.

Counselors provide classroom guidance by speaking to classes about various mental health topics and by providing training for teachers regarding strategies for things like conflict management and caring for grieving or traumatized students.

“Then when we know that we’re going to have some kids who need more,” Meadows said. “So we meet with them in small groups, and then through individual settings. Of course, we also refer them out to mental health and school based services like Renaissance.”

Sandra Young, a counselor at Chatham Central and CCS’s lead high school counselor,



Submitted photo

Karen Barbee, owner and clinical director of Renaissance Wellness Services, in Pittsboro.

said she emphasizes teaching students about stress and how to deal with it — particularly as they enter high school. Even without the added stressors of the pandemic, she said the transition to high school often brings increased workloads and stress for many students.

“You’ve learned about stress in K-8, but when you get here, let’s talk about it a little bit more in depth,” she said. “Let’s talk about what are things that work? And what are things that don’t work for you? And then, how can we support each other?”

Such conversations are particularly important for students, Chatham School of Science and Engineering Counselor Jennifer Saylor said, because at that age, the brain is still developing.

Saylor is talking about the

brain with 9th and 10th grade students this year, emphasizing how understanding your brain can better inform how you make decisions related to mental and emotional health.

“Mental health is a huge topic and tremendously important,” Saylor said. “I think of it as breathing, you know, you’re breathing all the time. And your mental health is doing its thing all the time — so you need to attend to it.”

It should be the job of educators, she said, to help students feel safe and connected — because those are the environments in which learning is better able to happen.

“Here we are, in this pandemic, and a lot of students have experienced the loss of family members, or parents or family members who’ve had changes in their employment,” Saylor said. “There’s just been so many different shifts.”

That’s why she’s encouraged by the emphasis the district is placing on supporting students beyond just their academic needs.

Just last week, Saylor attended a meeting with the district’s high school counselors, at which there was a large emphasis on social and emotional health.

“One positive thing through the pandemic,” Young said, “is that I think people are finally realizing that your mental health is of the same importance as your physical health.”

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SCFD achieves one of state’s best ratings

BY D. LARS DOLDER
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SILER CITY — Siler City’s fire department has been awarded one of the state’s best fire suppression ratings, an evaluation which represents the department’s general preparedness and can decrease property insurance costs across town.

The North Carolina Fire Insurance Services Office Rating ranks departments based on their staffing levels, access to and maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities, water source availability and more. Evaluations are conducted routinely; Siler City was previously rated in 2012 and 1992.

The rating system ranges from 1 — the highest caliber a municipality or district can achieve — to 10, at which point the state will not certify a department. Departments such as Siler City’s often fall within the second half of the spectrum.

“Most rural departments (fall) into the 9S category,” N.C. Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey said in a press release last month. “While lower ratings do not necessarily indicate poor service, a higher rating does suggest that a department is overall better equipped to respond to fires in its district.”

In the most recent evaluation, Siler City earned a 3 — the best ranking it has achieved in the last three decades. The town was previously ranked a 4 in 2012, according to Siler City Fire Chief Scott Murphy, and a 5 in 1992.

“A lot of the notable



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Members of the Siler City Fire Department take part in a practice burn earlier this year.

changes for this time between the 3 and the 4 are because of what you guys did for us a few years ago,” Murphy told the town board of commissioners in its regular meeting last week, “... with career staff being hired and our personnel ratio, which looks at the available firemen that are on duty at any given time.”

Improved water availability since 2012 also impressed inspectors and enhanced this year’s rating, he said.

Causey personally applauded Murphy and Siler City’s fire staff for their high-quality service.

“I commend you and your department for your dedication and commitment to making your community a safer place to live,” he said in a letter filed among Siler City’s public records.

Causey emphasized that town residents should be especially pleased, not only to know they have a responsive and capable fire department, but that property insurance premiums will likely decrease.

“(T)he majority of citizens may not be aware that the rating of their responding fire department directly impacts their property insurance calculations,” he said.

Siler City’s rating will officially go into effect on Dec. 1, according to the State Fire Marshal’s office, after which it could “significantly lower homeowners insurance rates.”

“You deserve to brag a little about the expertise of your personnel,” Causey told Murphy in his letter, “which saves homeowners money and, most importantly, makes their lives safer.”

Insurance companies use local fire department ratings to help set home insurance rates and sometimes offer lower rates because a well-prepared fire department should be able to put out a house fire more quickly, according to the N.C. Dept. of Insurance.

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Siler City reopens applications for new immigrant advisory committee

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON
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SILER CITY — After receiving too few applications for Siler City’s new immigrant advisory committee, the town has opened a second 30-day application period to solicit more letters of interest.

“We just wanted to give people the opportunity, (and) to allow some time for others for the word to get out that we still need additional applications to be able to fill the seven seats,” town manager Roy Lynch told the News + Record on Sept. 13.

The Siler City Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the formation of the town’s first Immigrant Community Advisory Committee on June 21. The idea originally emerged several years ago amid a two- to three-year community planning project called Building Integrated Communities (BIC).

Begun in 2017, this project brought the town, the Hispanic Liaison and community members together to identify immigrant residents’ needs and create a plan to address them. Forming an immigrant advisory committee was one such step in the project’s finalized plan, but the COVID-19 pandemic and personnel turnover delayed its implementation until June.

The original application period closed on Aug. 9. According to Lynch, the town had planned to compile and present all applications to the board during an August or September board meeting, but by the Sept. 7 regular meeting, the town had only received five letters of interest to fill the seven-member committee.

That’s when staff decid-

ed to reopen the application period beginning on Sept. 8.

“I think it’s based on the fact that maybe it took a little time for the information to get out about the committee,” Lynch said. “And so once the word was out to the community, I think the interest started to develop, and hopefully we’ll have a few more people.”

The second application window closes on Friday, Oct. 8. Once the town receives enough applications to fill all committee seats, Lynch said staff will present the applications to the board for review during their Oct. 18 regular meeting. As of Monday morning, the town has received three additional letters of interest — or eight in total.

Among those applicants, five have Siler City home addresses; one lives in Pittsboro and the other two live in Durham and Chapel Hill respectively.

According to the town’s resolution, the seven-member committee will provide a bridge between the board and immigrant residents, offer strategies to foment civic participation among immigrant residents and

serve as a forum to both discuss and address the immigrant community’s concerns.

Committee members will also take the lead on implementing any and all recommendations outlined in BIC’s action plan to better serve the town’s immigrant residents.

“I think it’s a really important step to create more relationships and communication and a channel for the immigrant community to have direct communication with town commissioners, town management and town staff about issues in the community that are relevant and need to be uplifted and need to be talked about and addressed,” the Hispanic Liaison’s founder and executive director, Ilana Dubester, previously told the News + Record.

“We haven’t had that kind of space before within town government to do that,” she added at the time. “There hasn’t been an official channel. There’s been, of course, the Hispanic Liaison bringing up issues, but that’s not the same as having a body that is part of

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Barbecue Plate Benefit
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NOTE TO READERS

Because of an error by the company which prints the News + Record, last week’s edition contained four pages from Kannapolis Independent Tribune newspaper. The stories on this page, and page A13, were impacted by last week’s press error and are being re-printed in full this week.

Pittsboro's newest drinking hole: BMC Brewing

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — BMC brewing, the newest addition to The Plant on Lorax Lane in Pittsboro, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Sunday, finally opening two years after its owners set out to join the local beverage scene. “It was really hard waiting,” said John Rice, who founded the brewery with his wife, Carmen, and serves as master brewer. “But it is what it is. We know the state’s been doing the best it can. And whereas the impatience, of course, was there, it’s fine now. It worked out all right.” More than 30 people attended the brewery’s unveiling at 2 p.m., over which Mayor Jim Nass

presided. Dozens more cycled through the building throughout the afternoon to sample the diverse menu. “The Plant really embodies what Pittsboro is all about,” Nass told the News + Record, “and it’s exciting to see BMC open their doors and offer another great place for people to get together.” The grand opening was a long time coming for the Rices. John got his start in home brewing more than 30 years ago — long before the craft brew boom of the last decade. He made his career as a pharmaceutical researcher specializing in drug discovery, cell biology and yeast physiology, but commercial brewing was always the dream. After years of delibera-

tion, he decided in 2019 it was finally time to ditch his career in research and pursue his lifelong passion. Then came COVID and plans started unraveling. “It’s obviously not how we expected this to go,” he said. But he and Carmen are fixed on the brewery’s future, despite its tumultuous start. “I feel good about it,” Carmen said. “I mean, we want this to be a great local joint where people just come and hang out, where they come often and they don’t have to stay long. But this is the place to be — The Plant is the place to be — and we’re excited to be a part of that.” The Brewery’s opening drink lineup includes 16 offerings, most of them John’s own brews. While hot weather persists, he’s partial to Mendel’s Dominant Recessive Kolsch, which honors the father of modern genetics, Joseph Mendel, according to BMC’s website. The German-inspired ale features a traditional yeast tempered by North Carolina-sourced hops and grain. “The kolsch is the best right now,” John said. “It’s not too heavy — it’s got a nice crispness to it that you can drink in the heat.” In cooler days to come, Carmen’s favorite



John and Carmen Rice offer a diversity of flavored beers at BMC Brewing at The Plant in Pittsboro.

will be the Uisce Móna Beilgeach, she said, derived from a Gaelic phrase meaning “bog water.” The Irish Stout is strengthened with Belgian candied sugar and fermented with Trappist yeast. BMC also partnered with Chatham Cider Works, one of The Plant’s veteran establishments, to produce a hops-infused cider and a coffee cider available at the brewery. “For whatever people like,” John said, “we should have something to match their style.” BMC also sells an assortment of cookies, a specialty from which the brewery derives its name: “Bite My Cookie.” And

they’re not your run-of-the-mill baked goods. “We take grain we use to make the beer and we dehydrate it and dry it out and then grind it up into flour,” Carmen said. “It’s part of our sustainability. We don’t want it just to go to farmers to feed their animals or the compost, we wanted to try to do something useful. A lot of breweries make dog biscuits, but we started using it for cookies at home with our home brew and thought it was really interesting. The cookies have a really good flavor.” The Rices hope their cookie menu will signal to visitors that BMC is not just a bar, but a

destination for the whole family. “We want everyone to come out and have a good time,” John said. “We’re really happy to have this opportunity to be at The Plant because we wanted the outdoor space and we wanted to be able to have people wander into the woods and sit in the shade if they want, or outside there at the picnic tables, not just have to be inside. So this was really perfect for us. We’re really excited and we really expect it to take off.” Reporter D. Lars Dolder can be reached at dldolder@chathamnr.com and on Twitter @dldolder.



John Rice (left) of BMC Brewing gets a handshake from Pittsboro Mayor Jim Nass at BMC’s grand opening on Sunday.

Chatham BOE reapproves mask mandate, OK’s retention, recruitment bonuses

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education again voted to require universal masking on all CCS campuses at its regular meeting last Monday night, in accordance with state legislation requiring school boards to vote monthly on face mask requirements. The legislation, Session Law 2021-130/Senate Bill 654, is a wide-ranging COVID-19 bill that was passed Aug. 25 and requires school boards with mask mandates to hold monthly votes on whether

to continue or modify such policies. There are 10 active cases of COVID-19 at CCS, according to the district’s tracker dashboard as of Tuesday afternoon, with zero current clusters and 164 total cases since the beginning of classes on Aug. 23. Only one cluster at Chatham Central High School, with nine associated cases, was identified during the second week of classes. In comparison, Chatham County is seeing an increase of cases among people 18 and younger — a group which makes up about 31% of cases locally and statewide, Chatham County Public Health Director

Mike Zelek told the board last Monday. “Masking is slowing the spread of COVID,” said Zelek, who has repeatedly supported the district’s mask mandate. “They not only slow the spread of COVID, they keep kids in the classroom.” About 39% of 12- to 17-year-olds in Chatham are at least partially vaccinated, he said at the time. The district offered two vaccination clinics at each of its four high schools the week of Sept. 6, to work toward increasing those numbers. Plans to offer COVID-19 testing on-site with state-approved vendor MAKO

Medical are also under way. The district said at its Sept. 13 meeting it hopes to do testing of groups such as marching band and athletes. As of March 8, three weeks after teachers were eligible to be vaccinated in Chatham, 550 of the district’s approximately 2,000 staff members had been vaccinated. The district has not previously collected staff vaccination data, but on Tuesday, CCS employees could start voluntarily reporting their vaccination status to the district.

Retention and recruitment bonus

The board also approved a retention and recruitment bonus plan for district employees, which would be in addition to the one-time bonuses given to employees last year; it would be paid for through part of the district’s \$17.4 million allotted COVID-19 relief funds. Under the plan, all full-time employees will receive a \$1,250 one-time bonus and all part-time employees will receive a one-time bonus of \$650. The plan now must be approved by the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction before it can be implemented. “Before offering incentives to new employees, we felt it important to publicly and tangibly honor the outstanding work our employees have done under incredibly difficult circumstances because of the pandemic,” Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson said in a CCS release. “This is just one of the ways to let our employees know that we see their efforts and they are deeply appreciated.” Under the plan, employees who join the district between Oct. 11 and Dec. 13 and who make a “firm time commitment” for how long they’ll stay in the system will receive a signing bonus — \$1,500 for classified employees

and \$3,500 for certified employees. Staffing shortages across the state span multiple industries and sectors, including education. Several school districts across the state adopted similar incentive programs to help address the problem. “This will help fill vital vacancies that range from our bus drivers to instructional assistants in the classroom,” Jackson said in the release. “These incentives are designed to attract and retain high-quality faculty and staff in all employment areas.”

Other business

The board approved Carla Murray as the Executive Director for Elementary and Middle Grades Instruction — a role previously held by Chris Poston, who now leads the district’s equity efforts. Murray has worked for 23 years as an educator, 17 of which have been at CCS, where she has been the principal of North Chatham Elementary since 2015. She was named the Wells Fargo Principal of the Year for Chatham in 2021. Murray attended Siler City Elementary and Chatham Middle School. She also graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School. “I am truly honored and feel privileged for the opportunity to serve Chatham County Schools in this capacity,” she said in a CCS release. “I look forward to collaborating with stakeholders to ensure we maximize outcomes for all of our students.” The board approved the consolidated grant application for federal grants, following the completion of the district’s needs assessment last year. For the 2021-2022 school year, a federally funded consolidated grants planning allotment of nearly \$2.1 million has been awarded for all consolidated

grants — an overall increase of approximately \$145,000 from the 2020-2021 school year. CCS’s Amanda Moran, the assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, presented the district’s student achievement data to the board, based on state testing data released at the beginning of the month. Though CCS performed above the state average in multiple categories, the majority of students failed end-of-grade and course state exams last school year — a trend reflected statewide. At CCS, 45.3% of high schoolers demonstrated grade-level proficiency on their exams last school year, as opposed to 53.3% in 2018-19, before the pandemic, according to district data. Among CCS elementary and middle schoolers, 48.6% of students were grade-level proficient on their tests, compared to 64.8% in 2018-19. Chatham’s grade-level proficiency and college- and career-readiness scores for reading topped the state average for all grades, and exceeded the state proficiency rate for math in every grade except 8th grade. In addition, the district’s high school score outperformed the state average in English II and Math I. “We know that this year was not a typical or easy one,” Moran told the board, “but the successes that we have to share tonight are a direct result of the creativity and resilience and the hard work of all of us.” The district revised its technology policy, removing two portions regarding parental consent regarding use of third-party platforms by students and students’ “independent access to the Internet.” The board approved the updated policy. “Obtaining parental

A BIG WELCOME

The News + Record’s marketing interns - Macy, Emma, Alexander and Coralee - are distributing the fall edition of La Voz de Chatham and will lead distribution efforts for ChathamLife in October. If you see them in town, please say hello!



Macy Beavers (right)
Macy is a junior at Jordan-Matthews High School, where she plays volleyball and softball. She is an active member of the DECA club, a Dual Language student, and a host at Haley Bales Steakhouse. Macy loves photography and experiencing new places. She’d like to travel the U.S. and “take lots of pictures along the way.”



Emma Wieber (left)
Emma is a senior at Jordan-Matthews. She has been a member of the DECA club for four years and this summer worked as a lifeguard at the Siler City County Club and Bray Park Pool. Emma plays trombone, French horn, trumpet and enjoys being in the Jordan-Matthews band.



Alexander Cook
Alexander is a senior at the Virtual Academy of Chatham County. He is founder and president of Chatham Youth and is looking forward to attending UNC next year to study business and economics. In his free time Alexander likes to hike and truly appreciates being nature.



Coralee Rodgers
Coralee is a senior at Northwood High School. She is the co-president of the Toys for Tots at Northwoods helping organize donations at locations throughout Chatham County. This summer she waited tables at Hwy. 55 in Pittsboro.

OBITUARIES

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RACHEL LEE EDWARDS MOON



Rachel Lee Edwards Moon, 95, of Snow Camp went to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Liberty Commons Nursing & Rehab Center of Alamance County, Burlington.

Mrs. Moon was born in Chatham County on August 26, 1926, the daughter of Charlie R. and Lucy Siler Edwards. Rachel was the oldest member of Plainfield Friends Meeting Church, where she attended the Sunshine Sunday School Class. She

was a member of the Ellen Payne Missionary Society and served on the Library Committee. Rachel loved flowers, and she was a fantastic cook. She adored her family and spent her years as a homemaker taking great care of them. In addition to her parents, Rachel is preceded in death by her husband, A.W. Moon Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Anne M. Stout of Graham, Karen M. Caudle and husband Coy of Bear Creek, Sue M. Butler and husband Forrester of Greensboro, and June M. Swaney and husband Jerry of Staley; grandchildren, Emily Coble and husband Rodney, Laurie Paige and husband Shane, Kathryn Hackney and fiancé Clint Perry, Kim Clark and husband Justin, Jennifer Gonzalez and husband Luis, Jonathan Pickett, Sarah Kiser and husband Nathan; and great grandchildren, Allee Coble, Hasten and Anderson Paige, Kaitlyn and Avery Clark.

Rachel will lie in repose on Thursday, September 23, 2021, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021, at Plainfield Friends Meeting Church Cemetery, 1956 Plainfield Church Road, Siler City, with Wayne Lamb and Nathan Kiser officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Moon family.

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

HARRIET SERRELL SHERMAN



Harriet Serrell Sherman, 71, of Pittsboro, North Carolina died on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from a recurrence of breast cancer of which she was a 28-year survivor.

Harriet was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 6, 1950, to the late Victor E. and Katherine T. Serrell. She grew up in Pittsford, New York, and was a graduate of Dana Hall and Wheelock College in Massachusetts. She received master's degrees in Early Childhood Education from the University of North Carolina and Library Science from North Carolina Central University.

Mrs. Sherman favorably influenced the lives of thousands of students throughout her extensive career as an educator. She began as an elementary school teacher in Charlotte, Vermont before opening her own preschool in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. For the last 19 years of her career, she served as the media specialist at Chatham Middle School in Siler City, North Carolina.

In retirement, Harriet enjoyed traveling and became the family historian, documenting events of the past and present on her website. She was always appreciated and loved by friends and family for her kindness and delightful sense of humor.

Harriet is survived by her husband, Wayne J. Sherman, son, Micah E. Sherman, daughter, Jessica E. Sherman; siblings, Sally S. Young, Elizabeth S. Nord and Edward A. "Ted" Serrell, and a large extended family.

Due to COVID concerns, celebrations of her life will be held in North Carolina and Vermont in late spring 2022.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in honor of Harriet to the SECU Bryan UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro (go.unc.edu/UNChospice) or the CORA Food Pantry (www.CORAfoodpantry.org).

PEARL ELIZABETH LAWRENCE ORR

Pearl Elizabeth Lawrence Orr, 80, of Cameron, died Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021, in the chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with the Rev. David Sherrod officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Friday and other times at Steve and Shelia McNeill's home.

Mrs. Lawrence was born in Surry County, on February 26, 1941, to the late Robert Glenn Lawrence and Hazel Marie Horton Lawrence. She was a middle and high school teacher.

Surviving relatives include brothers, Martin Lawrence of Ridgeway, Va., Dale Lawrence of Cameron; and sister, Shelia McNeill of Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Five-N-Two Food Pantry, P.O. Box 100, Olivia, NC 28368.

Arrangements are with Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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

PAMELA 'PAM' RENEE PAUL CLARK

Pamela "Pam" Renee Paul Clark, 52, of Sanford passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Family visitation was held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

TREVOR LLOYD WRIGHT

Trevor Lloyd Wright, 71 of Broadway, passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Highsmith-Rainey

Specialty Hospital in Fayetteville.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

ALBENIA RICE

Albenia Rice, 65, of Sanford passed away on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Restoration Through Christ Ministries with burial following at Jamison Family Cemetery in Hoffman.

WILBERT WARREN ROWSON

Wilbert Warren Rowson, 77, of Cameron, passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at his residence.

Due to Covid-19, the family not will not be receiving visitors.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

ALFRED MAURICE HORTON

Received and set the Horton notice for publication in the September 23 edition of the Chatham News + Record.

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Staffing shortages lead to temporary closure of 7 of county's 12 waste and recycling collection centers

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Seven of Chatham County's waste and recycling collection centers will close temporarily starting Thursday because of driver shortages, the county has announced.

"Solid Waste & Recycling hauls all of our own containers from the 12 Collection Centers," said Kevin Lindley, the county's Environmental Quality Director, in a county release last Thursday.

When fully staffed, the county has five Commercial Driver License (CDL) drivers. Currently, it only has two.

"While we are working as hard as possible to fill the vacant positions, the labor market for CDL drivers is very limited at this time," Lindley said. "We have considered all of our options and have determined that reducing the number of centers serviced by our remaining drivers is our best option to continue to provide this needed service with our limited resources."

The centers to close include Asbury, Bennett, Crutchfield Crossroads, Goldston, Hadley,

Harpers Crossroads and Marthas Chapel.

Staffing shortages spanning multiple industries and sectors across the state have led to closures and delays of service in many areas, including hospitality, education, and now, waste and recycling collections.

"The Collection Centers will reopen when the Solid Waste & Recycling division is properly staffed," Chatham Public Information Officer Kara Dudley said in the release.

The county has five other collection centers that will remain open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday — Bonlee, Cole Park, Moncure, Pittsboro and Siler City. All centers close Sundays. The Moncure Collection Center is usually closed on Wednesdays, the release said, but will be open during this time.

County Manager Dan LaMontagne told commissioners at their Monday meeting that the department now has two potential drivers in pre-employment who will hopefully be driving in the next week or so.

"We realize this is a huge inconvenience, it is by no

means what we would choose to do. We by no means want this to be any longer than the necessary," he said Monday. "I apologize for all the complaints that you as a board are receiving, we will make this as temporary as possible."

Residents can use the collection centers if they have a 2021 decal, which they must present every time they use the center. A set of two decals is issued to landowners who've paid a Solid Waste Fee per each qualified dwelling; additional decals are available for \$10 by contacting the department's main office at recycle@chathamcountync.gov or 919-542-5516.

"With fewer centers open," the release said, "residents should expect these five centers to be busy."

On the News + Record's Facebook post sharing the county's update, many residents were upset by the news. Some claimed the majority of the county's rural collection sites were the ones closing.

"I understand the labor shortage and tough decisions. But there has to be a better solution," one poster said. "It is not fair

that the rural centers are closing completely and other centers are left open on a full schedule. Why not close all centers an extra day or possibly two days each week?"

One commenter said the open sites were distributed evenly around the county.

"If you look closer you may actually see the closures aren't only in your area," the commenter posted. "It's time to be creative instead of complaining about things you cannot control. Or — get your CDL and apply for an open position. Be the solution not the problem."

At Monday's meeting, commissioners discussed claims that rural locations were unevenly closed. LaMontagne stressed that the decision to close centers wasn't arbitrary.

A FAQ on the the county's website regarding how the sites were chosen says that four of the centers — Bonlee, Cole Park, Siler City, and Pittsboro — are always open on Wednesdays. Additionally, they're the only four centers with mixed recycling compactors, reducing the number of hauls needed for mixed recycling. Cole Park and Pittsboro are the only two cen-

ters with pre-crushers, reducing the number of hauls for trash.

"These four centers are spread geographically so we can continue to offer reasonable access to trash disposal throughout our large county," the FAQ page reads. "We selected Moncure as our fifth center so there would be access to those in the southeast."

The FAQ can be accessed at www.chathamcountync.gov/CollectionCentersClosingFAQ.

Anyone interested in working as a driver and heavy equipment operator can visit the Chatham County Employment Opportunity webpage to apply. Future updates will posted at the county's Solid Waste and Recycling website.

"While we understand closing Collection Centers will cause inconveniences for Chatham County residents," Lindley said in the release, "we simply do not have the drivers we need to manage all 12 centers. We ask for residents' patience as we work to stabilize our driving staff."

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SILER

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the town and that works closely with the town in an official capacity."

Eligible committee members must come from "historically under-represented communities" with recent immigrant ancestry — be that from Latin America or other parts of the world. As part of that, committee members must either be foreign-born or the children and/or grandchildren of immigrants. According to Dubester, documentation status

doesn't matter.

Aspiring members don't have to live in Siler City, but when it comes to choosing among the pool of candidates, the town will be looking for those with strong connections to Siler City.

"To me, if you want to build a town or a community, you have to have people that want to be here, and they want to stay here," Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Bray told the News + Record in July. "... You have to be a member of the community. People know who you are, and they can trust you and say, 'Oh, yeah, I

know so-and-so."

To apply, interested applicants can submit letters of interest to the town clerk, Jenifer Johnson, at jjohnson@silercity.org by Oct. 8. The letters should include applicants' home addresses, contact information, educational background and current jobs. Applicants should also add in their level of civic involvement, why they wish to serve on the committee and anything else they deem necessary.

All positions are unpaid. Appointed committee members will serve in three-year staggered

terms. Members may serve a second term if reappointed, but they must rotate off the committee for at least a year before serving a third term. Once formed, the committee will determine its own meeting schedule, but must meet at least once a month, if not more.

"I think (the committee's) going to be great," Lynch said, "and I believe that given time, we will receive additional applications for the board to be able to review."

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MANDATE

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permission for every third-party platform or project would not be reasonable or practical," the district's agenda read.

The state sometimes requires school districts to use third-party programs for courses and assessments. The district uses filtering and monitoring features to protect privacy and security of instructional technology tools, the district said, and does

not sell information to third-parties.

"In addition, the internet is now a reasonable instructional tool that is required to teach and carry out the curriculum outlined by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction," the agenda said. "It is not reasonable to allow parents to object to the use of technology tools for this reason."

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BULLDOGS 34, CHARGERS 7

Northwood's Fortunes airs it out in conference-opening loss to Williams

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

BURLINGTON — Rest vs. rust. It's a sports debate as old as time.

Does taking a week off typically help players feel rested and refreshed, primed to dominate their competition the following week? Or does it do the opposite, making them feel rusty and out of shape, causing them to stumble after the break?

For Northwood on Friday, it was undoubtedly the latter.

The Chargers (1-3) looked sluggish at times in their Central 3A conference opener against the Walter M. Williams Bulldogs (2-3), falling 34-7 — the goose egg saved by a touch-

NEXT UP:

Northwood (1-3) hosts the Hobbton Wildcats (2-2) in Pittsboro on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

down on their second-to-last possession — after having last week's game against Southeast Raleigh canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

"To be on a bye week, coming out late, we're just slow," Cullen Homolka, Northwood's third-year head coach, said after the loss. "They're not better than us, we just let them play better than us."

Despite the lopsided score, the Chargers had just 11 fewer yards of offense than the Bulldogs — 238 to Williams' 249 —

but costly turnovers continuously gave the Bulldogs a short field, meaning they didn't have to travel far before getting into field goal range or waltzing into the end zone.

Five of the Bulldogs' six scoring drives started in Northwood territory, with three of them coming off of Chargers turnovers: two fumbles and an interception, along with two turnovers on downs.

Williams never had a scoring drive longer than 56 yards, a credit to Northwood's defense when it was given a fair shot.

"I was proud of our defense," Homolka said. "They were kind of put in positions where they had to be resilient and do their thing and I think they

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Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Northwood sophomore quarterback Carson Fortunes rolls to his right and looks to throw during the Chargers' 34-7 loss to Walter M. Williams in Burlington last Friday. Fortunes (6-for-9, 111 yards, 2 interceptions) had his first 100-yard passing game against the Bulldogs.

Rookies: To start or not to start?

There isn't a more beloved player in all of sports than a freshly drafted rookie quarterback.

When a team spends draft capital on a top quarterback — namely a first-round selection — in the NFL Draft, the pick is, more often than not, met with extreme optimism and, to an extent, a certain level of deranged excitement.

If your team selects a quarterback anywhere in the first round, whether it's the first pick or the 32nd pick, you immediately begin to give your team's current starting quarterback the side-eye.

With every mistake made by the veteran starter, the rapacious rookie standing behind him — patiently waiting for his opportunity — begins to look sweeter and sweeter.

It happened with Patrick Mahomes, the Chiefs' 15th overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft, who sat behind veteran Alex Smith — Kansas City's starter for five seasons — until Week 17 of his rookie year. But fans loved him, even on the bench. And rightfully so.

With the Chiefs having clinched a playoff spot that season, Head Coach Andy Reid decided to rest Smith, giving Mahomes his first-ever start. But after the season, despite Smith helping lead them to the postseason, Kansas City traded Smith, elevated Mahomes to the starting spot and the rest was history.

Clearly, the Chiefs' situation worked out.

But that's not always the case. For every Patrick Mahomes (Chiefs), Lamar Jackson (Ravens) and Baker Mayfield (Browns), who usurped veteran starters Alex Smith, Joe Flacco and Tyrod Taylor, respectively, there's a Josh Rosen (Cardinals, took over for Sam Bradford in Week 4 of his rookie season) or Mitchell Trubisky (Bears, who took over for Mike Glennon in Week 5 of his rookie year). Rookies with seemingly massive upsides who turned out to be just ... meh.

Some rookie quarterbacks live up to the hype. Others don't. But one thing is common in just about all of their situations: When things go south, even for a moment, fans clamor for them to start.

It's hard to avoid. If you see your team lose a game or the quarterback throw an interception, your eyes immediately dart to the shiny, new, baby-faced rookie who you believe has untapped potential.

"Maybe they'll be the next Tom Brady," you tell yourself, tricking your brain into thinking

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SEAFORTH 33, CHAPEL HILL 23

Seaforth's captivating first win provides evidence of drastic improvement

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — At most schools, junior varsity sports usually aren't given much attention outside of school.

They're the teams full of developing players, underclassmen who will go on to be solid juniors and seniors on varsity a year or two down the road.

They're the teams which don't compete for postseason spots or packed stat sheets and, oftentimes, stats might not even be recorded for some of their games.

They're the teams playing in front of little fanfare; those in the stands usually consist of supportive parents or students who are just passing time until the varsity game starts during a doubleheader.

But Seaforth isn't one of those schools.

And that couldn't have been more evident last Thursday, when Seaforth's J.V. football team — and, with the school having just 9th and 10th graders, its only football team — earned a come-from-behind win, 33-23, over the Chapel Hill Tigers for the first victory in



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Seaforth sophomore wide receiver Kooper Jones (7) celebrates as he strides into the end zone on a 44-yard touchdown grab in the second quarter of the Hawks' win over the Chapel Hill Tigers, 33-23. Jones caught three passes for 62 yards and two touchdowns on the night.

program history.

"It'll honestly probably hit me when I get home because I'm still thinking about stuff we need to work on," Terrance Gary, Seaforth's head coach, said with a laugh after the win. "But (I'm giving a game ball) to the whole

team. Everybody stepped up, staff and everything."

The fans, who helped create an environment rarely seen at J.V. games, are part of that equation.

There were parents screaming complaints at officials, organized chants coming from the student section and the occasional student running end-to-end across the bleachers while waving a larger-than-life flag bearing the Hawks' logo as their peers egged them on.

It might not have been a playoff game, but it sure felt like one.

The play on the field only added to the atmosphere.

Seaforth entered Thursday's contest with an 0-3 record on the season, losing all three games by at least three scores — including a lopsided loss, 44-7, to West Forsyth on Sept. 9.

At times, the team's looked unpolished and inexperienced.

That's because they are.

Before the season began in late August, Gary mentioned that there were only a few players on the roster who had ever played organized football in their lives. For

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Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Seaforth sophomore ball carrier Anthony Vesce (4) pushes ahead as a defender attempts to drag him down in the Hawks' 33-23 win over the Chapel Hill Tigers last Thursday. This was the first J.V. football win in program history.

Taking lessons from the 2011 Cardinals



MAX BAKER
CN+R Intern

Growing up, some preschoolers watched Bob the Builder and Thomas the Tank Engine before school. I downed

my bowl of Life cereal with SportsCenter.

When I was 4 years old and prancing off the stage at my preschool graduation, I walked past my mother's open arms and raced straight to my best friend's dad, Richard Korn.

He had one of those BlackBerry cell phones that connect-

ed to the internet, and I was in a hurry to find out the St. Louis Cardinals' score.

There's memories like these that stand out from my childhood, but as the Cardinals celebrated the 10-year reunion of the 2011 World Series this past weekend at Busch Stadium, I started to feel some deja

vu. Nothing will ever top that magical season.

It's the first full year that I can pinpoint where I watched some random September baseball game as they tried to claw their way back into the playoff race from 10 1/2 games back of the Atlanta Braves with one month to play. It was also that

year that I told Richard to keep faith, pointing to a three-game September series against the Braves that could shift their fortunes.

Behind an epic collapse by the Braves and a streaky September from the Redbirds,

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CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

This week's schedule and last week's results

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

We're a little under a month away from playoff bracketing/seeding for the 2021 fall sports season, with plenty of Chatham teams likely slated to make postseason appearances in volleyball, men's soccer, women's tennis and more. But first, teams must make it through what's considered the toughest part of their seasons: conference play, which ramped up last week and continues this week — as 15 of the county's 19 matchups from Wednesday to Friday are intra-conference games/matches. With that level of competition, it's sure to be another great week. Here are this week's schedules and last week's results.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 22

Tennis: Northwood women vs. Walter M. Williams, 4 p.m.
Tennis: Seaforth women vs. North Moore, 4:30 p.m.
Soccer: Chatham Charter men vs. Southern Wake Academy, 5 p.m.
Soccer: Woods Charter men at Triangle Math and Science, 5:30 p.m.
Soccer: Jordan-Matthews men at Cummings, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Chatham Central vs. Burlington Williams, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Jordan-Matthews women at North Moore, 6 p.m.
Soccer: Northwood men vs. Orange, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 23

Tennis: Chatham Central women vs. Southern Alamance, 4:30 p.m.
Cross Country: Jordan-Matthews vs. Mid-Carolina opponents at Graham, 5 p.m.
Soccer: Jordan-Matthews men at Providence Grove, 5 p.m.
Volleyball: Chatham Charter women at Southern Wake Academy, 5 p.m.
Soccer: Seaforth men vs. Cummings, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Chatham Central women vs. North Moore, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Northwood women vs. Walter M. Williams, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Seaforth at Bartlett Yancey, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Woods Charter women vs. Triangle Math and Science Academy, 6 p.m.
J.V. Football: Seaforth at Northwood, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 24

Volleyball: Chatham Charter women vs. N.C. Leadership Academy, 6 p.m.
Football: Northwood vs. Hobpton, 7 p.m.
Football: Chatham Central vs. Jordan-Matthews, 7:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK

Monday, September 13

Golf: The Northwood women tied for second place (155, with Eastern Alamance) in a conference match against Western Alamance (first, 149), Eastern Alamance, Orange (fourth, 175)

and Person (fifth, 180) at The Preserve at Jordan Lake Golf Club.

Golf: The Woods Charter women won a match (152) against Chatham Charter (DNP), Southern Wake Academy (DNP) and River Mill (DNP) at Siler City Country Club. The match's top three golfers were Chatham Charter's Mackenzie Crossman (38, +2) and Woods Charter's Sophie Taylor (46, +10) and Elise Taylor (48, +12).

Tennis: The Chatham Central women swept the North Moore Mustangs, 9-0. Winning their singles matches for the Bears were junior Olivia Brooks (6-0, 6-0), junior Ellie Phillips (6-0, 6-1), sophomore Rachel Albright (6-1, 6-0), junior Jaylee Williams (6-1, 6-2), sophomore Samantha Scott (6-0, 6-0) and sophomore Lauren Caviness (6-0, 6-1).

Tennis: The Jordan-Matthews women were swept by the Union Pines Vikings, 9-0.

Tennis: The Northwood women defeated the Orange Panthers, 6-3. Winning their singles matches for the Chargers were senior Evelyn Lippers (6-1, 6-1), senior Julia Earnshaw (6-2, 2-6, 0-0 (10-8)), sophomore Ryan Tinervin (7-5, 6-1) and senior Erin Lippers (7-5, 6-4), while the duos of Earnshaw & Evelyn Lippers (8-2) and Tinervin & Erin Lippers (8-5) won their doubles matches.

Tennis: The Seaforth women swept the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 9-0. Winning their singles matches for the Hawks were sophomore Evelyn Atkins (6-2, 6-0), freshman Bailey Shadoan (6-1, 6-2), freshman Lillian McFall (6-1, 6-0), freshman Charlie Ann George (6-1, 6-1) and sophomore MaKenzy Lehw (6-1, 6-1), while the duos of Atkins & McFall (6-1), freshman Jenna Robinette & Shadoan (6-1) and freshman Molly Milsom & Lehw (6-2) all won their doubles matches.

Soccer: The Chatham Charter men lost in a drubbing by the Uwharrie Charter Eagles, 9-0.

Soccer: The Woods Charter men were shut out by the Leadership Academy Falcons, 3-0.

Volleyball: The Chatham Central women were swept by the Southern Lee Cavaliers, 3-0. Leading the Bears on the night were freshman Karaleigh Dodson (9 kills, 30.0 kill %, 2 blocks) and senior Lindsey Johnson (5 kills, 45.5 kill %, 1 dig).

Volleyball: The Jordan-Matthews women defeated the Seaforth Hawks, 3-2. Leading the Hawks on the night were sophomore Lillian Dulin (10 kills, 33.3 kill %, 2 blocks, 3 digs) and freshman Mia Kelum (16 digs).

Soccer: The Northwood men defeated the Cedar Ridge Fighting Red Wolves, 2-1, at home. Scoring for the Chargers was senior Ayden Turner (2 goals), assisted by junior Benjamin Schoolcraft and senior Lucas Beaulieu.

Tuesday, September 14

Golf: The Woods Charter women won a match (160) against Chatham Charter

(DNP), Southern Wake Academy (DNP) and River Mill (DNP) at Bentwinds Country Club. The match's top three golfers were Woods Charter's Elise Taylor (45, +9), Chatham Charter's Mackenzie Crossman (47, +11) and Woods Charter's Sophie Taylor (52, +17).

Golf: The Seaforth (second, 238) and Chatham Central (third, 240) women competed in a match against conference foe North Moore (first, 237) at Siler City Country Club.

Tennis: The Chatham Charter women defeated the Chatham Central Bears, 5-4, for the Knights' second win over the Bears this season. Winning their singles matches for the Knights were senior Ashlyn Hart (6-4, 6-3), junior Rebecca Brookshire (6-4, 6-1) and senior Emily Stecher (6-0, 6-1), while the duos of Hart & senior Lorelei Byrd (8-3) and Brookshire & Stecher (8-0) won their doubles matches. Winning their singles matches for the Bears were junior Olivia Brooks (6-4, 6-4), junior Ellie Phillips (7-5, 5-7, 0-0 (10-1)) and junior Jaylee Williams (7-5, 6-4), while the duo of Brooks & Phillips (8-3) won its doubles match.

Cross Country: Chatham Charter and Woods Charter competed in the third Central Tar Heel Conference Meet this season, where the Wolves took first place in both the men's (38 points) and women's (18 points) races, while the Knights placed second in the men's race (48 points) and didn't place in the women's race. Placing in the top 10 in the men's race were senior Brandon McKoy (Knights, first place, 19:04.00), junior Wiley Sikes (Wolves, second place, 19:27.00), senior Caleb Kolb (Knights, fifth place, 21:58.00), senior Nicholas Vallant (Wolves, eighth place, 22:12.00), junior Colin Thompson (Wolves, ninth place, 22:25.00) and freshman Jesse Sikes (Wolves, 10th place, 22:26.00). Placing in the top 10 of the women's race were sophomore Ellie Poitras (Wolves, first place, 22:05.00), junior Maddie Sparrow (Wolves, third place, 22:46.00), junior Chloe Richard (Wolves, third place, 26:30.00), sophomore Meredith Reese (Knights, seventh place, 28:20.00), freshman Anna Peeler (Wolves, eighth place, 28:40.00) and senior Annalise Villanueva (Wolves, 10th place, 30:28.00).

Volleyball: The Chatham Central women swept the Cummings Cavaliers, 3-0. Leading the Bears on the night were sophomore Cassie McKeithan (7 kills, 70.0 kill %) and senior Taylor Poe (4 kills, 57.1 kill %).

Volleyball: The Woods Charter women swept the Chatham Charter Knights, 3-0, to keep their 8-game winning streak alive. Leading the Wolves on the night were sophomore Lexi Smollen (19 kills, 59.4 kill %, 8 digs) and sophomore Emma Cope (7 kills, 43.8 kill %, 5 digs), while Knights junior Emerson Clark (12 kills, 40.0 kill %, 13 digs) also had a great match.

Volleyball: The Jordan-Matthews women swept the Gra-

ham Red Devils, 3-0, at home.

Volleyball: The Northwood women defeated the Orange Panthers, 3-1, at home.

Volleyball: The Seaforth women were swept by the North Moore Mustangs, 3-0, at home.

Wednesday, September 15

Tennis: The Chatham Charter women swept the North Moore Mustangs, 9-0, at home. Winning their singles matches for the Knights were junior Rebecca Brookshire (6-0, 6-1), senior Emily Stecher (6-0, 6-0), senior Dana Szpunar (6-1, 6-1), junior Julia Moore (6-1, 6-1) and junior Calley Suits (6-0, 6-0), while the duos of sophomore Elphie Spillman & senior Emery Eldridge (8-0) and seniors Ashlyn Hart & Lorelei Byrd (8-0) won their doubles matches.

Tennis: The Northwood women defeated the Seaforth Hawks, 6-3.

Tennis: The Jordan-Matthews women swept the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 9-0, at home. Winning their singles matches for the Jets were junior Maggie Thornton (6-2, 6-2), junior Jocelyn Sanchez (6-2, 6-3), junior Sarai Ibarra Rivera (6-3, 8-6), sophomore Maritza Zendejas Menendez (6-1, 6-2), sophomore Clara Rojas (WO) and senior Destinee Ledwell (6-0, 6-1), while the duos of Thornton & Sanchez (6-1) and Rojas & sophomore Jillian Bogart (8-6) won their doubles matches.

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews men earned a lopsided win over the Graham Red Devils, 6-1, on the road.

Soccer: The Northwood men shut out the Person Rockets, 9-0, to improve to 5-6 on the season. Scoring for the Chargers were junior Jose Barajas (4 goals) and senior Jose Enamorado, senior Lucas Beaulieu, sophomore Taylor Johnson, sophomore Patrick Baquero and junior Alexis Aguilar, all with 1 goal apiece.

Soccer: The Seaforth men narrowly lost to the North Moore Mustangs, 2-1, to remain winless on the season at 0-6.

Volleyball: The Seaforth women swept the Cummings Cavaliers, 3-0, for their second win of the season.

Thursday, September 16

Golf: The Chatham Central women (210) won a match against Mid-Carolina conference opponents Seaforth (227) and North Moore (255) at the Siler City Country Club.

Tennis: The Chatham Charter women lost both matches of a doubleheader, 5-4 and 6-3, to the Franklin Academy Patriots. Winning their singles matches for the Knights in the first match were senior Lorelei Byrd (8-5), junior Rebecca Brookshire (8-0) and junior Lillie Jones (8-5), while the duo of Brookshire & Jones (8-4) won its doubles match. Winning their singles matches in the second match were sophomore Elphie Spillman (9-7) and junior Lillie Jones (8-6), while the duo of Brookshire & senior Emily Stecher (8-2) won its

doubles match.

Tennis: The Jordan-Matthews women defeated the Southwestern Randolph Cougars, 5-4. Winning their singles matches for the Jets were junior Sarai Ibarra Rivera (6-2, 4-6, 10-6) and senior Destinee Ledwell (6-1, 6-0), while the duos of Ibarra Rivera & sophomore Maritza Zendejas Menendez (8-9 (7-5)) and sophomore Clara Rojas & Ledwell (8-3) won their doubles matches.

Volleyball: The Woods Charter women swept the Southern Wake Academy Lions, 3-0, to extend their winning streak to nine games and allowed just 10 total points on the night.

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews men defeated the Eastern Randolph Wildcats, 6-1, at home to stay undefeated on the season at 7-0-1.

Volleyball: The Chatham Central women defeated the Jordan-Matthews Jets in a conference rivalry match, 3-1. Leading the Bears on the night were freshman Karaleigh Dodson (16 kills, 39.0 kill %, 2 blocks) and senior Lindsey Johnson (6 kills, 42.9 kill %).

Volleyball: The Chatham Charter women won a close, five-set match against the River Mill Jaguars, 3-2. Leading the Knights on the evening were junior Emerson Clark (18 kills, 62.1 kill %, 1 block, 13 digs), junior Tamaya Walden (5 kills, 62.5 kill %, 1 block, 8 digs) and senior Molly Wilson (2 kills, 50.0 kill %, 24 digs).

Volleyball: The Northwood women defeated the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 3-1, to improve to 10-3 on the season.

Friday, September 17

Football: Northwood lost a lopsided game to the Williams Bulldogs, 34-7, in its first conference game of the season, dropping its overall record to 1-3 (0-1 in the Central 3A). The Chargers were held scoreless until their final possession of the game. See game report for this week's edition.

Football: Chatham Central was shut out in a lopsided game against the Cummings Cavaliers, 46-0, to drop its record to 0-4-1 on the year.

Saturday, September 18

Cross Country: Northwood and Woods Charter competed in the Adidas XC Challenge, where Chargers senior Caroline Murrell (17:53.90) placed 3rd in the Girls 5K Championship, shaving off nearly two seconds from her previous personal record, improving upon her time that ranks No. 1 in the state. Northwood senior Colin Henry (16:30.70) placed 4th in the Boys 5K CC Invitational. For the Wolves, sophomore Ellie Poitras (7th, 21:00.30) and junior Maddie Sparrow (9th, 21:12.10) finished in the top 10 of the Girls 5K CC Challenge, while junior Wiley Sikes (18:07.40) placed 26th in the Boys 5K CC Challenge.

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LESSONS

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the Cardinals made the playoffs.

Then they beat the heavy favorite Philadelphia Phillies after trailing 2-1 in the NLDS and the Milwaukee Brewers to reach the World Series. Even in the World Series, the Cardinals' odds were next to none in Game 6. They trailed 7-5 and the Texas Rangers were one strike away from the title. You may remember the rest. David Freese hit a two-run triple for the Cardinals. Josh Hamilton then put the Rangers up by two runs again in the top of the 10th inning with a home run, and an unlikely trio of Daniel Descalso, Jon Jay and Kyle Lohse sparked another two-run rally. Freese capped the all-time classic with a walk-off home run in the 11th inning and the Cardinals went on to win the World

Series in Game 7.

I can probably remember almost every detail of that postseason, but that's not what I thought about this past weekend. While Freese's home run taught me to never jump on old leather couches, it was also a reminder of maintaining hope when all is lost.

At the same time that the Cardinals honored that championship team on Saturday, they are making a similar push and 21-year-old me could really heed some lessons from his younger self. Innocent, and incredibly unrealistic, 11-year-old Max Baker told all his friends not to give up. But as the Cardinals sat 8 1/2 games back last month, I was ready to call it a season.

To my defense, the bullpen was atrocious. The Cardinals had walked a Major League record number of runs with the bases loaded and the offense was mediocre.

At the trade deadline, the Los Angeles Dodgers acquired Max Scherzer, the San Francisco Giants got Kris Bryant and the Cardinals got 37-year-old Jon Lester and 38-year-old J.A. Happ, two pitchers well past their prime. It felt like a starting rotation of misfit toys and players that weren't wanted by their original teams. They seemed like moves that were made to eat up innings, not to win a championship.

I still watched every game, just not with the same eye that I did as a

kid. I was critical and negative, assuming the worst outcome in every game. I waited for the blown lead or hitting slump.

But by early this week, the Cardinals had won nine games in a row, their longest streak since 2004. At the same time, the Reds and Padres have struggled, much like the Braves in 2011.

As the Cardinals are winning, my positive energy has returned. I'm starting to believe in them again. Will they likely lose to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Wild Card game? Sure.

But these last two weeks reminded me of

how happy I was 10 years ago. And maybe I should start listening to my younger self.

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SEAFORTH

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many of them, this season was their first taste of the game.

But watching on Thursday, there's almost no way you would've known it.

"We've come a long way," Gary said. "They're buying into what we're preaching. It's not really X's and O's, it's execution and just performing your best when you need to. That's all I'm asking for right now."

Right out of the gate, the Hawks put themselves in a hole.

On a 4th-and-2 try from their own 49-yard-line, Seaforth freshman quarterback Walter Entrekin (5-for-11, 77 yards, 2 TDs, 2 interceptions) was clobbered as he threw with the pocket collapsing, forcing a bad interception that landed right into the arms of Chapel Hill sophomore Dyllan Jones.

The Tigers went on to score a touchdown, paired with a two-point conversion that made it 8-0 in favor of Chapel Hill.

Then, Seaforth brought out its special teams magic.

On the ensuing kickoff, Seaforth sophomore Anthony Vesce scooped up the bouncing ball at the Hawks 15-yard line and dashed toward the right sideline, juking and jiving past a couple of defenders, breaking three tackles and outrunning a relentless Tiger — which gave up the hunt around Chapel Hill's 15-yard-line, collapsing to the ground — en route to an 85-yard kick return touchdown.

The crowd went bonkers.

"I know Anthony loves football as much as I do," Gary said. "He's pretty much like (me) and I'd die out there. He goes hard all of the time."

That play, which made it 8-7 Tigers, was one of three major special teams moments for the Hawks in the first half.

Following an interception by Seaforth freshman Lucas Rivadeneira with the Tigers leading 15-7 in the second quarter, the Hawks started the drive in Chapel Hill territory and scored in just four plays on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Entrekin to sophomore wide receiver Kooper Jones.

The two-point conversion attempt was no good, making it 15-13 Tigers, but Seaforth had a trick up its sleeve: an onside



Seaforth head coach Terrance Gary (in gray) leads his team in a huddle ahead of its 33-23 win over the Chapel Hill Tigers in Pittsboro last Thursday.

Staff photo by Simon Barbre

kick.

And the Hawks executed it perfectly, recovering the ball at Chapel Hill's 45-yard-line and giving their offense a shot to take the lead.

Just two plays later, Jones (3 catches, 62 yards, 2 TDs) caught another touchdown pass from Entrekin for a 44-yard strike, flexing both his speed and athleticism.

Seaforth took a 19-15 lead, but it wasn't finished.

The Hawks attempted a pooch kick on the following kickoff, which flew into the air and landed into the arms of a Tiger ... and promptly fell out of his hands. Seaforth freshman Caden Brewer recovered it, giving his offense yet another short field to work with.

Seaforth freshman running back Noah Lewis (3 carries, 67 yards, 2 TDs) took the handoff on the first play of the next drive, darted toward the left sideline and weaved through holes as he sped past everyone and made it into the end zone untouched.

In a matter of mere minutes, Seaforth went from a two-point deficit to a 10-point lead. And never looked back.

"We want to be the aggressor, so I don't want to be sitting back and waiting for people to make plays," Gary said. "We're going 100 miles-per-hour, 100% of the time. We need to make

them adjust to us. Just take a chance. We don't have anything to lose, it's the first season."

With the time ticking down at the end of the game and the Hawks leading, 33-23, the players on the Seaforth sideline prepared to celebrate.

Once the clock hit triple zeroes and the score went final,

a group of Hawks chased Gary down with a bucket of Gatorade, intending to soak him as a way to congratulate him on his first win as a head coach.

He outran them, but it was the thought that counted.

"At first, I didn't want to get wet, but I'm like, 'Hold up, maybe I should stop and enjoy

NEXT UP:

Seaforth (1-3) will take on the Northwood Chargers (2-3) on the road on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

this,' but I'm faster than all of those kids," Gary said, chuckling. "But that's also for them. I want them to celebrate ... but they need to be a little sneakier next time."

After the post-game speech at midfield by Gary, the players got together and jumped, screamed and rollicked with one another, relishing in the win. Even the entire student section, donning Hawaiian-themed shirts and leis, stormed the field to join in the fun.

It was obvious that this meant more than your typical J.V. football win.

"Seeing the students come down onto the field and celebrate with us, that's what I want, I want it to be a community," Gary said. "I want it to always be 'We won, we lost.' They need to be a community together, so I love the kids coming out to celebrate with us."

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Seaforth sophomore defensive back Noah Lewis (12) brings down Chapel Hill freshman running back James Lunsford (21) with a nice form tackle during the Hawks' 33-23 win over the Tigers.

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A clean sweep



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The Jordan-Matthews' volleyball team huddles up during the Jets' 3-0 sweep over the Cummings Cavaliers on Monday. This was J-M's third sweep of the season.



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Jordan-Matthews sophomore middle hitter Reagan Smith (11) attacks the net during the Jets' 3-0 sweep over the Cummings Cavaliers on Monday in Siler City.



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Jordan-Matthews sophomore outside hitter Brenley Rivers (8) passes to her teammates during the Jets' 3-0 sweep over Cummings on Monday. With the win, J-M improved to 4-4 on the year.

FORTUNES

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did the best they could against a team that has some really good athletes."

You can't talk about Williams' stellar offensive pieces without mentioning its junior quarterback, Jaalen Brown, who threw for 114 yards and three touchdowns against the Chargers, including two to senior wide receiver Izayah Ramsey.

With his team leading 17-0 late in the third quarter, just two plays after the Bulldogs forced a fumble by Northwood senior running back Ryan Hilliard, Brown found Ramsey streaking across the middle of the field, just a tad faster than the defender trailing behind him.

Brown spotted him, cranked his arm back and let it fly, hitting Ramsey in stride, who coasted to the end zone for a 44-yard score to give Williams a 24-0 lead.

It was all but over. "We have multiple options, we've got a lot of weapons at different spots — the wide receiver spot, the quarterback spot, the running back spot — so it's kind of a pick-your-poison," Patrick Stokes, Williams'

first-year head coach, said after the game. "Jaalen Brown had a lot of big plays tonight, so he probably gets (the game ball) for the offense."

For the Chargers, their missing depth at running back could be partly to blame for their lack of offensive production against the Bulldogs.

Entering the game, Northwood was without starting senior running back Jaalen Paige, who Homolka said was "a little banged up," along with senior running back Dashaun Vines-McSwain, two of the team's top options in the run game.

In Northwood's previous contest, a narrow home loss to Chapel Hill, Paige and Vines-McSwain combined for 38 carries for 212 yards and four touchdowns. Their absence assuredly left a void against the Bulldogs.

The Chargers still managed to run for 128 yards on Friday, 24 more than Williams, but it was clear that they were missing some of the explosiveness those two bring to their offense, with their longest run of the night coming on an 18-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Normally, the Chargers run a ground-and-pound



Staff photo by Simon Barbare

The Northwood football team bursts through a banner during pre-game introductions ahead of its game against the Williams Bulldogs in Burlington last Friday. The Chargers went on to lose, 34-7, in their Central 3A conference opener.

offense with minimal passing plays, but being shorthanded in the backfield caused Homolka and his staff to get creative.

Sophomore quarterback Carson Fortunes was the beneficiary of the Chargers' alternate game plan, allowing him to air it out and complete six of his nine passes for 111 yards, along with two interceptions.

While Fortunes didn't always look polished — his two interceptions were mostly on him, including one that came in the end zone on what ended a promising drive to open the third quarter — he made use of his

athleticism by scrambling well and finding his targets downfield on the run.

Before Friday night, the most passes Fortunes had thrown in a game were five (0-for-5, one interception) against Chapel Hill two weeks ago, but in his first chance to truly take control of the passing game, he fared well, completing nearly 67% of his passes and throwing for over 100 yards for the first time in his young career.

"He's getting a little bit better of an understanding of what he's supposed

to do," Homolka said. "We're progressing, it's going to get better. He's learning, he's definitely taking the coaching.

Hopefully, we'll put a little bit better of a product out there next week."

"We made them look great throwing the football and that quarterback's really a tough kid for them," Stokes added. "He stayed in the pocket and he found his guys and he prolonged a lot of plays with his athleticism. I think they're going to win a lot of games moving forward."

On the Chargers'

penultimate possession, a couple of Williams penalties and short runs allowed Northwood to set up shop in the red zone, trailing 34-0.

The ball was snapped and Fortunes handed it off to senior running back Savon Gattis (11 carries, 37 yards, TD), who darted left, spun past a defender and broke a tackle before carrying another Bulldog — draped all over him — into the end zone on an angry run for an 18-yard touchdown and the Chargers' best play of the night.

After the play, Gattis didn't appear to celebrate — even when his teammate lifted him into the air and hugged him. He strutted, angrily, to the sideline in a way that showed dissatisfaction in the final score, despite him having just gotten into the end zone for the second time this season.

It seemed Homolka felt the same way after the game.

"We're getting better," Homolka said, "but hopefully, next week, we play better than this week."

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ROOKIE

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your 6th-round QB selection might turn out as well as Brady did. "Maybe they're the one piece we need to dominate the next 10 Super Bowls."

In all likelihood, probably not. There aren't very many Tom Bradys out there.

But that brings me to the question I've wondered lately, with all of the rookie quarterbacks invading — and attempting to invade — NFL starting lineups this season: When should you give the reins to the rookie?

In many situations, especially recently, rookies have been kept out of the starting spots in favor of middle-of-the-road journeymen. Those who may not take you to the playoffs, but they'll ensure anywhere from five to eight wins, which is considered a win for some teams.

Take the Chicago Bears this season as an example.

In March, the Bears signed 10-year NFL veteran Andy Dalton to a 1-year, \$10 million contract and promised him the starting job.

Then, just a month later, they selected 22-year-old quarterback Justin Fields out of Ohio State with the 11th pick in the draft, creating their very own dilemma.

And despite Fields, who oozes with potential, creating a plethora of starry-eyed Bears fans from the moment they drafted him in April, Chicago's Head Coach Matt Nagy named Dalton — who's best suited as a competent backup at this point in his career — the Week 1 starter.

Should Fields have gotten the starting nod over Dalton? Many Bears fans, I'm sure, would say yes. I mean, what's there to lose if you don't think Dalton is good enough to take you to the Super Bowl — or even the playoffs — anyway?

(It should be noted that in Chicago's Week 2 win over the Cincinnati Bengals, Dalton exited in the second quarter with a minor knee injury, paving the way for Fields to play the rest of the game. However, Nagy and the Bears put out a statement that Dalton is still the team's starter, when healthy, though maybe that could change if Fields lights it up in his absence.)

This season, there were three rookie quarterbacks that earned the chance to start Week 1: the Jaguars' Trevor

Lawrence (2021's No. 1 overall pick), the Jets' Zach Wilson (No. 2 overall) and the Patriots' Mac Jones (No. 15 overall).

And thus far, Jones is the only one who looks NFL ready, while not doing anything particularly spectacular, he's managed the team's two games well and led them to a 1-1 start. That's something.

Lawrence (0-2 as a starter) has looked rough, though most of that may be credited to the poor team around him and his not-so-great head coach, Urban Meyer, who's already proven to be a distraction two weeks into the season.

Wilson (0-2 as a starter), who's also on a less-than-stellar team, threw four interceptions in his Week 2 matchup against Jones' Patriots, a game that saw fans at Met Life Stadium booing the team, especially Wilson, for a dreadful performance.

Given their rocky starts, should Lawrence and Wilson have been thrown into the fire as early as they were?

Does putting them in bad situations with subpar teams around them increase their chances of damaging their confidence — or, even worse, getting them hurt like the Bengals' Joe Burrow was last season?

The short answer is: There's no one-size-fits-all approach.

Personally, I'm in the camp that if your team already doesn't have a chance to compete (like the Jaguars, Bears or Jets), start the veteran for the first few games of the season.

Let the rookies experience an NFL Sunday without the pressures of having to go out and perform.

Let them learn under those journeymen with leagues of experience.

And then, once things go south and the veteran starter can no longer keep things afloat, bring in the rookie to jump-start the offense and their careers without being thrown into the fire so early.

It worked for Lamar Jackson, for Patrick Mahomes, for Baker Mayfield, for Justin Herbert and for plenty of other quarterbacks.

For me, that's all the evidence I need. Your rookie quarterback isn't going anywhere, so no need to rush him.

It rarely works out when you do.

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Chatham COA Events & Announcements

September 23rd through September 29th

Thursday, September 23rd

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Take Off Pounds Sensibly](#) at 1:00 PM 📶

Friday, September 24th

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Getting Active & Fit w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧘 📶
- [Friday Night Dance](#) at 7:00 PM (on site at WCSC - Siler City) 🕺

Monday, September 27th

- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 10:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center (Pittsboro) and on Zoom) 🧘 📶

Tuesday, September 28th

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧘 📶
- [Powerful Tools for Caregivers](#) at 3:00 PM (at WCSC) 🕺

Wednesday, September 29th

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 10:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center (Pittsboro) and on Zoom) 🧘 📶

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CHATHAM CHAT | VICKI NEWELL, CHATHAM LITERACY

From reading to life skills, Newell's group promotes literacy and learning

Throughout the pandemic, Chatham Literacy's staff and volunteer tutors continued to provide literacy services and support help residents gain a variety of life skills. This week, we speak with Vicki Newell about their work and about the organization's upcoming fall fundraising event.

It's Newell's 10-year anniversary as the executive director of Chatham County Literacy Council, more commonly known now as Chatham Literacy. While staying home for six years to raise her three sons, she volunteered on the boards of Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services and the PTA of Pittsboro Elementary School. Newell has a master's degree in health communication from Johns Hopkins University and worked for six years with the Smart Start Initiative as the health specialist at the state level and as a program director at the Chatham County level.

A former member of the Peace Corps in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, she speaks French and Tshiluba (with a lot of effort). You can reach her at 919-742-0578 or at vicki@chathamliteracy.org.

We're in our second year of COVID — how has the pandemic continued to impact your work and your ability to promote literacy in the community?
We are proud of the

resiliency in our learners; more than 60% of our adult learners made the transition to distance learning over the past two years. This past June, we began the transition of moving tutoring teams from online learning or from their waiting status, throughout the pandemic, to in-person tutoring. We're also embracing those who want to continue with distance learning or participate in a hybrid model, combining both in-person and online tutoring.

We are excited to see tutors and learners again in our office! While we still have more learners to contact, we already have 86 adult learners and 33 tutors meeting face to face for tutoring in basic reading, writing, and math; GED preparation; ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and citizenship preparation.

We learned that offering distance learning this past year actually expanded our community outreach because we were able to serve those who otherwise could not have taken classes. Our online services provided flexibility for learners balancing busy schedules with families and work.

We witnessed that participation in distance learning last year kept our learners from being left behind because they continued to use the skills they had gained with our programs. Similar to students who experience a summer



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Chatham Literacy's Executive Director, Vicki Newell (in back), poses with staff members, from left, Kayla McCline, Joselyn Villaseñor, D.J. Lynch and Leslie Ocampo.

slide when they do not read over summer break, the pandemic in many cases created an almost two-year gap for adult learners who put their learning on hold.

Our "distance learners" improved their digital literacy skills, resulting in more county residents able to navigate public support systems because many of these systems also shifted to online applications and appointments. We equipped 50 distance learners with laptops, helped them learn how to use a computer, how to use email to communicate with their tutors and how to use Zoom as a learning platform. I think throughout this process we kept literacy relevant for our community and learners.

Can you talk about the kind of feedback you get

from your clients about your work?

It was difficult for everyone when we initially stopped classes and then transitioned to remote instruction. The learning started first with our staff since we did not know how to provide services online. We quickly learned Zoom and then asked tutors and learners to join us.

It was unanimous that learners and tutors missed seeing each other. Learners were very grateful for their continued studies and their ability to stay connected with their tutor as a teacher and a friend. In fact, many tutors and adult learners told us their work together inspired each other! Many also said they were thankful to have the flexibility and convenience provided by online learning for themselves and their families.

This ease of service meant that learners no longer had to drive to class and could just log on to Zoom to take class from anywhere. This convenience allowed them to continue learning since many were struggling with a lack of transportation and child care during the pandemic.

Continued tutoring spelled the difference in quality of life as well as offered practical help. Some learners told us that uninterrupted tutoring improved their job skills sooner than expected. For instance, some were finally able to communicate much better with their bosses and thus their effectiveness on the job; some were able to start getting more involved in their children's schoolwork; others mentioned it was easier for them to negotiate other things in the community like signing contracts and using banking services.

At Chatham Literacy we're all excited for this new era of learning! Who knows what the future will hold? Post-pandemic, or should we say midst-pandemic, the only constant is change.

September is recognized as National Literacy Month. Why is literacy of such importance to our community?

Literacy is essential for human development. It equips and then transforms lives, in turn improving the standard of living for whole communities.

Recognizing this need to help our community is how Chatham Literacy was started. In 2006 Chatham, resident Bonnie Bechard volunteered as a local poll worker. During the election she witnessed a significant number of voters simply struggling to read the ballot. Researching this problem, she was surprised that nationally a significant percentage of

adults over 24 years could only read at a 4th-grade level — considered functional illiteracy. Bonnie then helped create the Chatham Literacy operating today.

You can be a significant helper, too. Operating under the focus of advancing literacy one person at a time, Chatham Literacy asks that you embrace the literacy challenge listed below. Just like Bonnie, anyone in Chatham can improve literacy in our community, especially during National Literacy Month, by doing at least one thing on the following "literacy challenge list":

- Become a Chatham Literacy tutor
- Join one of our committees
- Become a board member
- Share on social media about the importance of literacy
- Tell two people about Chatham Literacy
- Support our "change4change" coin box promotion scattered at local businesses because rounding up at the register can add up to big change
- Attend our October 9th "Fall for Literacy" luncheon
- Become an annual or sustaining donor
- And, of course, read a book to a little person in your life!

The lack of literacy skills is a global issue. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Institute for Statistics encourages local literacy intervention worldwide. Its latest report says about 800 million adults, two-thirds of whom are women, lack minimum literacy skills. Also, over 60 million children worldwide can't get go to school, attend sporadically, or simply drop out.

In general, literacy is about being able to understand and process, make informed decisions and communicate as an advocate for yourself and others — all of that is literacy!

The guest author at your October 9th Fall for Literacy Event, Cassandra King Conroy, was not only married to leading author of 20th century southern literature, Pat Conroy. Her own writing has garnered significant recognition. Tell us more about why this author has joined Chatham Literacy for this event?

Cassandra feels so strongly about literacy that this appearance is the second time she has tried to support our program. She was to headline our spring author event in 2020, canceled by COVID-19. She jumped at the chance to support the cause of literacy by saying yes, for a second time, to our fall 2021 fundraiser. She is known for her humor and honesty and will discuss the

power or storytelling. We look forward to her words about her life with her husband during their 18 years together.

Both Conroys taught and supported numerous literacy efforts in their hometown of Beaufort, South Carolina. Following Mr. Conroy's death from cancer, the Pat Conroy Literary Center was established and dedicated to her husband's legacy. The center is designated a Literary Landmark by the American Library Association and recognized as an affiliate by the American Writers Museum.

Cassandra says she and her husband felt strongly that literacy is a fundamental need because it enriches lives and has the power to change them. She said her husband spoke and wrote continually about educational efforts that failed to provide even basic needs for many students.

Cassandra is the author of five novels and was recently awarded the 2020 Southern Book Prize Winner for nonfiction for her latest work, "Tell Me a Story: My Life with Pat Conroy."

We look forward to hearing about her literacy efforts and literary life with her husband and expect a wonderful and thoughtful program. Mrs. Conroy will sign copies of her books and 20% of the purchase proceeds of her books at the event will be donated to Chatham Literacy by McIntyre's Books.

Can you still register for this event?

It's not too late! You can still register through Oct. 4.

To further support the well-being of our attendees, we have made the following changes for this event:

1) In-person registration. Tickets are \$100 per person and tables seat 10 people. Attendance is limited to 150 people to better allow for more distancing.

2) Live online program registration. Tickets are \$40 per person. The event will be held via Zoom. A few days prior to the event, attendees will receive an email with the Zoom link.

It's Saturday, Oct. 9, with the in-person event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and online attendance from 1-2 p.m. It'll be held at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

Register for the event online at <https://www.chathamliteracy.org> or call 919-742-0578.

Door prizes include a private tour of the Pat Conroy Literary Center, a unique author's basket with Conroy books, wine, and chocolate, and a round of golf for four with carts at Chapel Ridge Country Club

This luncheon is a vital fundraiser for Chatham Literacy. Funds raised will directly support essential literacy services for adults who live or work in Chatham County.

Many thanks to our event business sponsors who believe in the importance of adult literacy: Mountaire Farms (platinum sponsor); Duke Energy, Edward Jones, and Wren Foundation (gold sponsors); Carolina Meadows, Chatham News + Record, Reynolds & Associates Physical Therapy (silver sponsors); Baba Antique Wooden Floors, Brookwood Farms, Chatham Dental Arts, Chatham Park, Tammy Severt (bronze sponsors)

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CHATHAM CHAT | JAIME DETZI, CHATHAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

‘Chatham Reads’ just one part of Foundation’s local work

Jaime Detzi, the executive director of the Chatham Education Foundation, says she’s always had a passion for public education. She supports students in Chatham through her job at CEF and other volunteer roles within the county. She and her husband Chris have three children.

In this conversation, Detzi talks about the foundation’s work, its recent Chatham Reads project, and a unique fundraiser CEF will have in October.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Cathy Holt shows off one of the thousands of books she and other volunteers sorted during the Chatham Reads ‘Day of Service’ event last Wednesday.

environment (preschools and home based child care) and elementary school staff to better support students and families in school readiness and the transition to kindergarten.

Research suggests that transition to kindergarten activities lead to an increase in student growth and achievement. By increasing communications and strong relationships between early learning centers and elementary schools we can benefit the family, the students and staff of Chatham County.

Why are partnerships like this so critical for academic and life success?

On the surface, it would seem that increasing the number of students reading proficiently by the 3rd grade would be an accountability metric to assess the strength of instruction in Chatham County Schools. However, if you know the importance of early learning, you know that brain development begins at birth; 90% of a child’s brain is developed by age 5. Brain development in the early years of life impacts a child’s future cognitive, physical, social, emotional and behavioral development. With community-wide,

county support for families by providing appropriate and engaging resources, caregivers could keep a child’s development on track, which would result in an increased number of students reading proficiently. Our partnerships currently focus on:

- School readiness
- Summer Learning Loss
- Family/community engagement

We know we are stronger when working together and we want to ensure all families in Chatham County have the resources and opportunities their kids need to succeed.

Another project you’re pursuing involves a Family and Community Engagement working group. You’re a parent and you work with parents and schools through CEF. What do parents need to know about the value of reading and books as they’re raising children?

As a parent, and non-educator, I don’t think I truly understood that the amount I spoke and read to my children was so important for their future development. Now that I have been involved in this work for over seven years, I have read many research articles and I can clearly see the connection. The simple act of reading to your child 15-20 minutes per day not only helps you bond with your child, but increases their vocabulary, shows them new experiences through stories, increases their concentration and in the end, let’s hope, gives them a love of reading.

Through our Chatham Reads partners, we want to make sure families in Chatham County have the resources they need to read engaging books to their kids daily and thanks to many of our community members, we are making that happen, one book at a time.

Chatham Reads has created a Starting Force for Universal pre-K working group. How would increased access to quality pre-K



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

More than 160 volunteers worked during the ‘Day of Service’ observance in Chatham County last Wednesday.

help the students and families here in Chatham County?

In Chatham, and throughout the nation, kindergarten readiness plays a role in 3rd grade reading proficiency and future success. Each and every student that enters Chatham County Schools will be met right where they are, and our schools work tirelessly to ensure the success of each student. That said, providing more students with the option to attend a high-quality preschool is an important opportunity that can lead to academic success.

Chatham Reads brought together a Starting Force to work on increasing access to quality pre-K here in Chatham. Members include the Chatham Education Foundation, Chatham County Schools, Chatham Partnership for Children, Chatham County Government, Department of Social Services, Head Start, Kids Scope, and Central Carolina Community College.

It is our goal over the next six months to complete a study to evaluate the pre-K experience of families here in Chatham, to find barriers to access for families and determine the next steps to offer more opportunities. While we are unsure where the data will lead us, our group is dedicated to the families of Chatham and increasing the opportunities for all families, regardless of geography and economic

status.

The CEF has a fundraiser coming up soon — something that’s pretty unique. Tell us about the virtual wine tasting you’re having on Oct. 9.

We have been given a great opportunity to have a world known wine writer and educator, Kevin Zraly, host a virtual wine tasting event from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 9.

In 1976, Kevin worked to build the largest and best wine list the world has ever seen at Windows of the World atop the World Trade Center. Kevin worked at Windows of the World until the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

You can enjoy an engaging evening from the comfort of your own home. Each ticket will include a virtual admission, four fine wines, a hand crafted and expertly prepared charcuterie tray and an autographed copy of Kevin Zraly’s 35th edition of his best selling wine guide, “Windows of the World Complete Wine Course.” We hope you can all join us. Please visit <http://ow.ly/TtGe50G7rG0> to purchase a ticket.

If you have any questions about Chatham Reads, please contact our Program Manager Kathy Havens at kathy@cef-mail.org, or visit our website at <https://www.chathameducationfoundation.org>.

What is an Early Learning Collaborative, and how can that benefit Chatham County children?

An Early Learning Collaborative brings key players together from the early learning

‘The Eyes of Tammy Faye’ finds its subject’s voice but does not have much else to say

‘Tis the season for movies that seem to exist solely as awards vehicles for their lead actors. Two years ago it was Renée Zellweger in “Judy.” Last year saw Carey Mulligan in “Promising Young Woman.” And those are just recent examples that happened to snag Oscars, unlike the plethora of others that don’t.



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

This year has already seen Jennifer Hudson in the Aretha Franklin biopic “Respect.” It will soon see Kristen Stewart as Lady Diana in “Spencer.” In between lands “The Eyes of Tammy Faye,” featuring Jessica Chastain in the scene-chewiest role of (in)famous, showy, and defrocked televangelist Tammy Faye Bakker.

Let’s get this out of the way: Chastain is terrific and deserves the Oscar nomination that she’s sure to garner, as do the film’s makeup and hairstylists (seriously). But as captivating as Chastain is playing the effervescent but haunted Faye, both she and the film do not truly transcend high-gloss mimicry until the final half-hour, when we glimpse the movie “The Eyes of Tammy Faye” could and should have been.

Director Michael Showalter’s film presumes that its audience arrives with some advanced awareness of Faye and her husband, Jim Bakker (Andrew Garfield), who

jointly established and grew the PTL (Praise The Lord) religious empire in the 1970s and 1980s. Otherwise, the uninitiated will find little compelling in the story of this peculiar pair, who met at Bible college in Faye’s native Minnesota before marrying and becoming itinerant preachers, hitting the road with their upbeat message of prosperity gospel.

The Bakkers’ success on Pat Robertson’s Christian Broadcasting Network segued into founding the PTL Club television program in 1974. Based in Charlotte, NC, PTL metastasized into a full-fledged media network and, later, a Christian retreat and theme park named Heritage USA.

The common thread running throughout “Eyes of Tammy Faye” is giving its protagonist her due, from her instrumental role in helping build the couple’s ministry to her comparatively inclusive notions of fundamental Christianity, including women and gays — which placed Faye at odds with both her manipulative, opportunistic husband and the rest of the televangelist community, including the starkly anti-homosexual Jerry Falwell (Vincent D’Onofrio). Faye invited drug addicts on her show and listened to a guest explain how penile implants work. Her famous 1985 interview with Steve Pieters, a gay minister suffering from AIDS, on the PTL program is rightly hailed as audacious and courageous in the context of the right-wing commercial Christian ethos of that era (even

if cringy portions of Faye’s actual interview are excised from the film recreation).

Faye is consistently cast as a victim, from her stern mother’s (Cherry Jones) lifelong reproof to her husband’s marital and financial improprieties. Her rumored flirtation with country music producer Gary Paxton (Mark Wystrach) is linked to Bakker’s lack of affection for her, and Bakker coaxes her into a subsequent tearful televised mea culpa only as a ploy to pry open viewers’ wallets. Faye’s trademark pancake makeup and garish garbs act as her personal armor, shielding

her from hurt.

While this portrayal is not without merit, the film gets stuck on empathy for its subject, even during episodes — like her long-standing lavish lifestyle bankrolled by church donors — that cry out for at least some critique or chastisement. Faye is alternatively cast as both savvy and naive, forceful and timid, a key collaborator in constructing a religious conglomerate but unaware of its seedy inner workings.

The narrative cannot decide if it should be a satire or conventional biopic. It ends up as just a hagiography, revealing a subject to be what

THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE
GRADE: C +
DIRECTOR: Michael Showalter
STARRING: Jessica Chastain, Andrew Garfield, Cherry Jones, Vincent D’Onofrio, Mark Wystrach and Sam Jaeger
MPAA RATING: PG-13
RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 6 min.

she always claimed to be while only skimming the surface of its fertile thematic subject matter. The storyline even treads carefully in chronicling Jim Bakker’s misdeeds, settling for the public record without any creative insight, undoubtedly because Bakker is still alive

and able to file a lawsuit. Only near the end, after the Bakkers’ fall from grace, does Chastain’s flamboyant performance find its pathos. She deserves her inevitable plaudits. The film, on the other hand, is just another rags to riches to redemption parable.

This Community ROCKS!

Abundance NC is matching folks in need during this Covid-19 period with volunteers and locals that have time and resources. Here is a recap of what **YOU** have accomplished since the pandemic started:

To DONATE:

For help or to help:

- Approximately 100 able + generous community members have bought & delivered groceries and paid utility bills directly for about 100 families in need, sometimes repeatedly. ~\$20,000
- Abundance NC has raised \$16,000 and paid \$11,000 worth of utility bills.
- You have avoided evictions several times by pooling in money to cover unpaid rent due to lack of work or reduced hours due to the pandemic.
- You have avoided disconnection of utilities and helped people get their utilities reinstated for about half a dozen families.
- We have connected approximately 50 families with other community resources available.
- We have been able to cover Abundance NC staff time to run this Neighbor2Neighbor program! !!

Thank YOU!

Much LOVE and BLESSINGS from the families YOU help! This is community resilience! !!

Pepperfest



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PepperFest 2021. This year's version of Abundance NC's PepperFest drew its usual large crowd at The Plant in Pittsboro. The 14th annual event featured unique pepper dishes, music and much more.



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Rodney Medley of Beehive Yourself was named PepperFest King at this year's festival.



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Children of all ages enjoyed Sunday's PepperFest at The Plant in Pittsboro.

Chatham will not proceed with redistricting after Census for 2022, commissioners decide

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

some analysis has been put into it."

PITTSBORO — Chatham County will not proceed with redistricting for the 2022 elections following the release of 2020 Census results, county commissioners decided at their Monday meeting. "If you recall, several months ago, we visited the issue of redistricting in anticipation of the 2020 Census coming out," Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson told commissioners. "We knew it would be coming out later than anticipated, but we just didn't know exactly what that looked like. So we're revisiting it now that the data is available and

Chatham County is not legally required to redraw its residency districts for the 2022 election, because the district votes at-large, rather than by district. In order for adjusted district boundaries to be used for the 2022 election, the deadline for adopting a resolution changing the districts is Oct. 8. The county would also need to publish two consecutive notices of a public hearing in the News + Record, and host the public hearing, prior to that deadline.

Ultimately, commissioners felt that timeline was too rushed to adjust district boundaries with adequate public input. Commissioner Jim Crawford suggested

| Boundary Area | Population Estimates (2020) | Ideal Target | Difference | Percent from Target Average | Within 5% |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Total County | 76,266 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| District 1 | 16,713 | 15253 | 1,460 | 8.73% | NO |
| District 2 | 15,317 | 15253 | 64 | 0.42% | YES |
| District 3 | 18,559 | 15253 | 3,306 | 17.81% | NO |
| District 4 | 13,307 | 15253 | -1,946 | -14.63% | NO |
| District 5 | 12,370 | 15253 | -2,883 | -23.31% | NO |

Screenshot from Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday night

Chatham County is an at-large district. In electoral districts, districts must be redrawn following census results so that no district has a population that is +/- 5% of the "ideal" or average district.

discussing the possibility of redistricting prior to the 2024 election at the

board's mid-year retreat in January.

"To me the only difficulty is the timeline," Commissioner Karen Howard said. "I do think that even though we technically vote county wide, there is still the perception of balance that matters to people ... I do think it's important that we have the conversation."

Chatham is divided into five districts, with one of each commissioner representing a district, though all residents vote for each district. Following Census numbers, district apportionment shows a large increase in Dist. 3, central Chatham, and large decreases in Districts 4 and 5, which cover western Chatham in Siler City and Goldston, respectively.

To comply with the constitutional requirement for "one person, one vote," electoral districts (not the case in Chatham) must be redrawn so that no district has a population that is +/- 5% of the "ideal" or average district. From a "one person, one vote" perspective, redistricting is a non-issue for Chatham due to at-large elections. Still, as commissioners discussed, many residents still desire to see balanced districts.

According to Census results, Dist. 1 is 8.7% above the "ideal" size, Dist. 2 is .4% above, Dist. 3 is 17.8% above, Dist. 4 is 14.6% below and Dist. 5 is 23.4% below.

Commissioner Diana Hales, who has announced she will not seek re-election in 2022, said she thinks Dist. 3, which she currently represents, will change the most geographically to capture the increase in Northern Chatham's population. "That is why I was interested and concerned about having new maps drawn at this time," Hales said.

Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, joined by Howard, raised concerns with maintaining the community integrity of Dist. 4 and 5, which both have large Hispanic and African American popu-

lations. If Siler City were to be split on the basis of numbers, Howard said, the county should be equally willing to split Pittsboro and Briar Chapel.

Ultimately, board members felt the redistricting process would be too rushed, and even if thorough redistricting could be done, the appearance of an expedited process might concern some constituents.

The board did not have to take a formal vote to decide not to proceed with redistricting; the board also canceled its Oct. 4 meeting, which was scheduled to address the issue.

"I think we all feel like it's worth doing," Howard said. "But is it worth doing now? And in a hasty manner?"

Chairperson Mike Dasher was not in attendance after a possible COVID-19 exposure.

Other meeting business

- The board heard updates from county staff regarding potential changes to its legislative public hearings and major subdivision approvals. County Manager Dan LaMontagne said the county started looking into such changes following August's lengthy meeting, which included several public hearings.

- Commissioner Dasher asked me to look into what options we had to streamline some of our meetings, or at least put some time limits on some things so we can work efficiently," he said, "and especially in light of more public hearings coming in the future."

- County staff will present suggestions to the board at its October meeting, with hopes to have them in place by the November meeting.

- The board heard a presentation on the Haw River Trail from Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area. The organization urged the board to approve use of funds from the county's COVID-19 relief funding and revenue from the Article 46 Sales Tax to invest in conservation efforts at the Haw River, which the group said

is subject to major residential development pressures. Gretchen Smith, the organization's president, presented to the board.

In its consent agenda for the meeting, the board approved a grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a Haw River trails corridor/feasibility study. Smith said she was glad to see that agenda item.

"I'm hopeful that the county will be awarded this EDA grant. However, partners on our steering committee have made it clear they are not interested in being on yet another 'all talk, no action' committee," Smith told the board. "And we are at risk of becoming just that if visible progress doesn't start happening soon, or at least by January."

Board members expressed commitment to the study, but didn't want to take formal action that might sabotage their grant application.

- The board entertained a presentation on Wastewater Study Commission for Northeast Chatham, the first phase of which involves "education and option exploration." The board came to a consensus to move forward with the study; the next step is appointing Study Commission Members. County staff is set to bring options for that commission back to the board at its October meeting.

- The board heard a second legislative public hearing for a conditional district compact community rezoning request by Herndon Farms One, to build a 55+ compact community with 161 residential units, located in Pittsboro by Williams and Baldwin townships.

- Board members also approved resolutions recognizing the 76th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and proclaiming National 4-H Week in Chatham.

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On September 9, Lucinda Michele Dowdy, 52, of 95 Paw Paw Road, Gulf, was arrested by Deputy Jonas Lassiter for trespassing. She was issued a \$500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on September 21.

On September 12, Gustavo Rodriguez Hernandez, 54, of 129 J.R. Edwards Road, Staley, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for conspiring to traffic cocaine and conspiring to sell/deliver cocaine. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 13.

On September 11, Andrew Christopher Brown, 31, of 280 James Caviness Road, Siler City, was arrested by Sgt. Anthony Norton for breaking/entering and larceny after breaking/entering.

He was issued a \$5,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 13.

On September 12, Roger Steven Clark, 36, of 966 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Joseph Scott for possession of stolen goods/property. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 13.

On September 10, Martin Hernandez-Teobal, 55, of 141 Santa Fe Circle, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for sexual battery. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 14.

On September 11, Edward Russell Pepper Jr., 44, of 7 Campford Drive, Newnan, GA, was arrested by Deputy Brooke Roberts for assault by stran-

gulation and assault on a female. He was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 15.

On September 12, Vera Pamela Goins, 53, of 119 Frazier Store Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to appear. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 22.

On September 12, Jonathan William Goins, 33, of 119 Frazier Store Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for failure to appear on a probation violation. He was issued a \$500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 5.

On September 12, Safley Tracie Murphy, 59, 200A Cedar Lake Road, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami

Amer for failure to appear on charges of misdemeanor larceny. She was issued a \$1,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Davie County District Court in Mocksville on October 7.

On September 14, Misty David Mashburn, 44, of 2332 Vander Oldham Rd, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for failure to appear. She was issued a \$500 secure bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on September 29.

On September 15, Mitchell Jermaine Percell, 39, of 1006 E Vance Street, Sanford, was arrested by Deputy Justina Knox for injury to personal property, breaking and or entering, larceny of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm by felon. He was issued a \$15,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on September 20.

Chatham PTA Thrift Shop to donate \$385,000 to Chatham County Schools

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

The Chatham PTA Thrift Shop will present a donation of approximately \$385,000 to Chatham County Schools at the board of education's Sept. 27 board meeting, distributing funds across the district's schools based on each school's respective volunteer hours.

"We are grateful for the parents and volunteers who worked to make this donation possible," CCS Public Information Officer Nancy Wykle told the News + Record. "These funds will support a variety of programming throughout Chatham County Schools, making a difference for our students and teachers."

Schools with participating PTAs can use the funds however they deem necessary "to achieve their local mission/objectives," PTA board President Keith Stinson told the News + Record in an email.

"In the past PTAs have spent money on beginning of the year teacher needs, field trips, technology, band/art supplies, and playground/sports equipment," Stinson said. "The Chatham PTA Thrift Shop's objective is to provide a revenue stream back to Chatham County School Parent Teacher Associations. At the end of each fiscal year, proceeds are dispersed to participating school PTAs."

The board's meeting will be held in the multipurpose room at Pollard Middle School in Pittsboro and school principals, PTA presidents, thrift store managers and CCS board of education members will be in attendance. Superintendent Anthony Jackson will also make an appearance via Zoom during the evening.

Normally, a catered dinner is a part of the annual event, but that will

look a little different this year due to COVID-19 protocols. Instead, the organization will host a "dessert extravaganza" in which every guest leaves with a wrapped dessert to take home with them. Additionally, attendees will be entered into a raffle to win one of three cakes from local bakeries — The Phoenix Bakery, Carolina Cravings and Fancy & Frosted.

"This arrangement will allow all to continuously wear their masks, which will be required for the event," said Cate House, PTA thrift shop board secretary and Pollard PTA thrift shop representative. "What I love about this is that we are a Chatham County organization supporting and promoting Chatham County businesses."

The PTA Thrift Shop is a nonprofit organization that raises funds at its three stores in Chatham — Pittsboro, Siler City and North Chatham at Cole Park. Shops are staffed by a mix of paid employees and volunteers, Stinson said, who pick up, sort and display merchandise at the thrift stores.

The shop, he said, provides an opportunity to foster teacher-student relationships, teach leadership and business skills and provide volunteer hours for students.

"We are very fortunate to have such strong community support for Chatham County Schools," said Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson. "The PTA Thrift Stores have a long and generous history of supporting our students and staff through their fundraising efforts and we are deeply grateful to have them as partners in supporting excellence in education here."

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Chatham Orthodontics



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Dr. Jasenna Johnson, right, and her husband, Kelechi Okereke, pose at the opening of Chatham Orthodontics last Tuesday in Siler City.



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Johnson and her husband cut the ribbon at Chatham Orthodontics last Tuesday in Siler City as Chatham Chamber President Cindy Poindexter looks on.

SILER CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board takes steps to begin multimillion-dollar water infrastructure improvement

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City could invest more than \$50 million in its water infrastructure over the next 20 years for general repairs and expansion.

In its regular meeting Monday, the board of commissioners entertained a presentation from David Honeycutt of McGill Associates, an engineering consultancy in Raleigh, which the town contracted to evaluate its water infrastructure.

"Using field data, town input and engineering judgment," Honeycutt said, "we're prioritizing the water pressure issue."

For years, some homeowners in Siler City have endured poor water pressure on their properties. In extreme cases, the issue has rendered even basic, day-to-day tasks — such as washing dishes and showering — difficult to accomplish. Particularly in the Homewood Acres neighborhood, town staff and contractors have

identified acutely weak water pressure.

"We'd try to tackle Homewood first," Honeycutt said, "and then move out into some other areas."

Expanding the water treatment plant will likely be the town's next highest priority. The facility can process 4 million gallons per day now, but will need to filter 6 million gallons per day as industry and real estate developments progress in coming years.

"You're overall at about two and half mgd right now," Honeycutt said of the town's current usage, "but you have a million gallons per day allocated to the (Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing Site) site putting you at three and a half mgd."

The project will require new raw intake pumps, filters, sedimentation basins, a chemical feed building and more.

"Expanding the plant is a high priority because it serves a majority of the town," Honeycutt said, "and with the current permitted raw intake the

town will not be able to serve the users."

Fixing water pressure issues, expanding the water treatment facility and completing other improvement projects will cost the town an estimated \$50.8 million over the next 20 years.

"That's what it all breaks down into," Honeycutt said, "which is obviously quite an aggressive overall number ... I know it's going to take some funding sources outside of the town probably to make that happen."

The board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving the water asset management plan from McGill, but the decision will not require adherence to the anticipated spending plan. Town staff are authorized to update the plan as needed.

Adopting a plan of action will, however, improve the town's chances of securing grant money.

"It is not a hard commitment to the budgeting of these funds," Honeycutt said. "... But the state wants to see a plan

out there. They want to fund projects that are not just a knee-jerk reaction. They like pre-plan-

ning projects versus trying to do something after it's already too late."

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DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook

Damien, one of the sales managers at the dealership will probably end up a millionaire, if I don't kill him first.

Because in addition to believing himself a world-class entrepreneur, he also thinks he is the world's funniest comedian.

One Sunday I took in a batch of chocolate chip cookies. They're really tasty. Everybody loved them, and our general sales manager ate nine of them. Damien ate one and seemed to like it.

Then one day he brought in a bag from Chick-fil-A. He was very excited to show me what he had.

"They're chocolate chip cookies! They're still warm! Try one, they're way better than yours!"

They weren't bad, but they had oatmeal in them which, for me, is a cookie dealbreaker.

But thus began his hilarious running joke about how much better Chick-fil-A's cookies were than mine.

After about the fourth time he shouted across the showroom about how poorly my cookies compared, I just walked over to my desk and got back to work.



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

The cake's triple vanilla fudge icing ensures it won't last long at a party or in the breakroom at work.

Within 45 seconds, he came over to me.

"Are you mad? Don't be mad, I'm just joking. I'm just teasing you, trying to get a rise out of you."

So, from now on, when he mentions cookies, I slowly, lazily wave my arms in the air and, in a monotone, say, "Oh no, you think my cookies aren't good, how will I ever go on?"

I think I took the fun out of it for him.

This week I decided to make

my brother's favorite cake, the one he asks for his birthday cake — an orange dreamcycle cake. But I don't want a whole cake to be in the kitchen singing its sweet, sweet siren song, beckoning me into a cake-filled shame spiral. So I told the guys I'd bring the cake to work.

Damien asked what kind of cake it was and when I told him it was a Bundt cake; he informed me there was no way it would be better than a Nothing Bundt Cake (a local cakery).

Dreamcycle Cake — Orange Cake

Flour and butter for coating pan
1 box extra-moist yellow cake mix
1 cup fresh orange juice
½ cup olive oil
½ cup sugar + 1 tablespoon
3 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 large eggs
Preheat oven to 350°.
Generously grease and flour a twelve-cup Bundt pan.
Place all the ingredients into the bowl of a mixer. Start on low and mix until combined.
Then turn up mixer and beat for about two minutes until glossy and fully blended.
Pour into prepared pan and bake for 45-47 minutes until lightly golden and the cake is just started coming away from the pan.
Rest cake, still in pan on cooling rack for 20 minutes. Then turn out cake from pan and allow to cool on rack until fully cool.

Triple Vanilla Fudge Icing

½ cup butter
1 cup granulated sugar
¼ cup milk
Pinch of salt
1 vanilla bean split, with beans scraped out
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon vanilla paste
Put all ingredients, including empty vanilla pod into a saucepan and heat on medium until it boils. Let it cool slightly and mix in 1 ½ to 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted until it is thick yet pourable.
Working quickly so that icing doesn't set up in pan, pour over cake. Cover and keep at room temperature until the icing has set.
Serves 12-14.

Well, I took in the cake on Friday and he kind of loved it.

After he told me how good it was, he kept walking up to me and saying, "Really, Debbie, I know I tease you a lot, but I like your cake — better than

Nothing Bundt's."

I didn't tell him it all started with a cake mix.

Thanks for your time.

Contact me with questions or comments at dm@bullcity.mom.

Coffee is in crisis, but local shops have your back

Climate change is a nebulous dilemma; its ramifications can seem obscure.

But there's at least one tangible effect that will make most Americans shudder: coffee supplies are drying up.

"U.S. consumers should expect much more expensive and lower-quality coffee because of rising temperatures, extreme rainfalls and higher frequency of severe droughts," Titus O. Awokuse, chairman of the department of agricultural, food and resource economics at Michigan State University told the Los Angeles Times last week.

About 60% of "high-quality coffee species are at risk of extinction because of the negative impacts of climate change," he added.

Pandemic supply chain disruptions have recently worsened the problem, but product scarcity began decades ago.

"We probably wouldn't have coffee as it is today if it hadn't been genetically modified already over the last couple of decades," Erin Munson, a business partner at Pittsboro's Aromatic Roasters, told me. "They've crossbred species, several species, to try to make them less susceptible to disease and other things."

But genetic modification can only do so much to stave off the inevitable. Major retailers are starving for product to meet rapacious demand from languid Americans. In turn, costs are climbing. J.M. Smucker, who makes Folgers and Dunkin' ground coffee, has already announced its prices will be going up, according to the Times.

"It's definitely going up," Munson said, "and it's also definitely not as easy to get some coffees."

For example, Aromatic is currently low on its decaffeinated beans, which come from Colombia.

"Some coffees like that have been harder to get, harder to source," Munson said. "The mill there is just not producing as much, so I assume that will probably affect our cost a little bit in the end. It's going to be more in demand since they're

not doing as much."

But there's good news. Local shops such as Aromatic may stay better insulated from the price inflation than major suppliers.

"I think it actually might be harder for them because they regularly get their coffee from certain large operations," Munson said of the industry's major players. "And when those large operations take a hit with labor and climate and stuff like that, that's probably going to hit them harder."

Local companies, on the other hand, will retain more flexibility and negotiating power.

"Smaller importers can kind of pick and choose where they get coffee from," Munson said. "They definitely have contracts with certain farms, but it's not the same scale as somebody like Folgers or Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts. And a lot of times, doing the direct trade with these importers can yield a better price."

Coffee is not unique in the crop world. Most edible commodities are feeling the stress of a dithering climate. Sugar and wheat are more expensive than ever, along with corn, soybeans, honey and other less ubiquitous products. Across the board, global food prices have risen by about 33% from a year ago, according to the United Nations.

A solution is not immediately apparent, but you can salve the financial repercussions by shopping local.

"I think we're less affected than the bigger companies because we can adjust if we have to," Munson said. "It's not hard for us to do that. We have a lot more leeway than somebody who's got thousands of stores and a big operation."

Aromatic Roasters is located at 697 Hillsboro St., Ste. 101, in Pittsboro. The shop sources and roasts "single origin coffee from all over the globe including Ethiopia, Kenya, Burundi, Costa Rica, Honduras, Colombia, Guatemala and Indonesia," according to its website. In addition, Aromatic created "The Chatham Brew," the News + Record's breakfast blend.

To learn more visit www.aromaticroasters.com.

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SILER CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Airport improvements are gaining speed and taking off

BY D. LARS DOLDER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Municipal Airport is making moves to improve its aesthetic and functionality as part of a larger town effort to promote revitalization and attract new businesses.

Exterior renovations to the airport's single terminal were recently completed — new metal sheeting replaced a water-logged, plywood roofing facade — and interior updates are scheduled to begin in coming weeks. New tile and carpet will arrive first, followed by updated counters and furniture.

"This has all kind of just been driven by the town between (Town Manager) Roy Lynch and the airport authorities to spruce this up," said Richard McCraw, the airport's manager. "You know, when people are flying in, this is the first impression of Siler City they get."

The improvement project will cost more than \$30,000 in town funds with more anticipated over coming years, but the investment should easily return its value by attracting new businesses, according to McCraw.

"Companies look at this kind of thing before they decide to buy or decide to build in the area," he said. "We get questions from companies like that all the time — specifics about fire departments, runway length, security, all kinds of stuff — because airports are a huge part of whether or not they're going to come in."

Many of those companies are interested in the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site, the town's 1,802-acre industrial megasite. Fully populated, the CAM site will host thousands of new jobs between several heavy industrial manufacturers. In February, property owner Tim Booras announced CAM was ready to welcome tenants.

"We've taken this thing as far as we can take it," he told the News + Record.

Town infrastructure and amenities, though, such as a high-functioning and modern airport, can make the difference in sealing the deal with prospective businesses. To that end, the town has invested millions of dollars into its airport, mostly acquired through federal grants. In 2015, the airport completed



Staff photo by David Bradley

Richard McCraw, Siler City Airport Manager, reviews details for airport operations. A new airport facade has been installed, and other updates are impending.

a \$2.7 million structural upgrade of its runway, taxiway and apron (where planes park, load and unload). In 2019, the airport added a helicopter pad and overhauled its lighting system with more efficient LEDs.

"And that's been great because UNC helicopters pick up a ton of fuel out here," McCraw said. "Instead of having to fly off to Burlington or pick it up elsewhere, they can pick it up here and go right back to the hospital five miles away."

Last year, the town spent \$288,600 to give the airport's road system a thorough facelift. Construction crews removed the top two inches of decades-old asphalt and applied a fresh layer to the main entrance road, the two parking lots and the connector taxi lane, which runs from the airport's ramp to its corporate hangars.

Already, the improvements have elicited new activity. Mountaire Farms, the town's largest employer, is one of the airport's most frequent flyers. Employees traveling from the national poultry processor's other locations often tell McCraw that convenient access to Siler City's facility is one of its most compelling features.

"We're seeing more and more activity and we're seeing jets again, mostly from Mountaire," he said. "Mountaire is flying in and out probably two times a week and they love how close they are to the plant."

But Mountaire's heavy airport usage has spotlighted some critical areas for further improvement. Right now, the single runway is too short to permit takeoff and landing in inclement weather.

"Like yesterday, for example, Mountaire was in with a midsize jet," McCraw said, "and they had real concerns on whether or not it was going to rain. If the runway is wet, they couldn't take back off out of here. So that's always a consideration for them. If they have to instead go to Greensboro and then drive 40 minutes down here, it really messes up their day, as opposed to coming here and being five minutes from the chicken plant."

Similar considerations could deter other companies from settling in Siler City, but McCraw and town staff have plans to ameliorate airport capacity. Plans are underway to extend the runway by 500 feet.

"That would fix most of those kinds of issues with weather," McCraw said. "So within four or five years, hopefully, we'll see that kind of thing. I mean, that extended runway is a huge project for sure. But as long as all the funding comes through and everything, we'll see that happening."

Besides allowing flights to navigate rougher weather, a longer runway will accommodate larger planes that cannot fly into Siler City now.

"You can get a much larger jet in on 500 more feet," McCraw said. "It makes a huge difference."

Much of the current renovations and progress toward runway extension should have happened earlier, but the pandemic posed substantial interference. Now that restrictions have loosened and more construction services are becoming available, McCraw is confident the airport's improvement will continue more hastily.

"It'd be awful to have a roadblock in the way of having companies come in be something silly like 500 feet of runway," he said. "But we've been making real good progress, sprucing this place up, and I'm real excited about getting on with more projects."

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Sidewalk Chalk Festival

As part of the Chatham 250 committee's Creative Arts focus, Chatham County artists were invited to take part in a sidewalk chalk festival Sept. 11 at The Park at Briar Chapel.



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The Great Skateboard Debate

Should people be able to ride skateboards on sidewalks? Some people say, "For sure!" and others say, "Definitely not!" Today's *Kid Scoop* looks at both sides of the issue and lets you ask, think and decide for yourself.

Skateboards on sidewalks? YES!

Streets are dangerous places to ride skateboards. Riders risk being hit by a car or falling in front of one.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that skateboarders should never ride in the street.

Skateboards on sidewalks? NO!

Some people are afraid that skateboarders zipping along sidewalks endanger pedestrians, especially older people and small children who may have difficulty getting out of the way of a speeding skateboard.

Concerns for the safety of skateboarders and pedestrians has led to the development of skate parks in many communities.

What's YOUR opinion?
 Before you answer, ask, think and then decide.

Ask! Ask friends and family members for their opinion. Write down their reasons **for** or **against** skateboarding on sidewalks on a sheet of paper.

Think! List three reasons why some people say YES to skateboards on sidewalks and three reasons why some people say NO to skateboards on sidewalks.

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Decide! You've asked questions, you've thought about what each side has to say. Now it's time for YOU to decide. Write down your opinion here:

Standards Link: Research: Students compare information and draw conclusions.

Find the two identical skateboarders.

Extra! Extra! Skateboard Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A picture of a street or sidewalk
- Something with wheels
- A person who might ride a skateboard
- The letters that spell pedestrian

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

Kid Scoop Together: History of Skateboards

Below are some TRUE facts about skateboarding history as well as a few that are FALSE. Do the math under each statement. If the answer is EVEN, that statement is TRUE. If the answer is ODD, it's FALSE.

- 1958:** The skateboard is made from roller skates attached to a board. It is a way to surf when there are no waves—*sidewalk surfing*.
 $12 + 14 - 8 =$
- 1963:** The first skateboard contest is held in California.
 $27 + 19 - 4 =$
- 1969:** Tony Hawk wins the stunt competition at the first X Games.
 $21 + 11 - 9 =$
- 1973:** The invention of urethane wheels turns a formerly noisy, bumpy ride smooth and silent. Because the urethane wheels grip concrete better, curbs, ditches and other terrain become skating courses.
 $27 + 15 - 3 =$
- 1976-78:** The California drought forces homeowners to drain their pools. Empty pools become mini-skate parks. New tricks are invented.
 $19 + 19 - 8 =$
- 1977:** President Jimmy Carter makes history by skateboarding to his inauguration ceremony.
 $27 + 19 - 5 =$
- 1985:** Scientists in Norway discover an ancient skateboard dating back to the year 535 A.D.
 $17 + 13 - 7 =$
- 2000s:** Many cities have built skate parks and provide camps and lessons that are available to young people.
 $22 + 8 - 4 =$

Standards Link: History/Social Studies: Students know how to interpret timelines.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SKATER in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Write On!

Brain Builders

List three to five ways you can think of to exercise your brain.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The most important piece of equipment a skateboarder needs is a

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Use the Skateboard Secret Code to find the answer.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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 PATH
 ISSUE

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

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

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ANTONIO ALANÍS' LATINX VISUAL RESILIENCY SERIES

N.C. Arts Incubator features Durham artist's work in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month

SILER CITY — In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Siler City's N.C. Arts Incubator has just gained a new guest exhibit: Durham artist Antonio Alanís' Latinx Visual Resiliency series.

The free exhibit forms part of the Hispanic Liaison's various Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, which also include an eight-prize raffle and a month-long social media campaign. The exhibit first opened on Sept. 11 during the Liaison's COVID-19 Health Fair and will leave the Incubator on Oct. 15, the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Born in Durango, Mexico, Alanís grew up in Durham, where he works as the Development and Communications Manager for ISLA NC, a Hispanic advocacy nonprofit that seeks to "build community and leadership through educational Spanish language and cultural immersion programs," according to its website. Composed of various acrylic paintings, his exhibit explores the Hispanic community's resiliency during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here's what he shared with the News + Record about his background, artwork and exhibit now on display inside the Incubator:

Tell us a little bit more about yourself and your background.

I am an educator by heart. I learned Spanish and English in the U.S. I'm a first-generation artist who uses education and artwork to create more understanding about who we are as Latinos — or Latinx — individuals in the United States. I've been an artist my whole life, and it's my very first solo exposition that El Vínculo Hispano and N.C. Arts Incubator invited me to be part of.

How and why did you decide to become an artist?

So, how did it start? It's one of those callings that you, or anyone, feels. The typical art story that everyone has — you know, like, managing, creating, and identifying with the media. I've used that ever since to express what I feel, what I go through, and now lately, I'm interested in creating artwork that speaks to people's consciousness, particularly around creating dialogue or inspiration, or creating conversations around issues of equity or issues of mental



Submitted photo

Mexican-American artist Antonio Alanís (left) poses with the Hispanic Liaison's Selina Lopez during the Liaison's COVID-19 Health Fair in downtown Siler City on Sept. 11. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the N.C. Arts Incubator will exhibit Alanís' work until Oct. 15.

health. I've always liked to use artwork to help us create more understanding about what it means to be a Latino or Latinx, and it's one of those media that lends itself perfectly to do that.

What type of artwork do you do, and what type of imagery do you usually use?

My artwork is very much inspired by my cultural background. I mentioned that I'm a first-generation immigrant, and I am originally from Mexico, so a lot of the artwork that I produce is heavily influenced by my cultural heritage. Visually, my artwork is primarily colorful. It's flat in nature and in how it looks, and it touches on different topics such as activism, the power of celebrating one's roots, heritage, and really focusing a lot on our humanity as Hispanic/Latinx individuals. I see that much of the discourse here in this country is to really think of us as being separate or being very different from mainstream America, and I just like to focus more on how similar we are as individuals, rather than

how different we are.

How do you use art to foster connection and mutual understanding?

I can base it more on the exhibition that I created; the exhibition was called the Latinx Visual Resiliency Series, and what I like to do in this exhibition is to create artwork that speaks to people's ideas about what it means to become and be resilient ... I want to encourage people to use artwork as a way to not only make sense of what's happening in the pandemic — which is one of the reasons that I started back earlier this year — but I also want to encourage others to use artwork to express what they're going through, and encourage others to use it just as it has helped me. When the pandemic struck, I really didn't know much about how to understand it and how much it was affecting me until I began to notice the importance of staying connected to my community members, friends and family. I turned to art to create pieces that spoke to that sense of maintaining connection, and I want to encourage others as well to turn to the arts right now, when it's so hard for us to maintain ourselves connected now that, of course, the pandemic's still lingering and social distancing as well.

Tell us about your exhibit on display in the N.C. Arts Incubator right now.

It's a new series of paintings that I created, and the idea is to not only rethink, or celebrate, Latinidad and our strengths as people, but people will be seeing a group of more than nine paintings where they can look at the symbolism of what it means to be resilient in times of struggle. One of the

symbols that I'm using in this exhibition is a cactus, or cacti. We can learn a lot about what it means just to survive and thrive by examining and looking at how cacti survive in very inhospitable environments, such as the desert. It will be an invitation for people to reflect on how we can be more equitable as well towards Hispanics, Latinx, during these times, where they're being disproportionately affected. It will also be a conversation starter. It's one of those things that I really enjoy about art — that people can use that to springboard to conversations that will inspire them to think about solutions, or just collaboration between diverse groups of people as well.

This is your first solo exhibition. What does that mean to you, and why does it mark an important milestone for you?

Ever since about three years ago in 2018, I started to submit many individual paintings to different expositions, and I formed part of larger, similar-themed expositions. For me, as an artist who is emerging right now, is looking toward becoming a professional artist after this, it's one of those signs that people are interested in what I do and also inspired by the work that I create. Doing a solo exposition means that I can create more of my work and focus more on what I do, and ... that I have the liberty of really focusing on one topic. So far, I haven't found any exhibitions this year that really speak to the themes that I wanted to talk about, which are the ones that I've described. And that to me, having that autonomy to direct the gallery space for these weeks, as well, speaks volumes to the interest people have in my work.

What's the most meaningful artwork or piece of art that you've produced?

Oh, my goodness. It's pretty hard to say which one has been the most important. It's called "The Hope Butterfly," which I also started in 2020, and it's one of the most important ones because I used art with a purpose ... I want artwork to speak. I want artwork to be a springboard for conversation, and this "Hope Butterfly" that I started was that perfect example that I think marked an important part of my career where I began to fuse my love for artwork and also activism. I was always very concerned in terms of how society looks at artists — just creating, you know, pretty, beautiful things. I'm not against that, but I wanted to go a step further and use artwork for the betterment of opportunity; I wanted to use it for the well being (of others). In 2020, I began to think about

using classes to allow people to make sense of what was happening, give them a little distraction from the isolation. I was invited to be part of the program through the Diamante Cultural Arts Center. It was one of those moments where I noticed that I can use artwork for this purpose, and give people hope for what the future will hopefully bring. It's part of the exhibition as well. I'll say this one of the most important ones from these couple of years.

Speaking of painting classes, what is your Xochipilli Painting Project?

The Xochipilli Painting Project is inspired by the ancient Aztec deity of the arts. That actually came about the Hope Butterfly class that I gave in 2020, and this project is funded by the Durham Arts Council. I was really interested in going beyond what artwork can do in terms of just decoration, and I applied for this grant to teach free bilingual acrylic classes to community members throughout Durham and the Triangle. It's open to everyone, regardless of age or ethnicity. It will be bilingual — in English and Spanish. It's a space for us to spend time together, build community, and have a good time. It's a great place for relaxation, and it's inviting for everyone who wants to use artwork to learn about culture, or language, and make sense of what's happening these days. It's every other week. It started back in August; it will be ending in December. So far, I've had reception from about 20 to 30 students per class. Actually, (on Sept. 18) I taught my third class as well, where it's an open space for us to use artwork in that nature.

It's virtual. It's open to anyone, and everyone is encouraged to register. I have a lot of social media posts, where people can just send me a DM, and I'll be happy to let them in. (You can contact Antonio Alanís at aalanis@antonioalanisart.com or on Facebook at @AntonioAlanisArt.)

If there's one thing you want people to take away from your exhibit, what would it be?

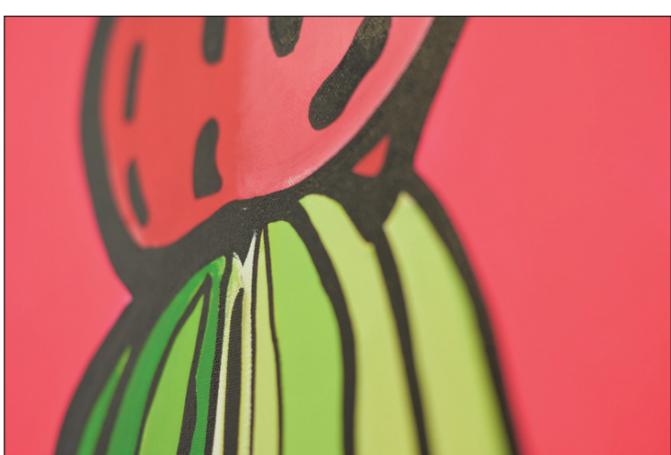
I want to use these pieces to focus on our strengths as individuals who have accomplished so much these last months, but I also want to inspire people to look at the arts as a way of coping, as a way of imagining, and connecting. For me right now, the arts have been great for keeping me centered and also grounded, so I also encourage everyone to really look at what makes them centered and grounded or happy. I'm just one voice that has used art. It has worked for me, and I want other people to do the same as well — to be curious about what makes them find that stability they may be looking for right now.

So, what advice would you offer for all of the aspiring artists in Chatham County and beyond?

My advice for everyone — I always say this — is pursue what you want in the arts, even if you don't feel that your work is the best. There is some judgment in the art community, from what I've seen. As long as you feel content doing what you'd like to do — drawing, painting — maybe you're not the Michelangelo that you want to be, but still if that gives you a fulfilling life, do it. Just have fun. That's all that matters.

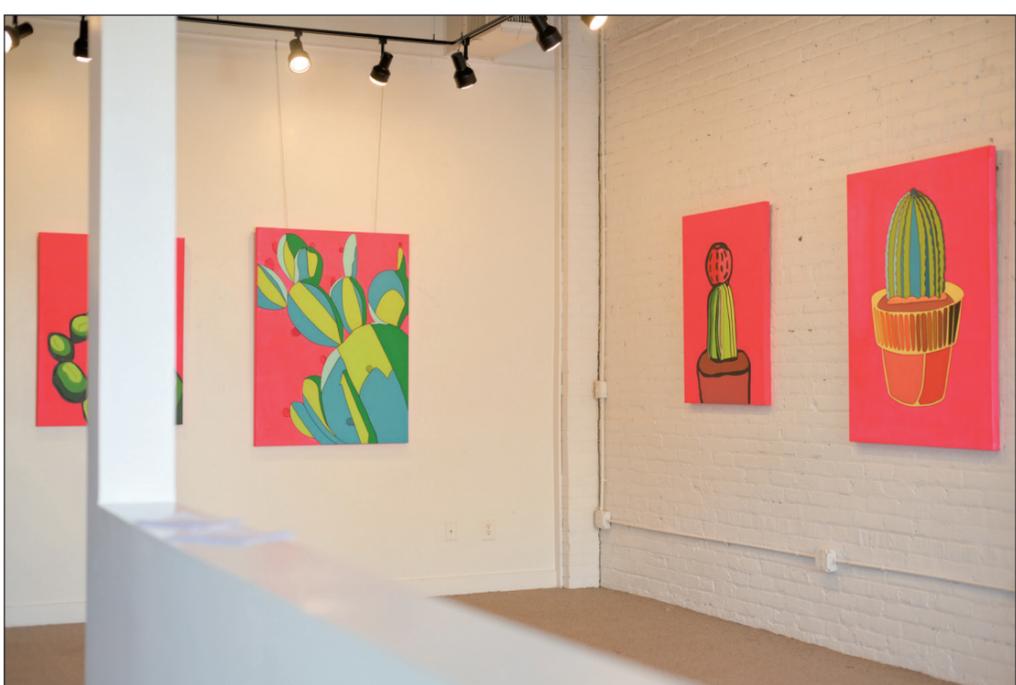
Anything else?

I do want to definitely credit the Durham Art Guild, who made this job possible. I did a mini-residency in early 2021, and because of them, I'm able to exhibit this work. They gave me a space ... and I produced this artwork from the very beginning. I really want to extend my gratitude to El Vínculo Hispano, Ilana Dubester, and then N.C. Arts Incubator, Michael Feezor, who invited me to be part of this exhibition.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

A close up of a painting among Antonio Alanís' Latinx Visual Resiliency series in the N.C. Arts Incubator until Oct. 15.



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The N.C. Arts Incubator will host Durham artist Antonio Alanís' Latinx Visual Resiliency series until Oct. 15 in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 439

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

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This the 2nd day of September, 2021.
 Sabrina Moreau, Personal Representative
 in c/o Kellie M. Corbett, Attorney at
 Carolina Family Estate Planning
 201 Commonwealth Court,
 Suite 100
 Cary, NC 27511
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 456
 All persons having claims against **TOMMY JOE KEITH**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of September, 2021.
 Carletta Jo Keith, Executor
 c/o Steve Lackey, Attorney
 410 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MARY C. L. PISCITELLO**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Marcus Hudson, Attorney at Law, 641 Rock Creek Road, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, on or before the 10th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment. This 9th day of September, 2021.
 WILLIAM M. PISCITELLO,

EXECUTOR
 ESTATE OF MARY C. L. PISCITELLO
 C/O Marcus Hudson, Attorney at Law
 641 Rock Creek Road
 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514
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Estate.
 David R. Frankstone
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 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203
 Exchange West at Meadowmont
 Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **EDITH HAMMOND**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 29th day of August, 2019, 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 9th day of December, 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 9th day of September, 2021.
 Edith Hammond Holloman, Personal Representative
 c/o Catherine L. Wilson, Attorney for the Estate
 McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson, & Hinkle, PLLC,
 3211 Shannon Road, Suite 400
 Durham, NC 27707
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
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 Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Michael Anatolyevich Gordeev, having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of **VERA M. GORDEEVA**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on August 31st, 2021, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before December 8th, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 31st day of August 2021. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517.
 This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1.
 Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record
 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150
 Chapel Hill, NC, 27517
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **JOHN WALTER ETCHISON**, 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 8th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
 This the 3rd day of September, 2021.
 Rachel E. Etchison,
 Executrix of
 The Estate of John
 Walter Etchison
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 Siler City, North
 Carolina 27344
 Moody, Williams, Atwater & Lee,
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 PO Box 1806
 Pittsboro, North Carolina
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 (919) 542-5605
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 359
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 Carlos Jackson, Administrator
 500 Smith Level Rd, Apt S-6
 Carrboro, NC 27510
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NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 A municipal general election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, Chatham County to vote in the following contest: Municipal Offices. Town of Pittsboro: Mayor, Town of Commissioner (2 seats), Town of Goldston: Mayor, Town Commissioner At-Large, and Town Commissioner Ward 1, and Ward 3. and Goldston Gulf Sanitary District Board (2 seats). Photo ID is not required in any election in 2021.
 Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 2, 2021. One-stop early voting will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in lieu of the Chatham County Board of Elections Office. One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, October 14, 2021, and ends Saturday, October 30, 2021. **DAY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
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All persons who live in eligible municipal districts and who are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, October 8, 2021 5:00 p.m. to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only and will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the Chatham County Board of Elections Office at 919-545-8500.

Laura Heise, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Elections
S16,S23,S30,07,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 471**

All persons having claims against **PATRICIA STAFFEN YELL**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of September, 2021.
David Yell, Executor
100 Bill Ash Rd.
Moncure, NC 27559
S16,S23,S30,07,4tp

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF PITTSBORO**

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, September 27th, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock via Zoom to consider the following items:

1. Proposed Rezoning: 1911 NC Highway 902 (REZ-2021-06) Rezoning request for parcel 7037, totaling 2.82 acres, located approximately 1.1 miles west of the NC Highway 902 and NC Highway 87 intersection, to change from R-A2 (Residential Agricultural - 2 acres) to C-M1 (Light Industrial Conditional Zoning).

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection through e-mail. Substantial changes in the proposed amendment may be made following the public hearing. The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software, The Zoom link can be found on the Town's website under Agendas & Minutes, then by selecting the Meeting Materials for the September 27th meeting. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Cassie Bullock, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at Cbullock@pittsboronc.gov by 4 p.m. on September 27th, 2021.
S16,S23,2tc

CHATHARIDGE SELF-STORAGE

Pursuant to N.C. Statute 44A shall conduct a public sale of storage units #16, and #38, located at 222 Old Lystra Rd., Chapel Hill, NC in Chatham Co. Sale will be conducted at 10:00 AM on the 10th day of October, 2021. All successful bidders shall take possession and remove contents of space immediately.

For information on submitting a bid, call 919 932-6208. Contents of units: miscellaneous and household items.
S16,S23,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 462**

All persons having claims against **SHIRLEY ANN LUCAS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of September, 2021.
Joseph Lee Perry, Executor
4107 Bullhead Road
Apex, N.C. 27502
S16,S23,S30,07,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
All persons having claims against **RICK IAN SUBERMAN** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on June 25, 2021, are notified to present them to Karen Suberman, Executor of the Estate of Rick Ian Suberman, in c/o Michael S. Munson, Attorney for the Estate, at Munson Law Firm, PLLC, P.O. Box 4312, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515, on or before October 14, 2021. Failure to present a claim in a timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar or recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Rick Ian Suberman. Those indebted to the deceased are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Michael S. Munson
Munson Law Firm, PLLC
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S16,S23,S30,07,4tc

**NOTICE OF CO-EXECUTORS
TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
James H. Bryan, Jr., and William R. Bryan, having qualified as Co-Executors for the Estate of **AUBIN REDFIELD SANDER**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, at the address indicated below, on or before December 16, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said estate should please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 16th day of September, 2021.
James H. Bryan, Jr., and William R. Bryan
Co-Executors of the Aubin Redfield Sander Estate
Schell Bray PLLC
P. O. Box 21847
Greensboro, NC 27420
C/O Amy H. Kincaid
SCHELL BRAY PLLC
230 North Elm Street, Suite 1500
Greensboro, NC 27401
S16,S23,S30,07,4tc

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF PITTSBORO**

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, September 27th, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The Public Hearing will be conducted remotely via Zoom, a teleconference software, for the following item:

Town Staff is requesting a text amendment to the Pittsboro Unified Development Ordinance:

- Proposed Text Amendment: Affordable Housing (ZTA-2021-05) The proposed amendment seeks to organize and define the Affordable Housing incentives the Town of Pittsboro wishes to implement. The latest draft includes an increased density bonus and the creation of a table depicting available incentives to developers. The purpose of the legislative public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection through e-mail. Substantial changes in the proposed amendment may be made following the public hearing. The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software. The Zoom link can be found on the Town's website under Agendas & Minutes, then by selecting the Meeting Materials for the September 27th meeting. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Cassie Bullock, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at Cbullock@pittsboronc.gov by 4 p.m. on September 27th, 2021.
S16,S23,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 527**

All persons having claims against **SHIRLEY E. CARAWAY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of September, 2021.

ber, 2021.
MARY O. WOODALL, Administrator
111 Sierra Ct.
Durham, NC 27704
S16,S23,S30,07,4tp

BONLEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of all property owners in the Bonlee Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bonlee Fire Department. The purpose of this meeting is to elect two new members to the board and conduct the general business of the Bonlee Fire Department. All property owners in the Bonlee Volunteer Fire Department District are urged to attend this important meeting.
Bonlee Volunteer Fire Department
185 Bonlee-Bennett Road
Bonlee, NC 27313
S16,S23,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
21 E 501**

All persons having claims against **MARY E. TOVELL** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of September, 2021.
Robin Tovell-Toubal, Executrix
197 Quarter Gate Trace
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27516
or Pierce Law Group
3020 S. Miami Blvd., Suite 201
Durham, NC 27703
S23,S30,07,014,4tp

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. JIMMY E. GILBERT, JR. and spouse, ANNIE S. GILBERT, and all possible heirs and assignees of JIMMY E. GILBERT, JR. and spouse, ANNIE S. GILBERT, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **17-CVD-346**, the undersigned Commissioner will on the **6th day of October, 2021**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction **at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon**, the following described real property, lying and being in Center Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Center Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Adjoining the lands of Henry Gilbert, S.D. Gilmore, Jennie Griffin and others, bounded as follows viz: Lying on the West side of Henry Gilbert's land on the North side of S.D. Gilmore's and Jennie Griffin's lands, on the South by Caroline Womble, containing twenty two acres, more or less.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.
Parcel Identification Number: **006369**

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds.

This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25.
This the 14th day of September, 2021.
Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585
S23,S30,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. SPENCER DUNKLEY and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of SPENCER DUNKLEY and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **16-CVD-41**, the undersigned Commissioner will on the **6th day of October, 2021**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction **at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon**, the following described real property, lying and being in Matthews Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:
Being all of Tract No. 1 as shown on the survey entitled "Minor Subdivision for Spencer Dunkley," prepared by Roland Ward, dated July 10, 2008, of record in Plat Slide 2008, Page 289, Chatham County Registry, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.
Parcel Identification Number: **0014515**

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds.

This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25.
This the 14th day of September, 2021.
Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585
S23,S30,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. SPENCER DUNKLEY and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of SPENCER DUNKLEY and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **16-CVD-41**, the undersigned Commissioner will on the **6th day of October, 2021**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction **at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon**, the following described real property, lying and being in Matthews Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT THREE: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:
Being all of Tract No. 3 as shown on the survey entitled "Minor Subdivision for Spencer Dunkley," prepared by Roland Ward, dated July 10, 2008, of record in Plat Slide 2008, Page 289, Chatham County Registry, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.
Parcel Identification Number: **0087400**

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds.

This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25.
This the 14th day of September, 2021.
Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

21 SP 83
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Stanley Williams, II, (Stanley Williams, II, Deceased) (Heirs of Stanley Williams, II: Kylie Savannah Williams, Landon Tyler Williams, Donovan Jacob Williams and Unknown Heirs of Stanley Williams, II) to Harry E. Dean, III & Frederick E. Brooks, Trustee(s), dated the 26th day of July, 2017, and recorded in Book 1938, Page 292, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in

said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale **at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina**, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, **at 1:30 PM on October 7, 2021** and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 1, containing 4.50 acres, more or less, as shown on the plat entitled "Property Division for Michael P. Harward" by William O. Yates, RLS, dated November 5, 1992 and recorded at Plat Slide 92-414, Chatham County Registry to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 624 Hortons Pond Road, Apex, North Carolina.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a) (1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or autho-

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State funding, or combination thereof. This is to inform the public that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Chatham Transit Network Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than October 8, 2021. The public hearing will be held on October 1, 2021 at 9:00 am before the Chatham Transit Network Board of Directors. Those interested in attending the public hearing and needing either auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or a language translator should contact Anna Testerman on or before September 29, 2021, at telephone number 919-542-5136 or via email at a.testerman@chathamtransit.org. The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Chatham County as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using on-demand, subscription and fixed route services. Services are rendered by Chatham Transit Network. The total estimated amount requested for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. NOTE: Local share amount is subject to State funding availability.

be directed to Anna Testerman before September 29, 2021. S23,1tc \$27,820 5310 Operando \$180,000 \$90,000 TOTAL PROYECTO \$737,397 \$159,701 Total de la solicitud de financiación Total de la participación local Esta solicitud puede ser inspeccionada en 127 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312 de 9:00 am a 4:30 pm. Los comentarios por escrito deben dirigirse a Anna Testerman antes del 29 de septiembre de 2021. S23,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 18 E 167 All persons having claims against **KENNETH M. JOHNSON** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 21st day of September, 2021. Carolyn Johnson, Administrator 349 Hillside Dairy Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 S23,S30,07,014,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 550 All persons having claims against **EUGENE BRYAN MARLEY, JR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 21st day of September, 2021. John McCarty, Ancillary Administrator CTA 56891 Mark Manor Drive Elkhart, In 46516 S23,S30,07,014,4tp

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable

| Project | Total Amount | Local Share |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Administrative | \$279,197 | \$41,881 |
| Capital (Vehicles & Other) | \$278,200 | \$27,820 |
| 5310 Operating | \$180,000 | \$90,000 |
| TOTAL PROJECT | \$737,397 | \$159,701 |

Total Funding Request Total Local Share This application may be inspected at 127 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Written comments should

Cantidad total del proyecto Participación Local Administrativo \$279,197 Capital (Vehículos y Otros) \$278,200

One man's mission to not let Silk Hope Scouts BSA troop die

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

SILK HOPE — When Troop 911 was first chartered in 1956, it quickly became a thriving troop, serving scores of Silk Hope Boy Scouts over the years. Now, following more than a year of pandemic challenges and in the wake of residual fallout from national Boy Scouts of America scandals, the troop is down to just four members; all are set to graduate this year and working toward Eagle Scout rank. Troop 911 Occaneechee Council Unit Commissioner Mack Thorpe is on a mission to not let the troop die.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Thorpe's library of Scouts history. He became a Scout Master in 1972 when he was in high school.

“They love the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts in that community at Silk Hope,” Thorpe, a longtime Pittsboro resident, said. “And I think if a troop is not there — that’s just one avenue taken away for young men to have a nice good experience in growing up.” Thorpe joined the Scouts when he was a high schooler in 1965, later becoming an Eagle Scout and then an assistant scoutmaster until 1975. In 2019, at age 67, Thorpe decided to get involved in the Scouts — joining Troop 93 in Pittsboro as an assistant scoutmaster. Last spring, he decided to also get involved as a unit commissioner with the Occaneechee Council in Raleigh. That’s when he met Troop 911. “That’s when I learned that they were in trouble,” Thorpe said. “Membership-wise, had been affected big time by COVID, but also the fact that their Cub Scout pack was dissolved because of COVID — they lost their feeder into the troop.”



Staff photo by Kim Hawks



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Mack Thorpe, the unit commissioner for Boy Scouts Troop 911 in Silk Hope, is on a mission to make sure the troop doesn't die. Currently, the troop has just four members — all set to graduate this year.

But Boy Scout enrollment has suffered in many places in recent years, Thorpe said, and not just because of COVID-19 challenges which impact meeting frequency and Cub Scout recruitment.

girls to join (in separate, all-girl troops).

Declines in membership are due in part to competition from sports, busier family schedules and the idea from some that troops are old-fashioned perception by some families that they are old-fashioned. Fallout from the national sexual abuse scandal hasn't helped, Thorpe said, in addition to controversy among some parents about BSA's 2018 decision to change its programs name and allow

Membership for Cub and Scouts BSA programs dropped from 1.97 million in 2019 to 1.12 million in 2020, a 43% plunge, according to data provided to The Associated Press in June. Court records show membership has fallen further since then, to about 762,000. “It’s a big challenge,” Thorpe said regarding Troop 911’s enrollment. “But we will make

I don't require,” she said. “If they come I'm not worried about the uniform, we'll get you a T-shirt and that can be your uniform. But it's still not helping out any.” Cheek became scoutmaster last year, after the previous scoutmaster stepped down when his son earned Eagle rank. Her son joined Troop 911 when he was 10, so she's volunteered with the troop since the

“Of course,” Cheek said, COVID put a damper on everything.” The troop meets once a month now, something Cheek said the boys decided on. She'd also like to see the troop survive, but thinks there's value to a small troop too, and how much closer the boys can get, and how much

they can talk about what they learn.

For Thorpe, it just matters that there's still a Troop 911 next year for boys to join. After a 50-year break from scouting, he rejoined to give back to the organization that had given so much to him.

“In the case of Troop 911, it is a challenge, but it is a challenge I'm willing to take on,” he said. “I think the value to the community is you're training young men, young boys to go into leadership, character, fitness and citizenship.”

“And I wanted to make sure the community didn't lose that.”

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



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