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2021 ELECTION | PITTSBORO COMMISSIONER

In Pittsboro, two incumbents, newcomer square off

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Pamela Baldwin and Michael Fiocco, long-time members of Pittsboro’s Board of Commissioners, are seeking re-election as commissioners — but they’re joined on November’s ballot by political newcomer James Vose, a 20-year county resident who’s lived in Pittsboro the last two years.

The top two vote-getters among the three will earn four-year seats on the board.

Here’s a rundown of what the candidates hope to contribute to the board.

Michael Fiocco

Fiocco has served as a commissioner for 12 years and is seeking his fourth term. The civil engineer is basing his campaign on the issues of growth and affordable housing.

He said while water quality is a major concern and a main priority for the town to address, growth and infrastructure are just as important to note — most notably, sewage capacity in town.

“I think other than the water quality issue, which we know is critical to the town, also critical to the town is sewer capacity and has been for some time,” Fiocco said in a recent candidate forum.

“Without the right sewer capacity, there will not be growth in our town and without growth in our town, there will not be opportunities for new businesses, new residents.”

Fiocco said he believes increasing sewage capacity in the western side of town is not only the smarter thing to do, but would also serve as a way to support future development in west Pittsboro.

“I don’t think there is going to be a lack of interest in developing the west side of town,” he said. “The community

college is there, and I think that is going to be a big generator of activity.”

Another major point of concern for Fiocco is affordable housing in Pittsboro. As a member of the county’s Affordable Housing Task Force, Fiocco said he was working with other town officials to try to find a solution that works for the town.

“We are recognizing that the private marketplace is not producing affordable housing,” he said. “One way we think that we can be successful is to get the community to act as an investor with these

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Renaissance aims to help more families through intensive in-home services



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

‘For Chatham County, being such a rural county, you have some families that live in areas where if someone didn’t come to them to help get those needs met, they wouldn’t be able to get that type of help,’ said Renaissance Wellness Services owner and clinical director Karen Barbee regarding intensive in-home services.

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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Renaissance Wellness Services has had quite the year.

The clinic — with Chatham offices in Pittsboro and Siler City — opened its Siler City office earlier this year and expanded its school-based therapy services with Chatham County Schools. As of February, Renaissance also launched what owner Karen Bar-

bee says is a much-needed option for families — intensive in-home services.

Intensive in-homes services encompass a range of home-based mental health interventions designed to offer crisis management, intensive case management plus counseling and therapy to children and families.

“There are some other agencies that do provide the service, but this is something that we are able

to specifically provide in Chatham County,” said Barbee, who is also the clinic’s clinical director.

“One thing that I saw in Chatham was that there was a need,” she said. “We were already in the schools, providing the school-based therapy, and we would have all of these referrals for kids that were just needing more than what we could give them.”

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CN+R file photo

The Confederate monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse is shadowed by clouds in August 2019, three months before it was removed.

WAIT AND (DON'T) SEE

Here’s an update on the Confederate monument

BY BILL HORNER III
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PITTSBORO — The “Our Confederate Heroes” monument removed from in front of the historic Chatham County Courthouse grounds 23 months ago remains somewhat in limbo, with interested parties still awaiting a decision from the N.C. Court of Appeals about the monument’s legal ownership.

In the meantime, the Confederate soldier statue — which stood guard for 112 years, facing north, slouch hat on its head and rifle butt resting on the ground — and its pedestal are locked within a Greensboro warehouse. Chatham County is footing its \$300/month storage bill, its officials assuring anyone who asks that it’s been thoughtfully and carefully handled and is well-protected.

The 27-foot-tall monument — made of granite and copper mined from Mt. Airy and erected and dedicated back in 1907 at a cost of \$1,700 — was removed from in front of the courthouse on the late evening and early morning of November 19-20, 2019, under dark, drizzly skies. The county paid more than \$44,000 to have the monument carefully dismantled and transported, part of more than

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Siler City delays Immigrant Advisory Committee appointments yet again

Application period extended to Nov. 1; more candidates sought

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners on Monday postponed appointments to the town’s first Immigrant Advisory Committee to mid-November, opening a third application period to bring in more candidates.

Under the board’s stay, the new application deadline is Nov. 1. According to town manager Roy Lynch, town staff will then compile the applications and present them to the board for discussion at its Nov. 15 meeting. As of Monday night, the town had received eight letters of interest, including five from Siler City residents.

“There’s some folks on here who’ve got

some real good qualifications,” Commissioner Chip Price told the board. “I was impressed, but at the same time, there’s several people on there — I have no clue who they are, and I personally would like to have a little bit more time to ... for lack of a better term, vet some of these people, maybe even talk to them personally. It’s come to my attention that there’s also a couple people that would be interested in it, but just haven’t (applied).”

Two such residents, in fact, work inside Commissioner Lewis Fadely’s Siler City law office.

“They are Siler City residents; they do meet the qualifications,” Fadely told fellow commissioners. “One is a child of parents born in Guatemala; the other was born in El Salvador and is a DACA recipient.”

Back on June 21, commissioners unanimously approved the formation of the town’s first Immigrant Community Advisory

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Mosaic stage dedication



Staff photo by Ed Lallo

The Chatham Rabbits performed Friday as part of the Mosaic Comes Alive music series. Mosaic, a live, work, play community north of Pittsboro, dedicated its performance stage in memory of legendary Chatham musician and performer Tommy Edwards. More photos, page A11.

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, Oct. 25, at town hall and via Zoom.

OTHER

The **Triangle South Workforce Development Board** will meet in person and virtually on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the C.C.C.C., Harnett Main Campus, Miriello Building Multipurpose Room 135, 1075 E. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington. To join the meeting virtually, visit <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/644c29aee-224a218357e742494db7f2>. Dial-in Number: +1-571-392-7650 PIN: 448 147 5714.

The public is invited to attend the **Ribbon Cutting of WEBB Squared** – Wealth Through Entrepreneurship for Black Businesses, at 213 Lorax Lane, Pittsboro. The Ceremony will begin on Saturday, October 23, at 4 p.m. and will be followed by a program with a live Jazz performance. Beverages and refreshments will be available for purchase from The Plant vendors. The ribbon cutting is to celebrate the opening of the new nonprofit business.

The public is invited to attend the **ribbon cutting/open house of The Sycamore at Chatham Mills**, 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 500, on Wednesday, October 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This will be followed by refreshments, as they celebrate the opening of their new restaurant.

The **League of Women Voters** of North Carolina announces the availability of the 2021 Municipal Election non-partisan on-line voter guide: **VOTE411.org**. This resource offers voters a “one-stop shop” for all things election related as they prepare to cast their ballots. Early voting runs to Saturday, October 30. Municipal Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. This is a comprehensive resource on voting information where citizens can learn about the policy positions of candidates on their ballot, get detailed instructions on registering to vote, find an early voting location, confirm their election day polling place, and take the guesswork out of the absentee-by-mail process.

Chatham Community Library is offering free on-line classes on Microsoft Word in October. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found by visiting www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses. Microsoft; Microsoft Word: Beyond Basics: October 27, Wednesday, 3 p.m.

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
• The **Central Carolina Community College Financial Aid** office will host a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the CCCC Academic Assistance Center (Marchant Hall), Lee Main Campus, 1105 Kelly Drive, Sanford. The event is free and open to the public. Participants should use 2020 tax information to fill out the 2022-2023 FAFSA. Social distancing and masks are required. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://tinyurl.com/FAFSA2223>. For more information, call (919) 718-7229, email finaid@cccc.edu, or visit www.cccc.edu/financialaid/contact

• **Siler City Parks and Recreation** announces the 5th Annual Fall-O-Ween Trunk 'R Treat will be modified to a drive-thru experience and fun for all ages. The event will be held Friday, October 29, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bray Park Sports Complex. The community is invited to wear your costumes, remain in your vehicle, and trunk 'r treat from your vehicle as you drive through the park.

• **C.C.C.C. Car and Motorcycle Show** for 2021 is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Rain or Shine! All makes and models are welcome. Free vehicle registration ends at 11 a.m. Door prizes for registered vehicles. Location: at the Emergency Services Training Center, 3000 Airport Road, Sanford. Fun for the whole family.

• **Autism in Motion (AIM) Clinics** will host a socially distant Trick-or-Treat event for the Chapel Hill autism community. The sensory friendly event will take place at the AIM Clinics therapy center at 50101 Governors Drive Suite, 170 Chapel Hill, on Saturday Oct. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. AIM Clinics is a leader in the field of ABA therapy.

• **Siler City Parks and Recreation** announces that on Friday, Oct. 22, the movie “Trolls World Tour” will be shown at Bray Park. 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. 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 CARES Community Pharmacy** will host its annual Celebration of Lights drive-through fundraiser on Dec. 4 at St. Julia Catholic Church in Siler City, from 6-7 p.m. Celebrate the season outdoors with a live band playing holiday favorites and a bilingual Christmas message, all from the safety and comfort of your own vehicle. Luminaries will be on display during the service, guiding vehicles along the drive-through holiday experience. The parking lot opens at 6 p.m., and visitors can drive through to look at the luminaries, or stop for the brief message. Admission to the event is free, and luminaries can be purchased for \$10 each. 100% of the sale of luminaries will be used for prescription drug purchases, which are then dis-

persed to patients through Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy. Purchase your luminaries by calling Patricia at 919-663-0177. If you are purchasing luminaries in memory or in honor of someone and would like the name to be included in the program for the service, please do so by November 30.

• **Sanford's Railroad House Historical Association** offers Fall Tour of Edwin Patterson's historic buildings and pocosin trail on Sunday November 7 at 2 p.m. The buildings are located at Rosin Lane on highway US 421, approximately 2 miles east of the Seminole traffic light in Broadway. Signage will mark the entrance to the site on the day of the tour. Sixteen buildings from four counties, dating as early as 1772, are restored on the site. They include six log cabins and houses, barns, smoke houses, a corn crib, spring house, and tobacco barn. - The tour will begin with a nature walk along the half-mile pocosin trail, or wetland, which features several large longleaf pines that were boxed for their turpentine gum and juniper trees in the pocosin as large as 88” in circumference. An elevated walking trail, built by Patterson, makes for easy access across the wetland area of the hike. The tour will conclude with a walk to a restored tar kiln on the property that was fired about 1900 and utilized the longleaf pine wood that was plentiful in the area. The public is invited to attend.

• **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 **JMA-CoronaConcert** via Twitter featuring performances submitted by JM students and faculty. Concerts can be viewed on its Twitter account @JMArts and by using the hashtags #JMAGCoronaConcert performances and #JMAGCoronaConcert program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

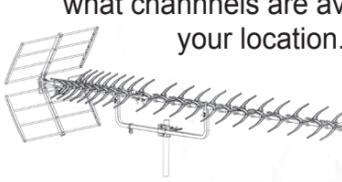
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County commissioners approve new rules for public hearings

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PITTSBORO — Chatham County commissioners discussed and ultimately approved new rules of procedure for the county's public hearings and subdivision first plats at their meeting Monday night.

The rules, first discussed at the board's September meeting, will become effective at the board's November meeting.

"I think this is a very workable order of procedure," Commissioner Diana Hales said of the rules. "...I do think that it will also help in a more cogent and timely presentation."

Following the September meeting, county staff compiled a draft document of rules which would apply to public hearings on rezoning, conditional rezoning and text amendment applications, along with first plat approvals for major subdivisions.

Under the new rules, county staff will present the hearing and then the applicant and the appli-

cant's agents will have 15 minutes total to present their request. There was no time limit for presentations before. This rule allows for commissioners to ask questions outside of that 15-minute period.

"We obviously built into this recommendation an opportunity for the board members to ask questions of the applicant as well as other speakers," County Attorney Bob Hagemann told the board at Monday's meeting. "So 15 minutes for the initial presentation and then if there are questions after the presentation, if the commissioners have concerns or questions that can be accommodated as well, because that's in your control."

At that point, members of the public can speak in support or opposition of the application if they've registered beforehand. Board Clerk Lindsay Ray said the online signup form will now also include a separate signup for subdivision first plat hearings. Speakers can speak for up to two minutes and they cannot yield their time to another speaker. Then the

applicant will have five minutes of rebuttal.

The new rules reserve the right for the board to "deviate from or vary the procedures, limitations, and requirements set forth in these rules" the document says, and "any such deviation shall not be a basis for challenging the Board's decision regarding a zoning or subdivision application."

"I want to give you some flexibility," Hagemann said. "And whether you choose to accommodate somebody intentionally or by mistake, this provision gives you the board some flexibility without hopefully jeopardizing the legal basis for your actual decision to approve or deny a development request."

The board first heard updates from county staff regarding potential changes to the processes at its September meeting. County Manager Dan LaMontagne said at the time that 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 at the time, "and especially in light of more public hearings coming in the future."

Following the board's discussion last month, county staff added an additional rule that limits the public's ability to address the board regarding a public hearing in subsequent meetings. This rule doesn't limit an individual's ability to send written comments to the board.

"The whole point of the public hearing is that is the time in place for the public to provide their input," Hagemann said of the proposed rule. "I think it's within your legal rights to say that's the place and time for you to address the board, and we're not going to use public input in subsequent meetings to, in essence, reopen the public hearing, as a practical matter."

Commissioner Hales brought up the subject of wastewater — a common concern for county residents often brought up during public hearings in response to zoning requests. Commissioner Jim Crawford seconded her question.

"It is a condition that we are facing," he said of wastewater issues in Chatham, "my position is, it's lamentable, and we shouldn't encourage the

belief that if you come and protest at the county, you will find relief to what is essentially a private matter."

Hagemann said that a matter such as this would be up to the discretion of the board on a case-by-case basis.

In the end, the board unanimously approved the new rules without making any amendments. Commissioner Karen Howard was not present at the meeting.

"I would just like to add that I hope we give the same careful scrutiny and thought that we have given to streamlining our meetings and our part in the procedure," Chairperson Mike Dasher said, "that we give that same careful thought and scrutiny to the entire procedure, as we work on developing a UDO."

The county is currently developing a UDO, or Unified Development Ordinance, to revise and/or put all existing development regulations into a document that outlines traditional zoning and subdivision regulations along with other desired city regulations such as design guidelines and water management.

Other meeting business

The board approved a legislative request by the Vickers Bennett Group LLC for text and map amendments to the Chatham County Compact Community Ordinance

specifically Section 6.1, p 3 for an expansion of the CCO map and text amendments to support the expansion of area request.

The board heard two public hearings, both of which referred to the county's planning board. The first, a legislative public hearing for a request by the board, considered several amendments to the Chatham County subdivision regulations. The second legislative public hearing was for a request by the county's Planning and Watershed Protection Departments to consider amendments to the Chatham County Watershed Protection Ordinance.

LaMontagne updated the board on the status of the county's waste and recycling collection centers, which began reduced operations last month due to staffing shortages. Since then, he said, two additional drivers have been hired and trained, so the county is likely just a few weeks out from fully reopening its centers.

"It's a very large county, we take waste to a number of different facilities from different places in the county," he told the board, "So it takes a little while to learn all that, but drivers are working hard right now training."

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Committee, as it was called. 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. Per Lynch, the town had planned to compile and present all applications to the board during an August or September board meeting, but after receiving only five letters of interest for

the proposed seven-member committee, the town decided early last month to reopen a second application period until Oct. 8.

According to the town's resolution, the 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. Eligible committee members must come from "historically underrepresented 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.

But commissioners

could decide to amend the resolution in response to the candidates they receive, Lynch told the board — be it increasing the number of committee members or stripping away the committee's qualification for recent immigrant ancestry, as Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy Bray brought up.

"(Something) that bothers me, I guess, because I was looking at some applicants, is that if we require that they are of a certain origin ... I think that's kind of discriminatory against those who are not," she said, adding, "To me the Immigrant Advisory Committee should consist of people not only who, maybe, have the origins but have the knowledge of the people, their customs and understand and speak the language."

For other commissioners, including Bill Haiges and Price, however, that qualification makes a big difference.

"Having recent immigrant ancestry or (being) foreign born, I think, is incredibly important," Haiges said, "because those that are further removed from that don't necessarily have the expertise or the experience living in a foreign country, or living in an immigrant community."

To apply, interested applicants can submit letters of interest to the town clerk, Jenifer Johnson, at jjohnson@silercity.org by Nov. 1. 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 must rotate off the committee for at least a year before serving a third term. Once formed, the committee must meet at least once a month, if not more.

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VIEWPOINTS

I've reunited with Lawry's salt, and it tastes so good

There are, perhaps, men out there in the world right now who fear their wives might someday try to poison them. Me? My wife, to my culinary chagrin, goes far off in the opposite direction. A two-word explanation will help illustrate.

Lawry's salt. Or, as Lee Ann has been known to describe it (that, along with some other stuff I like): "poison."

As a picky eater, my wife has no equal. The list of food she eschews chewing is extensive and includes, I would bet, at least one thing on your "favorites" list: she eats no, or very little, sugar, gluten, soy, cheese, chicken, ham or dairy.

("More for me," we chunky husbands of picky wives say in reply.)

It's not that she doesn't like those foods. She used to enjoy most of them. She'd just rather

feel good than have them as a part of her diet. When she partakes, typically through unintended subterfuge in the kitchen of a restaurant, or via someone who doesn't know what a "gluten" is, she suffers. Sometimes mightily.

A fervent label-reader, Lee Ann also doesn't do MSG — that mysterious ingredient noted on some food labels as "natural flavors."

Which is partly why Lawry's Seasoned Salt was banned from our kitchen years ago.

I grew up with Lawry's salt. It was a staple in our kitchen when I was a child and stands out in my memory in three ways:

- The bottle's distinctive orange color of its top and "L" brand.
- The way it turns an-already deliciously ripe tomato into a dazzling culinary treat, and makes a tomato sandwich (made ONLY with Duke's mayonnaise and Wonder bread) a seasonal delicacy.
- My late father's liberal use of it in preparing steaks, burgers and anything else which might find itself tossed onto a

charcoal grill.

But as our own family's food sensitivities — and Lee Ann's label awareness — evolved over time, Lawry's got put on the "do not call" list. If we were shopping together, Lee Ann and I might pass by the spice racks; I'd longingly look at a bottle of Lawry's and simultaneously feel an icy glare coming from her direction. Opening a bag of those mini Snickers bars you find around Halloween and stuffing my pockets with them without paying would have been a preferred behavior to even touching a bottle of Lawry's salt.

To someone with her food sensitivities, lots of things have earned the "poison" nomenclature. Soy sauce, another of my favorites, is among them. So I done my best to comply, divorcing myself from the Lawry's family, dousing my Chinese food with tamari or something called "coconut aminos," and learning over the year to appreciate salt and pepper, which for years I rarely touched.

So why didn't I sneak some Lawry's salt in the cart on a solo shopping trip? Not worth

the risk. I mean, I like being married.

So what's changed? Why, within our huge collection of organic, overpriced spices and Lee Ann-approved seasonings, can you now find Lawry's salt? Blame her mom.

My wonderful mother-in-law arrived at our house a couple of months ago with a few tomatoes from her garden. You know the kind: deep red, the perfect firmness, just begging for a paring knife and a generous dollop of mayo and some bread.

It was enough to break me. On my next trip to the store, I picked up a bottle of Lawry's salt.

I didn't apologize to Lee Ann. After thoroughly enjoying a cut-up chilled tomato on a plate, sprinkled with a generous shake of Lawry's, I towed remains of tomato juice off my chin and showed my wife the label.

Officially, according to McCormick — the salt's maker, the company which bought Lawry's family of seasoning blends for \$604 million back in 2008 — Lawry's "Original

Seasoned Salt" contains salt, sugar, paprika, turmeric, onion, corn starch, garlic, tricalcium phosphate (which prevents caking), sunflower oil, and extractives of paprika and other natural flavors.

The blend does not include any MSG.

And calories? Zero. Lee Ann relented and didn't argue. I'm not sure if she approves — even though turmeric is supposed to be great for you — and she doesn't want it near her, but so far she hasn't thrown it out.

I've used it on steaks, burgers, salads, soups, vegetables and more, regaling Lee Ann with childhood recollections involving Lawry's and the family kitchen.

But to be honest, I haven't told Lee Ann everything. In looking for recipes, I made a startling discovery: you can order Lawry's salt from McCormick in a 97,968-serving, 180-pound drum.

It's gotten me thinking. I gotta be really nice to Lee Ann's mom, because I'm gonna need more tomatoes next year. LOTS of them.

Holding space together

Too many things are occurring for even a big heart to hold.



ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN
Hope Matters

The Irish poet W.B. Yeats penned that sentence in 1889. It echoes across the Atlantic Ocean more than a century later. In this country, wildfires burn in the West, floods overwhelm the South, and the COVID-19 pandemic and racial injustices are everywhere. Our economy suffers from a labor shortage. Women's and voting rights are imperiled by draconian legislation.

And the entire world faces a climate catastrophe. Predictions for the future include fewer food and water resources, more devastating storms and more refugee crises.

There are also personal tragedies. Reading these words, you or a loved one may be sick or facing surgery. You may be grieving the loss of a job, a dream or a loved one.

There are too many things. Too many for even a big heart to hold.

Yeats made this statement of lament in the introduction to a book of Irish fairy tales. I am not under the fantasy that any of these crises — whether national, global or personal — will magically disappear with the wave of a wand or the appearance of a heroic prince.

But I do have hope. Even with too many things for a big heart to hold, we can still hold space for one another.

"Holding space" means to become physically and emotionally present to each other. It begins by showing up. When I trained as a hospital chaplain, a supervisor repeatedly told me, "Don't just do something, stand there." The message is that your presence can offer a gift greater than you could ever put into words or even imagine. By holding space, we can create holy space.

I serve as the pastor of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church. Members of our congregation meet weekly with members of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Sometimes, we study the Bible. Occasionally, we discuss current events. We always hold space for one another.

Later this year, Chapel in the Pines will mark its 10th year of holding worship services in our sanctuary. Last month, Mount Zion celebrated 168 years of ministry! Even before Mt. Zion's members met as a church, their ancestors worshiped outside in "burnt harbors" — clandestine meeting places away from the prying eyes of white slave owners. During slavery, too many things were occurring for even a big heart to hold. Yet, those brave and faithful people held space together and held onto hope.

Due to the ongoing reality of the pandemic, we have been meeting outside at Mount Zion. We gather under their enormous oak trees which were planted around the time the church was established 168 years ago. As we meet, we share concerns and prayer requests. We also share lots of laughter! Though we partner to provide relief for our larger community, the problems remain in the world. And I still have my own anxieties and fears.

But when holding space with my friends of faith, I feel like my own heart stretches. Together, we hold on. Together, we are enough.

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Little details add to the tale of life

Names and faces — namely, putting them together — have never been my strong suit, something I've puzzled about since the two things I've spent most of my vocational life doing (journalism and pastoral ministry) both could stand a good dose of that kind of detail.

It takes me awhile to get the two put together but once I do, then most of the time they stay in my noodle. But I've long envied those folks who can meet a person and then 10 years later call them by name. Maybe they've taken one of the courses or seminars taught about the tricks and methods of how to make you better at remembering names. Or maybe they're the teacher.

One of those tricks is to play a word association game when you meet somebody new, to look at the person and to associate something about them with their name. For instance, if you meet Joe Hall and Joe stands about 6-foot-6, you might think "Hall ... Tall" and remember him later. That's not a bad idea, but it's not always that easy.

I tried it once when we moved to a new community after I became pastor of a church there. In that church, there was a lady — a Mrs. Womack by name — who had sat "too long at the table" (not that I have any room to note such). But, nonetheless, suffice it to say she would have had difficulty buying

clothes off the rack unless it was a rack in the sheet section or something that could double as a tent. Now, she was a fine and gracious lady, mind you, and as Mama taught me and her other two Southern boys, I could easily say about her "Bless her heart" and such. So, I want you to understand I'm not making fun of the lady, merely pointing out a physical fact.

Anyway, upon first making her acquaintance, I thought I would try the word association game. Noting her ample girth and that her name was "Womack" I thought the perfect word association would be to think of "stomach" when I saw her again since, you know, "Womack" and "stomach" sort of rhyme.

Proud of myself for being so creative, I noticed the next Sunday that she was in the house. At the end of the service the folks filed out the door to tell the obligatory falsehood that the sermon was good. And as the dear lady neared me, I reached out to grasp her hand and then proceeded to say, "Good morning, Mrs. Kelly."

I say all that to say that details are important but they're not everything. Sometimes they can get in the way, something I don't always remember or do very well. Even the poet tells us they can be a problem as in the old saying, "The devil is in the details." But I also note that sometimes the details of life have a way of slipping up on us and it may be a little thing but it can speak loudly and long to us.

That happened to me as I sat down to knock out this column, which is what some folks have told

me they wish I would do to them before they subject themselves to reading another one. And as I sat at the keyboard, I did a mental fast-forward and realized that this week's edition of the paper would include the date Oct. 22.

My dad's birthday.

I hadn't consciously thought about him for a day or two, maybe more, I suppose, although I think he's with me every day. Sometimes I'll catch myself using words he used or remembering something we did. And above the work area in my study, hanging on the wall, is a large framed colorized picture of him at about age 5 or 6, dressed in the fashions of the day of 1916 or '17.

He would have been 110 if he were still with us today. I wasn't thinking about him until I looked at the date on the calendar this week. I guess if he were still here, we wouldn't be doing all that much at his age but maybe he would have surprised me.

What I do know is I miss him, even as I live with the arthritis he gave me in my knees and shoulders. I especially miss him when I think about him. Some time ago, Shirley fell into a clean-up mode and uncovered a significant number of family pictures, including some of him in his better days. I sat and looked at them awhile and remembered — or tried to — what he sounded like and his nuances and quirks and sayings, like "keep it between the ditches," said to me often as I was learning to drive.

And then I remembered that over on a shelf in the living room are a handful of family VHS tapes — yes, I know VHS is what dinosaurs use — with that very thing on them.

I think maybe I'll pull them off the shelf and catch up on the details.

What's on your mind?

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VIEWPOINTS

School closures were a mistake

Closing down school buildings for many months last



JOHN HOOD
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families, and the education system itself.

We can say this now with great confidence. When the COVID-19 pandemic first struck North Carolina in March 2020, no such confidence was possible. Although I disagreed with the decision at the time, I understood why officials closed public schools for the final three months of the 2019-20 academic year.

Failing to reopen them fully for 2020-21 was, however, indefensible. By then the risk profile of the pandemic was better known. Older North

Carolinians, particularly those over 65 or with preexisting co-morbidities such as obesity, were at significant risk of hospitalization or death. Children weren't, and still aren't.

How much damage did school closures do? Let us count the ways.

Nearly a third of North Carolina 3rd-graders failed the grade. Their reading scores, even after intensive reading camps and retests this summer, were too low to permit them to advance normally to the next grade. Some are now repeating 3rd grade. Others were placed in special classes in an attempt to accelerate them into 4th-grade proficiency by next spring.

The academic wreckage extends far beyond 3rd grade, which just happens to be a focal grade for our accountability system. Just 39% of 1st-graders scored at grade level in reading. For the K-12 population as a whole, only 45% of our public-school students passed their state exams this year.

We can all hope that, through strategic investments and heroic efforts, many of these young North Carolinians will recoup the learning they lost during the shutdowns. But we shouldn't have to hope for the best. We should have been spared the worst. School children were neither significantly at risk from COVID nor a significant vector of transmission for COVID. By the fall of last year, policymakers should have known that.

The downsides weren't limited to learning loss. Even for those students who did OK (or in a few cases better than OK) in virtual learning last year, their absence from school imposed massive burdens on North Carolina families. Some parents were compelled to cut back on their work hours or leave their jobs altogether, reducing household incomes and adding more stress to their already stressful experience with the pandemic. Alas, the pot sometimes boiled over, leading to tragic cases of neglect,

substance abuse, or domestic violence.

And for public education itself, school closures have produced a crisis of public confidence. While some officials and educators voiced their support for struggling families and called for a rapid return to in-person schooling, many others didn't. Some were condescending and obnoxious in their dismissal of parental complaints and insisted nonsensically on working from home until the "end" of the pandemic.

Not surprisingly, the share of North Carolina children enrolled in public schools dropped precipitously last year. Moreover, the share of North Carolina parents posing tough questions to education officials and school boards skyrocketed.

Parents aren't just upset about last year's school closures, or about mask mandates they deem unnecessary. Many of these parents are upset by what they learned from direct observation of the lessons, textbooks, and assignments

their children received while "learning" from home. If anyone think these parents will be silenced by bureaucratic bluster — or attempts to concoct a national specter of "domestic terrorism" from a few outrageous incidences of threats to school officials — they are misreading the room.

Again, I don't really blame North Carolina leaders for mistakes they may have made during the initial few weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. My own views evolved during the spring and summer of 2020 as I consumed more information and listened to more briefings. But by the start of the 2020-21 school year, it was time to pivot to a different approach for schools. It didn't happen. We'll all be paying the price for many years to come.

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October hurricane on the Outer Banks

It is October on the Outer Banks. A late hurricane is threatening to wash away the beaches and blow down the old wooden houses that have been family treasures for generations. The Boston Red Sox are struggling to make the playoffs.



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

This sounds real, but it is the setting for compelling new fiction, "The Last First Kiss," a book by former lawyer, judge, and law professor Walter Bennett. He lives in Chapel Hill with his wife Betsy, the former director of the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences

If you are past retirement age, and sometimes wonder what your life would have been like if — instead of breaking up with your high school sweetheart, you all had married and lived a different, entirely different, life and if sometimes your imagination takes you back 50 or 60 years, and memories of those tender times make you blush — if that is you, maybe you should not read this book.

If you do, it could set your heart ablaze in a dangerous way.

But if you pass this book by, you will miss some of the best writing to come out of the recent North Carolina literary scene.

The central character, Ace Sinclair, 75, is a retired Raleigh lawyer whose wife died a few years ago. As the book begins, he is sitting in an old family chair on the porch of his family's oceanfront vacation house at Pomeiooc Island, a fictional Outer Banks location.

Recently, he has been exchanging email messages with his high school sweetheart, J'nelle, his "first true love."

He has not seen her, except for glances at high school reunions, since their breakup when she went away to college.

A few years ago when he learned that J'nelle's husband had disappeared mysteriously, their off-and-on email correspondence began. It has now led her to accept his invitation to spend a weekend with him on Pomeiooc Island. He has no secret plan to seduce her but — well, you'll have to read the book

Hurricane Freya, although uninvited, will join the reunion and is making its way up the coast headed directly towards Pomeiooc.

All the action occurs within one weekend. The action is mostly conversations and those conversations sometimes pick up history, a lot of history, all the way back to their high school romance and all the years since.

As the author lets us hear their conversations, the revealing is painful but tender and shows how much each is seeking to reach out.

Ace remembers painfully some of his best trial performances, cross examinations that were perfectly appropriate legally, but which Ace feels tragically destroyed his client's accuser.

J'nelle's disastrous relationship with her daughter is painful even though we know it's fiction.

Most poignant are the stories of how they hurt each other when they were teenagers.

Their conversations over this one weekend teach them as much about each other as some couples learn only after many years together. On the other hand, thoughtful readers may find that they know more about Alex and J'nelle than the couple knows about each other.

Notwithstanding the strong story line constructed by the author, his beautiful writing is the star of the show. For example, read Bennett's description of the Outer Banks setting: "The aqua-blue water stretches before them, tipped in silver by the midday sun. An arm of the sound wraps around the point where they sit and cuts into the island through the marsh of mauve-tented needlegrass and gray yaupon. Lazy waves, loaded with bits of splintered wooden plastic, a small beach ball, and the ragged remnants of a crab net with the buoy still attached, slosh against the bank at their feet. Amidst the debris, the carcass of a white pelican, a wreck of bony wings and beak, gently rises and falls."

Read it for the story. Read it for the writing. Read it to stir your own old memories.

Just read it.

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Democrats don't know how to fight it and Republicans won't

My daily walk to and from school in 1st grade was past the house of the neighborhood bully.



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

Day after day I came home crying. Finally, my mother had enough.

"Listen son," she said. "I don't like fighting, but I am sick and tired of you coming home every day crying because of that bully. The next time he starts in on you I want you to ball up your fist and hit him in the stomach. Don't come home crying and complaining anymore."

I dreaded my walk home that next day and didn't know if I had enough courage to do what momma said. Sure enough, he came at me. I balled up my fist and punched him in the gut as hard as I could. I was amazed at what happened. He started crying and ran away. We became friends.

Unless I am misjudging current situations, many — maybe a majority — are fed up with the continuous bullying, harassment, extortion and attempts to undermine in North Carolina.

This is especially true with our schools. In an Iredell-Statesville school meeting parents angrily smashed a glass door. An Orange County football game was disrupted by white supremacists. The Orange County school board passed a resolution opposing "incidents of hostile and racist behavior," invoking angry protests from the Proud Boys. The chairperson of the Stanly County school board resigned after receiving death threats.

The Johnston County Commissioners threatened to withhold \$7.9 million in federal relief funds if the county school board didn't pass new rules limiting how teachers can discuss history and racism in their classrooms. The board capitulated to

the extortion. Teachers now risk losing their jobs if they even hint that historical figures were racist or less than perfect. How can we possibly educate our children with such harassment and intimidation? Why would anyone serve on a school board, given fights over masking and CRT?

The situation with education has gotten so bad that U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced the FBI would investigate the "disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff."

Senator Thom Tillis fired off a letter to Garland, saying "We urge you to make very clear to the American public that the Department of Justice will not interfere with the rights of parents to come before school boards and speak with educators about their concerns, whether regarding coronavirus-related measures, the teaching of critical race theory in schools, sexually explicit books in schools, or any other topic." Tillis didn't mention bullying, intimidation or unsafe behaviors toward educators or school boards.

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger pontificated that parents were only engaged in "peaceful protests" at school board meetings, compared to the violence seen at some 2020 Black Lives Matters protests over the killing of Black people by white police officers. Are the two related somehow?

And we wonder why children aren't doing well in school?

Congressman Madison Cawthorn, who represents the western nethermost region of our state, came all the way down to Johnston County to grandstand at a school board meeting about wearing masks, bragging he carried a knife to the meeting. Cawthorn first declared President Biden won

the 2020 presidential, but now has joined the conspiracy theorists saying it was stolen from Donald Trump, adding that if elections "continue to be stolen," it will "lead to one place, and that's bloodshed." He declared he would dread taking "arms against a fellow American," but was "willing to defend liberty at all costs." It's no surprise he supports the Jan. 6 insurrectionists.

Then there's Mark Robinson. After hearing about Attorney General Garland's investigation, our Lieutenant Governor proclaimed, "The Gestapo has spoken." He recently told a church group that transgenderism and homosexuality are "filth." Following calls for his resignation, Robinson tried to do damage control, saying he was talking about teaching LGBTQ+ education in schools and not about LGBTQ+ people themselves. This is the same Mark Robinson who created a task force to uncover massive evidence of Critical Race Theory being taught in our schools. The effort failed due to lack of evidence. In 2018, candidate Robinson said, "Half of black Democrats don't realize they are slaves and don't know who their masters are. The other half don't care."

The lesson I learned so many years ago is that you have to emphatically stand up to bullies or they will get louder and go as far as they can. Today's problem is that Democrats don't seem to know how to fight it and mainstream Republicans won't. They are like lemmings walking off a cliff.

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VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | ED BRONSON

When it's time to fib and forget

It's fun trying to guess how many pennies are piled up inside a glass jug. Researchers have done experiments that can track when someone tells a fib to another person about the penny count. The experiment is designed to see if telling one fib leads to telling more of them, and guess what? It does.

They ran it countless times in numerous combinations and confirmed the trend. More troubling, observing electrical signals in the emotional region of a lying brain reveals the

longer a person cheats, the less guilty she or he apparently feels about it. This jives with chronic liars operating on the pro circuit. Twisted motives and lack of remorse are awful to witness, but earn hardly a shrug among cocky perps.

Little children sometimes tell cute fibs and research shows they can learn how by the age of 2. If a little kid says to a loud man, "Your voice is hurting my ears," other adults nearby will likely snicker. Innocent comments aren't intentionally mean and jokesters love to goose the laughter level up higher. "Yeah, you're hurting my ears too!" Kids can be too candid, though, and that's when their parents privately tutor them about social manners. Everybody knows, for instance,

that Uncle Harvey has a bunch of very long hairs growing out of his nose but nobody points out what his shaving mirror keeps cussing at him about.

Perhaps another world exists where instead of wearing face masks people have no mouths at all. They breathe through their ears and eat by merely holding their hands above food, absorbing its nutritious energy while blissfully levitating. Lying of any sort is ridiculous when the idea makes your hair immediately undulate in neon colors and your eyes can't stop giggling. No matter how enormous the jug, everyone knows the exact penny count there. Everything is clear when nothing is deliberately shady.

But we don't live there. Who cares about pennies in a

life dominated by financially deformed brainiacs? Shrewd billionaires make millionaires look like wannabe chumps. Many people are disenchanted about the bait that helped it all happen like free search engines, social media, and shareware. Turns out, such conveniences cost us way more than cash. Contentment is as dodgy as the White Rabbit because we're constantly bombarded with worrisome news about yet another terrible mess. We rarely agree either about what's causing the latest emergency while a parade of public figures say, from behind crystal screens, that they earnestly feel our pain. Large groups of Americans even question what was once naively called common (obvious) sense. It's loony to believe that

an anonymous "they" behind the scenes, haughty heartless villains, routinely finagle outrageous deeds for selfish ends. Outrageous conduct pretends it's normal, though, and in PTSD aftershock, we freeze, sigh deeply, and mutter, "It's nothing." Maybe we just need to fib and fuhgeddaboutit.

Ed Bronson became a wood shop teacher for exceptional middle school students at age 40. He wonders what became of them as well as thousands of high school students who graduated from a Career & Technical Education campus where he was principal until his retirement in 2015. He has a B.A. in Cultural Studies: Religion and a M.S. in Instructional Development.

What will the Fed do?

During my 43 years of teaching economics at N.C. State, my favorite part of the introductory economics class was the topic of the Federal Reserve.

I'd open the lecture asking students if they'd like to buy things without deducting any funds from their financial accounts. Heads would nod "yes." Then I'd follow up by asking if they knew of a person, company or institution that could do that. Perplexed stares signaled "no."

Happy I now had their attention, I would tell the students there actually is an institution that can buy things without deducting an account. Effectively, the institution does so by printing money. Its name — the Federal Reserve System, or "Fed" for short. The Fed is the central bank of the country. In this role, the Fed has many important duties, such as supervising banks.

But the most important power of the Fed is monetary policy. The Fed uses its ability to create money — paper in the old days, digital today — to expand or contract spending in the economy and to raise or lower key interest rates. Using this power, the Fed has the ability to move the \$24 trillion national economy.

We can see the Fed at work during the COVID-19 pandemic. A large part of the \$6 trillion the federal government has appropriated to help households, businesses and institutions get through the pandemic was financed by the Fed.

How was this done? The federal government issued debt, called Treasury securities, to pay for the various COVID-19 relief programs. The Fed bought large amounts of these Treasury securities by creating more money. Indeed, the nation's supply of money almost doubled in the past two years.

In effect, the Fed enabled the federal government to rescue the economy from the pandemic. The statistics show the results. After plunging during the spring of 2020, the economy came roaring back in the summer and fall. Amazingly, median household income was higher in 2020 than in 2019, and the poverty rate was lower after this aid was included.

Although COVID-19 is still with us, some measures show the economy has fully recovered. Indeed, attention has now turned to issues typically seen in a strong economy, specifically higher inflation rates and tight labor markets.

To contain inflation and labor costs, the Fed would put its current policy in reverse. The Fed would sell Treasury securities and pull money out of the economy, and it would also nudge interest rates higher.

The current Federal Reserve governing board has indicated it may be ready to turn monetary policy around. This means the Fed would be de-stimulating, or slowing, the economy. While this may be good for containing inflation that can be caused by too much money creation, there's also the possible downsides of slower job growth and higher unemployment.

This is not a new dilemma for the Fed. Congress has given the Fed two mandates: maintain full employment, but also achieve low inflation. Unfortunately, the two goals don't necessarily go together. Full employment often leads to a tight labor market and faster rising costs and prices. To achieve low inflation, sometimes slower economic growth has to be tolerated. The two goals can be reached together, but getting there may be hard.

There's also the matter of timing. A risk of continuing rapid money creation and low interest rates is that higher inflation rates will become deeply embedded in the economy. Then, lowering those high inflationary expectations becomes tougher and can require the hard medicine of a severe recession.

The country went through this scenario 40 years ago in the early 1980s. Rising inflation rates were left unaddressed for several years, ultimately reaching double-digit annual rates for two straight years. Then, under a new Fed chairperson whose orders were to end rampant inflation, the Fed slammed on the monetary brakes. A deep, multi-year recession resulted with lost jobs and incomes. However, the upside was that high inflation rates disappeared.

There are some economists who fear we are at a similar point to where we were 40 years ago. While much higher than in recent years, today's annual inflation rate is still half of what it was in the early 1980s. Hence, the goal of reducing inflation to where it was before the recent rise — 1% to 2% annually — is within striking distance. But if the Fed waits too long and inflation continues to spike, then the task — and the cost in jobs and incomes — will be much greater.

The Fed is an amazing institution. That's why I loved teaching about it to students. The Fed has the ability to change the course of our economic ship, and rather quickly. Right now, the Fed is debating its future course. Its decision will have profound impacts on the entire economy and every individual and business. Paraphrasing an old ad, "when the Fed speaks, we should listen."

You decide if this is good advice to follow, especially now.

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Freedom, not an overthrow

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to vent about a bald-faced lie going around and I am tired of hearing it. In April 1861 the Southern States were NOT traitors trying to overthrow the government. The Southern States just wanted the freedom to leave the Union. Northern narcissists decided they had rather murder those who lived in the South instead of granting them the freedom to leave the Union.

Once again the Southern States are losing their freedoms. Someone or some organization is deleting the South's freedom to the South's Civil and Constitutional Rights to their History and Historical Monuments while using the bald-faced lie that in 1861 the Southern States were traitors.

It looks as if those deleting the Civil and Constitutional Rights of those who live in the South are also trying to delete the Civil and Constitutional Rights of ALL the fair-skinned school children in the U.S. by using something called CRT (Critical Race Theory); thus, punishing fair-skinned school children for what people did over 100 years ago.

With all the other countries working against us, one would think we would work together to make the United States the greatest and safest nation in the world. Because, if the U.S. is finally destroyed we will have nowhere to go. The other nations hate us and would not want us, nor would they send us food. We need to stop the lies and work together as a nation. We really need to make this the greatest and safest nation in the world for ALL Americans.

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Support carbon pricing

TO THE EDITOR:

Are you one of three Americans now directly affected by an extreme climate change event? Are you ready to act on solving climate change?

In 2019, I joined Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL), one of many effective organizations providing evidence-based solutions toward success. Since 2007, CCL continues to build a grassroots non-partisan coalition of over 200,000 members in more than 560 chapters around the world promoting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act's cash-back carbon pricing legislation "in a

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relentless, unstoppable, yet friendly and respectful way" (CCL Founder, Marshall Saunders). Carbon pricing is the fastest and most effective lever to decarbonize the planet.

Who supports carbon pricing? Listing a few: leading climate scientists, economists (including 28 Nobel Laureates), mayors, businesses, all living "ex" and current Federal Reserve chairs. Nearly 75% of Americans support taxing corporations for their emissions with 75% of Republicans under 40 wanting our government to limit carbon pollution with collected carbon price money given as a monthly cash payment to citizens. So, please join the likes of U.S. Senators Mitt Romney (R-Utah), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-Rhode Island), Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, and ordinary citizens like me to call for carbon pricing legislation!

Minta Phillips, M.D.
Julian

Recognizing Principal Doty for her work

TO THE EDITOR:

Every day in Chatham county, principals head to work, thinking of one thing: the success of their students.

Principals are champions for kids, and work to ensure they have everything they need to learn, thrive and grow. They also know that with proper nutrition, kids are more likely to reach their full potential. Through their efforts, they are leading the way to end childhood hunger for students in their schools.

Principal Amy Doty at Perry Harrison Elementary is a perfect example. She visits the cafeteria on a regular basis to make sure things are running smoothly and that the kids are all getting a nutritious meal. If a student comes in late, she has been known to walk that child down to the cafeteria to ensure they still receive breakfast. When the cafeteria is understaffed, she even jumps in herself and finds other staff to support the hardworking school nutrition department.

Yet, this year, principals are facing an immense set of challenges as the pandemic continues.

Despite these obstacles, principals continue to collaborate with school nutrition departments, teachers and other school staff to get kids the food they need, providing critical support in this ever-changing school year.

This Principal Appreciation Month, we recognize leaders like Principal Doty who are

behind the scenes, making decisions to help staff and students stay safe, healthy and nourished.

Helen Roberts
Raleigh

The writer is the School Outreach Educator for No Kid Hungry North Carolina.

Support Vose for Pittsboro Commissioner

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently had the opportunity to speak with James Vose about his vision for the future of the town of Pittsboro and I liked what I heard.

I believe that Mr. Vose has a good handle on what is important to the citizens of Pittsboro, including clean and safe drinking water, a reasonable approach to the management of the growth of the town and supporting policies that encourage a vibrant small business community, particularly in the historic downtown.

I now understand that Mr. Vose and I are in agreement that it has been strategically short-sighted for the town to subordinate the goals of the town that relate to upgrading the aging utility systems (utility plants and collection/distribution systems) that support citizens and businesses who have resided in Pittsboro for decades, while elevating the goal of creating new infrastructure to support future citizens and future businesses that do not yet exist. I am confident that he can and will find a way to work productively with developers without leaving the current citizens of Pittsboro behind.

As a small business owner himself, I know that he will be attuned to the needs of small businesses in the community and an advocate for small business initiatives. He also made it clear to me that diversity and inclusion are important issues for him and that he will represent all of the citizens of Pittsboro to the best of his ability. I admire James Vose's willingness to take on the vital role of Commissioner for the town of Pittsboro and I recommend him to you with the utmost confidence and enthusiasm. I hope that you will find time to go to the polls this November and cast a vote for James Vose.

William G. "Bill" Terry
Pittsboro

The writer was town manager of Pittsboro from 2007 to 2012 and mayor from 2013 to 2015.

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MONUMENT

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\$200,000 in expenses related to maintaining security around the area of the monument during a months-long series of meetings, protests and demonstrations in Pittsboro that ultimately resulted in injuries, dozens of arrests and, for a time, statewide and some nationwide attention.

Time and seasons, a divisive election cycle, a global pandemic, worldwide protests over the killing of George Floyd, major construction projects in the courthouse area and fact that the monument is no longer there have factored into protesters largely keeping away for the past year from the area where the monument used to stand.

As for the monument itself, a few county officials are aware of its exact current location, but anyone who knows isn't giving specifics. County Manager Dan LaMontagne, when asked whether members of the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy — so far, deemed the monument's legal owner — know where it's stored, replied simply: "They know we have it."

And the county is patiently biding time until the UDC — which, in turn and in court papers, says it gifted the monument to the county in 1907 — claims it.

Thus, the limbo part: Chatham County emerged as winner in the most recent court order involving the monument's ownership. It argued, prior to a Dec. 4, 2019, court decision, that a license housed in the N.C. Archives from the time of the monument's installation says that an agreement existed for the county to house the monument, but the monument would remain the property of the UDC. The monument being privately-owned on public land means its placement was not subject to a law the UDC claimed would prevent its removal from the grounds of the courthouse.

The Winnie Davis Chapter of the UDC appealed that decision. Since then, there's been little to add.

Chatham County Attorney Bob Hagemann told the News + Record the case has been fully briefed in the N.C. Court of Appeals.

"However," he said in an email message, "on March 18 the Court issued an order holding the case in abeyance pending the resolution of United Daughters of the Confederacy v. City of Winston-Salem, No. 21A21, by the North Carolina Supreme Court."

The state Supreme Court has yet to rule on that case — a decision which would likely impact Chatham's case, according to various county officials.

A BRIEF MONUMENT TIMELINE

October 1898: The Winnie Davis Chapter of the UDC is officially organized. At some point, the group lost its charter and was re-organized in May 2019.

Aug. 23, 1907: The monument was erected in downtown Pittsboro.

June 23, 1988: The county commissioners agree to remove the statue from its pedestal for repairs and renovations. It was put back soon afterward.

July 23, 2015: N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory signs the Historic Artifact Management and Patriotism Act, mandated that any "monuments, memorials and works of art owned by the state may not be removed, relocated, or altered in any way without the approval of the North Carolina Historical Commission." Exceptions in the law carved out space for highway markers set up by the state Board of Transportation, objects that pose a threat to public safety "because of an unsafe or dangerous condition" or items owned by private parties located on public property. The statue at Chatham

County's Historic Courthouse is privately owned on public property, meaning it could fill one of those exceptions.

April 15, 2019: Chatham County's board of commissioners vote 4-1 to instruct the county attorney to explore options for removing the Confederate monument from its place. More than 40 citizens made comments on the monument and what the board should do. Earlier in the night, the advocacy group Chatham for All made a presentation to the commissioners on why the monument should be removed.

June 17, 2019: The commissioners approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the UDC to discuss options to "reimagine" the Confederate monument.

July 17, 2019: Representatives of the county and the UDC meet to discuss the MOU.

August 5, 2019: UDC President Barbara Pugh tells the News + Record in a statement that the monument "should not be illegally moved or altered" and that it would be "inappropriate that we re-imagine the statue in any way." She cited the Historic Artifact Management and Patriotism Act as

one of the defenses.

Aug. 19, 2019: The county commissioners vote 4-1 to terminate the county's agreement with the UDC for the placement of the monument. Many in the board room expressed their anger, with a brief scuffle over a camera shot and one man calling Commissioner Karen Howard "island girl" and saying the four board members who voted yes should "rot in hell." The board sets an Oct. 1 deadline for getting a plan from the UDC and said that after Nov. 1, if not removed, it would become a public trespass.

Sept. 28, 2019: The first in what will be a series of arrests — a Fuquay-Varina man and Chapel Hill man — are made at protests and counter protests surrounding the monument and the board's decision. Arrests were made in the ensuing weeks, mostly for fights and carrying concealed weapons illegally.

Oct. 1, 2019: The deadline set by the board of commissioners for the UDC to submit a removal plan comes and goes without any action.

Oct. 23, 2019: The UDC files a complaint seeking a temporary restraining order and requesting an injunction

against the county's future removal of the monument, saying the county had claimed ownership by repairing the statue in 1988 and the removal would be "unlawful" based on the 2015 North Carolina law protecting publicly owned monuments.

Oct. 28, 2019: Judge Charles M. Viser grants the temporary restraining order for a 10-day period. The period is later extended after a court date was pushed back.

Nov. 13, 2019: After a delay in the court's ruling, Superior Court Judge Susan Bray denied the request for an injunction, essentially saying the county was free to do what it wanted with the monument while the question of ownership was determined. Bray also allowed attorneys for Chatham for All and the West Chatham NAACP to participate in the case.

Nov. 16, 2019: 12 arrests are made during Saturday of protests around in Pittsboro.

Nov. 19, 2019: Chatham County officials release the following statement at 10:45 p.m.: "The removal of the Confederate monument outside the Chatham County historic courthouse in downtown Pittsboro has begun."

"The county (as defendant) received the decision in Chatham Superior Court that the county was, in fact, not the owner of the monument and therefore could remove it," Chatham Commissioner Diana Hales told the News + Record. "Further, that the petitioners in this action (Daughters of Confederacy and other individuals) did not have legal 'standing' to bring the complaint. The Daughters of the Confederacy has appealed that decision and it is now in North Carolina Court of Appeals."

Hales, part of a 4-1 board vote on Aug. 19, 2019, to terminate the county's agreement with the UDC for the placement of the monument, said she didn't know what the status was regarding additional potential hearings, nor whether a written opinion might come from the N.C. Court of Appeals after the review of the Superior Court case.

Hagemann, the county's attorney, hasn't provided any news to the commissioners as to timing of the Appeals Court review, she said.

Timing in that decision?

"Could be a while," Hales speculated.

Two years ago, after she and fellow commissioners — Jim Crawford, Mike Dasher and Karen Howard — voted to effectively give the county the power to remove the monument (then-Commissioner Andy Wilkie opposed Crawford's motion), Hales said the story of Confederate veterans was "worth retelling and commemorating."

But not in the form of a monument on public property.

"It is a constant reminder of the brutality, second-class status and political power that the white population exercised over their neighbors of black skin," Hales said in August 2019. "The monument should be relocated to an appropriate commemorative site."

Whether that happens remains partly dependent upon a decision of the courts and on additional appeals and legal rulings.

And will the county appeal if the Daughters win their appeal?

"We cannot speculate on any fur-

ther appeal until the Court of Appeals issues its opinion," Hagemann told the News + Record.

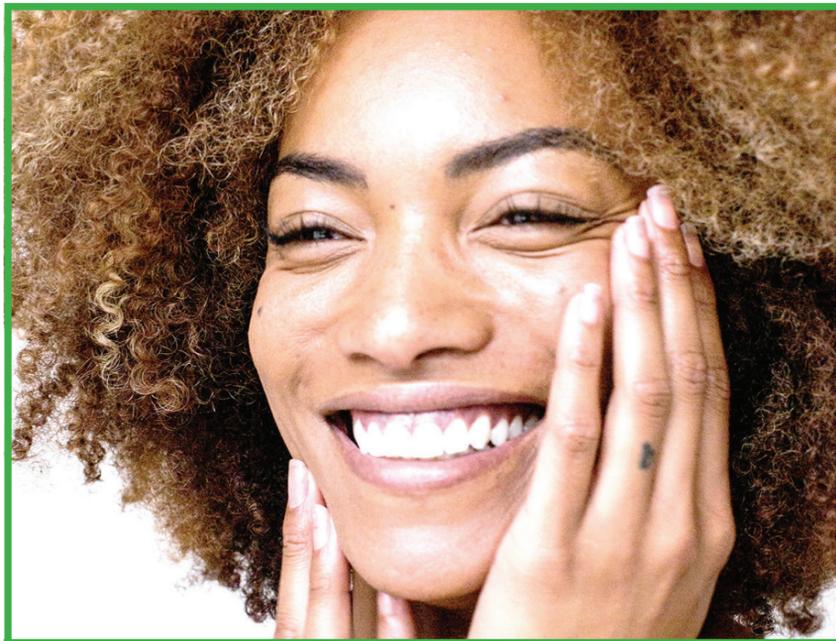
And in the mum's the word category, various county officials queried by the News + Record each provided similar responses to questions Chatham residents may ask about the monument.

No, there's been no communication between the county and the UDC since the removal of the statue.

No, there's been no discussions about other potential locations for the monument.

"It's in storage right now, and it belongs to the Daughters of the Confederacy," LaMontagne said. "Until they find an appropriate location for it, we'll keep it in storage and continue to pay rent and keep it protected there."

To see a collection of court documents related to the Confederate monument, go to <https://www.nccourts.gov/locations/chatham-county/chatham-county-cases-of-public-interest>.



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PITTSBORO COMMISSIONER | JAMES VOSE

Full name: William James Vose Jr.
Date/place of birth: Rochester, New Hampshire
Current occupation: Small Business Owner of Vose Natural Stone; we are a granite, marble and engineered stone countertop company.
Campaign website/social media: www.GoVose.info
Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): son William, 23; son Waylon, 13.
Party affiliation: Independent
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: N/A
Campaign manager: Dr. Jennifer Platt
Custodian of Funds: Linda Batley

Why are you seeking this office?: I'm running for Town Commissioner because I was encouraged to. And I'm now at a place in my life where I can devote the effort truly needed to do this job well. After discussing it with my sons, we decided that now was the ideal time to step up and support this community, engage with neighbors, and have a positive influence in the growth that is already underway. I humbly ask for your support and your vote.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: As a representative of the voters of Pittsboro, it will be my job to understand their concerns and to voice them at town meetings. My 45 years of life experience that include running a successful small business, serving in the US Army, and founding an impactful nonprofit organization operating on two continents are skills where I've learned the compassion & the discipline that will serve the citizens of Pittsboro well.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you, spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: I believe that growth should pay for itself. My budgetary philosophy would be to strive for sensible spending coupled with the idea that Pittsboro's municipal cost increases are due to the increases in development. Beyond that, I would look to the voters.

The commissioners' main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: I will listen to the citizens' views and bring them to the town board. All views. My skills & discipline from the Army, founding the non-profit, starting a small business with a successful long run, raising two boys, being involved in my community..... these give me the ability to listen, and make a sound decision based on facts, science, and the needs & health of the community.

Pittsboro's water contamination is one of the most critical issues facing the town's elected officials and staff. Regular water pollution affecting people's health and costing the town more money than it would spend under different circumstances. How will you find

the balance between prioritizing residents' health, using town resources responsibly and giving appropriate attention to other important initiatives?: I will work with my fellow Board members and the Town staff to explore ways to disincentivized upstream dischargers - more to come on that.

Chatham Park plans to introduce 50,000+ residents to Pittsboro (which is now about 4,500) over coming decades. Overseeing such development is one of the board's most frequent tasks. The topic comes with some conflict, especially between the pro-development community and environmentalists. What is your philosophy with respect to development and growth and the rapid change that is coming to Pittsboro?: I will listen to the citizens' views regarding the development and bring them to the town board. All views. My skills & discipline from the Army, founding the non-profit, starting a small business with a successful long run, raising two boys, being involved in my community.....all these give me the ability to listen, and make a sound decision based on facts, science, and the needs & wellbeing of the community.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: Regarding development: Encourage ordinances and zoning practices that help ensure Pittsboro retains its 'destination economy' future & character - where people from the region and beyond will want to visit, spend their dollars on local businesses. We will track this through local business surveys, special event attendance, sales tax revenues, and other tracking tools. Nurture a downtown environment & throughout the town that draws both visitors and locals; increase the number of small businesses annually by 10% that will enhance the town's character; not those that will diminish it.

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: Our flavor - the cultural and creative initiatives (such as the beautiful murals around town) that bring 21st century skills and energy. Our diverse population - nurturing and inclusiveness of different backgrounds; the blend of old and new - the nostalgic old downtown buildings and beautiful new parks [And as a close 4th - Access to locally-grown foods through farmer's markets and community-supported agriculture].

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: 1. Improved water quality and capacities for our assured & expansive growth. We should also hold the upstream industrial dischargers accountable so that the taxpayers don't bear the burden of paying for safe drinking water. 2. Accountability and communications with the Town's citizens about ongoing and urgent matters. 3. Soliciting engagement and feedback from the voters so the Commissioners can represent and address local concerns

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: I will apply to serve on a local Board, whether a Town or nonprofit. I am also interested in working with the citizens of Firetower Road and other areas that were redlined out to pull them back into the Town's limits if so desired.

PITTSBORO COMMISSIONER | PAMELA BALDWIN

Full name: Pamela Baldwin
Date/place of birth: 11/1957, Pittsboro, NC Chatham County, North Carolina
Current occupation: Counselor
Family: Daughter, Brandy, Bradley Sr. Grandsons, Bradley Jr. 6 years old, Branden 4 years old.
Party affiliation: Democrat
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: Pittsboro Town Commissioner, Since 2005

Why are you seeking this office?: To continue and complete the work on behalf of the Town of Pittsboro and its citizens in order that Pittsboro is a place to thrive and excel for all its citizens and achieve it by recruitment of good jobs, workforce and affordable, seeking a remedy to the drinking water concerns. Also to enhance and achieve community interaction among each other.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: The establishment and review of Town Policy/ Ordinances, the governing body for the Town, hiring of the Town Manager, Service to the Town and to the public while maintaining and adhering to State and Federal Laws. I have the acquired knowledge and expertise to continue and fill this role.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you, spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: This is not a so simple answer of one over the other. Anytime there are budget discussions, it is imperative to keep both issues in mind and examine not only these issues but other issues and impacts as well. It is necessary to allocate funds to programs and departments but to simultaneously keep in mind the tax rate and the effect it has on citizens. Cutting spending is also part of the review process and certainly an option if necessary.

The commissioners' main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: Review, research, and weigh the issue, listen to various viewpoints, receive recommendations/ input from the town manage and staff, review recommendations from advisory boards and committees and determine the course of action which is best for the Town and the citizens and then make an informed decision.

Pittsboro's water contamination is

one of the most critical issues facing the town's elected officials and staff. Regular water pollution affecting people's health and costing the town more money than it would spend under different circumstances. How will you find the balance between prioritizing residents' health, using town resources responsibly and giving appropriate attention to other important initiatives?: This is occurring now. Of course the citizen's health is the main priority. And the Town Board, Town Manager and Staff continue to seek funding sources and other solutions and innovative ways to handle this situation while at the same time handling other important issues. Also, with caution weigh the other projects/initiatives and upon review determine the next steps, which maybe postponing other projects to a later date.

Chatham Park plans to introduce 50,000+ residents to Pittsboro (which is now about 4,500) over coming decades. Overseeing such development is one of the board's most frequent tasks. The topic comes with some conflict, especially between the pro-development community and environmentalists. What is your philosophy with respect to development and growth and the rapid change that is coming to Pittsboro?: Planned responsible growth and careful planning has always been the means to handle prospective rapid growth. Plans must be well thought out with as little effect on the environment as possible. It is imperative to have input from the public regarding planning as well as discussions and negotiations with the developers.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: Complete the Unified Development Agreement. Revise the Land Use Plan.

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: Pittsboro has traditionally been the type of friendly place where we greet each other with a hello, nod, wave and / or smile regardless of whether you know that person or not, Relatively peaceful and calm- stroll downtown and enjoy the outside, good, down home restaurants.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: Workforce / affordable housing, cultural center, children and youth summer/ winter fun and sport activities.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: Seek or Continue as a member of various advisory committees. Volunteer at the new charter school for Boys and locate mentors. Research increased educational opportunities. Internships. Partner with local community college to establish and identify future opportunities to succeed.

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developers and to incentivize them in ways that they can find it in their business model to create affordable housing."

One area regarding affordable housing Pittsboro residents are concerned about surround the Chatham Park development. Commissioners have made it mandatory for the the community's developers to include an affordable housing component.

They have, but Fiocco feels Chatham Park could do better.

"I do believe the 5% [the minimum threshold for affordable housing within the development] they are proposing is insufficient," he said. "It is still far in excess of the 1% that they originally proposed, so I think we are heading in the right direction, but I think we will have to follow through and make it the quality affordable housing component we know it can be."

Pamela Baldwin

Baldwin has served as a commissioner since 2005. She said she wants to continue the work she has started as a board member. "This is really an open government, and as a commissioner, I certainly believe that is always what we need to do," Baldwin said.

Baldwin is also campaigning on the issue of affordable housing, which is not an issue ex-

clusive to Pittsboro. She serves with Fiocco on the affordable housing group, and she also said the affordable housing package proposed by Chatham Park is not enough.

"We've looked at tax incentives, we looked at other means of attempting to obtain affordable housing, we are working with developers and we are looking at more incentives as well," Baldwin said. "We will be listening to our citizens, as well as our town manager, and our fellow commissioners and mayor as to how to update and correct any concerns."

The affordable housing component of development in Pittsboro will not be limited to one area, according to Baldwin. She wants to make sure affordable housing is available throughout the various developments in town, not just in one spot.

Another important issue for Baldwin is bringing in jobs and improving economic development in Pittsboro. She said she wants to collaborate with local schools and the community college to better prepare students for their careers.

"We need good-paying jobs," she said. "The way to achieve that is we need to work with the high school, in terms of their curriculum to see in what direction they are going so they can send students out prepared."

Baldwin believes the town should look at what neighboring universities

are doing with their curriculum and implement some of the materials at the community college.

"The community college is a great resource in reference to providing learning to our students," she said. "We have UNC and all of these universities around, so we can certainly go to UNC, look at their curriculum, go to North Carolina A&T, look at what curriculum they have. We need to actually bring things like that to the Town of Pittsboro so that our children will be willing to come back and live in Pittsboro so they can have jobs and opportunities here."

James Vose

Vose, seeking office for the first time, has lived in Chatham County for 20 years, but he has lived in Pittsboro specifically for two years. He wants to bring a fresh face and voice to the town of Pittsboro.

"I've felt stagnant for kind of a while now, but I certainly don't feel stagnant right now," he said. "Just all of those things coming into place play at the same time told me there's no reason for me not to step up and try."

Vose's main concerns in Pittsboro surround the quality of the drinking water, as well as the growth surrounding Pittsboro and Chatham Park.

The newcomer said he believes the water quality issue should be the first priority of the commissioners and the town.

"When it comes to this subject of water, we all

talk about it, but I don't see any new ideas," Vose said. "I think that calling people out by name and just challenging them to do better, especially on election years, I think that might be a big part of the solution, but I think that takes energy."

When it comes to the large number of people expected to move into Pittsboro in the coming years, Vose feels there is a way to make sure everyone is happy — including

long-time residents.

"I'm glad to see that their property values are improving, but a lot of people here live on a fixed income," he said. "I don't think they should bear the burden, the upfront burden of increased costs and infrastructure when it's directly because of development."

Vose may be new to the Pittsboro political scene, but he said he believes he has the energy and the ability to take one of the

open seats.

"I'm running against two incumbents, multi-term incumbents, and I don't see a lot of energy — I see experience, and I don't see energy or inclusion," he said. "When I go on and talk to people, I'm the only one that has, from their words, not mine, I think we need more of an emphasis on inclusion."

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PITTSBORO COMMISSIONER | MICHAEL FIOCCO

Full name: Michael Angelo Fiocco
Date/place of birth: Miami, Fla.
Current occupation: Partner in Civil Consultants, Inc. a Land Planning and Civil Engineering firm and Co-owner, with Jamie Fiocco, of Flyleaf Books, an independent book store.
Campaign website/social media: None.
Family: Jamie Fiocco, wife.
Party affiliation: Unaffiliated.
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: Pittsboro Commissioner since 2009.
Campaign manager: Me.
Campaign treasurer: Me.

Why are you seeking this office?: I've served the people of Pittsboro for 12 years as Commissioner and have been encouraged by constituents to continue to represent them. I am willing and able to continue to serve.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: A Commissioner is entrusted with numerous responsibilities of service to the community and for providing timely and thoughtful leadership decisions for the just, sustainable, and smart growth of the community.
In one sentence, I have the temperament, perspective and work ethic to process the myriad concerns of the Town in a timely manner in order to promote the public health, safety, welfare and smart growth of the community.

One of the most important de-

isions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you, spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: I believe allocating the Public dollar is the practice of making wise investments. There is a difficult balance to be achieved between keeping costs down, saving for a rainy day and making timely investments. All are critical to the sustainability of the Town and must be employed as complements to each other.

The commissioners' main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: I believe it is the obligation of Commissioners to honor the law and personal rights of citizens when voting on matters and for ensuring opportunity and long-term prosperity for everyone.

Pittsboro's water contamination is one of the most critical issues facing the town's elected officials and staff. Regular water pollution affecting people's health and costing the town more money than it would spend under different circumstances. How will you find the balance between prioritizing residents' health, using town resources responsibly and giving appropriate attention to other important initiatives?: The issue of contaminants in the Town's water supply taken from the Haw River is a critical matter. It is an issue that effects many throughout the Cape Fear River basin but is felt acutely in Pitts-

boro as we are the only municipality pulling water directly from the Haw. Other nearby communities have the benefit of larger water bodies such as Jordan Lake from which to pull their water where the increased volume provides for dilution in the concentration of the contaminants. As such Pittsboro has had to take on the burden of making substantial investments in our water treatment processes which has been done on a system wide scale in order to serve the community as a whole. We expect this system to be fully functional later this year. We also seek to reduce the contaminants in the water supply from upstream contributors and to gain financial assistance with the cost of removing contaminants by means of advanced treatment.

Chatham Park plans to introduce 50,000+ residents to Pittsboro (which is now about 4,500) over coming decades. Overseeing such development is one of the board's most frequent tasks. The topic comes with some conflict, especially between the pro-development community and environmentalists. What is your philosophy with respect to development and growth and the rapid change that is coming to Pittsboro?: I have been a member of the Board since 2009 and much focus during my tenure has been on the Chatham Park project. As such I've been involved in many aspects of the project and contributed to keeping the project vision one of balancing economic and environmental sustainability. Chatham Park has always provided a challenge to Pittsboro, as it would for any municipality, but the timing of the project occurred when the Town was

small (still is) and the economy of the nation was in turmoil. The opportunity presented was at times all-consuming. The use of the concept of the Additional Elements was a great tool to enable the project to get established while taking the necessary time to "cross the t's and dot the i's". Six years later eleven of the twelve Additional Elements have been adopted and they establish development requirements unique to Chatham Park. Many of these requirements are likely to be the basis for Town wide regulations as the UDO continues to be developed. Today however, unique to Chatham Park are the following requirements:

- allocation of areas for Tree Protection and Preservation
- dedication of Open Space at an increased volume from Town Standard
- dedication of recreation space at an accelerated rate from Town Standard
- construction of many Parks
- adherence to greater flood protection from larger storms
- adherence to the original Jordan Rules regarding treatment for nitrogen and phosphorus
- greater limits to wetland impacts as a result of the size of the project deemed a Common Plan of Development
- adherence to greater landscape buffer and tree planting requirements
- adherence to larger stream buffer requirements
- adherence to many features of the Dark Skies initiative
- creation and establishment of Public Arts within individual projects
- reservation of School and Fire Department Station Site

opportunities

- provision of Affordable Housing (last and soon to be established Element)

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: Increase in the quantity and quality of water and sewer infrastructure and the continued focus on a vibrant and welcoming downtown.

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: Iconic small town architecture and feel; opportunity for economic growth; eclectic, artistic, engaged citizens.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: Getting the word of the Town's business out to the public. The Town can do a better job and to that end is seeking to hire a Public Information Officer. Allocating greater resources toward maintenance of our Parks' facilities. Allowing for greater housing density and opportunities for affordable and work force housing.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: I will continue my work with the Main Street Program as a board member and as Chair of the Design Committee. I have long recognized the incredible opportunity to downtown business presented by the growth of Chatham Park creating new and additional customers. We have a uniquely distinguished downtown that is a real attraction. It cannot be replicated and with support and investment can capitalize on the growth for a thriving and vibrant downtown.

WELLNESS

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The service is meant to help children and ado-

lescents who need more than typical outpatient treatment, which usually entails a one-hour visit per week. This could include situations

like truancy, reported trauma, serious behavioral issues at school or when social services are involved. The team works to help keep children in

the home, or work toward reunification with parents if a child is in foster care. Intensive in-home therapy can entail up to three to four visits per week, provided by a team which meets with the family and child throughout the week.

In Chatham, Daymark Recovery Services in Siler City also offers intensive in-home services, and like Renaissance, offers bilingual services to Spanish-speaking families. Other clinics in the Triangle also offer the service; it's not a question of whether the service was already being provided, Barbee said, but how Renaissance could help reduce the need she was seeing in Chatham.

"We have Daymark here and I think one other agency that does that

as well. But you're still kind of limited, right? After they fill up, they're full," Barbee said, adding that she had heard of waiting lists from clinics in neighboring counties that service Chatham of up to four to six months. "And so at that point, I was thinking, 'OK, we need to try to do something, because this is not working,'" she said. "This just doesn't make sense that there's such a need, but only these handful of agencies are able to provide it."

Renaissance currently has one team to provide intensive in-home services, with 12 clients. Due to the higher needs of kids using these services, the state caps teams at 12 clients, so Barbee is currently in the process of hiring enough staff to start a second team.

Referrals for intensive services often come from the child's school, but can be made on Renaissance's website.

Relationship building is crucial to the service, Barbee said, since families are often anxious about someone coming to their homes several times a week.

"This service provides more than just outpatient therapy with a therapist, a lot of times these kids need case management," she said. "They need someone that can reach out to other stakeholders, help them help the parents connect with other resources. And this is most helpful because we know that if they didn't have that, you just have kids and families in the situation where they wouldn't know who to go to, or how to get the help for their child."

Without such strong connections, families are less likely to trust the therapy team and reach out to them if they feel like their children are going into crisis.

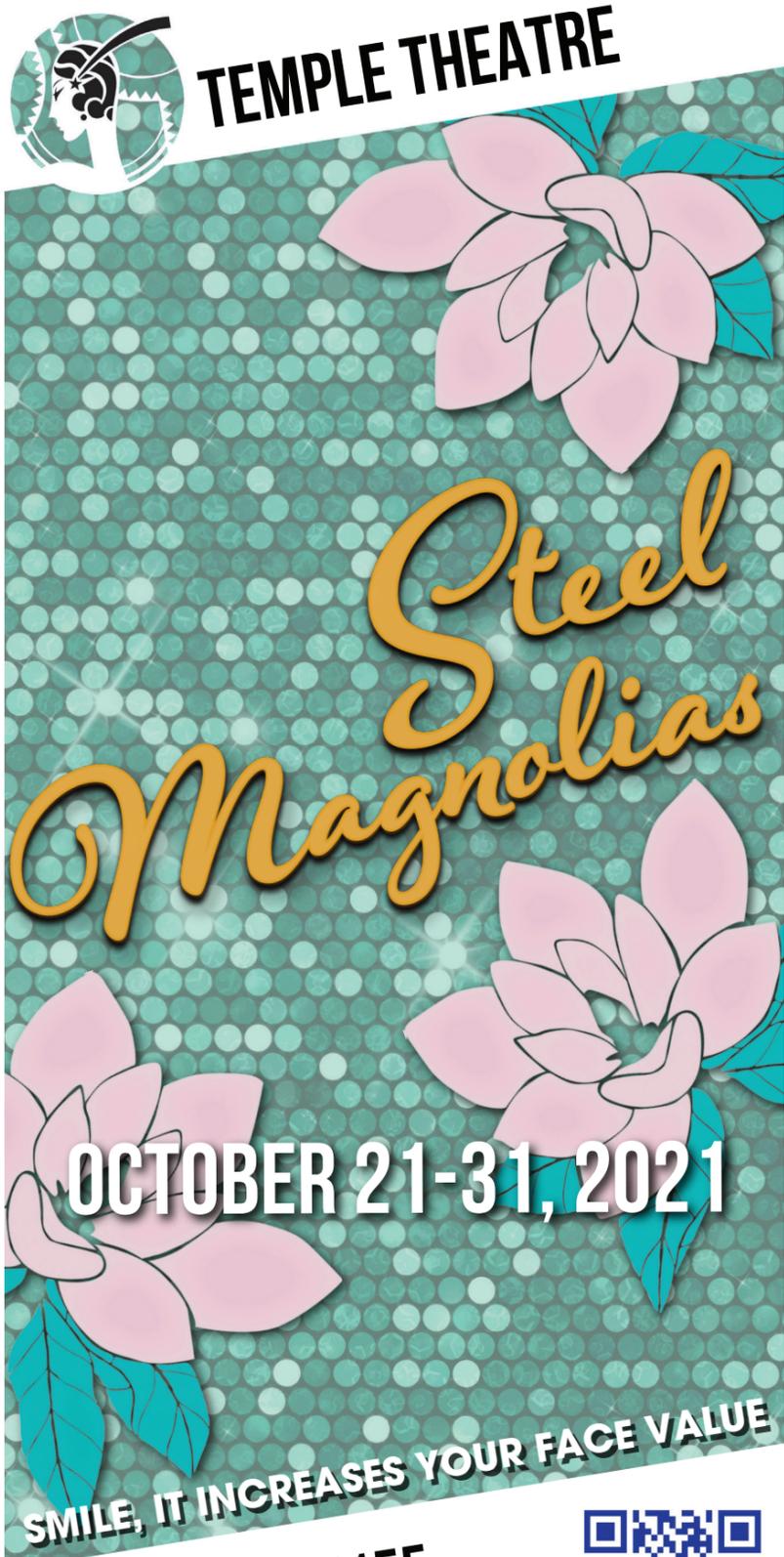
The interaction of families, coupled with continued referrals, speaks to the effectiveness of the service, Barbee said. Since launching the program, she said the need hasn't slowed down — something she attributes to the pandemic and the stresses that come from being at home for a year.

Renaissance wants to grow its intensive in-home services to help more Chatham families through such specific referrals and targeted types of intervention.

"That's probably one of the top benefits of intensive in-home," she said, "and then obviously, for Chatham County, being such a rural county, you have some families that live in areas where if someone didn't come to them to help get those needs met, they wouldn't be able to get that type of help."

You can learn more at <https://bit.ly/3AVArpn>.

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



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OBITUARIES

DR. CLIFFORD B. DAVID



October 1, 1946 – October 2, 2021

Dr. Clifford Baynes David was born on October 1, 1946, in Jacksonville, Florida, to the late Dr. J.K. David and Ethel Fearl David. After completing medical school at Duke University, Dr. David practiced pediatrics for 50 years, both in Jacksonville and around the world. He finished his pediatric training at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children in London, U.K., and in

1975 moved to Sana'a, Yemen where he worked as a volunteer doctor in a children's clinic. He returned to the U.S. in 1977 to complete a Master's in Public Health at Harvard and then opened a private practice in Pittsboro, North Carolina.

Feeling the need for new, professional challenges and a desire to improve his Arabic (his paternal grandparents emigrated from Syria), in 1983 he moved with his young family to Saudi Arabia. In 1989, after a stint working in Baghdad during the Iran-Iraq War, he finally returned to Jacksonville to work at Wolfson Children's Hospital where he remained until his retirement in 2014. That same year, he moved back to Pittsboro where he built a cabin on land he had purchased when he lived there in the 1980s.

Life abroad instilled in his children a sense of curiosity and a desire to explore the world. Family adventures included negotiating with Saudi police during camping trips at the Red Sea whilst hiding home-brewed wine in the tents along with the women and children, being chased by a herd of water buffalo on safari in Kenya, capsizing a small sailboat off the coast of Phuket, Thailand, and, perhaps seen as an easy target, being robbed multiple times in Colombia. Always the optimist, he was never discouraged and never lost faith in humanity. On the contrary, he taught his children how to deal with adversity with a sense of humor and a level head.

A gifted musician, Cliff loved to unwind playing the piano. He entertained his kids with his Totally 80s Piano Songbook and played Star Wars theme songs with his grandson, Max, who was born with his grandfather's musical ear. His musical talents, however, did not translate to the dance floor and physical coordination was not his strong suit, as many wedding guests and skiers in Austria can confirm. But he always gave 100% effort which amused his kids no end.

Retirement did not slow him down, nor did it quell his desire for adventure or his dedication to the most vulnerable children in developing countries. In 2018, he joined the Italian medical charity Emergency and worked for six months as a volunteer at a hospital in the Panjsher Valley, Afghanistan, and two six-month assignments in Sudan where he worked at a children's clinic outside Khartoum.

Cliff will be remembered for his kindness and humility; for his open mind, his wry sense of humor and his wonderful stories. His kind eyes and warm smile could put even the most frightened, small patient at ease. He has friends around the world and was loved by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his three children, Joanna Jovanovic and her husband Borjan, Charles David and his wife Mo Chen and Beatrice David and her fiancé Robert Case. Bea and Robert are due to marry in February 2022. He leaves behind four grandchildren, Max and Lea Jovanovic and Hazel and Natalie Chen-David, all of whom adored him. He is also survived by his sister Barbara Wright, and his brother Richard and wife Chris Stahl and by six nieces and nephews and many loving cousins. During his last year, he was lovingly cared for by his siblings and sister-in-law, his cousins Joey Howell and Lisa Neal and his first wife, Patricia David.

A memorial service will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, in 2022. Donations can be made in his memory to the International Rescue Committee at <https://www.rescue.org/>.

DIANE S. CLOER



BURLINGTON – Diane Lee Scholle Cloer, 87, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at Alamance Health Care.

She was born in Hennepin, Minnesota, on June 9, 1934, to the late Jesse Lee Scholle and Maebelle Jane Williamson Scholle. She was the wife of Warren Clay Cloer. Diane was a long-time member of South Fork Friends Church where she served as Sunday school teacher, choir member, elder and was a member of the Forever Young Seniors Group. She enjoyed painting, needlework crafts and reading. She loved spending time with her family and was heavily involved in the lives of her grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Lee Cloer and wife Amy; grandchildren, Cassidy Lawrence and husband Patrick; Austin Cloer and wife Makayla and Mackenzie Cloer.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at South Fork Friends Church by Rev. Andrew Needham with the burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:45 to 2:45 prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to South Fork Friends Church, 359 South Fork Bethel Road, Snow Camp, N.C. 27349.

You may send condolences or sign the online register book at www.lowefuneralhome.com.

ALEXIS MARIE STONE

Alexis Marie Stone, 26, of Sanford, died Sunday, October 10, 2021.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2021, at Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Carl Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Southside Baptist Church Cemetery.

She was born in Lee County on June 11, 1995, the daughter of Joyce Thomas and Samuel Stone. Alexis was an employee at Caterpillar.

Surviving are her parents; and sisters, Chelsea Coates and Alicia Johnson, both of Sanford; brothers, Mark Patterson, Henry Stone, Nick Johnson and Sam Stone, all of Sanford.

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

MICHAEL RAY CRAIG

Michael Ray Craig, 73, of Sanford, died Wednesday October 13, 2021, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital.

Memorial service was held at Crossroads Ministries on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Michael was born on March 1, 1948, son of the late Raeford and Gladys Faulk Craig. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving is his wife, Connie Brown Craig of the home; daughter, Kimberly Strange of Morrisville; step-daughter, Scotti Womack of Sanford; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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

TONI BRANSON CHEEK



Toni Branson Cheek, 58, of Graham, passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Alamance Health Care Center, Burlington.

Ms. Cheek was born in Chatham County on September 28, 1963, the daughter of Billy James Branson and Martha McPherson Clifton. Toni, best known as Gigi, cherished her family and loved spending time with her grandkids and her dog Booben. She enjoyed getting to go to the beach, it was her favorite place to be.

Toni was friendly and outgoing; she could talk to anyone.

She is survived by her daughters, Hemelia, Lauren and Alisha Cheek; sons, Bradley McKinney and Stacey Baldwin; parents, Billy James Branson and Martha McPherson Clifton; brother, Joseph "Joe" Lee Johnson; grandchildren, Kenton "KJ" Reives Jr., Brooklyn Reives, Jordin Farrish, and soon to be grandchild, Carlyn Cheek; neices, Breyhauna Lee Johnson, Kelsie Johnson Agnew and husband A.J., Jordan Alyssa Johnson; great-nephew, Colton Blake Agnew; and great-niece, Kamryn Ariahe Kruthers.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, October 20, 2021, from 1 to 3 p.m. at CityGate Church, 2761 Longpine Road, Burlington, followed by the funeral service at 3 p.m. with Pastor Richard Fennelle officiating.

Memorials may be made to CityGate Church, 2761 Longpine Road, Burlington, N.C. 27215.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Cheek family.

GINGER SPENCER PARRISH



Ginger Spencer Parrish, 48, of Snow Camp passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Mrs. Parrish was born in Guilford County on February 15, 1973, the daughter of John and Alice Martin Spencer. Ginger was a 1990 graduate of Southern Alamance High School. She worked as an office administrator at Bear Creek Arsenal until her passing. Ginger adored her grandchildren, and crafting, especially woodworking. She enjoyed getting to

spend time in the mountains. Ginger was preceded in death by her mother Alice Martin Spencer.

She is survived by her sons, Morgan Van Wolfe of Siler City and Roby Dillon Wolfe of Liberty; father, John Spencer; daughter in law, Candice Thompson; and grandchildren, Noah, Paislee, Joseph Wolfe and Bentley Ingelheim.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Spencer family.

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

MICHAEL ALLAN GREEN

Michael Allan Green, born August 18, 1963, of Cameron passed away at the First Health Hospice House in Pinehurst on October 11, 2021.

The family received friends Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Aaron Green and his wife, Melissa Cranfield.

He is survived by his mother, Madine Green; his daughters, Amber Stewart, Ashlie Sullivan; adopted daughter, Katrina Williams; and four grandchildren.

He worked as an electrician. Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com.

MARGRETT GRIFFITH CLELAND

Margrett Ann "Margo" Griffith Cleland, 63, of Siler City died Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at Alpine Health & Rehabilitation in Asheboro.

No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Cleland was born on August 29, 1958, in Hanover, W.V., the daughter of Homer Earl and Margie Meade Griffith. Margo was a homemaker and attended Siler City Pentecostal Holiness Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant daughter, Brandy, siblings, Freda Swan, Jimmy Dorsey Griffith and Homer Griffith, Jr.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Wayne T. Cleland, and sister, Mary Swisher of Gallipolis, Ohio.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Cleland family.

EARNEST N. GOLDSTON

Earnest N. Goldston, 68, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at One Way Christian Church.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

SARA LOUISE ICEMAN DRZEWICKI-COLLINS

Sara Louise Icedman Drzewicki-Collins, 41, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

The family received friends on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. A memorial service followed in the chapel at 3 p.m. with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating.

She was born in Ohio on December 23, 1979, to Cheri Icedman Cox. Sara was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Nickols. She worked for Cisco Systems as a payroll analyst.

In addition to her mother, Sara is survived by her daughter, Elisabeth Sams of Virginia; sons, Aaron Nickols of Texas, Ashton Drzewicki-Collins of Sanford; and three grandchildren.

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

KRISTY JOY (BROWER) GILLIS

Kristy Joy Brower Gillis, 44, passed away on October 13, 2021, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, October 17, 2021, at Cameron Elementary School.

She was the daughter of the late Ella Tywana Jean Brower Martin and Lendon Walden.

SHELIA DEGRAFFENREIDT

Shelia Degraffenreidt, 53, of Chapel Hill, passed away on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at her home.

Memorial service was held at 1 p.m. at Knotts Funeral Home in Pittsboro. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

SARAH ESTEEN ROGERS THOMAS

Sarah Esteen Rogers Thomas, 96, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at her home.

A private graveside service was held on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at Morris Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Michael Edwards and Rev. Douglas Currin officiating.

She was born in Harnett County on September 12, 1925, to the late Joseph Nolan and Sophia Thomas Rogers. In addition, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Lee Thomas, son, Danny Thomas, and brother, Nolan Kelly Rogers.

Survivors include sons Mike Thomas, Tim Thomas and Jay Thomas, all of Sanford; daughters, Patsy Marion of Cameron, Linda Womble of Pinehurst, Darlene Perry of Sanford; brother, Kenneth Rogers of Holden Beach; sister, Mary Rose of Sanford; 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

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

DAVID ALLEN KEISER SR.

David (Dave) Allen Keiser Sr., 77, of Broadway, passed away on Monday, October 11, 2021, at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro.

Arrangements are private at the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway.

Dave was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, son of the late Ervin Charles and Mary (Nemeth) Keiser. He was predeceased by brothers, Irving Keiser, Martin Keiser Sr. and Dennis Keiser, sisters, Mary Lou Becker and Edith Zaborowski, and sons, Stephen Keiser, Darren Keiser and Christopher Keiser. Dave worked in the Asphalt Paving Business for more than 50 years.

Surviving is his wife, Sylvia (Gorski) Keiser; brothers, Robert Keiser of Clayton and Howard (Butch) Keiser Sr. of Sanford; sons, David Keiser Jr. of Rhode Island and Robert Keiser of S.C. and daughters Denise Hames of Seymour, Connecticut, and Renee Hubbard of Scotts, Michigan; and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorial donations be made in his memory to the Carolina Animal Rescue and Adoption, online (donation information at cara-nc.org) or by mail, P.O. Box 2642, Sanford, N.C. 27331.

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

ROBERT LEE CARMINES

Robert Lee Carmines, 82, of Bear Creek, died Sunday, October 17, 2021, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Carmines was born July 30, 1939, the son of Harry and Margret Quinn Carmines. He was of the Methodist faith.

Robert spent his working years as a medical rep. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Bettie Lou Matkins and sister, Virginia Ellyson.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Jackson of Gloucester, Virginia; son, Jeff Carmines of Bear Creek; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, P.O. Box 834, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Carmines family.

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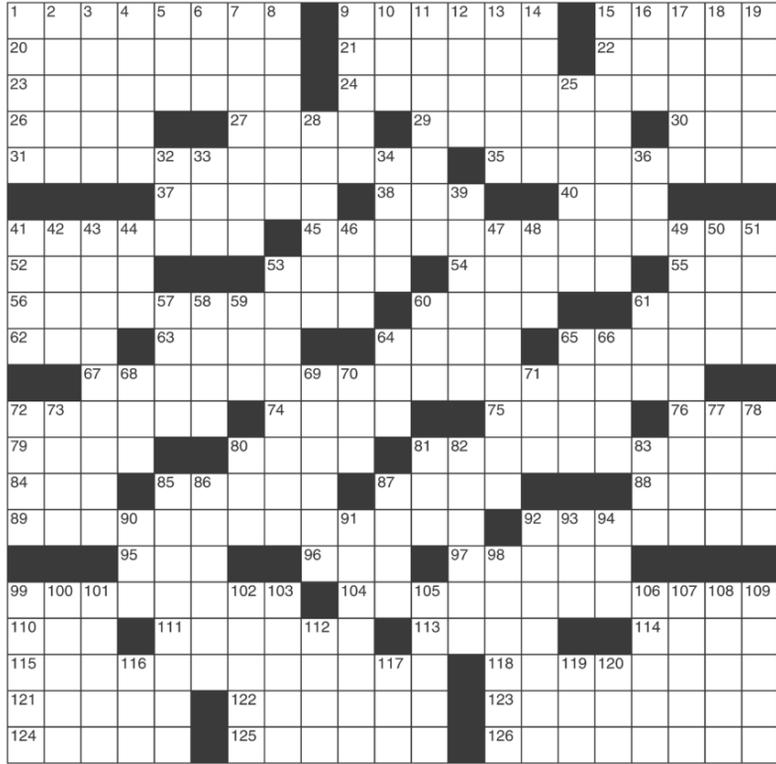
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.



CHURCH NEWS

PITTSBORO CHURCH OF GOD
On Sunday, October 24, we invite you to join us at 11 a.m. on Facebook live at Pittsborocog. We will celebrate the third pastoral anniversary of our pastor, Rev. Dr. Ophelia W. Livingston. Apostle Timothy Warren, Chief Officer of Covenant Global Consortium, will be the guest speaker.

MARTHA'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Martha's Chapel Christian Church has cancelled the gospel singing scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30. The next Gospel Singing is tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening, Jan. 29, 2022.

NEW BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



Staff photo by Taylor Heeden

Pittsboro Commissioner Kyle Shipp (center, with beard) and local officials gathered Monday for the official ribbon-cutting of the new Boys & Girls Club of Pittsboro

Doors finally open on Pittsboro location

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Boys & Girls Club has officially unveiled its new Pittsboro location, opening to members with a ribbon-cutting on Monday.

It marked the culmination of an almost two-year project to bring a club to Pittsboro. Members will meet at the Professional Learning Center on the campus of George Moses Horton Middle School in Pittsboro.

The Boys & Girls Club provides a variety of after-school services and programming, including tutoring, additional academic support, mentorship programs and more. Elementary and middle school students will be able to participate in the activities at the Pittsboro club.

Participating students will be able to join the club for \$52/year, with financial assistance available for families who face financial hardship or are on a fixed income.

This project to create a club in Pittsboro was spearheaded by town officials, representatives of the Boys & Girls Club, school administration and many community partners.

Pittsboro Mayor Jim Nass said he, along with Commissioner Kyle Shipp, were approached by residents about Pittsboro students' lack of after-school activities.

"It was just about two years ago exactly that Kyle and I were at a candidates forum before the election, and some of the folks that attended that raised the issue that we need some things that our children can do after school," Nass said. "Shortly after the election, Kyle and I met up with some regional Boys & Girls club people who sort of explained to us how this all works."

Daniel Simmons, the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina — the region which includes Siler City's Wren Family Center and clubs in Lee and Harnett counties — said his first meeting with town officials took place at the Blue Dot coffee shop just a couple of weeks before the COVID-19 pandemic forced schools to shut down.

"It was kind of a pie in the sky idea at the time," Simmons said. "Pittsboro has always been on our radar for a Boys & Girls Club, and when we were approached about this, my first thought was, 'I thought you would never ask.'"

Simmons said the pandemic threw everyone into an unprecedented loop, but the project never lulled despite

COVID-19 lockdowns and school shut-downs.

"I'll tell you, this project never stopped," Simmons said. "Here we are, less than two years later, getting ready to open the doors to this wonderful club."

Organizers and project leaders worked to raise around \$220,000 for the club to open its doors, meeting its fundraising goal in mid-August.

Those involved in the project said the club wouldn't be a reality were it not for Shipp's commitment and vision. After that first meeting, and after COVID restrictions forced schools to go online, Shipp and other project leaders started to meet via Zoom to move the project along.

"Right after that first meeting, we went into lockdown," Shipp said. "From last July, we've been on Zoom. We've done a couple of community events where we had been together, but everything else has been virtual."

Shipp said Pittsboro residents began coming to him a few years ago, asking for a place students could go after school.

"The middle school kids would go downtown and cause trouble at local businesses and things like that," he said. "So to have this as something for kids to do is great for Pittsboro."

The club will give participating members the start they need to be successful beyond the classroom, Shipp added.

"It's not just babysitting," he said. "It's academic support, it's career development — we're working on some programs with the community college — so it's really a feeder for setting people up for their whole careers in a few hours after school."

He looks at the completed effort and sees it as something beneficial to the Pittsboro and Chatham County community.

"It's incredible," Shipp said. "It's been a lot of work among all these people and a lot of coordination, so it's really hard to describe how I feel."

Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson — himself a Boys & Girls Club alumnus — helped to celebrate the ribbon-cutting festivities Monday, saying the initiative will help students grow into strong contributors in their community.

"We're going to plant seeds here today, and our kids are going to grow," Jackson said. "They are going to be strong trees for us because we are making the investment now."

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Honoring Tommy Edwards

Mosaic developer Kirk Bradley (left) unveils a plaque honoring legendary Chatham County musician and performer Tommy Edwards at a special event Friday at Mosaic. Edwards' widow, Cindy Edwards (second from left) and other Edwards family members joined Bradley in dedicating the Mosaic event stage in Edwards' name. The Chatham Rabbits were among the musical performers during the event.



The plaque honoring Tommy Edwards. For more than a half century, Edwards was a major contributor to bluegrass and other forms of music. He passed away in May at the age of 75.

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OBITUARIES

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EUNICE ROSSER WOMACK

Eunice Rosser Womack, 80, of Broadway, died Sunday, October 17, 2021, at her home.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Broadway Town Cemetery with Rev. Dr. Larry Pittman and Rev. Ken Dowdy officiating. The family received friends on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. October 21, 2021, at the Smith Funeral Home in Broadway.

She was born on August 29, 1941, daughter of the late Hubert Gatling Rosser and Callie Catherine Patterson Rosser. She was preceded in death by her parents. She was a member of Broadway Baptist Church.

Surviving is her husband of 60+ years, James Halford “Jimmy” Womack of the home; son, James Womack of Broadway; brother, Clayton Rosser of Broadway, and two grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made at www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com.

SUSAN H. MIERISCH

Susan H. Mierisch, 76, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at her home.

A memorial service for family will be planned in the future.

Susan was born on October 4, 1945, in Manhattan, N.Y., to the late Thomas and Ruth Garlick. Susan worked for Animal Health Center, a veterinary clinic. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Mierisch.

She is survived by her brother, Bruce K. Garlick, of Cumming, Georgia.; a son, Thomas P. Mierisch of Sanford; a stepson, William Mierisch of Chicago, Illinois, and two step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, please contribute to a local animal rescue.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

EDDIE MAJOR NEAL

Eddie Major Neal, 63, of Sanford passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at Wake Med Hospital in Raleigh.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at Knotts Funeral Home.

PATRICK LOPEZ BRANCH

Patrick Lopez Branch, 55, of Sanford passed away on Monday, October 11, 2021, at his residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

MELVIN TOTTEN

Melvin Totten, 72, of Bear Creek, passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2021, at his home.

Services provided by Knotts and Son Funeral Home, Siler City.

ROBERT ANTHONY KERLEY

Robert Anthony Kerley, 38, Cameron, passed away on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

WILLIAM STEVEN RAINES

William Steven Raines, 65, of Broadway, passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Harnett Central Hospital in Lillington.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

WILHEMINA ‘WENDY’ LUCAS

Wilhemina “Wendy” Lucas, 54, of Siler City passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

Services provided by Knotts and Son Funeral Home, Siler City.

LINDA FRAIOLI SALVADOR

Linda Fraioli Salvador, 72, of Siler City passed away on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

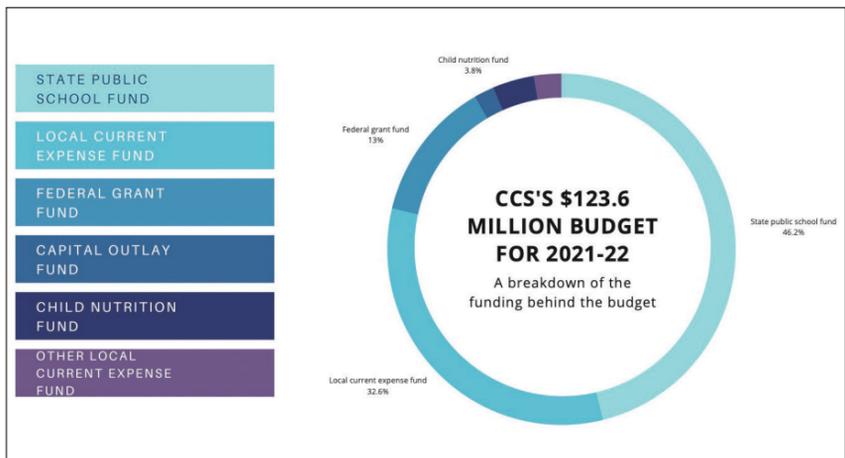
A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Salvador was born January 19, 1949, in New York, the daughter of the late Frank and Rose Germanie Fraioli. She was of the Catholic/Christian faith, attending St. Vitos Catholic Church in N.Y. Linda spent her working years as an Aide at Charlotte Square Assisted Living.

She is survived by her daughter, Yvette Salvador of Siler City; son, Louis Salvador of Tega Cay, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Salvador family.



CN+R graphic by Hannah McClellan

A closer look at CCS's 2021-22 budget for \$123.6 million

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Schools Board of Education has approved a budget resolution for the 2021-22 school year, containing reconciled budgets for the state public school, local current expense, federal grants, capital outlay, child nutrition and the other local current expense funds.

The initial budget totals \$123.6 million, an 11% increase from the school system's 2020-21 \$111.2 million budget uploaded to the district's website.

Tony Messer, CCS's chief finance officer, presented the budget resolution to the board at its meeting last Monday. The budget, he said, includes an increase in local budget and federal funds and a decrease in state funds. Last year's state funds were “kind of inflated” by COVID-relief funds, he said.

“I stand before you tonight for the third year in a row with a budget resolution that the state does not have a budget

in place,” Messer said. “Some of the factors that we took into consideration in putting this budget resolution together were COVID-19 implications, of course, no state budget in place, staffing shortages, employee salary supplement and employee benefits.”

More than three months into the new fiscal year, North Carolina still doesn't have a budget in place. The House and Senate have passed versions of the budget but are still negotiating with Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper to avoid a veto. It's unclear how much the budget will include toward education once it's approved, though the CCS budget currently includes \$57 million from the state public school fund, or 46% of the district's budget.

Early versions of the budget provided only a small portion of the 7-year, \$5.6 billion Leandro plan agreed to by the State Board of Education, Cooper's Administration and the Leandro case plaintiffs. The case was initially filed in 1994 by low-wealth school

districts to get more state education funding. On Monday, State Superior Court Judge David Lee said he could compel the General Assembly to fund a \$1.7 billion plan for new school funding over the next two years, but would wait until Nov. 8 to issue a court order.

The state currently has a budget surplus of more than \$6 billion.

“While operating the 2021-2022 school year without a state budget, local funding has once again eased but not eliminated current budget constraints with funding in areas such as operations, technology, supplements and capital outlay,” the district's agenda read regarding the budget resolution. “Even without a state budget in place, we anticipate slight changes in allotments throughout the year which will be presented in budget amendments later in the fiscal year.

“We are monitoring budget news and its impacts on the district coming from the General Assembly and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on a daily basis.”

The local budget funds total around \$40 million, up 6% from last fiscal year and 37% of the district's total budget, up from 33% the year prior. The increase is due to the opening of Seaforth High School and an anticipated increase in employee salary supplements. Though local counties can supplement what the state provides for operations, they are responsible for funding school construction and maintenance.

The federal funds total \$16 million, up significantly due to COVID-relief funding. Typically, Messer said, federal funds range from \$3.5 to \$4 million per year.

“And the good news here,” Messer told the board, “just a reminder that Chatham is ranked seventh in the state with local funding and 49th overall.”

The budget also includes a slight increase in its school nutrition funding, at \$4.7 million, in anticipation of an increase in meals served. The district provided the most meals in its history last month, serving over \$600,000 in reimbursable meals. The increase in meals provided comes at a time when staffing shortages are requiring the district to be creative to offer school services to students.

“If that pace keeps up — I mean, you can do the math — \$4.7 million will be well under budget,” he said. “So kids are definitely eating in the cafeteria.”

You can view the full budget resolution here: <https://bit.ly/3upDiFM>

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Protect Your Financial Information Online

If you're an investor, you probably enjoy the convenience of managing your accounts online. But you'll also want to make sure that you're not making it convenient for hackers, “phishers” and others with bad intentions to gain the same access.

Fortunately, there's a lot you can do to protect your privacy. Here are a few suggestions offered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission:

- **Use a strong password or passphrase.** You'll want to pick a password that would be virtually impossible for anyone to guess, employing capital and lowercase letters, plus symbols and numbers. Of course, you'll want to record the password in a secure place so you won't forget it. Instead of using a password, you may have the option of choosing a passphrase, which contains a series of words strung together. You'll want to avoid phrases taken from popular culture or that are otherwise commonly used. And it's also a good idea not to use phrases containing your name, birthday or other personal identifiers.

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money transfers, adding or deleting of external financial accounts, and more. These alerts can help you monitor your accounts for fraud and verify your own moves, as well.

- **Avoid using public computers to access investment accounts.** If you're at a hotel or library, try to avoid the temptation to use the computer to check in on your investments. But if you do use a public computer, at least take proper precautions. For starters, don't leave data on a screen and walk away, even for a moment. And when you're finished with the computer, log out of your account to end the online session. You may also want to change any password you used.

- **Ignore suspicious links.** Be suspicious of emails or text messages containing links claiming to be connected to your investment accounts. These links could take you to websites designed to solicit sensitive account information, which could then be used for financial or identity theft. Even if the link seems to be coming from a business you know, you'll want to be quite cautious — experienced “phishers” can now create websites or online documents that look real. And keep in mind that legitimate investment firms will not ask you to divulge personal information without going through the password or two-step authentication protocols already described.

The ability to connect with your investment accounts online can be extremely useful to you — and you'll feel more comfortable about these interactions if you know you've done all you can to safeguard your information.

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GRAHAM 56, JORDAN-MATTHEWS 0

Future focus fueling sputtering Jets

BY JOHN MCCANN
News + Record
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GRAHAM — The Graham Red Devils were longer, more athletic and more experienced in their 56-0 win Friday over the now 0-8 Jordan-Matthews Jets.

Jordan-Matthews' defense that evening — porous.

Graham's total offensive production — lots.

No further analytics needed, except for the stat measured

with EKG machines: Heart.

"It's kind of hard for kids this age to keep coming back with this losing," Jordan-Matthews' first-year head coach Ryan Johnson said after the loss. "But they keep coming back with a better mentality, and it's just going to build them for being a man once they get out into the real world as fathers and so forth."

In the first half, one of those Red Devils horse-collared Jets senior quarterback Rayshawn Alston, slinging him to the

ground. Accompanying Alston on the grass was a yellow flag.

"Let 'em play football, ref!" a Graham fan moaned.

Unsportsmanlike conduct was the call.

The Jets just kept playing football, playing it the right way. Which, in theory, should be hard for them to do. They lost their coach before the season started, lost every game after the first kickoff, so a Jet from time to time might be

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Graham junior T.J. Mitchell (5) runs the ball as Jordan-Matthews junior Alex Rangel (15) comes up to make the tackle during the Jets' 56-0 loss to the Red Devils in Graham last Friday. With the loss, J-M fell to 0-8 on the year.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Riveting disappointment: A first-time sports bettor's tale

I swung the door open and stepped foot inside the bright, fragrant room.

I wiped my rain-soaked shoes on the floor mat as my eyes scanned the store for the reason why I made the trip.

The walls were lined with all sorts of tobacco products — cartons of cigarettes, tins of chewing tobacco, the works — and the counters were occupied by about five men (and one small boy) scattered about, all filling out cards with tiny, board game-sized pencils.

I glanced to my left and saw a small table with a display full of cards — some longer than others, some pink, some orange, some white — set up like the lottery stations we have in convenience stores across North Carolina.

A sign on the table read, "Cards cannot be filled out inside store," a rule that was clearly being broken by everyone taking up valuable counter space doing just that.

But I decided to abide by the rules anyway.

I searched through the different cards, grabbed the one that sounded most like what I was looking for, along with one of the tiny red pencils, and made my way back to the car.

I spent the next 20 minutes mulling over my options.

After all, it was the first time I'd ever tried my luck at sports betting. I wanted to make it count.

Figuring it out

This all took place last Saturday night.

I was in the parking lot of a "tobacco superstore" in Delaware, where sports betting is legal, but — as of now — bets must only be placed in person.

I spent this past weekend in Maryland — one of 28 states without legalized sports betting — visiting my girlfriend, who lives about half an hour away from the Delaware border.

Once I'd heard that Delaware offered legal sports betting, I was eager to try it.

Despite listening to numerous podcasts, watching plenty of TV shows and reading a plethora of articles about sports every day for the last decade, I still wasn't sure how sports betting worked.

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JETS 7, RED DEVILS 0 | JETS 6, CAVALIERS 0



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Jordan-Matthews senior Alexis Ibarra (19) attempts to knock-in a shot with a header during the Jets' 6-0 win over the Cummings Cavaliers in Siler City on Monday. With the win, unbeaten J-M improves to 15-0-1 on the season.

Jets fly past Graham, Cummings as unbeaten season rolls on

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — As special as the ceremonies, exhibits and celebrations have been to commemorate Los Jets' 20th anniversary, Jordan-Matthews has found an even better way to honor the soccer program's creation: winning.

The Jets earned their 14th victory of the season last Wednesday against the Graham Red Devils at home, 7-0, to remain unbeaten at 14-0-1.

Three-quarters of the way through the first half, it was a manageable 1-0 game, with the Jets hanging on to a small lead and looking for opportunities to add some insurance.

And then, suddenly, everything clicked.

In the game's 33rd minute, Jor-

dan-Matthews' Anthony Rodriguez received a pass from Zander Ocampo near the right side of the goal. He stood there, dribbling and waiting for the goalkeeper to slide over to him before firing off a pass across the penalty area, where Paul Lujan was waiting to immediately tap the ball into the net.

That goal gave the Jets a 2-0 lead and began one of the most impressive scoring barrages of the season.

In the final 7 minutes, 46 seconds of the first half, the Jets scored five unanswered goals, including a three-minute span where they knocked in three goals, leading to the eventual 6-0 halftime score.

The Red Devils went from having a chance to going into full-on damage control mode, fighting not to win, but to simply stay afloat and fend off the nine-goal mercy rule.

Program Snapshot

- # of seasons: 20
- Total record: 315-91
- State championships: 1 (1A, 2004)
- Conference championships: 11
- Fun facts:
 - Paul Cuadros, the program's founder, has acted as the team's head coach for all 20 seasons
 - First predominantly Latino team to win an NCHSAA men's soccer state title
 - There have been 83 different Jets players selected for all-conference teams (10 all-state selections)
 - In their 20-year history, the Jets have never missed the playoffs

"I think what happened was that they gained their confidence back and they found a sort of normal

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Struggling to find an MLB team to root for? You're not alone.

As the baseball season winds down to its last four teams, America's pastime is now at the height of the sports world. The teams remaining in the postseason are the Astros, Red Sox, Dodgers and Braves.

Throw in the Yankees and it might be a monopoly on the most unlikeable teams in the sport. Right now, I can't find a team to pull for. Is it fun to watch good baseball? Sure. But when I find myself wanting each team to lose, it's difficult to have that same excitement. This week, I did my best to find a reason to root for each team.

Houston Astros

Everyone's favorite trash-

can bangers are back at the center of the postseason. The lack of punishment handed down to the players from the fallout of the cheating scandal still looms over the sport. Fans brought inflatable trash cans to the ballpark and players are still booed every time they come to an opposing town. It's hard to view the 2017 World Series Champions in a different way today when they are still headed by Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and Alex Bregman. With Correa becoming a free agent following the season, this feels like it could be the final ride for that core group. And wouldn't it be beautiful to see it end in defeat? But I told you I'd find a way to see the positives. Their second-year manager, Dusty Baker, has more than 24 years of Major League baseball managing experience and has yet to win a ring. He led teams like the San Francisco Giants

in 2002 to the World Series and was the leader of the 2003 Cubs team that was plagued by fan interference and errors in the National League Championship Series against the Marlins. Additionally, Zack Greinke has yet to win a World Series in his illustrious career. So for two great baseball minds, this could be their last shot.

Boston Red Sox

At one point, the Boston Red Sox were somewhat lovable. Following an 85-season World Series drought, it was hard to hate a team that just never won. Since then, they've gotten rings in 2004, 2007, 2013 and 2018. The city has had the dynasty of Tom Brady and Bill Belichick in addition to the longtime successes of the Bruins and Celtics. Does that city really need another championship? No. But it's hard not to root for Eduardo Rodriguez

right now. The starting pitcher missed all of 2020 after developing the heart condition, myocarditis, following a bout with COVID-19. Magically, he has become a key contributor in the Red Sox run and pitched six strong innings in Game 3 of the ALCS. He held the Astros scoreless through the first three innings, the first pitcher to do that against the Astros in this series. If the Red Sox win, he wins, and that would be a great story.

Los Angeles Dodgers

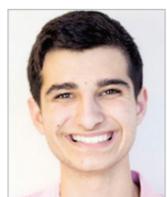
The Dodgers and their one-time roster of four Cy Young winners are not easy to root for. Their payroll is the highest in the National League and at the trade deadline, they acquired Trea Turner, one of the best infielders in the league. Blake Treinen, one of the team's top relievers, has an anti-vaccination website in

his Instagram bio. The Dodgers might be the most difficult team to find a reason to root for. But in a season that could be Albert Pujols' last, it would be cool to see the future Hall of Famer's career end with a title. After struggling on the Los Angeles Angels, only making the postseason once, it's always fun to see the slugger on the big stage.

Atlanta Braves

When watching an Atlanta Braves home game, you're going to hear the tomahawk chop. Two seasons ago, St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Ryan Helsley, a member of the Cherokee Nation, called out the racist chant after a game in Atlanta. "I think it's a misrepresentation of the Cherokee people or Native Americans in general," Helsley told reporters. "Just

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CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

This week's schedule and last week's results

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Postseason play continues across Chatham County in a variety of sports this week, but most notably, the NCHSAA's dual-team playoffs return in women's tennis, which were canceled as a part of the pandemic-shortened 2020-21 season. Now, along with individual playoffs in both singles and doubles, schools such as Chatham Charter and Chatham Central will be competing for a state title as a team. In addition to women's tennis, volleyball starts postseason play this week with multiple conference tournaments, along with playoff seeding/bracketing on Thursday. There's also post-season meets in cross country and women's golf taking place throughout the state, while football and men's soccer continue their regular seasons. It's another week in local sports that you absolutely won't want to miss. Here are this week's schedules and last week's results.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 20

Cross Country: Chatham Charter, Woods Charter vs. Central Tar Heel 1A opponents (Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championships, hosted by Chatham Charter), 4 p.m.

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

Tennis: (1) Chatham Central women vs. (16) Tarboro, 4 p.m. (1st round, 1A Dual-Team Playoffs)

Tennis: (5) Chatham Charter women vs. (12) Gates County, 4 p.m. (1st round, 1A Dual-Team Playoffs)

Tennis: (8) Northwood women vs. (9) DSA, 4 p.m. (1st round, 3A Dual-Team Playoffs)

Tennis: (9) Seaforth women at (8) North Johnston, 4 p.m. (1st round, 2A Dual-Team Playoffs)

Soccer: Chatham Charter men at Triangle Math and Science Academy, 5 p.m.

Soccer: Jordan-Matthews men vs. Seaforth, 6 p.m.

Volleyball: Woods Charter women vs. Chatham Charter, 6 p.m. (Central Tar Heel 1A

Conference Championship)
Volleyball: Jordan-Matthews/Chatham Central women in Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament, 6 p.m. (if either or both of them win on Tuesday)

Thursday, October 21

No events scheduled.

Friday, October 22

Tennis: Chatham Central, Chatham Charter women at 1A East Regionals at Herman Park in Goldsboro, 1 p.m.

Tennis: Jordan-Matthews and Seaforth women at 2A Mid East Regionals at Cummings High School, 1 p.m.

Soccer: Seaforth men at Southern Wake Academy, 4:30 p.m.

Football: Northwood at Eastern Alamance, 7 p.m.

Football: Jordan-Matthews vs. Bartlett Yancey, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 23

Volleyball: First round of NCHSAA state playoffs — teams and opponents TBA, seeding on Oct. 21

LAST WEEK

Monday, October 11

Tennis: The Jordan-Matthews women are sending four individuals — junior Maggie Thornton (singles), junior Jocelyn Sanchez (singles) and senior Destinee Ledwell & junior Sarai Ibarra Rivera (doubles) — and the Seaforth women are sending five individuals — sophomore Evelyn Atkins (singles), freshmen Charlie Ann George & Lillian McFall (doubles) and sophomore Ellie Cook & freshman Bailey Shadoan (doubles) — to the 2A Mid East Regionals at Cummings High School after their performance at the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament,

Tennis: The Chatham Central women are sending five individuals — sophomore Lauren Caviness (singles), juniors Olivia Brooks & Ellie Phillips (doubles) and junior Jaylee Williams & sophomore Rachel Albright (doubles) — to the 1A

East Regionals in Goldsboro after their performance in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

Soccer: The Chatham Charter men were shut out by the River Mill Jaguars, 7-0, to remain winless on the season.

Volleyball: The Chatham Charter women swept the Greensboro Day School Bengals, 3-0, on the road.

Soccer: The Northwood men shut out the Person Rockets, 7-0, at home. Scoring for the Chargers on the night were senior Ayden Turner (3 goals) and sophomore Gabriel de Bueno, senior Martin Gallegos, senior Logan Wooten and senior Bryan Ramirez, all with 1 goal apiece.

Soccer: The Seaforth men were shut out by the North Moore Mustangs, 2-0, at home.

Soccer: The Woods Charter men shut out the Southern Wake Academy Lions, 4-0, to extend their conference winning streak to 5 games.

Football: The Jordan-Matthews men lost a lopsided game to the Cummings Cavaliers, 57-0, to remain winless on the season at 0-7.

Tuesday, October 12

Golf: The Woods Charter and Chatham Charter women competed at the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Championship at Siler City Country Club, where the Wolves won the tournament (304). The top golfers on the day were Knights sophomore Mackenzie Crossman (76, +4), Wolves senior Sophie Taylor (93, +21) and Wolves sophomore Elise Taylor (97, +25).

Tennis: The Chatham Charter women defeated the Gray Stone Day Knights, 6-3.

Volleyball: The Chatham Charter women swept the River Mill Jaguars, 3-0, at home.

Volleyball: The Chatham Central women swept the Jordan-Matthews Jets, 3-0, on the road. Leading the Bears on the night were freshman Karaleigh Dodson (14 kills), senior Taylor Poe (8 kills, 1 ace, 1 block) and senior Sadie Gaines (2 aces, 5 digs).

Volleyball: The Northwood

women swept the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 3-0.

Volleyball: The Seaforth women swept the Cummings Cavaliers, 3-0, on the road.

Leading the Hawks on the night were sophomore Lilian Dulin (4 kills, 2 aces, 1 dig) and freshman Juliet Vanolinda (4 kills, 1 dig).

Volleyball: The Woods Charter women swept the Southern Wake Academy Lions, 3-0, at home. Leading the Wolves on the night were senior Jana Thompson (8 kills, 4 aces, 3 digs) and senior Celine Keles (2 kills, 3 aces, 5 digs, 16 assists).

Wednesday, October 13

Golf: The Chatham Central women (first, 455) defeated North Moore (second, 477), Seaforth (third, 483) and Jordan-Matthews (N/A) in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament at Siler City Country Club. The Bears' top golfers included junior Reagan Mize (94, +22) and senior Chloe Fuquay (118, +46).

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

Soccer: The Chatham Charter men lost a narrow game to the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 2-1, to fall to 0-13 on the year.

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews men dominated the Graham Red Devils, 7-0, to stay unbeaten at 14-0-1 this season. Scoring for the Jets were Zander Ocampo (3 goals), Paul Lujan (2 goals), Alexis Ibarra (1 goal) and Irvin Campos (1 goal). See game report in this week's edition.

Soccer: The Woods Charter men lost a shut out to the River Mill Jaguars, 2-0, to snap their five-game conference winning streak.

Volleyball: The Woods Charter women defeated the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 3-1, on the

road to end the regular season with a 14-3 overall record (9-1 in the Central Tar Heel 1A).

Thursday, October 14

Soccer: The Seaforth men shut out the Southern Wake Academy Lions, 9-0, for their first win of the season (now 1-12).

Volleyball: The Seaforth women swept the Graham Red Devils, 3-0, at home. Leading the Hawks on the night were freshman Mia Kellum (3 kills, 4 digs) and freshman Maris Huneycutt (2 kills, 16 aces, 1 dig, 8 assists).

Volleyball: The Chatham Charter women swept the South Davidson Wildcats, 3-0, to finish the regular season with a 16-5 overall record (9-1 in the Central Tar Heel 1A).

Volleyball: The Jordan-Matthews women were swept by the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 3-0, in their final game of the regular season. The Jets end the regular season with a 6-12 overall record (5-7 in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A).

Volleyball: The Northwood women won a close, five-set match over the Western Alamance Warriors, 3-2, to extend their winning streak to five games.

Friday, October 15

Football: Northwood defeated the Orange Panthers, 34-6, to improve to 4-3 on the season (2-1 in the Central 3A conference). Leading the Chargers on the night were senior running back Jalen Paige (21 carries for 154 yards) and senior Ryan Hilliard (16 carries for 132 yards and 3 TDs), while sophomore Carson Fortunes and freshman Gus Ritchey both added a TD on the ground.

Football: Chatham Central lost a lopsided game to the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 52-6, to fall to 1-6 on the season.

Football: Jordan-Matthews was shut out by the Graham Red Devils, 56-0, to remain winless at 0-8 on the season. See game report in this week's edition.

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BETTING

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I'd heard all about point-spreads, overs, unders, parlays and money lines.

All of the terms were familiar to me.

But when I actually thought about what I'd do if I placed a bet one day, the concepts felt foreign. I didn't quite understand them.

At many of the retail locations in Delaware, you're only allowed to bet parlays — a series of bets in which all of your picks must be correct. If even one of them loses, the entire parlay loses. And, obviously, the more picks in a single parlay (the higher the risk), the higher the payout.

So, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Manda and I decided to make the 30-minute trek and test our luck.

When I got back to the car, I looked over the elongated white card, stuffed with the weekend's college and NFL football match-ups.

At the bottom of the card were a bunch of bubbles — as if you were using a Scantron to take a multiple-choice exam — to fill out, split into three sections: (1) the specific numbers of the wagers

you were making — so I'd fill in "83" if I were picking the Chiefs -7.5, for example, because that was its designated number; (2) the amount you were wagering; and (3) the number of wagers you were making in your parlay.

I sat there, carefully thinking about each NFL Sunday match-up and which team might win, which team might lose (but still cover the spread), which teams may score a lot of points and which teams might not.

It was nerve-wracking. It was stressful. And by the time I finished up, I realized I had picked a few random games using slightly educated guesses and was chalking the rest up to the football gods. I should have prepared more, but would that have even helped?

I left the car, ran back through the rain and went into the store, actually walking over to the counter this time, where the clerk scanned my card and handed me my bet slip.

When I left the store and looked down at my slip, my jaw dropped.

I had added five match-ups to my parlay, picking a few underdogs along the way, which meant my measly \$15 bet could turn

into a \$300 payout if everything aligned perfectly.

"Now," I thought to myself, "I understand the appeal."

Legalizing the act

The reason why I've never placed a bet in my life isn't because I'm anti-sports betting — though I understand gambling addictions are no joke — but because it's not legal in North Carolina.

For the most part.

Technically, after the N.C. Legislature passed Senate Bill 154 in July 2019, you're allowed to place in-person bets at tribal casinos across the state, but as of now, only two such locations exist to do so: Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino in Murphy, both of which offer Las Vegas-style sportsbook experiences.

But considering the distance most North Carolinians would have to travel — especially when Virginia has online sports betting available via websites like FanDuel or DraftKings — it's safe to say the amount of residents that have placed legal bets in-state is slim.

But change may be on its way.

On Aug. 19, the N.C.

Senate passed Senate Bill 688, which would legalize mobile sports betting on phones and at other venues, making it much easier to participate if you're an N.C. resident.

The bill moved on to the House Committee on Commerce on Sept. 15, but may not see further action until next year's session, according to an Oct. 1 story by the Independent Tribune.

However, House leaders' interest in legalizing sports betting — and reaping the estimated \$24 million in annual tax revenue it could bring, according to the IT piece — seems to be real, so it could be a matter of time before sports betting more accessible to a wider range of North Carolinians, not just those in the mountains.

Learning the hard way

My first experience with sports betting started off with a bang.

In my five-pick parlay, I made bets on:

- Jaguars +3.5 against the Dolphins (in London)
- Chiefs -7.5 against the Football Team
- Texans +9.5 against the Colts
- Steelers -4.5 against the Seahawks
- Over 45.5 points scored in the Packers-Bears game

During the early Dolphins-Jaguars game, my first time watching a team I'd bet on, I paced around the room as I pulled for the 0-5 Jaguars to either win outright or lose by fewer than 3.5 points.

Entering the game, the Jaguars were without both a win and a made field goal this season and yet, somehow, they hit two 50-plus-yard field goals late in the fourth quarter to down the Dolphins, 23-20, in an overseas thriller.

And, of course, I celebrated as if I were a Jaguars fan, jumping around the room and telling myself that I might actually win \$300 on my very first try.

Boy, was I in for an Atlantic-sized wave of disappointment.

I knew it wasn't going to be a good afternoon when I told my friend — both a certified gambler and a Packers fan — that I bet the Packers-Bears over and he replied with, "Bad bet."

And it was. In the 1 p.m. time slot, the NFL made sure I learned just how diffi-

cult, and heartbreaking, sports betting is.

To sum it all up:

- The Packers defeated the Bears, 24-14, amounting to just 38 total points, 8 fewer than the 46 I needed them to score.
- The Texans were blown out by the Colts, 31-3, not coming close to covering the spread.
- The Chiefs beat Washington, 31-13, in the only game that went my way for the rest of the day.

Once 4 o'clock rolled around, my parlay was cooked. And I was sad.

To top it all off, the Steelers ended up beating the Seahawks, 23-20, in overtime on Sunday Night Football ... and thus, didn't cover the spread.

In total, I went 2-for-5 in my first-ever parlay. Not great.

It was brutal, it was infuriating, but to tell you the truth, I'd do it all over again.

Maybe one day I'll have the opportunity to try — and fail — again from the comfort of my own home.

Until then, I'll continue giving it a shot anytime I'm back in Delaware, wasting \$15 at a time.

BASEBALL

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depicts them in this kind of caveman-type people way who aren't intellectual. They are a lot more than that. It's not me being offended by the whole mascot thing. It's not. It's about the misconception of us, the Native Americans, and it devalues us and how we're perceived in that way, or used as mascots."

In June 2020, a time when sports became a

vehicle for social change, the team said that the chop was something that they would be "working through." Yet nothing has seemed to change in that regard as it is still a staple of Braves games.

It's hard to put that aside when evaluating the Braves, but the players have made for a memorable run. After losing their young star Ronald Acuña Jr., many wrote them off. And for good reason. Their rotation didn't seem elite and the bullpen was

shaky at times. Nonetheless, the Braves upset the Milwaukee Brewers and now lead the series against the Dodgers. For a city starved of a title since the 1990s (aside from Atlanta United FC in 2018), it would be neat to see their fans watch a memorable run.

If you're still having trouble finding a team to root for, just know that you're not alone.

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7 former Chargers, 1 team get call from Northwood's Hall

From Northwood High School

PITTSBORO — Northwood High School inducted seven members and one team into its Athletics Hall of Fame last Friday.

The induction took place during halftime of the Chargers' 34-6 victory over the Orange Panthers. Those being inducted into the 2021 class included Taylor Adams, Austin Brice, Josh Edwards, Jay Farrell, Stefanie Pearce-Mendler, Maurice Perry, David Stephens, and the 2000 Men's Basketball Team.

Taylor Adams graduated from Northwood in 2004. He ran cross country and track all four years of high school. In track & field, Adams was a two-time all-state selection in the 3,200-meter race. On the cross country trail, he was a three-time team captain, where he led the Chargers to two conference and regional championships, including a 2A state runner-up finish in 2004. Individually, Adams won the state championship in 2004. Upon graduation from Northwood, he held the school record for the fastest time in the Boys 5K.

Adams attended N.C. State on a Park Scholarship, where he graduated with a bachelor of science in Aerospace Engineering. He then went on to receive his master's of science in Civil Engineering in 2012 from the University of Colorado. He is currently a Water Resources and Environmental Engineer at Hydros Consulting in Boulder, Colorado.

Austin Brice is a 2010 graduate of Northwood High School, where he excelled on the soccer and baseball fields. Brice was instrumental in the soccer team's 2009 state championship runner-up team. He was a 2009 and 2010 all-conference selection for his accomplishments in soccer.

However, on the baseball diamond is where Brice was a force. He won 63 games in four years on the mound. His senior year, he struck out 76 batters in just 41 innings pitched. He also doubled as a stellar hitter, posting a career .385 batting average that included 10 home



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

The members of the Northwood Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2021 walks to midfield to receive their rings during the induction ceremony at halftime of the Chargers' 34-6 win over Orange last Friday. The Class of 2021 consists of 8 inductees: Taylor Adams, Austin Brice, Josh Edwards, Jay Farrell, Stefanie Pearce-Mendler, Maurice Perry, David Stephens and the 2000 Men's Basketball Team.

runs. His electric arm — which reached speeds of over 90 miles per hour in high school — caught the attention of many colleges and scouts.

That led to Brice being selected in the 9th round of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft by the Miami Marlins. He originally committed to play baseball at Appalachian State, but decided to pursue his dream of playing major league baseball instead. He was called up to the majors for the first time on Aug. 9, 2016, and made his debut in a game against the Chicago White Sox three days later on Aug 12. Born in Hong Kong on June 19, 1992, Brice became the first Hong Kong-born player to appear in the majors. He's since played for the Marlins, Reds and Red Sox, where he is currently a member of their AAA affiliate organization, the Worcester Red Sox.

Josh Edwards is a 2007 graduate of Northwood and was a standout in both football and wrestling. A defensive end, Edwards holds the school record for sacks in a game with 11 and totaled 34 sacks his senior year. He was part of the first football team in Northwood history to make it to the third round of the state playoffs in 2006. He was an all-state selection in football and was one of the top-rated defensive ends in North Carolina in 2007.

Edwards was known for his performance on the wrestling mat, where he was the 2007 2A state champion in the 215-lb weight class. His record during his final two years of high

school was 87-8, including a 49-0 unbeaten season his senior year. Upon graduation from Northwood, Edwards attended N.C. Central University.

"Our motto senior year was 'finish,'" Edwards said when asked about his time with the Chargers. "I took that motto with me throughout the rest of my life. To never cut short and complete the job. I appreciate all that my coaches did for me to make me a better player and man."

J.A. (Jay) Farrell III is a 1975 Northwood graduate who was a member of the 1974 and 1975 basketball team. Farrell was nominated for his 26 years of service as a member of the football chain crew.

"I enjoy being able to give back to the community," Farrell said, reflecting on his time on the Northwood sideline. "I follow the young athletes through youth sports and enjoy watching their journey in sports and academics."

In addition to his service on the chain crew, Farrell was a member of the Pittsboro Fire & Rescue for 43 years, was a member of the Pittsboro Town Council, and a member of Masonic Lodge #102. Farrell is also a local business owner, acting as co-owner of Virilies Grill in Pittsboro.

Stefanie Pearce-Mendler is a 2001 graduate of Northwood. She was a member of the cross country, basketball and track & field teams. She was a three-sport athlete for all four years of high school. Pearce-Mendler excelled in cross country where she was a two-time con-

ference champion and runner of the year. She also placed in the regional race in the fall of 2000.

Upon graduation, she attended Appalachian State University, where she graduated in 2005 with a degree in Health Promotions/Exercise Science.

Maurice Perry is a 1991 graduate who was a standout in track & field, football and cross country. He holds the school records in the 110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and high jump and was a member of the 4 x 200 relay team. Perry was the 1991 state champion in the 300-meter hurdles. He was also Conference Player of the Year in track & field in 1991 and was all-conference in football that same year. Upon graduation from Northwood, Perry attended the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, where he was a two-time national qualifier in the 100-meter dash and long jump. He was also named the Carolina Conference MVP in Track and Field. Perry graduated with a Business Management degree in 1996 and is currently employed as an Implementation-Conversion Manager with Fidelity National Information Services.

David Stephens was a 2001 graduate of Northwood, where he was a member of the men's basketball team and football team. The 6-foot-5 Stephens was quite a presence on the football team as a defensive end. He was selected to the all-conference team his junior and senior year.

On the basketball court

is where Stephens made his name known throughout the state. He was selected as the West's Most Outstanding Player during the 2000 state championship, scoring 30 points and pulling down 16 rebounds in the contest. For his career, he averaged 17 points and 15 rebounds per game. He went on to attend Southwest Missouri State, which was a junior college at the time. Following his stint at Southwest Missouri State, Stephens attended Tarleton State in Texas where he earned a degree in business.

The 2000 Men's Basketball Team was the first team at Northwood High School to make it to a state championship game. They finished as the runner-up after a heartbreaking 68-66 loss to Whiteville. The Chargers stormed into the state championship that season, winning 22 straight games after a Dec. 19, 1999, loss to Chapel Hill, 68-57. Their 22 straight victories were won by an average of 24 points and only twice all season did they win by less than 10 points.

"In coaching, you get lucky and get one of those teams where everything gels," Coach Jim Pappas said when reflecting on his team. "When I think about their parents, the kids, you talk about a group — unless they fooled me — that really liked each other. They really liked spending time with each other. Their families were supportive of what we were doing and everyone was on board from the administration to the school and the community. ... It was a really special time."

The members of the 1999-2000 team were Avon Seymour, Ezra Swan, Joe Scroggs, Ryan Williams, Doug Brooks, Tony Rogers, Rod Edwards, Daniel Smith, Justin Phillips, Lamar Reaves, Justin Massey, Rashaun Rives, Ryan Valente, David Stephens and Simon Alston. Pappas, assisted by Jared Hedrick, Mike Bray, Andrew France, Darrin Price, manager Mario Scurlock, statisticians Alisha Bynum and Cynthia Stickland.

Congratulations to the newest members on their induction into the Northwood High School Athletics Hall of Fame!

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Unbreakable Bears

The Chatham Central junior varsity volleyball team poses for photos with a sign signifying their 16-1 record after a 2-0 sweep of the Jordan-Matthews Jets on Oct. 12. With the victory, the Bears extended their winning streak to 10 games to end the season 16-1 (7-1 in their conference).

Staff photo by Kim Hawks



Chatham Central freshman Karaleigh Dodson (15) meets her opponent at the net during the varsity Bears' 3-0 win over Jordan-Matthews on Oct. 12. Dodson has been one of the Bears' best attackers this season.

Staff photo by Kim Hawks

FOOTBALL

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expected to blow a gasket and lose his cool on the field, resorting to cheap shots to simulate small victories.

Not these guys. "It's going to turn around," Alston said. "It just takes time."

Johnson took over the team after the departure of head coach Sam Spencer this past offseason. Johnson came from an entirely different school system, accepting a teaching job at Jordan-Matthews and embracing the assignment of developing a crew of kids who hadn't played much high school football, much less had experienced success at that level.

"A lot of people don't understand the work we put in every day to get better," Alston said. "People doubt us every game. We haven't proven ourselves yet, but we only have three seniors. We only have 30 players. It's been hard getting people to buy in. We've

had people quit on us and everything. It's been a rough season."

Alston isn't the typical starting quarterback for the Jets.

He's the team's best running back.

Calvin Schwartz is the squad's main signal-caller, but concussion protocol had Schwartz in street clothes, watching from the sideline.

"People like to talk about the loss or whatever," Schwartz said. "You just kind of take it. You know you're doing, what you need to do to get better."

Jordan-Matthews has just two more opportunities to get a win this season. The Jets host Bartlett Yancey (5-3) on Friday and are on the road Oct. 29 at East Chapel Hill (0-7). Familiar fans in the stands would fuel the Jets, Alston said.

"If they gave us some support, things could turn around," he explained.

Alston said he, Schwartz and Jordan-Matthews senior Fabian Thompson have been trying to establish a

foundation for the coming years.

"You do everything better when you've got people behind you," Schwartz said. "It's not just the football team. It's an entire school that's being represented out there."

Moral victories are one thing. But good luck finding players or coaches who embrace them.

Morale victories, though, are different — firm smacks on the shoulder pads that cultivate culture, as opposed to pooh-poohing players with soft pats producing pity.

It's why Johnson and his staff on Friday were coaching the Jets hard, coaching like playoff positioning's on the line — well, it is, in due time, Johnson said.

"It's a timeline," Johnson said. "We talk about the intangibles."

In the first quarter against Graham, one of the Jordan-Matthews defensive coaches was on the sideline yelling for the Jets to watch the sweep to the right. Sure enough, there came those

Red Devils, sweeping right. The Jets were powerless to stop it. Too many athletes on the other side of the ball. Graham's guys would gather heads of steam, and then laws of physics and inertia and gravity would run their natural courses.

But the coaching is there for Jordan-Matthews. That's the point. It's just going to take a minute, Johnson said.

"Just giving them little-bitty daily goals to strive for," Johnson said.

"Get better at practice. Tuesday's got to be better than Monday. Wednesday's got to be better than Tuesday. Just breathe life into them. Be real with them and genuine with them, and build that relationship."

Jordan-Matthews this season has lost 45-0, 72-0, 54-0 and 57-0. Closer contests, relatively speaking, were 48-6 and 21-7.

"The score is one thing, but you want to get better," Johnson said. "I don't believe in moral victories. But

I think as a team this year, we're laying the foundation for what's next, and I think we're on the right track. Sooner or later that scoreboard is going to turn around."

No moral victories. Morale victories.

"These kids are our future, period," Johnson said. "They're playing football in our community. They need our support. When I grew up in Jordan-Matthews, it was like a village. We're trying to bring that back."

Public Notice TOWN OF SILER CITY LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Siler City loose leaf collection will begin Monday, November 1, 2021. Persons living on the south-side of Raleigh Street will receive a leaf pick-up on Monday through Friday in the first week and persons living on the north-side of Raleigh Street will receive a leaf pick-up starting the next week on Monday, November 8, 2021. We will continue to rotate from south-side of town to north-side of town throughout the loose-leaf collection process. Loose leaf collection will run until February 11, 2022.

Please Note: Pick up will take place on one side of town for a week, then move to the other side of town for a week.

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La recolección de hojas sueltas de Siler City comenzará el Lunes 1 de Noviembre de 2021. Las personas que viven en el lado sur de Raleigh Street recibirán una recogida de hojas de Lunes a Viernes en la primera semana y las personas que viven en el lado norte de Raleigh Street recibirán un recogida de hojas a partir de la próxima semana el lunes 8 de Noviembre de 2021. Continuaremos rotando del lado sur de la ciudad al lado norte de la ciudad durante todo el proceso de recolección de hojas sueltas. La recolección de hojas sueltas continuara hasta el 11 de Febrero, 2022.

Tenga en cuenta: La recogida se llevará a cabo en un lado de la ciudad durante la semana, luego se trasladará al otro lado de la ciudad durante una semana.

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Chatham COA Events & Announcements October 21st through October 27th

Thursday, October 21st

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM 🧘 (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
- [Take Off Pounds Sensibly \(TOPS\)](#) at 1:00 PM 📶

Friday, October 22nd

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM 🧘 (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program 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, October 25th

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Tuesday, October 26th

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Wednesday, October 27th

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For more information or to register for these and other programs, contact: Jackie.Green@ChathamCOA.Org (or at 919.542.4512 ext. 227) or Liz.Lahti@ChathamCOA.Org (or at 919.542.4512 ext. 228)

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Siler City board discusses nonprofit grant process, mobile home park

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City Commissioners approved modifications to a mobile home park and discussed nonprofit funding at the board's regular meeting Monday.

Mobile home park modifications

Commissioners approved a set of modifications to the Hampton Village Manufactured Home Park development, most of which involved changing the amount of proposed recreational spaces within the development — including changing the amount of mini-parks from six to four, as well as decreasing the acreage dedi-

cated exclusively to basketball courts, parks, tennis courts and other similar spaces.

Town Planning Director Jack Meadows said instead of having these recreational spaces, the developers would pay a fee in lieu of those facilities, which would go back to the town's Parks and Recreation department.

"The department recommends those funds go towards the ball field lighting project of field two at Bray Park Sports Complex and implementation of the Bray Park Master Plan," the plan states.

The total amount of funds the town of Siler City would receive would be around \$150,000.

Nonprofit grant funding

Commissioners heard a

new policy from town staff regarding requirements to apply for town funding for nonprofits. The policy, presented by Town Manager Roy Lynch and Finance Director Tina Stroupe, would require nonprofits interested in receiving town-funded grants to meet certain criteria. Some of the new requirements include having 501(c)(3) status, providing a board roster with the application, submitting to an annual financial audit and more.

"During the last budget cycle, which was for the fiscal year we are currently in, the board asked town staff something with more criteria standards in order to approving a certain percentage of funding for each agency," Lynch said.

After submitting an application, each nonprofit seeking funds would be graded on the required criteria to determine whether, and how much, funding would be approved.

"Our top priority is to maximize the benefits of all of our town residents," Stroupe said. "We want a policy that would require agencies to fund programs that would benefit our residents, rather than just funding the operations of a nonprofit."

Other business

Siler City also held a public hearing to add clarifying language to its ordinance surrounding shelter homes. Some of this new language would allow shelter homes to prioritize Siler City residents

to be first in line for spots in local domestic violence and homeless shelter.

The ordinance would also add certain criteria to allow more individuals into temporary housing, including pregnant teenagers, victims of domestic abuse and recently unemployed individuals evicted from their homes. The new definitions also would allow for temporary houses to enforce rules regarding alcohol and drug possession on their property.

The town voted to continue the public hearing at the next meeting to review the changes proposed Monday evening.

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JETS

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rhythm and pace on the attack." Jets' Head Coach Paul Cuadros said when asked about the last eight minutes of the first half. "And it took us a while to get there, but we kind of secured the game a little bit, which was nice. ... Once they found their marks, they just poured it on."

The second half was much less exciting on the goal-scoring front — only one goal was scored throughout the 40-minute half, which was a deep shot to the left side of the net by the Jets' Irvin Campos in the 64th minute to make it 7-0 — but that wasn't for a lack of trying.

In the second half alone, the Jets took 12

shots, including a couple that were narrowly off the mark.

With such a big lead, Cuadros made sure to get some players in the game who wouldn't typically get to see the field, both to give them in-game experience and keep the starters fresh. But despite the substitutions, the Jets' feet never came off of the gas.

In total, there were four different goal-scorers for the Jets against the Red Devils: Ocampo (three goals, hat trick), Lujan (two goals), Campos (one goal) and Alexis Ibarra (one goal).

"If you look at our goal scoring, you'll see that it's not dominated by any one player," Cuadros said. "That wealth is spread all around and we're really happy about that because it makes us



Jordan-Matthews Head Coach Paul Cuadros (center, with soccer ball) poses at midfield with a group of former Jets players at halftime of J-M's 6-0 win over the Cummings Cavaliers on Monday. 'It was very special to step onto the field and see those guys — I haven't seen some of those guys in a while — especially the original Jets,' Cuadros said of the halftime ceremony.

Staff photo by Simon Barbre

multi-dimensional. You can't stop us if you stop just one guy, you have to stop the entire team."

As dominant as the final score was, it's become commonplace for a Jets squad that's firing on all

cylinders.

Just five days later, on Monday, the Jets put on another dominant showing against the Cummings Cavaliers, winning a decisive 6-0 victory to improve to 15-0-1 on the season.

Jordan-Matthews' offense has been on another level throughout September and October, having not scored fewer than six goals since its Sept. 3 game against Union Pines.

Monday's game marked its 11th straight contest scoring at least six goals, a surprising feat in a sport that can often feature little offense.

But what might be even more impressive is the Jets' defensive streak, having not allowed a single goal since Sept. 20 against North Moore, seven games — and nearly one month — ago. In the last seven games, J-M has outscored its opponents 53-0.

Its games against Graham and Cummings were just two more notches to add to its belt.

"We've been working on the defense having a particular shape and reaction when we lose the ball, so when we go from offense to defense, we want the backline to

witness that it's happening in front of them," Cuadros said, "and then to begin to step back and start covering."

The Jets' backline and midfielders were exceptional against the Red Devils, limiting their time of possession to next-to-nothing and refusing to let them get off any shots. In the game against the Cavaliers, they allowed just one shot on goal.

In 160 minutes of game time, Graham and Cummings were able to muster just a single shot that had any chance of going into the net.

"Both (of our) goalkeepers are really good, but this is a really hard game for a goalkeeper because you have to keep your attention and then, all of a sudden, you're on and you've got to save a goal," Cuadros said. "They're capable of doing that, but really it's just our defensive shape that's really helping (them)."

The Jets' 15 victories so far this season is the most they've had in a regular season since 2017-18, where they finished the season 16-3-2 before making a run to the Elite Eight in the 2A state playoffs.

And having this kind

of success during a season that marks such a special milestone for the program is the icing on the cake for Cuadros and his team. It just gives them one more reason to celebrate.

After every game this year, Cuadros has handed out Los Jets 20th anniversary stickers — his versions of game balls — to the players that gave the team a "spark" during the game, he said.

And at halftime of the game against Cummings, a group of Cuadros' former players joined him at midfield for a small ceremony recognizing just how far the Los Jets soccer program has come over the last two decades.

"It was very special to step onto the field and see those guys — I haven't seen some of those guys in a while — especially the original Jets, those guys who were here in 2002 and there were several of them," Cuadros said on Monday after the win. "We fought so hard for these guys to be represented at that time and for them to feel included in the school ... and they were able to achieve that."

For Cuadros, who has a decorated career as both a journalist and a university professor, his time with Los Jets in Siler City might be what he's most proud of, he said.

"Coaching the program has sort of become my life's work, maybe even more so than my teaching or my writing," Cuadros said. "It's been a lot of fun and I've enjoyed it and connecting with the kids. And I still have a passion for the game. ... It's a privilege (to step onto that field). It's beautiful."

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'Live Above the Influence' event encourages recovery, saying 'no' to drug use

Pittsboro's George Greger-Holt has worked for decades in Chatham County serving and supporting youth and youth programs. As the community outreach coordinator for Chatham Drug Free — a position he's held since 2013 — Greger-Holt leads the organization's educational efforts and programming and coordinates with CDF partners on a wide array of initiatives.



George Greger-Holt



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Students and faculty of Jordan-Matthews High School.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Anna Stormzand of the Chatham County Public Health Department assists at Chatham Drug Free's 'Live Above the Influence' event.

This week, we talk with Greger-Holt about Chatham Drug Free's "Live Above the Influence" event, held Oct. 11 at Jordan-Matthews High School.

A 1977 graduate of Elmira College, Greger-Holt earned a masters of education from UNC-Chapel Hill. He worked in a variety of positions for Chatham County Schools from 1991 until his retirement from CCS in 2013. He's been the recipient of numerous awards and recognition for his work, including the GlaxoSmithKline Lifetime Achievement Award for Student Health in 2010, the Margaret B. Pollard Outstanding Community Service Award in 2009, and the North Carolina Governor's Academy for Prevention Professionals Award of Appreciation in 2007.

What was impetus for the event?

The Live Above the Influence Recovery Celebration was originally scheduled to coincide with National Recovery Month in September and be held on North Chatham Avenue in Siler City. The event had its inaugural celebration in 2019 at a Siler City Parks and Recreation movie night, but was canceled in 2020. The reemergence of the COVID-19 Delta variant and low immunization rates caused the event to be canceled again this year.

In its place, the planning committee — made up of representatives from Chatham Drug Free, Chatham County Court Programs, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, Chatham County Public Health Department, Chatham County Schools Central Services and Insight Human Services — approached Jordan-Matthews High School with the idea of holding a similar celebration for students and their families prior to this year's homecoming football game.

The purpose of the celebration was two-fold. It was an opportunity to honor those who have done the hard work of quitting alcohol and/or other drugs and entered

into recovery, and to provide hope for those who have yet to take that step. In addition, it was also an opportunity to help young people see that advantages of living a healthy lifestyle by not starting to use those substances in the first place.

To do that, the planning committee, along with support from J-M Principal Donna Barger and Athletic Director Josh Harris, created an event that would be both fun and informative. Along with information about the dangers of alcohol and other drug use and resources to support those who have started to use, the event featured a DJ, games and activities including an inflatable basketball, football and soccer challenge, corn hole and photo booth.

In addition, tickets for the game and concessions were given out to students during spirit week prior to the game.

Students were also given wallet/purse cards and wrist bands with information on the Good Samaritan 911 law and the plea to "Be Kind, Leave No One Behind." The law provides legal protection for anyone who calls 911 when in the presence of a medical emergency caused by an overdose. This campaign was developed by two Chatham County students, Elly Cummins and Bridget O'Donnell, to honor their brothers, Boone Cummins and Sean O'Donnell, both of whom died after their friends left them thinking they'd be OK.

There was also information on the dangers of vaping, opioid use,

marijuana use and alcohol use along with local resources on mental health support, substance use recovery as well as vaping cessation resources available in Chatham County.

How did you partner with the county and Cardinal Innovations?

Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, the mental health managed care organization that serves Chatham County and part of the Chatham Drug Free coalition, was very generous in their financial support of the event and has a vested interest in supporting the recovery of people with addiction to alcohol and other drugs. The Chatham County Public Health Department, Chatham County Court Programs and Chatham County Schools are also members of the Chatham Drug Free coalition.

Eight members of the Peer Education Program of Siler City (PEPSC), a collaboration between the Public Health Department and Jordan-Matthews High School, were on-hand during the event to talk with parents and students and share resources. They distributed medication lock boxes and medication disposal packets as well.

Why incorporate a banner — which students could sign — into the event?

The title "Live Above the Influence" was chosen to help students realize that even though there are influences in their community that

might entice them to try alcohol or other drugs, there are ways to rise above that influence and commit to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. A banner was available at the football game for students to sign, signifying their commitment to living a clean and sober lifestyle. The banner will be hung in the hallway at Jordan-Matthews to continue to collect signatures and remind students of their pledge to "Live Above the Influence."

Living drug-free is more of a challenge than ever, given relaxed laws around marijuana and the growth

of CBD. How does that impact the work you're trying to do?

With the emerging popularity of CBD and Delta 9 and the increasing number of states voting to make either medicinal marijuana or recreational marijuana legal, youth are certainly getting mixed messages. This is contributing to an attitude of decreased perceived harmfulness, that is, youth are less and less likely to believe that marijuana use is harmful when it isn't further from the truth.

Adolescent brains continue to develop, even

of CBD. How does that impact the work you're trying to do?

Adolescent brains continue to develop, even beyond the age of 21, the legal age for alcohol consumption and marijuana consumption in states that have legalized the drug for recreational use. The introduction of these chemicals into that development has been proven to have detrimental and long-lasting effects.

Parents and community members, along with coaches, clergy and other adults of influence, must continue to talk to youth about the dangers of these drugs in spite of the recent changes in some state's laws.

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Evelyn Schoenberger of Pittsboro is among the new and returning students enrolled at Elmira College in Elmira, N.Y., for the fall 2021 semester. Congratulations and welcome to Evelyn.

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CHATHAM 250

Chatham County's 250th anniversary culminates with fireworks display in Siler City

From Chatham 250

SILER CITY — Chatham County's 250th anniversary celebrations will conclude with a grand finale fireworks display in downtown Siler City.

The concluding event for the county's semi-centennial, co-sponsored by Chatham 250 and the town of Siler City, will happen at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13.

"A grand finale of fireworks is an exciting and special end for our Chatham 250 celebrations," said Lendy Carias, Chatham 250 co-chairperson and teaching assistant at Siler City Elementary School. "Our entire network of communities, families, and leaders from all walks of life will celebrate our county's heritage and legacies. This final event is an opportunity for us all to gather and rejoice at this memorable and historic occasion."

The fireworks will be launched on the Wren Family property, located at 311 North Chatham Ave., across from the Siler City Fire Department in downtown Siler City. Seating areas will be available along West 3rd Street and West 2nd Street, behind the N.C. Arts Incubator and Rotary Stage, and on North Chatham Avenue in the top of the parking lot at the former Boling building location. Additional seating areas will be available throughout downtown to promote social distancing.

Parking will be available at City Hall on West 3rd Street, and at the Municipal Lot located on the corner of 4th street and Chatham Avenue and throughout downtown Siler City in designated public parking areas.

Hale Artificier has been contracted to prepare the fireworks display. The company recently

presented fireworks displays at Chatham Charter School and the Silk Hope Ruritan Club Summer Spectacular.

"The Siler City Board of Commissioners and town staff are excited to have fireworks in Siler City again after so many years and would like to thank the Chatham 250 Community and Diversity Committee and the Wren Family for their hard work in putting the event together," Siler City Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Bray said.

Chatham County began planning its 250th anniversary celebrations in the summer of 2020 with the formation of the Chatham 250 Planning Committee, made up of representatives from across the county who have diverse backgrounds and unique skills — but with one common thread: their passion for Chatham County. Chatham 250 celebrations kicked off in April with Founding Day in downtown Pittsboro. Since then, there have been numerous events, projects, and programs throughout the county designed to celebrate five key areas that make Chatham so special — Creative Arts, Community and Diversity, Growth and Change, Agriculture, and Natural Environment.

Celebration theme sponsors the celebrations have included Chatham Hospital, Bold Real Estate, Mosaic, Duke Energy and Mountaire Farms.

For more information about the Chatham 250 grand finale fireworks display, individuals may visit www.chatham250.com/event-details/chatham-250-grand-finale-fireworks-display or contact Hilary Pollan at hilary.pollan@chathamcountync.gov or 919-545-8408. More information about Chatham County's 250th anniversary can be found at www.chatham250.com.

CURIOUS COOK



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

Pizzas are among the favorites in our household.

A dispatch from the kitchen

This week I'm mixing things up a bit, Gentle



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook

Reader. Instead of talking about dish, giving you a pic and recipe, I'm going side-

sides. I'd like to share with you some edible discoveries and culinary revelations. Some are new, some are old seasonal favorites. Food that surprised me and my taste buds.

When the words "Pizza party" are uttered, most people — kids and adults alike — get very happy.

I'm vaguely disappointed. I would literally rather eat Brussels sprouts than traditional pizza. Red pizza sauce and pepperoni repel me. I make my own pizza with no sauce and my own choice of toppings, but that takes time, one thing of which that these days I have very little.

Then I went to Wegman's.

Inside these food amusement parks is the equivalent of a food court. They have a deli, sushi bar, poke place, burger joint, salad and soup place, bakery, fish restaurant, Italian joint, old school diner food, and a pizza place.

They have a gazillion different toppings to make your own and some pre-made combinations. And quite of a few of those pizzas do not have pepperoni or red sauce.

So, around here, Wednesday is pizza night; Petey gets his pedestrian

pizza, and I get a pizza made with a truffle cream sauce, mushrooms, and plenty of fresh cheese.

(Pro tip: For the freshest pie, get your pizzas barely baked, take them home, and finish them in your own oven — 425° on the bare rack until golden and bubbly.)

The other night I stopped by the store after work to grab some salad greens. I picked up something called "Bright Farms Sunny Crunch." When I got it home, I was completely bummed to see it was iceberg lettuce — you remember iceberg, the lettuce from school cafeteria salads and Big Macs? Not a lettuce that belongs in any salad that I want to eat.

But it was a hybrid of iceberg and green leaf, and awesome. It was crispy and crunchy tasty and had enough body and flavor to stand up to the other flavors in my salad like dried pineapple, funky farmer's cheese and raw red onion.

Now it's the first lettuce I look for in the store when I need greens.

Trader Joe's is always good for their outlandish new products. They even have a corner in each store that contains seven or eight new products that change monthly. If the item is a hit, you'll continue to find it on the shelves. If it's a dud ...

This month they have one product for Petey and one for me.

My spouse is a lover of sticky buns and cinnamon rolls. Cinnabon is his Mecca. I guess Joe heard because they have come out with a cinnamon roll spread. Fall spices, honey and butter.

And it makes a toasted bagel taste like a freshly

baked, warm, and spicy treat.

I love brown butter on savory food like cauliflower, pasta, and meat. I use it in sweet baked goods like chocolate chip cookies, frosting, and candy. That mad scientist Joe now sells it in jars. In jars. Already browned. In jars.

Oh Joe, I love you. Speaking of brown butter, Whole Foods make brown butter chocolate cookies that are insanely delicious. But like most things at Whole Foods, expensive. So they are an infrequent treat.

Each Saturday, the dealership buys lunch for the employees. Pizza (woohoo), Chinese, chicken, you get the idea.

Occasionally, there will be sandwiches. The old place had sandwiches that were basically a bread stick with limp lettuce and one slice of limp, sad meat. Nobody was enthused.

Well, last week the sandwiches came from the deli at Harris Teeter (who knew?).

They were downright terrific. Really good, fresh sub rolls, lots of meat, lettuce, tomato, and cheese. They were not cheap, sliver sandwiches. They were the kind of sandwich that I will buy, on purpose.

But the real revelation was the dessert. It was chocolate chunk cookies. And they were better than Whole Foods.' The cookies were as tasty, but they baked it so that it was a little darker around the edges, giving it a chewy mouth feel, and caramel-like flavor. And they're probably way cheaper.

And lastly, when it's fall, this girl's taste buds go to pumpkin and spice. But not in my coffee. I might drink a bathtub of java, but not one drop of java, but not one drop is flavored like a Jack-o-lantern.

My pumpkins of choice are those delicious little drops of childhood memories sold by Brach's. And don't tell me they are just candy corn, because they are not, and I will go to my grave declaring it. Another sweet pumpkin-shaped treat is from Reese's. They are better than the fluted everyday peanut butter cups because they are the ideal ratio of peanut butter to chocolate and the resulting texture is far superior.

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On October 12, Javier Lemus Martinez, 21, of 344 Mountain View, Siler City, was arrested by SSgt. Rischetta White for assault on a female. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 27.

On October 12, Edward Russell Pepper Jr., 45, of 7 Campford Drive, Newnan, Georgia, was arrested by Deputy Devin Smith for assault on a female and assault by strangulation. He was issued a \$75,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court, in Pittsboro on October 13.

On October 13, Jonathan Michael Shipman, 24, of 96 Jordan Grove Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Jason Kane for

assault on a female and communicating threats. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 26.

On October 14, Rodney Kyle Lopossay, 28, of 415 Meronies Church Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Investigator Jedidiah Bristow for larceny of a firearm. He was issued a \$5,000 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 8.

On October 14, Rodney Kyle Lopossay, 28, of 415 Meronies Church Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Investigator Jedidiah Bristow for possession of a stolen firearm. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on October 27.

On October 14, Brand-

lyn Monae Horton, 38, of 67 Paige Boulevard, Siler City was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to appear. She was issued a \$300 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 27.

On October 14, Jenna Alyss Andrews, 28, of 7892 Siler City Glendon Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Brent Ward for misdemeanor larceny. She was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 3.

On October 14, Royce Morgan Jr., 42, of 8108 Siler City Glendon Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for failure to appear and probation violation. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in

Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 27.

On October 15, Cheyenne Danielle Whitlow, 22, of 2501 Corinth Road, Lot 72, Moncure, was arrested by Deputy Jonathan Frazier for simple assault. She was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 10.

On October 15, Ramell Sean Davis, 27, of 4408 Westfield Road, Fayetteville, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to appear. He was issued a \$250 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Hoke County District Court in Raeford on November 17.

On October 15, Ramell Sean Davis, 27, of 4408 Westfield Road, Fayetteville, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Har-

rington for assault on a female. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Cumberland County District Court in Fayetteville on November 5.

On October 15, Adam Daniel Webster, 35, of 261 Reddish Drive, Siler City, was arrested by SSgt. Rischetta White for Domestic Violence Protective Order violation. He was issued a \$3,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 26.

On October 16, Shaun Taquan Adams, 33, of 2968 NC Highway 43N, Vanceboro, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for assault on a female, simple assault, stolen property offenses, burglary/breaking & entering, larceny after breaking and entering, speeding, Driving While License Revoked, injury

to personal property, communicating threats, and failure to remain at the scene of a hit/run accident. He was issued a \$31,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Pitt County District Court in Greenville on October 19.

On October 17, Javier Montiel Dela Cruz, 37, of 13155 U.S. Hwy. 64, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Percy Grady for assault on a female. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 27.

On October 17, Linda Gail Meade, 48, of 609 Dalton Drive, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for larceny. She was issued a \$100 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 17.

ACCELERATE 2026

Chatham EDC announces public/private-sector funding campaign

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Following breakfast and an exciting update on development activity in Chatham County, Chatham Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) President Michael Smith and Lee-Moore Capital Company President, CEO and Chairman and Accelerate 2026 Council Chairman Kirk Bradley announced last Wednesday that the EDC had secured \$751,250 of the \$900,000 private-sector fundraising goal from the business community during the quiet phase of its campaign.

“Given the support we have seen so far, we have great expectations,” Bradley said. “We are confident that area businesses will continue to vote yes to our new initiative by making a financial investment in Accelerate 2026.”

The event marked the public announcement of the



Submitted photo

Chatham EDC Chairperson Greg Lewis (from left) and Accelerate 2026 Campaign Council Chairperson Kirk Bradley pose with Rick Kiernan of Convergent Nonprofit Solutions and Sasha Duncan of Mountaire Farms at the Accelerate 2026 event last Wednesday in Pittsboro.

organization’s Accelerate 2026 campaign, a five-year \$900,000 public/private economic de-

velopment initiative that calls for the creation of 2,000 new jobs within Chatham County.

In addition to the new jobs, Accelerate 2026 is projected to facilitate over \$500 million in new capital investment. By the end of the plan, Accelerate 2026 is projected to have an overall economic impact of \$67.9 million.

“In recent years, attracting quality jobs has become even more competitive,” Smith said. “To help bring new companies, investment and opportunity we need to enlist the help of not only the public sector for funding, but also we need Chatham County businesses to step up and support us.”

Additional goals of the economic development initiative include assisting 100 businesses with expansion goals, creating a spec building program, and increasing the industrial and commercial property tax base from 8% to 14%.

The Accelerate 2026 campaign launched in March and

will continue to the end of 2026.

“We have been overwhelmed by the strong support we have received during the early stages of the campaign,” said Greg Lewis, Chatham EDC’s board chairperson. “Our investors have stepped up to the plate and showed their confidence in Accelerate 2026 and its potential for tremendous economic impact in Chatham County.”

Positioning Chatham County within the Research Triangle Region and Carolina Core as a preferred location for emerging growth companies is a major focus in targeting industry clusters for new job creation and recruitment of new companies, within the aggressive five-year economic development initiative. As the geographic center of North Carolina, Chatham County will be a natural location within the region for future economic growth.

SIDS AWARENESS MONTH

CCPHD and Social Services leaders encourage caregivers of newborns to learn safe sleep practices

From Chatham County Public Health Department

PITTSBORO — October 1 marked the beginning of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month, and the Chatham County Public Health Department and Chatham County Department of Social Services are encouraging all Chatham County parents and caregivers to learn and take the right steps to prevent SIDS in their children by practicing safe sleep habits.

In its annual review of child deaths in Chatham County, the Chatham Community Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) pinpointed SIDS and unsafe sleep as an area of concern as one of the leading preventable causes of infant deaths. From 2012 to 2018, 911 North Carolina infant deaths were associated with unsafe sleep environments or SIDS.

This release, along with upcoming social media posts and community education efforts, are part of the county’s response to increase public awareness about this issue.

“Safe sleep is one of the most important ways to

prevent bad outcomes for newborns and infants,” said Chatham County Public Health Director Mike Zelek. “As the parent of a young child, I understand how difficult it can be to figure out what the best approach is. During SIDS Awareness Month, I hope the resources and information we share can help answer some of the questions new parents and caregivers have.”

The CCPT wants to share the following recommendations with the Chatham community for promoting safe sleep among babies and infants:

- Babies should sleep on a firm and flat surface, such as a mattress in a safety-approved crib, that is free of loose and soft items such as toys, crib bumpers, and blankets.

- Keep your baby’s sleep area (for example, a crib or bassinet) in the same room where you sleep — until your baby is at least 6 months old, or ideally, until your baby is 1 year old — in a separate safe sleep area made just for baby (such as a safety-approved crib next to your bed).

- Put your baby to sleep on his or her back for all sleep times, whether it’s a nap or at night.

- Offer your baby a pacifier at nap time and bedtime.

- Avoid falling asleep with your baby, especially on a couch or sofa where they can slip down (face first) into the crevice or get wedged against the back of a couch where they may suffocate.

For more tips and best practices, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/sids/Parents-Caregivers.htm>.

“Sleep deprivation is a challenge that all new parents face,” said Jennie Kristiansen, Director of the Chatham County Department of Social Services. “Planning ahead to ensure that everyone who will be providing care for a new baby knows where babies should and shouldn’t sleep is important. This knowledge and proper planning can make all the difference in keeping infants safe during this critical period of development.”

The CCPT is an interdisciplinary group with a community-wide approach to the problem of child abuse and neglect. The group originally began as two teams, a Community Child Protection Team and a Child Fatality Prevention Team, before merging in

2018 to review child abuse and neglect cases along with any cases of child fatality in the county. The team features 21 members from various public and private agencies including the Chatham

County Public Health Department, Chatham County Department of Social Services, Communities in Schools of Chatham County, El Futuro, Chatham County Child Victim Services, and the

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'The Last Duel' is a feast for eyes, not food for thought

Director Ridley Scott wades back into the



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

sword-and-sandal waters with "The Last Duel," a gritty retelling of the

14th century true story of France's last judicially sanctioned trial by combat.

Former military mates Jean de Carrouges (Matt Damon) and Jacques Le Gris (Adam Driver) gradually have a falling out as Jacques's favor rises among French nobility, sometimes at the expense of the tempestuous Jean. Their feud comes to a head when Jean's wife, Marguerite de Carrouges (Jodie Comer), publicly accuses Jacques of rape. After a deadlocked trial before Parliament, King

THE LAST DUEL

GRADE: B -

DIRECTOR: Ridley Scott

STARRING: Matt Damon, Adam Driver, Jodie Comer and Ben Affleck

MPAA RATING: R

RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 32 min.

Charles VI (Alex Lawther) grants the request for a duel to the death to decide the case, and with it the fates of its three subjects. Indeed, if Jacques prevails, Marguerite would be burned alive as a perjurer.

There are few filmmakers more adept at medieval milieus than Scott, whose set design and camera work — with cinematographer and pri-

or collaborator Dariusz Wolski — are exacting and exquisite. From the bloody battles to the grime of everyday life in 14th century Europe, the attention to detail is palpable and lacquers a layer of verisimilitude that carries the film. The highlight is the climatic duel, which Scott recreates in precise and gory detail.

The acting is uneven, with Comer emerging as the relative highlight. Ben Affleck feels somewhat miscast as Count Pierre d'Alençon, Jacques's benefactor and Jean's persistent foil. Driver is suitable as the popular but cagey Jacques, while Damon struggles with his accent and to find Jean's voice.

The glaring problem with "The Last Duel" lies in its story structure, a three-act "Rashomon"-style plot line, each told from the particular perspective of the three principals. The story is thrice shown from the standpoints of Jean, Jacques, and finally Marguerite. This narrative choice appears shrewd given the contentions of each person and



Courtesy of 20th Century Studios

Matt Damon stars in 'The Last Duel.'

the ongoing historical debate over Jacques's true guilt. However, the screenplay does not have the courage of its construct. Both chapters depicting the sexual encounter between Jacques and Marguerite show unquestionable acts of rape — Jacques's version is only slightly less brutal than Marguerite's. Each chapter is titled as "The truth according to ..." that particular character, yet the words "the truth" in Marguerite's title card linger longer before fading away, betraying the filmmakers' own verdict.

Here, the device works best when portraying

varying versions of Jean's personality, which fluctuates from noble, wronged stalwart to courageous, angry dimwit and finally a callous, prideful husband. But no film released in 2021 (or any number of decades before) that shows the cruel rape of a woman is not going to leave any ambiguity over the truth of her accusation. Yet, that absence of ambiguity, however understandable and even necessary, belies the entire point and purpose of the "Rashomon" storytelling device, which rests on the premise that same seemingly objective event

can be described in significantly different (often contradictory) ways depending on the subjective viewpoints and biases of its observers — leaving the truth in the lurch. Damon and Affleck share screenwriting credit with award-winning writer Nicole Holofcener, so it is difficult to determine who bears blame for this misapplication.

Beyond its visual aplomb, "The Last Duel" succeeds in illuminating historic and systemic misogyny that still persists centuries hence. But the film is ultimately more of a feast for the eyes than food for thought.

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Insurance Commissioner reminds Medicare beneficiaries to compare plans during open enrollment

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH — N.C. Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey reminds

Medicare beneficiaries to compare and evaluate their current plans and make necessary changes during the upcoming Open Enrollment Period.

Medicare plans and prices change. It is important for Medicare beneficiaries to take advantage of the Open Enrollment Period by contacting local Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors to save money, improve coverage or both.

The Open Enrollment Period began and runs for eight weeks to give enough time to review and make changes to a person's Medicare coverage. Changes must be made by Dec. 7 to guarantee your coverage will begin without interruption on Jan. 1, 2022.

It's important to contact a local SHIIP counselor before making a decision about coverage because beneficiaries

may be able to receive more affordable and better Medicare health and/or drug plan options. For example, even if a person is satisfied with their current Medicare Advantage or Part D plan, there may be another plan in your area that covers health care and/or drugs at a better price.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. In addition, to helping Medicare beneficiaries compare and enroll in plans during the Open Enrollment Period, SHIIP counselors can help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

Here are some of the ways to review and

compare plans available for 2022:

- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with all of the options available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change. Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to people with Medicare in September.

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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A COVID-19 update from Chatham's schools

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

There have been 242 cumulative cases of COVID-19 reported to Chatham County Schools since Aug. 23, according to the district's case dashboard Tuesday afternoon, making up 2.3% of the district's total population. There were six active cases, or .06% of the district.

CCS has only had one cluster — defined as five or more cases that are epidemiologically related within a 14-day window — at Chatham Central High School, reported during the second week of classes. A second cluster at Northwood was included in the state

health department's child care and school settings report three weeks ago, but it was later deemed to be erroneous and removed from the list.

Next week, CCS will begin offering free weekly COVID-19 tests to students and staff beginning with K-5 students. The rapid results tests, administered by Raleigh-based Mako Medical, are set to expand to middle schoolers the week of Nov. 1 and to high schoolers the week of Nov. 8. To be tested, a parent or guardian must provide a one-time consent for any student under 18, available through the links on the district's website.

"We want to ensure

that we are doing everything we can to protect our students," Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson said in a district statement when the testing was announced. "We want to keep our students in school. Testing is another tool at our disposal to help us mitigate the spread of the virus, which will allow us to continue to work toward our goal of an uninterrupted school year."

The cost of the testing program is completely covered by a grant.

Health experts have long encouraged consistent testing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, in addition to universal mask wear-

ing — which the CCS Board of Education again voted to require on all its campuses at its meeting last Monday. The district said it hopes providing weekly testing will help keep students in school, athletics and after-school activities.

There haven't been any clusters reported among the county's public charter schools — Willow Oak Montessori, Woods Charter School and Chatham Charter School — in the state report. Each school also has an indoor mask mandate, and Woods and Chatham Charter have COVID-19 trackers on their websites.

There have been eight positive cases among Woods Charters students

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and zero among teachers since the first day of class, according to the school's tracker. Woods Charter has 512 students, according to its website. Chatham Charter has had 20 positive cases among students and 1 case among teachers, according to its online tracker, since its first day of class on Aug. 11. Chatham Charter has approximately 560 students.

(CCS has about 8,800.) The News + Record did not find trackers on the sites of Chatham's private schools, but according to the state report, no clusters have been reported among those schools either.

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

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Standards Link: Mathematics: Understand base 10 place value.

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-- Annual Hiring Salary, \$36,000 (entry level/no certification), \$38,250 Grade I Certification, \$40,500 Grade II Certification, \$42,750 Grade III Certification, \$45,000 Grade IV Certification. -- #2, TELECOMMUNICATOR - Performs intermediate technical work receiving and dispatching law enforcement calls, receives and processes emergency and non-emergency service calls, assists the public with informational requests, prepares and maintains records and files. - Required Education and Experience Qualifications. High school diploma or high school equivalency. Moderate experience in communications, dispatching, or clerical work. - Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: DCI certification Modules, I, II, and III upon hire. Bilingual in both written and spoken English and Spanish. - Additional Employment Requirements: Must obtain DCI certification Modules, I, II, and III within six months of hire and maintain certification with no lapse during the course of employment. - Annual Hiring Salary \$31,984 -- Please refer to our website for complete job descriptions. To Apply: This posting is open until filled. A completed Town of Siler City application is required and may be found on our website at www.silercity.org or picked up at City Hall. The application may be mailed or delivered to City Hall, 311 N. Second Ave., PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or submitted via email to dritter@silercity.org. Pre-employment drug testing, DMV check, and background checks are required upon job offer. EOE. - The Town of Siler City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Siler City's applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, disability, or other legally protected status. The Town invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided necessary accommodations, Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for

the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. -- Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. O21,1tc

FOOD SERVICES STAFF - Pittsboro Christian Village is accepting applications for Server, Pantry Cook, and Cook. Apply in person 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday, at 1825 East St. in Pittsboro. O21,1tfnc

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CLASS A - CDL DRIVERS, equipment operators and laborers. Local Pittsboro grading and utility company. Call or text 919-624-4638. O14,21,28,N4,4tp

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 512
All persons having claims

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

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Tuesday — Noon

Display ad deadline
Monday — 5 p.m.

Rates and payment
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against **PATRICIA WELCH CAREY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

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Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27th day of September, 2021. Cathleen C. Roberts, Executrix c/o Kirschbaum, Nanney, Kennan & Griffin, P.A. PO Box 19766 Raleigh, NC 27619-9766 919-848-0420 S30,07,014,021,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against **ELEANOR DE GRANGE HEATH** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 4th day of January, 2021, are notified to present them to Frank Boynton Heath, Executor of the Estate of Eleanor de Grange Heath in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before January 7, 2022. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Eleanor de Grange Heath. Those indebted to Eleanor de Grange Heath are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Rd, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 S30,07,014,021,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 515
All persons having claims against **WILLIAM DARRYL LEVO**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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 7th day of October, 2021. Lucille A. Sankey, Executor of the Estate of Carl G. Sankey

ber, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27th day of September, 2021. BRIAN M. LEVO, Co-Executor 6571 5th Ave NE, Unit A Seattle, Wa. 98115 Michelle R. Levo, Co-Executor 17507 Sonora Rd PO Box 882 Knights Ferry, Ca. 95361 S30,07,014,021,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 16 E 108
All persons having claims against **WAYBELLE C. BALDWIN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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 27th day of September, 2021. Tracy B. Rivera, Executrix 2626 Mallard Cove Rd Sanford, NC 27330 S30,07,014,021,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor on the estate of **CARL G. SANKEY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Robert A. Mason, Esq., PO Box 817, Asheboro, North Carolina 27204, on or before the 7th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 7th day of October, 2021. Lucille A. Sankey, Executor of the Estate of Carl G. Sankey

c/o Robert A. Mason, Esq. PO Box 817 Asheboro, NC 27204 07,014,021,028,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified on the 17th day of September, 2021, as Executrix of the Estate of **Virginia J. Rahdert a/k/a Virginia Josephine Rahdert**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 7th day of October, 2021. Barbara Berry, Executrix of The Estate of Virginia J. Rahdert a/k/a Virginia Josephine Rahdert 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, NC 27707 c/o Candace B. Minjares, Esquire Kenyon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 07,014,021,028,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 566
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **WILLIAM LOUIS DIGGS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 566
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **WILLIAM LOUIS DIGGS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them

to the undersigned at her address, 152 Old Farrington Road, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27517, on or before the 5th day of January, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 29th day of September, 2021. Catherine Jean Diggs 152 Old Farrington Road Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517 GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 07,014,021,028,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against **ELEANOR de GRANGE HEATH** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 4th day of January, 2021, are notified to present them to Frank Boynton Heath, Executor of the Estate of Eleanor de Grange Heath in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before December 30, 2021. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Eleanor de Grange Heath. Those indebted to Eleanor de Grange Heath are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont

Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 07,014,021,028,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against **RICHARD SPRINGER** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 1st day of August, 2021, are notified to present them to Frederic R. Ammon, Executor of the Estate of Richard Springer in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before January 13, 2022. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Richard Springer. Those indebted to Richard Springer are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves &

Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 07,014,021,028,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 569
All persons having claims against **KAREN BETH HEILMAN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 4th day of October, 2021. Thomas Newton Heilman II 306 Highland Trail Chapel Hill, NC 27516 07,014,021,028,4tp

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 This the 24th day of September, 2021.
 Zacchaeus Legal Services
 By: Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 NC Bar #12852/56782
 310 W. Jones St.
 P. O. Box 25
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Estate of George C. Theologus aka George Charles Theologus Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of George C. Theologus, aka George Charles Theologus, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned do hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 8th day of January, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This is the 7th day of October, 2021.
 Laura Shel Brahle, Administrator CTA of the Estate of George C. Theologus aka George Charles Theologus Dori J. Dixon Schell Bray PLLC Attorney for the Estate 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271 Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27517
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Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **RAE E. BRAHLEK** aka Rae Eugenie Brahle, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 15th day of January, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This is the 14th day of October, 2021.
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Reservoir. The permit augments phosphorus discharge requirements in the co-permittee members' individual NPDES permits. Total phosphorus is water quality-limited. These discharges may affect future allocations in this river basin. 021,1tc

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 Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **GAIL ANN RUSSO** deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 523 Keisler Drive, Suite 102, Cary, North Carolina 27518 on or before January 22, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the undersigned address.
 This the 21st day of October, 2021.
 Susan Feaman, Executor c/o Ann-Margaret Alexander, Attorney at Law 523 Keisler Drive, Suite 102 Cary, NC 27518 (Phone): (919) 380-1001 (Fax): (919) 380-4099
 021,028,N4,N11,4tp

Discapacidad (Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)) o intérprete deberán contactar a Meghan Brown antes del día 1 de Noviembre de 2021. Su teléfono es el 919-718-7422 y su email: mbrown@cccc.edu. El Programa de Transporte Comunitario (Capital Community Transportation Program) provee asistencia para coordinar los programas existentes en el condado de Chatham y Lee y además brinda alternativas de transporte para la comunidad dentro del área de servicio. Estos servicios se ofrecen en la actualidad utilizando fondos que el estado distribuye al Colegio Comunitario. Los servicios son prestados por Chatham Transit Network y Lee County Transit Network. La cantidad total estimada solicitada para el período del 1 de Julio de 2022 al 30 de Julio de 2023.
 Proyecto

| | Cantidad total |
|--|--|
| Acciones locales | |
| Administrativo | \$ _____ |
| | \$ _____ (15%) |
| En funcionamiento (5311) | \$ _____ |
| | \$ _____ (50%) |
| Capital (Vehículos y Otros) | \$ 60,000 |
| | \$ 6,000 (10%) |
| 5310 de funcionamiento | \$ _____ |
| | \$ _____ (50%) |
| Otro | \$ _____ |
| | \$ _____ (____%) |
| PROYECTO TOTAL: | \$ 60,000 |
| | \$ 6,000 |
| Solicitud de financiación total \$60,000 | Participación total local \$6,000 |
| | Esta aplicación puede ser inspeccionada a petición a partir del 25 al 29 de Octubre de 2021. Los comentarios escritos deben dirigirse a Meghan Brown (mbrown@cccc.edu) antes 1 de Noviembre de 2021. Fin del Aviso 021,1tc |

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21-E-559
 All persons having claims against **INGRID BAIRD**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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 30th day of September, 2021.
 Joanne Hawkins, Executor c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 31205 Raleigh, NC 27622
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CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES E. RICE, AKA JAMES EUGENE RICE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate of the deceased will please make immediate payment.
 This 7th day of October, 2021.
 Barbara S. Rice, Administrator of the Estate of James E. Rice 1274 New Hope Church Road Apex, N.C. 27523 Wade H. Paschal, Jr. Attorney at Law PO Box 273 Siler City, NC 27344 Attorney for th Estate of James E. Rice
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **ALEXANDRA P. SIMPSON**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 14th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.
 This 14th day of October, 2021.
 ANGELA R. SPONG, EXECUTRIX ESTATE OF ALEXANDRA P. SIMPSON Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514
 014,021,028,N4,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 589
 All persons having claims against **JUDITH H. AKRIDGE AKA JUDITH VIANNE AKRIDGE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of January, 2022, 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 October, 2021.
 Bill Akridge, Executor 182 Old Lystra Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27517
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 571
 The undersigned, Melissa Godwin, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES L. GODWIN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 21 day of January, 2022, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This the 13 day of October, 2021.
 Melissa Godwin, Administrator C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 374
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 Brianna Marie De La Houssaye, Administrator 84 Kirkman's Ford Rd Siler City, NC 27344
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO
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 1. Legislative Public Hearing: To receive public input regarding the proposed Chatham Park Affordable Housing Plan Additional Element.
 1. 2. Legislative Public Hearing: Annexation (A-2021-04 Mello). The Town of Pittsboro has received a voluntary contiguous annexation petition for 15-501 East, LLC. Parcel 7146, 75037. Current Zoning R-10 acreage: 178.94 acres
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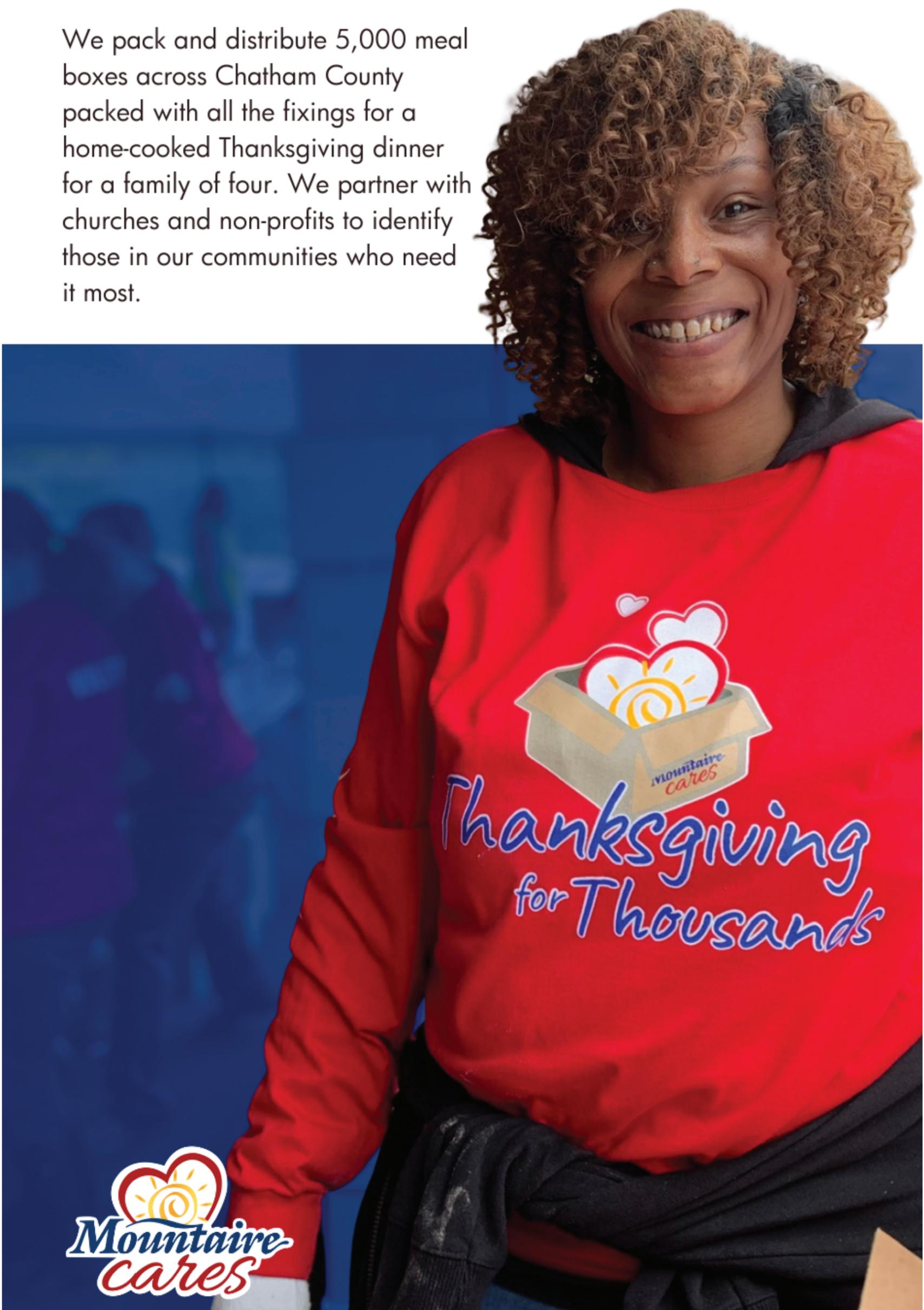
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THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING



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Join us for our annual Thanksgiving for Thousands event!

We pack and distribute 5,000 meal boxes across Chatham County packed with all the fixings for a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner for a family of four. We partner with churches and non-profits to identify those in our communities who need it most.



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