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'I FEEL SO GRATEFUL'

## Chatham children ages 5-11 begin getting vaccinated

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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CHAPEL HILL — Just minutes after getting their first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at Woods Charter School on Saturday, 8-year-old twin brothers Hudson and Baer Moody sipped happily on hot chocolate while they waited their 15 minutes to be cleared to leave.

"We were first in line as they were so excited to get their shots," their mom, Kimberley Moody said.

Although the risk for getting COVID-19 and experiencing severe symptoms is lower for younger kids, it still exists, and the Delta variant especially has not spared children. Some have

experienced long-term effects and nearly 100 children ages 5-11 have died in the U.S. from COVID-19 since the pandemic began. That's why Moody and her wife, Cindy, decided to vaccinate Hudson and Baer — plus they wanted to help avoid spreading the virus to others, including their immunocompromised grandparents.

"The boys understand all of this and are keen to get back to some degree of normal in a few weeks, once they are fully vaccinated," Kimberley Moody, who lives in Briar Chapel, said. "It means to them that they can have a sleepover with other vaccinated friends in a few weeks' time — that was the first thing they said they wanted to do."

Baer and Hudson are among the first 5- to 11-year-olds to get the vaccine in Chatham, following the recommendation from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last Tuesday that young children receive the Pfizer pediatric (lower dose) vaccine. Local providers began offering the vaccine to children ages 5-11 late last week, the Chatham County Public Health Dept. said in a release.

"I know many are excited by this news and are eager to get their children vaccinated against COVID-19," said CCPHD Director Mike Zelek. "We will continue to work hard to make the vaccine accessible

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Arman Abdullah, 7, plays with a toy while Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Kimberly Houston prepares to give him his COVID vaccine Saturday at Woods Charter School.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Students change classes in the hallway of Northwood High School last spring. This year, many students are struggling in the middle of a third school year impacted by the pandemic.

## Students and staff alike continue to struggle during pandemic

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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The kids, as it turns out, are not all right.

Not because they aren't kind, or thoughtful or smart — they are — but because they're tired, burned-out and too often struggling as they navigate their third school year during a pandemic.

"I think a lot of people are just mentally tired," said Northwood

High School Junior Oliver Ewy. "From school in general, school is stressful for just multiple reasons, and then, of course because of recent events."

In addition to coping with the continued stressors of the pandemic, Chatham high schoolers are also — like teenagers across the country — often facing increased mental health challenges. Students are also working through traumatic news in Chatham and beyond

— most recently with the deaths of beloved Northwood students Bryan Vilchis, 18, and Desmond Patterson, 16, who died following an Oct. 23 car crash.

This week, Chatham County Schools students will have Friday, Nov. 12, off "in response to the ongoing strenuous impact of the pandemic on students, families and staff," the district's board of

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### PITTSBORO WATER CRISIS

## Water supply contaminated again with 1,4-Dioxane

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — For the second time this year, the Haw River may have been contaminated with unsafe levels of 1,4-Dioxane after another discharge in Greensboro — this time 21 times the maximum threshold recommended by the EPA — resulting in potentially unclean drinking water for Pittsboro's residents.

The town experienced a similar incident in late July after the City of Greensboro violated a Special Order by Consent, forcing Pittsboro to shut off its water intake. 1,4-Dioxane is a toxic chemical that the EPA has classified as a likely carcinogen.

Town Manager Chris Kennedy announced the discharge at Monday's Pittsboro Board of Commissioners meeting, held via the Zoom videoconferencing platform. Kennedy said the latest discharge of the toxic chemical occurred on Nov. 3; Pittsboro was only notified on Monday.

"This is brand new information to us as of this afternoon," Kennedy told commissioners Monday. "We found out this afternoon that Greensboro had another 1,4-Dioxane contamination of the Haw River, this time with 767 micrograms per liter."

The July discharge of 1,4-Dioxane from Greensboro was estimated to be 543 micrograms per liter to 687 micrograms per liter, making this slug discharge even more potent than the last incident.

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### 2021 ELECTION

## Negative flyer, online attacks haunt candidates in Pittsboro races

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — Long-time Pittsboro Commissioner Michael Fiocco is embarking on his last month in office after his losing his reelection bid last week — a loss which came after he found himself the target of negative campaigning portraying him as "uncompromisingly pro-growth" and attacking his "destructive pro-developer" voting record.

Fellow Pittsboro candidates on the ballot took exception to the messaging and the messages.

Days before Election Day, Fiocco — an incumbent seeking his 4th term on the board — was the subject of a hand-distributed negative campaign flyer which accused him of siding with the interests of developers, rather than the town, during his 12 years on the board. The claims were echoed in postings on the Chatham Chatlist, a members-only emailed bulletin board digest distributed out of Pittsboro which occasionally includes personal and targeted attacks, sometimes made anonymously. Allegations raised on the forum

surrounded motions and votes Fiocco cast related to Chatham Park, the development of which the Pittsboro town board has helped oversee.

Statements included in the flyer said Pittsboro residents "need commissioners who work for the people, not for the developers." The flyer encouraged residents to "VOTE out Michael Fiocco — and vote for the other candidates on Nov. 2nd!"

Fiocco was joined on the ballot by fellow incumbent Pamela Baldwin and newcomer James Vose. Baldwin and Vose won seats, getting 562 and 560 votes, respectively. Fiocco finished with 400 votes and will finish his term in December.

The flyer also alleged Fiocco was using his background as a "Land Developer Manager" for his consulting firm and civil engineering company to influence the decisions the board made — a claim Fiocco and other board members refute.

"Throughout his long tenure on the Town Board, he has hijacked policy writing in order

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## Remembering Veterans Day



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

The entrance to Chatham Charter school was lined with flags in advance of Thursday's Veterans Day holiday. Students and family members celebrated with veterans during ceremonies at the school on Tuesday.

# 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 **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, in the multi-purpose room of the Wren Library in Siler City.  
 • The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will hold a Capital Improvements Plan public hearing at the historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, and a work session on the plan beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

## OTHER

• The parking area for the Administration Building, (#41), on **C.C.C.C. Chatham's Main Campus** in Pittsboro will be closed for Nov. 10-11 to complete the parking resealing project. This includes the front entrance from U.S. (#41) Business (West Street) and the parking lots areas adjacent to the Administration Bldg. (#41) and the student farm. The parking lot for the General Classroom (#42) will remain open and can be accessed from the N.C. 87 entrance to the college.  
 • **Chatham Community Library** is offering free online classes on genealogy and Facebook in November. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found by clicking on class titles below or by visiting [www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses). - Intro to Facebook: November 10, Wednesday, 3 p.m. - and Ask a Genealogist: November 17, Wednesday,

3 p.m.

• **Chatham County's 250th anniversary celebrations** will conclude with a grand finale fireworks display in downtown Siler City on Saturday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. The concluding event for the county's semiquincentennial is co-sponsored by Chatham 250 and the Town of Siler City.

• **Snow Camp Community Action Network** (SnowCampCAN.org) will present musical performances by two nationally recognized Americana Roots artists, Nu-Blu and Ruth Wyand, at an open air concert and festival on Saturday, November 13, 1-5:30 p.m. at The Glass House Amphitheater, 2705 Quakenbush Road, Snow Camp. The event also features local gumbo, brews, crafts, a puppet show for the kids and more. Ticket prices start at \$15 per person and are available in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/snow-camp-americana-roots-music-and-community-festival-tickets-187922891427> or [www.snowcampcan.org](http://www.snowcampcan.org) or at the gate. Proceeds are to benefit the legal defense fund for our local nonprofit organization, working to protect our community from heavy industry environmental polluters.

• **Bynum Front Porch Christmas Tree Fundraiser** for Educational Grants for our Chatham Students. Order online at [bynumfrontporch.org](http://bynumfrontporch.org) in the BFP Store - Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Wreaths, Garland. Order by the 17th of November and pickup on the 27th of November. Late pickup can be arranged.

• **The Blood Connection Mobile Unit** will be at The Bynum General Store, 950 Bynum Rd., Pittsboro on November 27, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please come out and make a blood donation. A \$20 donation will be made for every blood donor. Sponsored by Bynum Front Porch  
 • Plan ahead!! Enjoy a magical evening with Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the **Annual Supper with Santa event**. Organized by **Siler City Parks and Recreation** will be held Friday,

December 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Earl B. Fitts Community Center. Out of caution, the event will feature modified operations. Ticket holders will enjoy a special visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and picture opportunities. Attendees will also receive a catered to-go dinner and a fun holiday craft-kit to take home and enjoy. Space is limited and pre-registered tickets are required to enter. Event tickets are on sale and will be available online at [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or in City Hall (311 North Second Avenue, Siler City). Adult tickets are \$10 and tickets for children age 12 and younger are \$5. The deadline to register is Friday, November 26, or until full. No tickets will be available on the day of the event. Face coverings are required for all guests, staff and volunteers inside the facility. Operations are subject to modifications to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines. For more information, contact Daniel Spivey with the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department at 919-742-2699, email [recreation@silercity.org](mailto:recreation@silercity.org), or visit the Town website at [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org).

## THURSDAY

• In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, **Chatham Community Library** will host a virtual film screening of *Daughter of a Lost Bird* (2021) Nov. 11-18. Access to the virtual screening will be available Nov. 11 by visiting: <https://www.wmm.com/virtual-screening-room/daughter-of-a-lost-bird-watch-page-chatham-community-library>. A password is required at the time of viewing. Those who are interested may contact social.library@chathamlibraries.org to request the password or for additional information.

• **Chatham County Libraries** has announced that the **Outdoor Story Time** programs will continue through November 29, with the following weekly schedule: Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Natural Chef Café seating area on the C.C.C.C. Pitts-

boro Campus, adjacent to the Chatham Community Library, Pittsboro -Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., Goldston Public Library lawn, Goldston - and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., Natural Chef Café seating area on the C.C.C.C. Pittsboro Campus, adjacent to the Chatham Community Library. 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. Story Time will take a break during the month of December.

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

handicap, or income.  
 • **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 dispensed 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.  
 • 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** has started winter hours already, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. We are located at 630 E. Street, Pittsboro, in the Food Lion Shopping Center. We are accepting donations of gently used men's and women's clothing and accessories. Credit cards are accepted. All 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](http://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 #JMACoronaConcert performances and #JMACoronaConcert program.

• **Foster and/or adoptive** information: Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent? Call 919-642-6956 to learn more.  
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous** — North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meeting schedule for this area.

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

• **Narcotics Anonymous** — For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps. Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings.  
 • **Al-Anon Meeting** — Pittsboro Serenity Seekers Al-Anon Family Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pittsboro.

## Scout News

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

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

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



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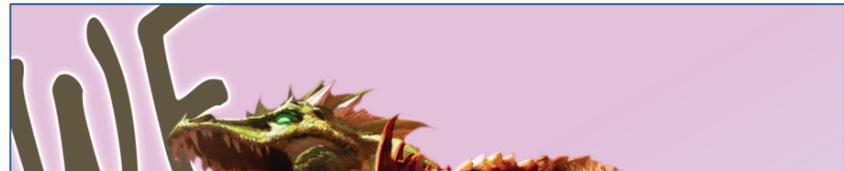
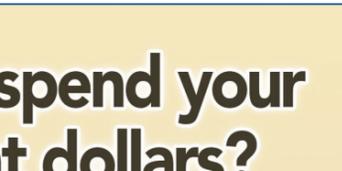
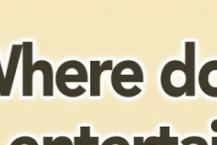
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**Sweet Bee Theater**



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ELECTION 2021

# Perry, Vose unseat incumbents

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — Former Mayor Cindy Perry and political newcomer James Vose will join incumbent Pamela Baldwin on Pittsboro's governing body after winning seats in last Tuesday's election.

Perry unseated incumbent Mayor Jim Nass in that race while Baldwin and Vose were the top vote-getters for commissioner as long-time board member Michael Fiocco finished third.

Perry will return to the office of mayor after choosing to not seek reelection in 2019, winning a two-year seat by a 575-303 margin.

In the commission board race, Baldwin and Vose received 562 and 560 votes respectively, with Fiocco receiving 400. The top two vote-getters earned four-year terms beginning Dec. 13.

The races were nonpartisan.

Voters in Goldston elected new mayor Jonathan Hensley, who ran unopposed. The other candidates on Goldston's ballot — each unopposed — won seats, including Banks Burke for commissioner at large, Wayne Woody in Ward 1 and Lynn Gaines in Ward 3. Goldston Gulf Sanitary District Board incumbents Hayden Burke and Adam Pickett also won seats.

Preliminary date from the Chatham County Board of Elections pegged voter turnout in the off-year election at 26% in Pittsboro — with 883 of 3,337 registered voters casting ballots there — and 12% in Goldston.

## On Election Day

On the morning of Election Day, most of the candidates in the two contested races were at Pittsboro's polling site — the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center — greeting voters in the early chill.

Nass was seeking a second two-year term; Perry, who served from 2015-19 and endorsed Nass two years ago, was seeking to regain the seat.

Nass told the News + Record before polls closed he believed more people would come out to vote on Election Day rather than during early voting.

"Some people like to vote on actual Election Day, and I think that is great

because we just hope that everyone who is eligible to vote will do so," he said.

Perry, who spent a lot of time at the Ag Center during the early voting period, said traffic on Tuesday was higher than during early voting.

She said the slow turnout during early voting discouraged her for a variety of reasons.

"There are issues on the table, and I felt that perhaps the low turnout was in the fact people did not have interest in those issues, and I don't believe that is true," she said. "I do think people are very intensely interested in these issues, and I am just very pleased that within the first hour this morning, we had about as many people as we had the first day of early voting."

Fiocco said he's typically seen more people show up on Election Day to vote rather than during the early voting period.

"There has been a really heavy turnout during the day," he said. "That has been true in the past, but I think COVID has changed things in ways I don't understand yet."

Vose said he felt confident going into Election Day with the work he had done to promote his candidacy.

"I feel like a lot of early voters have given their vocal support, and that feels good going into today," he said. "I feel like we've done our work, knocked on our doors and done the work needed."

Each of the candidates said that win or lose, they believed it was important for residents to raise their voices at the ballot box. Perry said local government makes the most important and impactful decisions for the community in which people live.

"The municipal election is the one closest to the people," she said. "It has the greatest impact on our everyday lives."

Vose said he wanted to use this election to help start a conversation about the importance of residents voicing their concerns about issues that affect Pittsboro.

"I want to see Pittsboro show up," he said. "Whether it goes my way or not, I want to see the pot stirred up enough that people are showing up, doing some research and casting votes that make

sense to them."

## What's next?

Perry said in an interview at her election party at Virlie's in downtown Pittsboro that she was thankful to the residents of Pittsboro for believing in her leadership and ecstatic about returning to the mayoral office.

"I think it's a testimony to the citizens of Pittsboro that they saw the kind of leadership that I had given should be given again," she said. "I am just absolutely thrilled."

Vose celebrated his victory at City Tap on Tuesday evening with his supporters and friends.

"I'm just elated," he said. "I feel like a whole lot of work has paid off."

Perry said she believed having a new face on the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners would bring new attention to issues the board hasn't been adequately addressing.

"It's interesting because people need to give a lot of feedback so we can understand what the people want," she said. "People voted completely for him, and that's going to be a very good reason to look highly at this race and see what happens."

Vose said he considered Perry as a mentor throughout his campaign, adding that he flourished with her advice.

"I first met her at Davenport's Coffee Shop, and she had a lot of advice for me and a lot of positive words," he said. "I couldn't have asked for a better person to get advice from."

Vose also said he was thankful for the civility Fiocco brought to the table and for his over 12 years of public service to Pittsboro.

"The third person (Fiocco) I think does a good job," he said. "I think he has done a good job for a very, very long time."

"I thank everyone who supported me and ask everyone to support Cindy and the new board completely," Vose said. "It was an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of our beloved town."

Perry said she wants to focus on finding a solution to the water pollution issue Pittsboro faces and move to fix it once and for all.



CN+R file photo

**Incumbent Mayor Jim Nass lost his reelection bid to former Mayor Cindy Perry.**

## Final vote totals

- Pittsboro Mayor: Cindy Perry, 575 votes; James Nass, 303 votes
- Pittsboro Commissioner (top two vote-getters win seats): Pamela Baldwin, 562; James Vose, 560; Michael Fiocco, 400
- Goldston Mayor: Jonathan Hensley, 18; write-ins, 3
- Goldston Commissioner, Ward 1: Wayne Woody, 23
- Goldston Commissioner, Ward 3: Lynn Gaines, 23
- Goldston Commissioner At-Large: Banks Burke, 22
- Goldston Gulf Sanitary District Board (elect two): Hayden Burke, 31; Adam Pickett, 28
- A version of this story posted at [www.chathamnewsrecord.com](http://www.chathamnewsrecord.com) on Nov. 3.

"I hope to bring some movement together as a community," she said. "I want to bring movement back to some of these issues that have gotten stuck, and for sure we have got to do something about the water."

Vose would like to serve as a source of transparency for the community, as well as make sure the public has the chance to voice their concerns to a board member.

"I hope to have at least bi-weekly office hours Zoom meetings for anybody that wants to talk," he said. "I think people need an easy way to access us, and I hope I can do a really good job and keep the doors open."

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# ELECTION

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to aid big developers and has positioned himself to win future clients," said the flyer, which was produced by a political action committee called "Pittsboro for the People."

Fiocco said after the election the individual responsible for creating the flyer didn't live in Pittsboro and distributed it a week prior to Nov. 2.

"The disinformation being shared, often by anonymous sources, was complete fabrication and on occasion taken from official, documented proceedings and used out of context to make me appear unethical or working against the Town's best interests," Fiocco told the News + Record. "I knew the statements weren't true so I didn't think much of it."

Posters used similar language in various posts on the Chatham Chatlist.

Fiocco said that type of campaigning can create distrust between the public and their town officials, especially if information is manipulated to fit a certain agenda.

"Disinformation and attacks on character have no place in public discourse," he said. "It threatens the integrity of the process and sows doubt in our public officials and ultimately in our fellow citizens."

Fiocco said his engineering background is part of the reason he wanted to get involved with the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners, but not for

reasons the flyer intimated. He said he wanted to use his skills to help provide more insight into what Chatham Park Investors were proposing for Chatham Park, as well as to use his background to talk with Chatham Park developers about the needs of Pittsboro.

"I had a particular skill set to offer, the Chatham Park project was looming and I wanted Pittsboro to be well represented," Fiocco told the News + Record. "I spent a great deal of time talking with stakeholders and other Commissioners to negotiate the Master Plan with Chatham Park. I'm proud of the Additional Elements structure I proposed, and the way they require Chatham Park to evolve sustainably, both economically and environmentally."

Vose believes his campaigning efforts were the main contributor in his victory, but still feels the messages targeting Fiocco may have played a role in the results.

"I don't know what the distribution was of those, and I don't know where they went or how they were distributed," Vose said. "But I think they had impact."

Vose initially saw negative statements about Fiocco on Nextdoor, a hyperlocal social media app, which allows members to post comments and create discussions about neighborhood issues.

A day or two after the allegations against Fiocco were made public, Vose said he saw Fiocco at the Pittsboro Street Fair. He pulled Fiocco aside to say he

## Why You Should Vote NO Fiocco



Mr. Fiocco has praised CPI's stormwater rules as 'excellent' and 'innovative' despite 10 violations of stormwater and soil erosion rules and the flooding of E. Thompson Street from The Vineyards construction. See photo of damage from February 6, 2020 flooding and erosion from Chatham Park's construction site for The Vineyards and Thales Academy. <https://tinyurl.com/FioccoFiasco2>

Mr. Fiocco made the motion to give CPI \$1.96 million of Town DOT funds to support their North Chatham Park Way. This money should have been used for improving public highways through our Town. In fact, Town staff reported that DOT said this money would go for Highway 87 improvements (November 26, 2018 <https://youtu.be/jYA8r88acc02t=1526t>). Instead, Fiocco led the effort to give public funds to a private developer (August 10, 2020 <https://youtu.be/9IS9NrK9Ch8?t=8377>).

Mr. Fiocco voted for the concrete plant adjacent to Potterstone Village (by voting against denial), August 26, 2019, (<https://youtu.be/Hr66Wb1JfUk?t=1629>), while supporting the crematorium in a downtown residential neighborhood (June 11, 2018 <https://youtu.be/mxhT7g?9=9302.963Y>). He is uncompromisingly pro-growth, even when it compromises health and quality of life while eroding property values.

**VOTE out Michael Fiocco -- vote for other candidates on Nov. 2nd!**

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## The flyer cited several votes and motions Fiocco made.

didn't condone the statements being made about him.

"I went out of my way to approach him and shake his hand and call him off to the side and just say, 'This isn't me, man,'" Vose said.

Vose said until he spoke with Fiocco, Fiocco wasn't aware of the efforts to paint him in an unfavorable light.

"It's one thing to have someone assault you, but it's another thing to get sucker-punched," Vose said. "He's done his job for a really long time, and the way it went down just wasn't nice."

Vose said the timing of the flyer and social media posts seemed intentional, and he didn't like the way the allegations were phrased.

"It just was a hit piece, it came out late in the game and it came out on a date that he didn't have a chance to respond by," Vose said. "If he had responded, it would have seemed like just this futile excuse making, so he did the right thing by not responding."

Vose said he wanted to enjoy his victory, but that desire was dampened by the claims against Fiocco.

"I'd like to celebrate but I don't want to gloat, and that's

what it would be right now," he said. "I would like to be happier about my win than I am right now."

Mayor-elect Cindy Perry said she's never liked the idea of local PACs creating negative campaigns.

"I've been here a long time and I don't remember any [active local PACs] until just 10 to 15 years ago," she said. "I think that everybody needs to stand on their own two feet, and when you when you pull a slate together like that, it has a tendency to help a weak candidate pull up by the bootstraps of a stronger candidate."

Perry said she remembers occasions where Fiocco recused himself from a board vote because of a potential conflict of interest with his consulting and engineering firm, Civil Consultants Inc.

"When I was mayor we were voting on Penguin Place, the development directly behind Bojangles, and his company had a financial stake in that, so he did recuse himself from the actual vote," she said.

Fiocco followed North Carolina law by recusing himself from the vote, and even though he followed the rules in regard to recusing himself, Perry

remembers members of the community criticizing him for contributing to the conversation even after recusing himself.

"As I recall, there were some people who said he needed to step out either into the audience or out of the room for the entire thing — from the time the agenda item was called until the vote was completed," Perry said.

She called Fiocco one of the most hardworking and well-prepared commissioners she worked with.

"He was an incredibly hard-working commissioner, always very well prepared for meetings, and always very well prepared on everything on the agenda," Perry said.

She said she wanted to separate herself from the kind of false claims and attacks made in the flyers in question and on the Chatham Chatlist.

"I've always been a positive person, and I just really I got to the point where, frankly, I wasn't gonna respond," Perry said. "I felt upset about some of the things that were said. I just hope we can, in the future, just campaign on the issues and not on personalities."

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## What Does Pittsboro Need?

**The citizens of Pittsboro need Commissioners who work for the people, not for the developers.**

Commissioner Michael Fiocco does not work for the people. Rather, he is first and foremost the "Land Development Manager" for Civil Consultants LLC, a "value creator" for the development industry. Throughout his long tenure on the Town Board, he has hijacked policy-writing in order to aid big developers and has positioned himself to win future clients. Through his influence, his own business can benefit from growth and development in our Town. In short, what's good for developers is good for Fiocco. <https://tinyurl.com/FioccoFiasco2>

### Here are the Fiocco FACTS:

Mr. Fiocco has filled this board seat for 12 years as the main advocate for developers' interests — pushing their agenda at the delay and detriment of good planning and clean drinking water for the rest of us. Enough damage has been done. **Fiocco must go.**

Mr. Fiocco doesn't listen to citizens, but is attuned to developers' wants and wishes. Based on verbal promises from Chatham Park Investors (CPI), he moved to approve legal documents before the binding language was written. Two prime examples of his selective hearing are his votes on the October 8, 2018 Stormwater Element and the May 28, 2019 Tree Protection Element. Despite over 1,500 petition signatures urging caution, he still approved the weak tree protection policy. <https://youtu.be/Cm1utwwjD7I?t=12665>, and <https://youtu.be/watch?v=5bJ9vUg3h8e&t=13229s>



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**A photo of a political flyer distributed attacking Pittsboro Commissioner Michael Fiocco.**

# VIEWPOINTS

## Right-brained grandiosity and a garage door opener. Not a good combo.

I'm not typically given over to grandiose plans, but a scheme I concocted to surprise my mom for her birthday was certainly that — and hare-brained, as it turned out.

It was my sophomore year of college. Mom's birthday, Oct. 13, was coming up, and that particular fall, with another cold Kansas winter in the offing, I was struck by an idea: surprise mom with a garage door opener.

Mom was working second-shift as a nurse at a hospital in a neighboring town. By the time she got home to our two-story ranch house after a shift, it was usually near midnight. To get inside our garage, she'd have to stop the car, walk to the garage door, manually lift it open, park, then get out of the car and close the garage

door manually.

We lived on the edge of a tiny rural town. I was honestly more worried about coyotes or Bigfoot getting my mom than a human predator, but still: on Kansas winter nights, with wind chills that often dropped to 10 or 20 below, stepping out of a warm car at midnight is a brutal experience. Helping her feel comfy and safe was a worthy plan.

So I drove off campus after class at the University of Kansas one Friday afternoon, stopping on the way home at the Sears store in Manhattan, where I paid (as I remember) about \$125 for a garage door opener. I then picked up some flowers at a florist shop and drove eagerly toward our house.

At some point soon afterward — it wasn't until I opened the box and spread the parts out on the garage floor — it dawned on me: *buying* a garage door opener and *installing* a garage door opener were not even remotely related tasks. One simply required some

cash. The other required mechanical ingenuity, and in that department, my account balance was just about at zero.

Sure, it was a great idea. And of course I envisioned using the new opener to lift the door electronically as my weary mom pulled in the driveway after her shift in the emergency room, a look of surprise and delight on her face.

But I failed to think about the 2nd act of this play: a right-brained, mechanically-challenged 19-year-old with few tools and no concept of how to use a power drill on a ladder somehow successfully installing — by himself, mind you — a garage-door opener pulled from a box with a “requires two people for installation” warning.

Thank goodness for Larry Claycamp.

Mom was surprised, all right, and elated with my intention. And she loved the flowers. But we both were equally thrilled later when our neighbor Larry came to the rescue and did the actual installation

of the garage door.

Larry and Carol and their three children lived across the street from us. Larry worked at the Georgia-Pacific Gypsum mill in town, and when he wasn't at the mill, he earned extra money taking loads of broken pallets and re-building them good as new in his own garage. So he was handy with a hammer — and like most Midwestern men of his generation, he could do, and fix, just about anything which required tools.

I made the call to Larry and, when he had a free afternoon the next week, he came over and installed the door. I was long back at school by then, and I don't recall asking Mom about it later. But I'm quite sure Larry refused any offer of payment from Mom. It's just what neighbors did, particularly when your neighbor — my mom — was the single mother of a son whose prowess swinging a golf club won him a state championship in high school but who knew diddly squat about swinging a hammer or turning a wrench.

Larry and I spoke on the phone this week; his wife of 64 years, Carol — as sweet a woman as I've ever known — died back in September. Like my mom, Carol suffered from dementia. Larry had read the column I wrote about mom's death and called me afterward, and we commiserated about our losses.

During the call, I reminded him about the garage door endeavor.

He remembered it well. Larry told me Mom called on him from time to time to fix things around the house while I was in college and after I moved back to North Carolina — and even, on occasion, to kill one of the venomous brown recluse spiders that would find its way inside.

Spiders?

I gasped.

“I would have called you for that, too,” I told Larry.

Thank goodness for great neighbors.

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## Getting it right on Veterans Day

First, a list of what I've gotten wrong on Veterans Day.



**ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN**  
Hope Matters

On the morning of Nov. 11, 2018, I hustled my kindergartener out of the door and drove like mad only to find an empty school parking lot. Veterans Day has been a national holiday on Nov. 11 since President Gerald Ford signed it into law in 1978. I was born in 1981. No excuse for forgetting!

I have misspelled the holiday. It is not written as Veteran's or Veterans' Day. There is no apostrophe because this

day does not belong to a particular individual or group. Veterans Day is meant to recognize all living people who have served in the armed forces, including those who have fought in combat.

In previous years, I have also confused honoring the service of veterans with celebrating certain wars. There is no “good war” — this is a contradiction in terms. Many veterans would be the first to say that war is evil.

Many would also tell you that anyone who eagerly seeks war is a charlatan, a fool or worse. Yet, I have succumbed to the allure of political rhetoric and eagerly marched to the drumbeat of war — from the safety of my own home, that is.

I've made plenty of mistakes, some out of carelessness, others from arrogance. What have I gotten right?

I have tried to be someone a veteran could trust to listen and not to judge.

Many of the veterans I know are the hardest on themselves. They regret certain things they have done and other things left undone. They have witnessed brutalities that should not be printed. They have pain that words cannot express.

Without breaking their confidence, I will say that such stories about the horrors of war have made me shiver, though I had been drinking hot coffee at the time of the telling. And then these stories have kept me awake at night for longer than any dose of caffeine.

When veterans have shared their stories, I have mainly listened. I have offered words like “mercy” and “grace” and “God” in hopes they will go gently between these words and find solace in the quiet of their own thoughts. What is right and holy about these words is not the person who shares them but the person who finds peace from them.

So here is what I would like to get right this Veterans Day.

There is no apostrophe in Veterans Day because the day belongs to all of us who honor veterans by supporting their physical and emotional health upon their return from conflict.

All year long, each one of us can summon every bit of our energy, intelligence, imagination and love to put an end to all wars. We honor the veterans in our community by working to ensure that no one has to leave to fight the next war.

Working for peace is always the right thing to do.

And don't forget to reach out to a veteran. On most days, it's not about having the right words to say but about offering listening support. And when you give your time and attention, please remember to get childcare. Your kid has the day off from school.

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



## Thinking about traveling? Don't let COVID stop you.

Arriving at the Eiffel Tower with a bag of dirty laundry wasn't how I'd imagined my first day in Paris would go.

It was May 2019. I was nearing the end of my study abroad experience in Oviedo, Spain. Classes had just ended, and we had a few weeks to study for our final exams — time I thought I'd use to travel, of course. I'd spent a few days in London before heading to Paris — all with a tiny backpack of dirty clothes I didn't have time to wash in London.

I'd planned to spend my first evening in Paris atop the Eiffel Tower, eating dinner and watching as the sun set over the city. Instead, I found myself in a laundromat involved in a bilingual group call to the laundromat's helpline with an elderly French woman, a young man from Mexico, and a woman from Uruguay after the stupid machine ate my coins.

Moments like these, oddly enough, are some of my fondest memories during my travels abroad. Anyone, after all, can tell you about his or her amazing trip through Versailles, but how many people can describe participating in a real-life version of the game “Telephone” in a dinky laundromat in Paris?

It's these moments I think back



Photo by Victoria Johnson

**CN+R's Victoria Johnson in May 2019 underneath the Eiffel Tower in Paris, right before she had to take her bag of dirty laundry (the brown strap on her left shoulder) to a dinky laundromat near the tower.**

to at the height of my wanderlust — and those which propel me through my pandemic-related travel doubts. These memories and their wonderful absurdity convince me, vaccinated as I am, that the benefits of traveling outweigh the risks in a pandemic that just won't go away.

I've heard about many people, vaccinated and unvaccinated, asking themselves about domestic and international travel right now, as

winter approaches.

“You never know. You could still catch COVID over there even if you're vaccinated,” some say. “And then what would you do?”

In fact, one of my sister's oldest friends fed her some version of that as the reason why she couldn't come to her long-awaited wedding in Scotland this January — a wedding she'd been more than happy to attend before COVID-19 threw a wrench in things.

I understand where she's coming from. A year ago, I might have been nodding my head. But now COVID-19 vaccines are available to more people than ever before, and I know she's just as vaccinated as I am. Sure, there's a risk you might get sick even though you're 100% vaccinated — in fact, my sister did while attending someone else's wedding in Scotland.

Yes, it might derail your trip. Perhaps you won't be able to leave, and maybe you'll have to scramble to get tested, deal with local authorities and find another place to wait it all out. But that's a very big “maybe” — and giving into it comes with an even bigger cost.

She'll miss one of her oldest friends' wedding. She'll miss dancing with Scotsmen in kilts, drinking a glass of Glenfarclas with the locals. She'll miss visiting castles, bundling up against the wickedly cold Scottish weather, meeting new people and a score of other experiences that I, in my secondhand knowledge of Scotland, can't even dream up right now.

Well, I'm going to my sister's wedding, and I can't wait. I'm not going to let fear of a breakthrough infection stop me from visiting Scotland — or traveling to any place thereafter.

And who knows? Maybe this time I'll get lost, dine with a few locals and have an even more absurd story to treasure and tell next time.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## We need more school boards

A year ago, would you have correctly guessed that meetings of local school boards would be among the most politically charged events of 2021, and that school board races would be among the most contested of the next election cycle?

If so, more power to you. I would have gotten those questions wrong.

That's not to say I mind it. The issues involved matter a lot: school curriculum, fiscal responsibility, COVID-era shutdowns and regulations. School boards have long deserved more public attention. In fact, I've become such a fan of local school board meetings that I think we should increase their frequency — by creating more local school boards.

North Carolina's school sys-

tems are abnormally large. We have just 115 districts. That's far lower than in such similarly-populated states as Georgia (180), Pennsylvania (500), Michigan (537), New Jersey (564), and Ohio (610).

Over time, most states have been reducing their school-district counts. The arguments for consolidation included lower administrative costs, savings from bulk purchases of goods and services, greater socioeconomic diversity, and less confusion among parents and taxpayers.

Some of these benefits were, in fact, realized — but primarily by merging tiny districts with a few hundred students into modestly sized districts with a few thousand students. While there is some debate about the precise inflection point, I think a fair reading of the available evidence is that beyond that point, consolidating districts is counterproductive. It results in a dis-economy of scale, raising rather than lowering the cost of school

operations. It also appears to harm student performance, everything else being equal.

When I say there is some debate about the inflection point, I mean that some researchers think it's around 2,000 to 4,000 students. Others think it's in the low tens of thousands. Alas, North Carolina's largest systems exceed these thresholds. Wake County's district enrolls nearly 160,000 students. Charlotte-Mecklenburg has 140,000. Guilford (69,000), Forsyth (51,000), and Cumberland (49,000) are also quite big.

While I have long advocated dividing the gargantuan Wake and Mecklenburg systems into three or four districts, I'm open to the idea that the other urban systems should be subdivided, as well. My main argument has long been that giving parents more choices among district-run public schools would improve academic quality and the return on taxpayer investment.

Two recent studies show the promise of such a strategy. In a 2017 paper, Katie Sharron of

Florida State University and Lawrence Kenny of the University of Florida exploited the fact that some states require there to be only one school district per county while others impose no such requirement. That allows for a robust test of whether school-district competition has educational benefits. "We find strong evidence that restricting competition among public school districts has an adverse impact on student learning," they found.

A 2019 paper in the Journal of Education Finance used Pennsylvania as the focal state. Examining a range of financial and outcome data, the authors concluded that the cost-optimal enrollment for a district was 6,000 to 7,000 students. In Pennsylvania, there are many tiny districts far below that threshold. In North Carolina, our major problem is that we have some sprawling districts far above it.

Over the past few months, friction between parents and school boards has illustrat-

ed yet another argument for creating more districts: it may ensure a better alignment of values. Don't like how your local district schools handled COVID, or what they may be teaching your children? Complain if you like, but that may not yield timely or satisfactory results.

Another reasonable response to the problem would be to put your children in another nearby district where the school board's policies better fit your own. That would be a lot easier to accomplish if there were more such districts to choose from, at least within North Carolina's largest metropolitan areas. More districts would mean, of course, more school boards and more elections to fill those school boards. I can live with that. What about you?

*John Hood is a John Locke Foundation board member and author of the novel "Mountain Folk," a historical fantasy set during the American Revolution (MountainFolkBook.com).*

## Where are the rats going when they do all that racing?

Deep down inside my insides, I really don't think I'm anti-social and I don't think I've exhibited deviant behavior through the years (unless you count tying a June bug to a string and making an airplane out of him until setting him free).

But sometimes, once in awhile, I can sort of understand why some folks decide to move to the forests of Idaho or somewhere similar and live without the rat race of life.

I get that way when more and more folks turn the little road we live on into the portion of Interstate 40 near Statesville where the posted speed limit is 70 — and if that's as fast as you go there, then you run the risk of being turned into a pancake.

I remember years ago when Shirley was bugging me to get married and I'd come up to visit her at her at the home of her folks, who lived on our little road. We'd sit out in the yard, often times with a freezer of homemade ice cream, and it was somewhat of a special occasion when a car or truck went by and we tried to figure out if we knew who was behind the wheel.

Now it's more like if I could set up a toll booth, I wouldn't care what happens to Social Security — I'd never need any additional money. The thing is I don't mind the people so much as some of the behavior they bring with them. On our not-so-wide road where you definitely couldn't do three-wide at Talladega, too many folks drive like there's no tomorrow.

For some of them, because of the way they drive, that's going to become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

That sort of behavior behind the wheel is a bit unnerving because there's still slow-moving farm equipment up and down our road, sometimes piloted by me. There are also lots of dogs and deer and neighborhood children and school buses. I've had people pull right up behind a trailer load of round bales of hay to the point I can't see them. I wonder if they are either planning to get onto the load or if they think a 4-foot by 5-foot roll of hay won't flatten their Honda's hood. It bothers me when I'm riding along like that and give a left-turn hand signal and Clarabelle the Clown thinks I'm motioning for her to come around and she almost T-bones me as I turn.

Is it possible that the five or ten minutes it would take to wait is really that critical? And then I realize that often I'm in the same predicament and that's when it becomes really tempting to chuck it all.

There's a line in the movie "The Hunt for Red October," a thriller about a cat and mouse game with American and Russian submarines, where one of the Russian officers has been fatally wounded. With his last breath he tells his friend, "I would like to have seen Montana."

Sometimes that's how I feel. Plenty of books. Plenty of food and coffee. Lots and lots of wood, since, I'm told, it gets cold in Montana. And enough time to enjoy it all. That seems like a prescription worth filling.

I wonder if the family doc would write one. Or if he could get folks to slow down and not turn the beauty of Mother Nature into a blur, especially as pretty as her colors are and have been this time of year.

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### LETTERS

#### COVID? Nothing to worry about!

##### TO THE EDITOR:

It appears I may have been going about my health care all wrong. Many smart people, sports stars and the famous take their health care directions from social media, "news" personalities, and unsourced internet searches. Over 750,000 COVID deaths have been reported. Should I be worried? Some say: "That's a small percentage of the population." But I wonder what would be done if the same percentage of aircraft flights resulted in crashes and deaths. Boeing 737 MAX, anyone?

Changing the way I get my health care is a real paradigm shift. I imagine many benefits if I just change my habits. No longer would I have to queue up for a doctor's visit when I can computer search a symptom or watch an interview on TV. The old process of front desk questions, showing my ID and insurance cards ... all gone. Many politicians have the health care answers too. I expect the access to an appointment with member of Congress for my yearly physical would be easier. And, commissioners could handle emergency needs should they arise; keep it local.

Gone, too, would be the exorbitant drug costs for pharmacy medication. Just a quick trip to the farm supply store or one of the local veterinarians for cost-effective remedies. Or how about boiled garlic, Clorox, hydrogen peroxide all readily available and cheap; myths or secrets. Get out of my way, scientists. This just gets better and better the more I think about it!

We need to cut back on collecting and reporting the number of cases and deaths; it just makes everyone anxious and is apparently fake anyway. Get rid of the NIH, the CDC,

and other "alphabet" agencies' and put them to work on the facts and stop wasted research; the answers have already been identified.

I must end this note now as my tongue is stuck firmly in my cheek and I need to get on the internet to find out how to remedy this new health issue! Maybe this tongue thing was caused by my Polio vaccine forced on me by my parents 60 years ago; could be a long-term effect.

**Jim Vanderbeck**  
Pittsboro

#### We need renewable energy

##### TO THE EDITOR:

Good grief! Gas prices rising with fossil fuel energy geopolitics rebounding. President Biden now calls for OPEC to boost oil output to lower U.S. gas prices and inflation. Despite world leaders at the U.N. COP26 trying to combat climate change, the global economy still thirsts for more fossil fuel.

The "refusal of Russia or the OPEC nations to pump more oil" is why we pay more at the pump, said Biden in Glasgow, ironically asking for more oil production along with other world leaders. Let's consider that the fossil fuel industry still benefits from subsidies of \$11 million every minute, according to the International Monetary Fund. In short order, we need to address our climate crisis which transcends all other problems to save humanity's fate.

Historically, the Industrial Revolution took a century to change our economic lifestyles contributing to our "Anthropocene" era of human deleterious impact on Mother Nature. We must urgently transition our energy economies to decarbon-

ize within a short timeline of one generation. Yes, a time of crisis, yet a time of great opportunity with bipartisan support of American infrastructure investment and jobs. Call for a carbon price policy leaving no one behind as we innovate toward renewable energy.

**Minta Phillips, M.D.**  
Julian

#### Lucky to have Lt. Gov. Robinson in Chatham

##### TO THE EDITOR:

While Chatham County often gets overlooked when it comes to speaking engagements by well-known politicians and celebrities, this is not always the case. Two weekends ago I had the pleasure of hearing N.C. Lt. Governor Mark Robinson speak at an event in Siler City hosted by the North Carolina Federation of Republican Men. He was accompanied by his wife, Yolanda Robinson.

During our time together, Lt. Governor Robinson spoke about the importance of election integrity and pointed out that confidence in our election process must be restored so that every citizen will feel like their vote is counted. He listed several platforms on which he ran his campaign but stated that since he was elected to office it has been all about "schools, schools, schools."

Although this was not the first time he has publicly stated his desire to run for N.C. Governor, he did tell the group that he is 95% sure he will run in 2024. We also learned the he has an obsession with trains!

Lt. Governor Robinson and his wife were friendly and gracious as they took photos with my children and me. We were lucky to have them visit our great county!

**Jill George**  
Bear Creek

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DR. MICHAELA MCCUDDY

# Uncertain about vaccinating your young child? Chatham's medical director might be able to help

Chatham County Public Health Department Medical Director Michaela McCuddy hosted an "Ask the Doctor" session last Friday afternoon to answer any questions parents might have about getting their children vaccinated.

Dr. McCuddy answered questions in both English and Spanish via a Facebook live Q&A session for the first hour of the event and was available by phone to answer individual questions for the remaining time.

Here's what she had to say:

## Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for children 5 through 11?

Yes, we can say that it is safe and effective, and that was why there was a unanimous decision by the FDA and the CDC when they made this recommendation. These trials have been the most extensive and with the most intensive safety monitoring in the history of the U.S. We can say very confidently that these vaccines are both safe and effective, and that's why we're recommending them for you. I always like to discuss risk and benefit when we talk about vaccines and illness, and that is going to be a theme of this talk today — is thinking about what the risks are of getting the vaccine versus the risks of COVID-19 infection in a child, and I hope that by the end of this, you will be able to gather that as medical professionals, we feel that the risk of COVID-19 is significantly higher, which is why we are recommending (the vaccine) for you.

## Why is it important for a child to get vaccinated against COVID-19? We know that children generally have complications less frequently than adults, so why do they need to get the vaccine?

While children do have complications less frequently, they do still have complications. They are not excluded from this. We have had about 1.9 million hospitalizations of children since the pandemic started, and

we have had almost 100 deaths in children in this age group, 5 to 11, from COVID-19. So, there is definitely still significant risk for children, which is why we want to protect them. Also, we have been seeing that with the Delta variant since July of this year, the rates of COVID-19 in this age group, specifically age 5 to 11, has been increasing far more than any other age group that we've seen. We've also noted that in areas where vaccination rates of adults are low, the hospitalization rates of children in this age group are four times higher. So for that reason, we are seeing that it is indeed very important to vaccinate and protect our children.

Additionally, children who are vaccinated are going to be able to have more freedom to participate in sporting activities, to play with their friends, and they would also not need to be quarantined if they were exposed to COVID-19 — and so that means less school days that are lost and less activities that they don't have to miss out on if they experience an exposure.

## Will the children that are ages 5 to 11 receive the same vaccine or dose?

So the vaccine is the same. The dose is less; it is one-third of the dose that we have been given to adults and older children. Our studies demonstrated that this dose was kind of the sweet spot where we had the least side effects and over 90% efficacy. So, that is how we are dosing it for these children, and the dose that the child is going to receive will be dependent on the age they are when they receive the first dose of their vaccine. So, if they are between 11 and 12, and if they get at age 11 and then turn 12 before the second dose, then they would get the lower dose for their second round of vaccine.

## What are the possible side effects for kids taking this vaccine?

Now the side effects that we are seeing in children — they're very

similar to adults. So, the most common are soreness of the arm, fatigue, muscle soreness in general, headache. Sometimes we see nausea, diarrhea, things like that. But those are a little less common than just the general headache, fatigue, muscle soreness. Now, severe reactions are extremely rare, and in this trial, there were over 3,000 children that were included in the trial, and there was not one single event that was life threatening after receiving the vaccine. If you're concerned about your child having an allergic reaction, you can always discuss that with your doctor beforehand to address any concerns that you have.

## Did this vaccine go through clinical trials?

Yes, it did. As I believe I mentioned before, over 3,000 children were included in these clinical trials. The children that were included on the trials were both children that had previously been impacted, had a COVID-19 infection, and then also children that had never been infected before. We found very clearly that the vaccine was both safe and effective for these children. We will continue to monitor for different reactions and responses to the vaccine as we now are able to kind of ramp up the population that we're observing since during the trial, we only had a group of 3,000. That will expand to several million that are receiving the vaccine, and they will continue to undergo aggressive monitoring.

## What about myocarditis — and what is myocarditis?

You've probably heard about it in our adolescent group that received the vaccine. There were very, very rare cases of myocarditis in those that received the COVID-19 vaccine. So, in terms of what exactly is myocarditis, and how does that impact my child if that were to happen? Myocarditis is a localized inflammation of the muscle around the heart. This is a more severe complication. It is

very treatable, and there are no cases of these very rare cases in adolescence that occurred. There are no cases that resulted in death. In the 5-to-11 group in the trial of 3,000 children, there was not a single case of myocarditis. Additionally, we know very certainly that the rates of myocarditis are much higher in children that get COVID-19 infections, and the risk with that, and the risk of the infection itself and all of the other complications that can come with a COVID-19 infection are much, much higher.

## Where can I get the vaccine (for my children)?

This is very new, so there are a lot of providers that are starting to ramp up their services. The best way to locate the most available vaccine for you would be to discuss with your primary care provider or also talk with your local pharmacy. Here at the health department, we are already available for scheduling appointments to receive a vaccine. It is important that you schedule an appointment before you come. But we are expanding our services and we'll have availability on Wednesdays and Fridays ... so you can go ahead and call to schedule that appointment today. ... The phone number is 919-742-5641 for appointments and then for more locations, you can also search [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

## How long after the first dose should kids get the second dose, and can it be more than three weeks later?

So yes, that's a great question. Twenty-one days after the first dose is when children can get a second dose and yes, it can be later. Ideally, it's close to that window, just so that you can get them protected sooner, but it's OK if you get it later.

## Is there any recommendation on timing of flu and COVID vaccines for children if they need both at the same time?

There is no particular recommendation around timing. It's OK for children

to get multiple vaccines at the same time with the COVID-19 vaccine.

## Are the effectiveness rates for children similar in children to what they were in adults for the various brands of vaccine, or different? Is this data available somewhere online?

That's a great question. So yes, the effectiveness rates are very similar. As I said, the effectiveness of the vaccine in children 5 to 11 was just a bit over 90%. Some great places where you can locate this data if you go to the CDC website for the COVID-19 5-to-11 vaccine. You can actually go through and you can access the report that the FDA released on the study that they did. It's a pretty dense document — it's about 84 pages long, but if you really wanted to get into the nitty gritty of that, you can look at that. But the CDC website itself can (provide) the efficacy rates as well.

## Should families with 11-year-olds wait until their kids turn 12 to get the higher dose, or go ahead and get the lower dose now?

So, my response to this would be that the efficacy rates, as we said, are very similar, so it would make sense to go ahead and get the vaccine now, as opposed to waiting until they turn 12.

## What effect will the vaccine have on kids with asthma?

That's a good question. I think there's been a lot of debate about whether or not asthma puts someone at higher risk for complications with COVID. We assumed that they would and actually our studies have shown that children with asthma are not at higher risk for complications with COVID. So, that being said, they're still at the same risk that children without asthma are, which there is significant risk with COVID-19 infection. So, we recommend that all children, including children with asthma, get the vaccine. Additionally, we did not see any adverse reactions to the vaccine in children with asthma.

## Should parents with children younger than 5 still take additional precautions even after an older sibling is able to be vaccinated?

Yes, you still want to take certain precautions, especially if you have a child younger than 5. We know that infants and children younger than 5 are generally at a higher risk for complications with any of these infections, including influenza, COVID-19. So, you definitely want to take precautions in terms of making sure that they are not being exposed due to larger community areas where there may be people that are unvaccinated that could expose them. Also, if your child is at school, and coming home from school, you want to make sure that everyone is practicing really good hand hygiene and still doing our best to protect those children under 5 as well.

## Is there any news of new concerning variants spreading like the Delta variant? And if so, have the existing vaccines shown to be effective against it?

Oh, that's a really good question. So far, there has not been within the medical community, a new variant that we were particularly concerned about rising up within the United States and impacting this. The really good news is that all of the variants that we have identified and we have studied, have been extremely responsive to the vaccine that we have currently. So, that's really good news, and because of that, we feel pretty confident that if there were a new variant, the vaccine would be effective against it. Additionally, we know that with mRNA vaccine, the benefit of the mRNA vaccine is that it can be modified very easily, and so if there were any situation in which there were a new variant that were less responsive to the vaccine, it would be a lot faster that we could modify the vaccine and have a vaccine that would be responsive to that new variant. That being said, it doesn't seem like that is going to be an issue right now, which is a blessing.

## CHILDREN

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to everyone across Chatham."

More options will be available locally in the coming weeks as supply increases, the release said, advising people to call ahead or register in advance for appointments. Many Chatham parents told the News + Record they've since made vaccination appointments for their children.

Chatham resident Jon Sawyer said his 10-year-old daughter, Carrie, was vaccinated on Saturday. She experienced some minor side effects, but had "no problems 24 hours out."

"Carrie was keen to be vaccinated, we sat down and discussed it in detail and took her own feelings into account," he said. "We were on the same page."

Sawyer said he was concerned about the long-term effects of COVID-19 on the human body, particularly for previously infected children as they get older. He encouraged other parents to speak to their children's pediatricians and "ignore Facebook (and) their half-crazy uncle."

Dwan Reives Dowdy, a Siler City resident, was initially afraid to get the vaccine herself.

"Then I realized I was tired of COVID and I knew that I had to do my part," she said.

After getting vaccinated, Dowdy said she and her son Brayden Richmond, 11, talked



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**Hudson and Baer Moody, 8, sip on hot chocolate and eat snacks after getting vaccinated at Woods Charter School last Saturday. The twin brothers were the first in line at the vaccine clinic.**

after looking at medical advice and decided to get him vaccinated as soon as the vaccine was available.

Dowdy realized she'd chosen to get her son vaccinated for the flu every year, along with the 12 vaccines currently required by the state for K-12 students to attend public schools. Not once before, she said, had she questioned the ingredients, effectiveness or safety of the vaccine. She relied on the research done by the health care industry before, and she decided to do that with the COVID-19 vaccine too.

"I as a parent do understand the fear of the unknown — I also understand that everyone has to do their part," Dowdy said. "I've watched family members and friends lay loved ones to rest behind this pandemic. I do not want to be a parent that has to bury my

child because I refused to do anything to help."

For some parents, getting the vaccine feels impossible because of their child's aversion to needles — particularly because the Pfizer vaccine requires two rounds to be fully effective.

On Saturday, Bear Creek resident Heather Woody took her two sons — Xander, 11, and Xavier, 10 — to get vaccinated at the Walgreens in Ramseur. One of her sons hates shots; he has cried and hid while getting previous vaccines. Woody said she thinks having so much time to prepare helped her son to be less afraid by the time he could get the shot.

"They have been asking when they could get vaccinated since the vaccine was first made available to adults," Woody said. "They often talk about what things might be

## Options to vaccinate your 5- to 11-year-olds in Chatham:

- Talk to your child's doctor's office. Many will be offering the vaccine soon and can answer questions you may have about the vaccine.
- The Chatham County Public Health Department: Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the clinic in Siler City (1000 S. 10th Ave.), beginning this Friday, Nov 5. Appointments are required and slots are limited. To schedule an appointment, please call 919-742-5641.
- StarMed Healthcare: Wednesday afternoons from 2-7 p.m. at the Goldston Town Hall (40 Coral Ave.), beginning Nov. 10. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://starmed.care/vaccine/> or call 980-445-9818.
- For locations outside of Chatham, look at the state's dashboard for COVID-19 vaccinations: <https://covid19.ncdhs.gov/vaccines/kids/locations>

like 'if COVID ever goes away' and they are most looking forward to going to school without masks, playing more indoor sports and going back to (indoor trampoline park) Defy-Gravity — they feel like getting vaccinated is finally something concrete they can do to help move that along."

Though vaccines don't prevent all cases of coronavirus, getting vaccinated significantly lessens serious symptoms and the need for hospitalization in the case of infection. With that knowledge, Woody said "it only made sense to us to do the one thing we could try to protect our kids and ensure they have a long and healthy life."

Kimberley Moody, mom of

Hudson and Baer, encouraged any parents on the fence to not put off getting their kids vaccinated any longer.

The only side effects her boys have experienced since Saturday? Feeling excited, she said.

"Now that they are vaccinated, we can't help but feel that a weight has been lifted," she said. "It feels like this age group has been a little left behind up until this point, with plenty of risk of exposure to COVID-19 and little protection. We feel so grateful."

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# STUDENTS

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education decided at a specially called meeting Oct. 25. Instead of a regular instructional day, Friday will now be one “of reflection” for students and staff, with schools closed to students and staff working remotely “for the purposes of restorative reflection,” the district said.

“As we continue through the school year, it’s clear that COVID has changed everything we thought we knew about schools and school operation, and especially this notion we call normal,” Superintendent Anthony Jackson said at that meeting. “We are finding that the social and emotional needs of both students and staff remain

a primary concern for all... Our students and staff are carrying heavy loads.”

The decision followed similar calendar changes by neighboring districts in the state. Wake County Schools canceled classes for Nov. 12, extending the Nov. 11 Veterans Day holiday break by a day. (Nov. 11 is also a holiday in Chatham.) Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools also said it would give students the entire week of Thanksgiving off to support the mental health and wellness of its students and staff.

On social media, many Chatham parents and teachers expressed gratitude for the reflection day.

“I think it’s a good idea, because I know a lot of people have been really needing a break just

from school and life, just overall,” Ewy said. “So I appreciate it. It’ll be nice to just have a day to kind of check out from school and not have to worry about it.”

### ‘It’s definitely been tough’

Selina Lopez, the Hispanic Liaison’s youth leadership program manager, said she’s tried to focus a lot on social-emotional resources in her curriculum this year as everyone is “relearning to be near one another.” For many of her students, being around so many people again, even with masks, was uncomfortable at first, and still can cause stress for some.

“It’s definitely been tough getting back into this — I wouldn’t say like, new normal, but yeah,

new normal,” Lopez said. “I think students that I’ve worked with, I can definitely see the increase in anxiety. I have students who have also lost family members to COVID, and so it’s been really hard to navigate that grief process as well for a lot of students. ... It’s definitely been hard.”

Vielka Gonzalez, a senior at Jordan-Matthews High School, said most of the people she knows have also experienced small challenges with their classes this year. Though her year is going well — she won the school’s third-annual holiday card art contest last month and joined a new club — she said it is still sometimes difficult to navigate school and life responsibilities with all that’s going on in the world.

For that reason, Gonzalez is thankful for the Nov. 12 reflection day.

“I think it was a good decision,” she said. “Sometimes the situation we are going through can become overwhelming, so it is a good time to reflect on what we are doing.”

Still, some students and staff wish more could be done — in terms of providing more time off, paid leave or more lax grading policies, for example. (The school district is limited in many ways in this regard by state requirements for school/working hours and grading guidelines.)

“We want our students and staff to know we see the stress the pandemic has caused and the effect it has had on mental health for many,” Jackson told the News + Record. “We want to acknowledge those issues and care for our school community. What we are able to do, we will. We want to offer support that available resources allow, while also balancing the

accountability standards which we are required to meet by the state.”

Simply understanding from teachers that students are undergoing a lot of stress, Gonzalez said, would go a long way.

### ‘I am not a superhero’

Of course, it’s not just students struggling — teachers and staff members are too. In Chatham, as is the case across the country, schools are taking what would typically be seen as drastic measures to maintain student services in the face of drastic staffing shortages. Such measures have taken the form of one-time bonuses and the utilization of school principals and teachers as bus drivers and nutrition services workers, but the stress caused by shortages still remains.

For Judit Dorado-Zimo, an ESL teacher at Chatham Middle School, this school year has been difficult in myriad ways. She worries for her 22-month-old at home who cannot yet be vaccinated, and hasn’t seen her mother, who lives in Spain, since March of 2020 due to COVID-border closures. (Her mother plans to visit later this month, as Europe’s borders opened Monday.)

“My mental health has been so deteriorated by this school year that even trying to put down in words how I feel is an impossible task,” Dorado-Zimo said.

A teacher since 2008, this is the first time in her career that Dorado-Zimo has considered quitting. And not because of anything the administration has or hasn’t done — she’s thankful for Jackson’s advocacy for teachers and for the Nov. 12 day of reflection — but because of how teaching during the pandemic has impacted her.

“My cup is completely empty and at this point I don’t know how to fill it back again,” she said. “I love teaching and I care for my students ... but I also need to think of myself.”

Throughout the pandemic, some parents and community members have berated teachers for the challenges children have faced during the pandemic. Last year, some suggested teachers were lazy or pampered for hesitating to return to in-person learning. All of this took place as teachers and administrators navigated dramatically increased workloads during remote and hybrid learning, the News + Record previously reported.

This year, though Chatham schools are back to fully in-person learning, many teachers and staff members have extra responsibilities due to both staffing shortages and COVID protocols. Several teachers have anonymously told the News + Record they’re also struggling this school year.

“We went from being ‘superheroes’ — I don’t want to be a superhero, I am not a superhero, I am a teacher, I am professional, I want to be treated and seen as such — to being the worst workers of the country for being vocal on not feeling safe, and the pressure of the media on having to fill in a year and half of pandemic of what they call ‘learning loss’ in the first months of the school year,” Dorado-Zimo said. “All of that has created an atmosphere that is hard to sustain.”

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IN SILER CITY

# Town, police department struggle to fill positions

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SILER CITY — Staffing shortages across the country have led to closed dining rooms and abbreviated hours at fast food restaurants and interruptions in supply chains for retailers and manufacturers, just for starters.

But closer to home, municipalities have suffered, too. The town of Siler City has so many vacant positions, for example, that it hosted a job fair last Thursday in an effort to fill openings across its departments.

Human Resources Director Nancy Darden was on-site to help coordinate the event at the Paul Braxton Gym near downtown Siler City, saying that with the exception of Siler City's fire department, every department had openings it hadn't been able to fill.

"We have several vacancies within the town," Darden said. "We wanted to do something specific to reach out to the citizens of Siler City."

Siler City has 10 full-time positions open, she said, as well as a number of part-time vacancies. Those include a maintenance superintendent position in the Parks and Rec-

reation Department, a customer service representative for the license plate agency, and a full-time town planner.

"We don't get the quantity of applications that we did a couple of years ago," Darden said. "Obviously there's COVID to attribute some of the shortage to, but the workforce is starting to come back around."

Siler City's police department, for example, is seeking to fill six patrol officer positions and a telecommunicator position not related to patrolling duties.

The police department normally has 27 officers, but at the moment, employs just 21 according to Police Chief Mike Wagner. On top of that, the department is budgeted to hire three new officers every year for the next three years. But the lack of candidates to fill those spots has Wagner frustrated.

"I think there is not just one factor that discourages people from becoming a police officer," he said.

The fallout from the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and calls to "defund" the police have driven people away from careers in law enforcement, Wagner said. Filling positions in the depart-

ment was difficult even before Floyd's death last year, but the protests which followed worsened the situation.

"Every police chief will tell you the officer in that whole George Floyd incident was a criminal," Wagner said. "There have been movements that have called to defund the police since then, and we can see a year later that (in) those towns and cities that have gone that route, it has backfired."

Wagner said police departments, including Siler City's, are also struggling to retain officers. Law enforcement officers work long and grueling shifts, particularly when departments are understaffed.

"Our shifts run short every single day," he said. "It's been tougher to give guys their days off, and every element of day-to-day operations — some parts of it, if not all — sometimes have been compromised."

Another contributing factor here and nationwide is the retirement rate in law enforcement.

"I think over the last 10 years, we have seen retirements increase and the applicants decrease," he said. "However, in the last 18 months, we have seen a drastic increase in retirements and a significant

drop in applicants."

Wagner says the pandemic has helped drive those increases and decreases.

"We've had officers battle COVID, we've had people out who have had some type of COVID exposure, and so the shifts are short," he said.

By participating in the Siler City job fair, Wagner said he hoped his department would attract more local applicants.

"Events like this are an attempt to get people out and get a conversation started," he said.

Wagner said he welcomed candidates with various skill sets, as long as they complete their basic law enforcement training.

"I couldn't tell you how many times I've started talking to someone with a history degree or an accounting degree or some type of business degree," he said. "And we have a lot of fraud cases. We need accountants to work to fight white collar crime because it's all about those numbers. So it's not always about having a criminal justice degree."

Wagner said the need for police in Siler City has only increased over the last year and a half. The department's

annual report, released to Siler City Commissioners recently, indicated significant increases in the number of violent crime and sexual assault cases it's been handling.

"Violent crime is the highest it has ever been," Wagner said. "Crimes are being committed with weapons such as knives, guns and machetes in some cases, so yes, it is elevated."

Wagner said anyone interested in joining the force can contact him to find out a way to access the necessary training to become an officer.

"There are so many things a dialogue can create," Wagner said. "If you know nothing about policing, and you're sort of curious about it, I will sit down with you and share the commitment to service, what we do and how much it impacts our community."

All Siler City agency job openings, including the police department's, can be found on the town's website at [www.silercity.org/index.asp?SEC=4599B530-D38B-4F72-A2CC-A825711831A3&Type=B\\_BASIC](http://www.silercity.org/index.asp?SEC=4599B530-D38B-4F72-A2CC-A825711831A3&Type=B_BASIC)

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Chatham Literacy seeks candidates for board

Chatham Literacy, one of the highly respected non-profit organizations in Chatham County, helps adults living or working here acquire the literacy and educational skills needed to function successfully in society.

The organization is welcoming a few qualified individuals to be members of its board of directors who want to give back to the community through service.

If you have experience in resource development, a background in adult literacy, board governance and/or business partnerships, you'd be welcome to apply. Chatham Literacy seeks diverse

applicants from all geographic areas of our Chatham County.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about how you can make a difference in the lives of so many county residents and workers, along with gaining a stronger personal sense of pride in giving back to our community, please contact Vicki Newell at 919-742-0578 or [vicki@chathamliteracy.org](mailto:vicki@chathamliteracy.org).

### Chatham's 250th anniversary ends with grand finale fireworks display

Chatham County's 250th anniversary

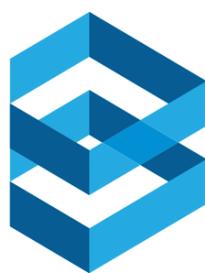
celebrations will conclude with a grand finale fireworks display in downtown Siler City at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. The concluding event for the county's semiquincentennial is co-sponsored by Chatham 250 and the Town of Siler City.

"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 NC 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.

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# CCS Board of Education again approves universal masking, this time 4-1

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PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education again voted to require universal masking on all CCS campuses at its meeting Monday night — but not unanimously this time, with board member David Hamm dissenting.

Since September, the board has taken a vote regarding its masking policy each month, in accordance with state law. On Monday, Superintendent Anthony Jackson asked the board to reaffirm the district's universal masking policy to keep students in the classroom.

"We're getting there, I wish that we could just stop tonight, but my heart of hearts tells me that we can't," Jackson said. "And so with that, I would just ask that we just stay the course for just a little while longer, give those who want the vaccine time to get the vaccine, those who take advantage of those mitigation strategies, time to do that. And then, if we can't make them take the vaccine, we don't want to — we've never pushed any one thing other than trying to keep kids in school."

During the public comments portion of the meeting, parents present almost exclusively asked that the district remove its masking policy. Throughout the meeting, Hamm raised a few

questions about masking, primarily regarding the low transmission rate of COVID-19 at CCS. He also seemed to question the safety of vaccines, though CCS administration has never indicated any sort of vaccine mandate. During his meeting presentation, Assistant Superintendent for Operations Chris Blice pointed to universal masking as the reason for the district's low transmission rate — well under 1% the entire school year, which is lower than the transmission rate in the county as a whole.

Mike Zelek, director of the Chatham County Public Health Department, told the board that schools should continue requiring universal masking in counties where there are higher substantial levels of community transmission, which is the state health department's recommendation. With around 60 positive cases per 100,000 people, according to data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Chatham is still experiencing "substantial community transmission," though Zelek stressed the county shouldn't forget all the progress made in recent months.

Children ages 5-11 are now able to get vaccinated, following a recommendation by the CDC last week. As an additional mitigation strategy, the district has phased in free weekly COVID-19 tests to students and staff

using rapid results tests administered by Raleigh-based Mako Medical. In order 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.

The district is also requiring high school athletic testing, which some parents raised concern over during public comments. Blice said the program is meant to help athletic seasons proceed as normally as possible.

"Our goal is to do COVID testing to protect our student athletes and minimize having to quarantine large groups, and or forfeit games and matches," he said. "Because winter sports are generally played indoors, have large followings from inside and outside of our county, and varying levels of masking, it is especially important to do this."

There have been 266 cumulative cases of COVID-19 reported to Chatham County Schools since Aug. 23 and two clusters, according to the district's case dashboard on Tuesday, making up 2.5% of the district's total population. There is one active case.

"I would ask that the board, please allow us to continue with masking at this point, to give our families time to take advantage of additional mitigation strategies," Jackson said. "And then we can revisit this again in December and hopefully things have improved to the point where

we can begin to move forward — we're getting there. We're getting there."

## Other meeting business

The board approved the district's remote learning and virtual learning plans as presented, which were submitted to the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction Sept. 28, and are required by state law. The purpose of the remote instruction plan is to provide the state with an overview of how CCS would utilize remote instruction during the 2021-2022 school year. CCS can utilize remote instruction for up to five days in the event of inclement weather or other calendar needs, the district agenda said.

Board members also approved CCS's 2021-2022 School Improvement Plans as presented, which includes specific indicators for improvement in the district as a whole and at each school; the new \$8 million employees supplement plan; the 2023-29 Capital Improvements Program projects funded by the county, such as the new central services building, and the addition of a head coaching stipend for girls and boys Winter Track at CCS high schools.

Both teams will now include an \$800 base stipend with a \$50 experience step.

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## WATER

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Kennedy said the N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality's investigation of the July discharge failed to provide a conclusive answer about how the harmful toxins got into the Haw, threatening Pittsboro's water supply.

"That was a frustrating answer for our town, but here we are again, some five or six months

later, with 20 times over the limit of discharge of 1,4-Dioxane into the Haw River," Kennedy said.

With the original discharge of the 1,4-Dioxane occurring five days before the town was alerted, it's likely the chemical has already made its way downstream to the town's water plants and drinking supply. But the town won't know for certain until samples are tested.

"Depending on rainfall, it takes two to four

maybe five days to come downhill, so it's probably at us already," Kennedy said.

If true, he said, the 1,4-Dioxane has already made it to Pittsboro's water supply before water intake could be shut off. Commissioner John Bonitz said he was concerned the town didn't find out until five days after it occurred.

"I think citizens are asking why this has not gotten out, and why is

this board learning about it so late," he said. "There is no fault to staff, it's just a really bad situation that Greensboro is able and allowed to do this and not notify us so we could turn off our intake and shut off water withdrawals from the river for the time when the slug is passing our town."

Kennedy said the delay may be related to the way Greensboro tests its water. The city gathers samples for testing daily, but tests five days at once. "When you're not testing every day, but you are taking a grab sample over a five-day period and then testing that sample, it does create a lag in responsiveness to know that particular slug is coming down," he said.

Commissioner Kyle Shipp voiced a need for accountability from the state and Greensboro.

"I would support sending letters out to anybody, honestly, formally from the town asking for assistance for this — answers from the state, assistance from the federal government and state government, whatever we need to do," he said. "We are clearly past good faith at this point with the City of Greensboro and the state in terms of how they are dealing with this. They're not taking it seriously because it does not affect

their water, it only affects our water."

Mayor Jim Nass said he was also in favor of contacting state and federal representatives for help in preventing another discharge.

"I think we need to contact our representatives because it appears to me the discussions we had since the last one, and now this one, is that the state has not been very forthcoming at all," he said. "It seems to me to be all acting behind a curtain, and that is not serving this community well."

Mayor-elect Cindy Perry, who defeated Nass in the Nov. 2 election, spoke during the citizen's concerns section of the agenda about the water crisis. She pointed out that the Pittsboro Water Quality Task Force had offered recommendations to the board in October of last year — recommendations she said have yet to be implemented.

"I think we really need to accelerate our reaction to what it is that happened five days ago," Perry said. "[The Pittsboro Water Quality Task Force] came out with a great final report in October of 2020 with great recommendations. Unfortunately, none of those have been implemented, but this just reminds us

again, as the first drinkers downstream, that we don't even know if we have already drunk the 767 units."

While the first incident this year seemed like it may have been a mistake, Perry said this time feels more intentional.

"I'm really quite furious about it, not at anybody who is listening to my voice tonight, but because the first time it happened, it seemed to be an accident," she said. "But this was no accident."

Perry said commissioners need to take a stand against what is happening to the town's water supply, as well as tell citizens what it means for them.

"A whole lot of things concern me; not just the pollution that has resulted, not just the harm that it could do to young children and vulnerable people in our community, but also the fact that nobody let us know until today, five days later, that this had happened," she said. "I don't think Pittsboro residents really understand how bad the situation really is, and certainly the ones upstream don't know what they are doing to us."

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# OBITUARIES

## MARGIE BRAFFORD JOHNSON



Margie Brafford Johnson, 85, of Sanford, passed away on November 2, 2021, at Parkview Retirement Village, Sanford, N.C.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Chatham County on November 19, 1935, the daughter of Elmer Howard and Curtis Van Roberson Brafford. Margie loved to craft and spend time painting. She was an excellent cook and famous for her chocolate pies. She enjoyed traveling whenever she could. In addition to her parents,

Margie is preceded in death by her husband, James N. Johnson; and brothers, Willie and Eugene "PeeWee" Brafford.

She is survived by her son, Mark Way and wife Crystal of Sanford; sisters, Irene B. Morris and husband Clarence of Pittsboro, Alma B. Stevens of Aberdeen, Virginia B. Morris of Pittsboro, and Kathy B. Clark of Bear Creek; brother, Wayne Brafford of Lexington; and three grandchildren, Riley, Lila, and Brodie.

Margie laid in repose from 12 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Plainfield Friends Meeting Cemetery, 1956 Plainfield Church Rd., Siler City, N.C. with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating.

Memorials may be made to the First Congregational Christian Church, P.O. Box 242, Sanford, N.C. 27331.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Johnson family.

## LOUISE HUMBLE POE



Louise Humble Poe, 97, passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

She was born in Randolph County on August 5, 1924, the daughter of Tyson and Lucy Catharine Cox Humble. Louise was a member of Moon's Chapel Baptist Church since 1956. She was an avid animal lover, especially cats. Louise enjoyed spending time reading and working in her garden. She was a hard worker, spending her working years with Kellwood and Midstate Farms. In addition to her parents, Louise is preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Allen Poe; daughter, Cathy Justice; sisters, Mary Ruth Thorpe, Gladys Humble; and brothers, Jay and Tyson "Pop" Humble Jr.

Louise is survived by her son, Bruce Allen Poe and wife Lavern of Siler City; daughter, Cynthia Poe Ferguson and husband Murphy of Bear Creek; grandchildren, Brett and Crystal Justice, Kenneth Poe, April Poe Gainey and husband Brian, Baron, Nick, Ethan Ferguson; and five great grandchildren.

Louise Laid in Repose on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 1 to 5 p.m. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Moon's Chapel Baptist Church, 175 Moon's Chapel Rd., Siler City, with Rev. Scott Faw officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to West Chatham Senior Center Meals on Wheels, 112 Village Lake Rd., Siler City, N.C. 27344, or Crisis Dogs of N.C., P.O. Box 62, Spring Lake, N.C. 28390.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Hoffman and the Chatham County Council on Aging.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Poe family.

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

## THOMAS HOWARD CROWSON



Thomas Howard Crowson, 77, passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, November 7, 2021. He was born in Randolph County, N.C. on January 1, 1944, to Paul T. and Gladys Staley Crowson.

Mr. Crowson loved his family and was very proud of his children and grandchildren. He also loved his work family, Zimmerman - Dynayarn. Thomas enjoyed working in his yard and always had a wonderful garden. He was preceded in death by

his parents, three brothers, three sisters and son, Jeremy Scott Crowson.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 54 years, Linda B. Crowson; daughters, Kelly C. Clark (Adrian) and Lisa C. Dorsett (Brian) all of Siler City; granddaughter, Addie Dorsett (Aaron); grandsons, Dawson and Davis Clark; brothers, Bill Crowson (Barbara) of Yadkinville, and Floyd Bowers Jr. (Willie) of Siler City; special nephews, Preston and Randy Bowers and families.

Mr. Crowson laid in repose on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, from 12 to 5 p.m., at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10, at Hickory Mountain United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Crowson's memory to Liberty Home Care and Hospice, 401 E. Third Street, Siler City, N.C. 27344, or Hickory Mountain United Methodist Church, 201 Hadley Mill Rd., Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Dr. Emily Dolleschell and Liberty Home Care and Hospice.

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home assisted the Crowson family.

## OCTAVIO CASIMIRO BARRAGAN

Octavio Casimiro Barragan, 19, of Broadway, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Funeral Mass was held at noon on Saturday, November 6, at St. Stephen Catholic Church.

## SADIE BLUE

Ms. Sadie Blue, 86, of Broadway, passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021, at her daughter's home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 10, at Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, with burial following in the church cemetery.

## JOHN COOPER

John Cooper, 94, of Pittsboro died on November 4, 2021.

John was a loving and devoted husband to his wife of 60 years, Mary Lou Joyce Cooper, who predeceased him in 2011. John was survived by three sons, Steve Cooper and wife, Mary Campbell Cooper of Pittsboro; Sam Cooper and partner, Larry Hazelwood of Pittsboro, and Vann Cooper and wife Harvi Collins Cooper of Silk Hope; four grandchildren, Mary Cooper Sanders and husband GG Sanders of Siler City; John Cooper and wife Kristine Tyree Cooper of Fayetteville, Will Cooper and wife Andi Skurski Cooper of Silk Hope, Wes Cooper of Charlotte; and five great-grandchildren, as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was predeceased by sisters, Mary Cooper Dobbins of Raleigh; Carolyn Cooper Comer of Dobson, Eleanor Cooper of Dobson; brother, Grady Cooper Jr. of Raleigh, and his parents.

John was born in Dobson, N.C., on June 2, 1927, to Grady and Zella Blessing Cooper. Growing up on a dairy farm that included milk delivery on his bicycle, John graduated from Dobson High School; thereafter, he enlisted and served in the Merchant Marines for three years, which included travel on hospital ships in the Atlantic and Pacific. He later attended Appalachian Teacher's College; transferred to N.C. State University and graduated in 1951 with a degree in Animal Science.

Following his graduation, he married Mary Lou Joyce Cooper on June 9, 1951, and lived in Dobson, where John worked on the family farm with his father and Mary Lou taught school. He next accepted a position as Assistant County Extension Agent in Chatham County, Pittsboro, which included working with dairy farmers and serving as a 4-H leader.

He next relocated to Sparta, Alleghany County, N.C., in the same capacity where his worked with Extension Chair, Emerson Black, which included helping dairy farmers transition from stanchion barns to modern milking parlors. John, with the help from his three sons, and fellow Extension agent, Gene Gray, planted the county's first Christmas tree demonstration farm, an agribusiness that flourishes today.

Encouraged by Chatham County's agriculture leaders such as dairy farmer Tom Reeves, John returned to Chatham County in 1966 as County Agriculture Extension Chairman, following the retirement of J. B. Snipes. John served Chatham County in this role until his retirement in 1982.

In retirement, John's enjoyments included serving on the board of N.C. Production Credit, international travel, trips with Mary Lou's sister and brother-in-law, Louise, and Bob Edwards, and sharing a garden with fellow retired Extension Agent and neighbor, Richard Bradley. As one of Chatham's first "pick-your own" strawberry farmers, he valued and appreciated the county's unfolding agricultural diversity.

John's life exemplified a life of service to his church, family, and community. Approaching 60 years as a member of Pittsboro United Methodist Church, he faithfully served on countless committees as member, chair, trustee, and lay leader. Following a family dinner, often heard was "gotta go to a meeting."

Examples of his community service included being a Lion's Club member for 40 years, Chairman for the Alleghany County Centennial Celebration, Co-Chairman for the Chatham County Bi-Centennial Celebration, 30-years of service on Chatham County's Nursing Home Advisory Committee, and active engagement in various agriculture related organizations, such as the N.C. Cattlemen's Association. He lived to be the last surviving charter member of the Silk Hope Ruritan Club, and to-this-day, active part of the Silk Hope Community.

John's philosophy was simple: There is good in everyone. In his dealings with others, he liked to give credit to the other person rather than take credit for himself. He enjoyed doing for others that were in need and worked for the good of all people. He felt that everyone should give back to the community. Possessing a good sense of humor, he never met a stranger.

Known to say, "I would rather wear out than rust out;" he remained active throughout his life, to include daily graveside visits with Mary Lou, most often walking there from Twin Rivers with caregiver, Louise Lefler. John's end-of-life quality, dignity, and richness were in large measure due to the loving and compassionate care provided by Louise Lefler and Pat Ellis, for whom the family is grateful.

A service celebrating the life and faith of John Cooper was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the Pittsboro United Methodist Church. Following interment at the church, there was a visitation with the family at the church's Family Life Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial contribution be made to the Pittsboro United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 716, Pittsboro, NC 27312; N.C. Alzheimer's Association, 5171 Glenwood Ave. #101, Raleigh, N.C. 27612; local charity, non-profit of one's choice, and/or extend an act of care and kindness to another.

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

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

## MANUEL DORAN GARCIA

Manuel Duran Garcia, 57 of Liberty, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, at St. Julia Catholic Church.

## JASON RAYSHAAD JOHNSON

Jason Rayshaad Johnson, 28, of Cameron passed away on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, at New Bethel FWB Church with burial following in Minter Cemetery.

## DEEANGELO TOMPKINS

Deeangelo Tompkins, 32, of Spring Lake passed away on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, in Charlotte.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

## DESMOND MAURICE PATTERSON

Desmond Maurice Patterson, 16, of Pittsboro, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at UNC Hospital.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## JAMAR RAYNIQUE GRIFFIN JR.

Jamar Raynique Griffin Jr., 27, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021, in Sanford, N.C.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## REMONICA DENICE GREENE

Remonica Denice Greene, 58, of Siler City, passed away on Monday, November 1, 2021, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Services entrusted to Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## HAZEL M. MARSH

Hazel M. Marsh, 90, of Siler City, passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

Services entrusted to Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## SHIRLEY MORRIS SMITH

Shirley Morris Smith, 66, of Sanford, died Friday, October 29, 2021, at her home.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Smith Funeral Home in Broadway. They will have a private family memorial service at a later date.

She was born in Lee County on September 3, 1955, daughter of the late Robert Louis Morris and Mamie Lee O'Quinn, who preceded her in death.

Surviving is her husband, Richard Lee Smith of the home; daughter, Jessica McDougald of Sanford; a son, Anthony Smith of Sanford; two grandchildren; sisters, Cathy Page of Sanford, Peggy England and Lisa Holt, both of Broadway; and brothers, Danny Morris and Jimmy Morris, both of Sanford.

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

## LAWRENCE FRANKLIN FRAME

Mr. Lawrence Franklin Frame, 92, of Cameron, passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Born in Springhill, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Arthur and Edith Adkins Frame. In addition to his parents, Lawrence was preceded in death by daughter, Kathy Frame; brother, Ira Frame; sisters, Virginia Frame, Ruth Sharp, Alice Patrick and Macel Robinson.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lorraine Lee Frame; daughters, Lea Whitman of Wilmington, Pam Porter of Cameron; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; brothers, Grafton Lee Frame of Illinois and Charles Frame of Virginia; sisters, Grace Lewis, Dorothy Huffman, Mary Sinkoski, and Betty Jo Frame, all of Virginia.

Lawrence served his country for 24 years. After retiring from the Army, he worked at Cornell-Dubilier in Sanford for seven years.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Joe Keen officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation for the RISE program which provides adaptive smart homes for severely wounded heroes.

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

Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

## TAMMIE GAIL NEWTON STYMUS

Tammie Gail Newton Stymus, 55, of Cameron, died November 2, 2021, in an automobile accident.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Thomas officiating.

Mrs. Newton was born in Guilford County, on July 7, 1966, to Kathleen Durden Davis and the late Jimmy Ray Newton. She worked as a care-giver.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Jeffrey Thomas Stymus of the home; her mother, Kathleen D. Davis of Sanford; a son, Ryan Tye Getchell of Sanford; daughters, Charity Ann Getchell and Kelly Rae Getchell, both of Sanford, Lauren Stymus and Cassandra Lee Stymus, both of New York; sisters, Joyce Matthews of Greensboro; and 14 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, 600 W. Main St., Sanford, N.C. 27332 to assist in deferring the funeral expenses.

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

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2022 MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# U.S. House candidate hosts town hall in Pittsboro

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News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro resident and business owner Craig Kinsey, who's filed federally to run for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, hosted a town hall-style event at the Pittsboro Community House on Wednesday evening.



Kinsey, a registered Republican, has decided to throw his name into the hat of candidates seeking to replace Rep. David Price after Price announced he would not seek reelection to N.C.'s 4th Congressional District in 2022.

The district currently includes Durham, Orange, Franklin, Granville, and parts of Wake, Chatham, and Vance counties, but redistricting may ultimately change that.

"I'm running for Congress, and the reason I am wanting to host town halls is because I want to make sure I hear from different people about what's important to them," Kinsey said.

A handful of Chatham County residents came to voice concerns they had, with topics including education, COVID-19 policies and election security. Kinsey shared his thoughts on each of the topics, as well as solutions he would propose if elected.

When it comes to voter integrity and election security, some in attendance were concerned with the lack of Voter ID laws and the absentee ballot system possibly corrupting election integrity.

Kinsey said he wants to make Election Day a federal holiday to allow people ample time to vote, rather than having more people use absentee ballots.

"I think Election Day should be a holiday, and it should be a 24-hour period for voting," he said. "No one can use the excuse 'I can't get there' for a 24-hour period."

Kinsey also said he thinks absentee voting should be reserved for those who cannot physically be at the polls. And he said he believed Voter ID laws would provide more security every election.

"If you're on welfare or unemployment, you have ID," he said. "If you have a job, you have Social Security so you have ID. I can't really find a place

where you don't have ID." Vaccine mandates were also a topic of discussion on Wednesday evening. Some residents voiced concerns over some of the vaccine mandates placed by the federal government, citing they violated their constitutional rights.

Kinsey agreed with their concerns, calling vaccine mandates a government "overstep." "The federal government is just too large," he said. "There's a lot of things they're involved in that they should not be."

Kinsey also said there was overlap in some federal departments; he'd prefer to combine some agencies to help create a smaller, federal government.

"Let's look at the welfare system: we need welfare because there are people that actually need it, but do we need 80 departments?" he said. "If we could consolidate down to two or three, then what kind of cost savings can we have within the federal government to use our money more wisely?"

One attendee, a high school student from the area, expressed concerns about the federal government's involvement in different states' education systems.

Kinsey said he wants schools to focus on "the three R's" — reading, writing and arithmetic — and to stay away from subjects like critical race theory. He said one way to combat CRT in the classroom is to have a way for parents to monitor their children's classes.

"To eliminate that issue, we should have cameras in the classrooms where the parents can either chime in on either Zoom or a Teams meeting," he said. "This will give parents a chance to see what is being taught, and give them a chance to be more involved with their children's education."

Kinsey said the goal of his campaign and his town halls was to be a source for the public to voice their concerns and then come up with solutions he thinks will get the job done.

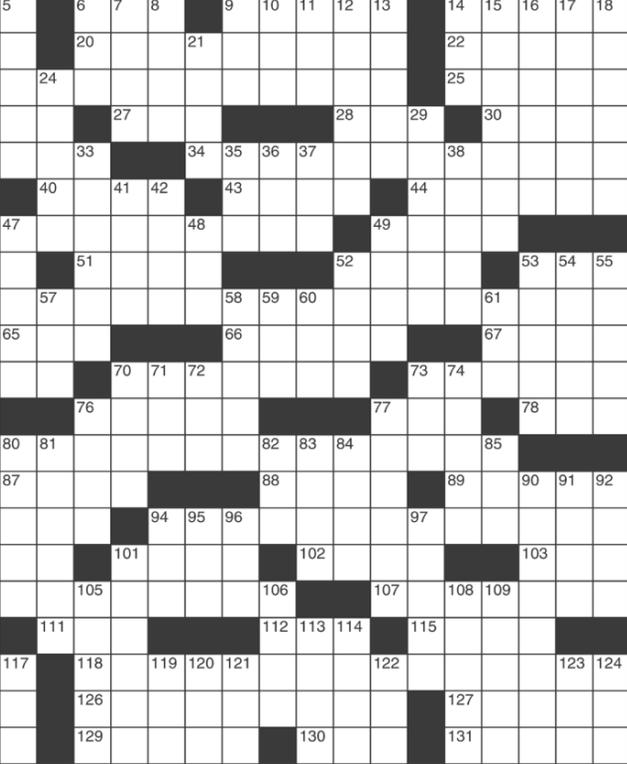
"When a politician gets elected, it seems they forget about the people who elected them, and that's not something I want to do," he said. "I want to be different, and that's why I want to listen to what people have to say."

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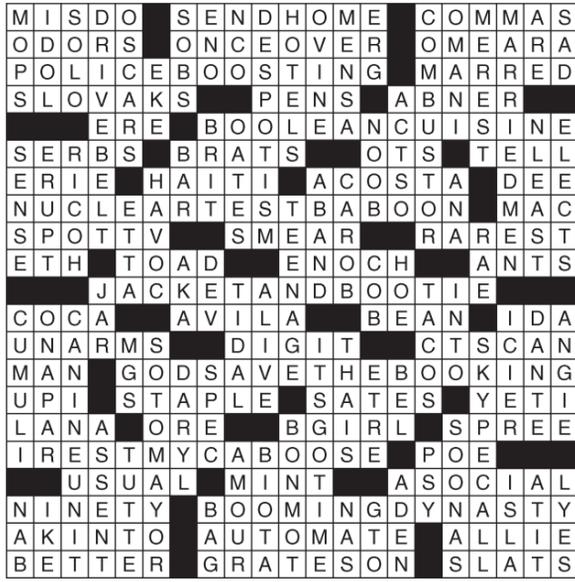
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COLIN POWELL | 1937-2021

# Chatham County's Pearson reflects on the legacy Powell left to Americans

BY BOB PEARSON  
Special to the News + Record

Editor's note: Chatham resident Bob Pearson, who worked for years under Colin Powell, reflects on the lessons of the late diplomat, U.S. Army officer and statesman who died Oct. 18 at age 84.

Last Friday, our country said goodbye to Colin Powell in a powerful and emotional funeral ceremony at Washington's National Cathedral, America's home church, where our most distinguished public servants are eulogized. I was fortunate to have been invited to attend that service. These are my personal observations about the legacy Colin Powell left for America.

First, he was our hero and a model for us, old and young, rich and poor, and of every color in America's spectrum. He personified the dream America always has been. He was an immigrant, he worked at lowly jobs, he transformed the American military and proved that affirmative action would work in the conservative U.S. Army. He graduated from a local college, CCNY in New York, and he embraced his military career with enthusiasm. He understood the combat with two tours in Vietnam. He knew the strength and the limits of military force and left us his clear standards regarding the use of our

military. Second, he was a Black man in a white America, yet someone who succeeded because of his belief in the basic values of our country — and because of his belief in himself. As a young officer, he was discriminated against while on duty in the deep South. He never let it faze him. He focused on the objective and never allowed an obstacle to be more important than the goal. He became a model for Black Americans. Perhaps even more so, he taught white Americans that the stereotypes of history and culture in our country about race were illusions and falsehoods. The great barriers he broke down were in institutions not in the streets but were just as powerful.



Pearson



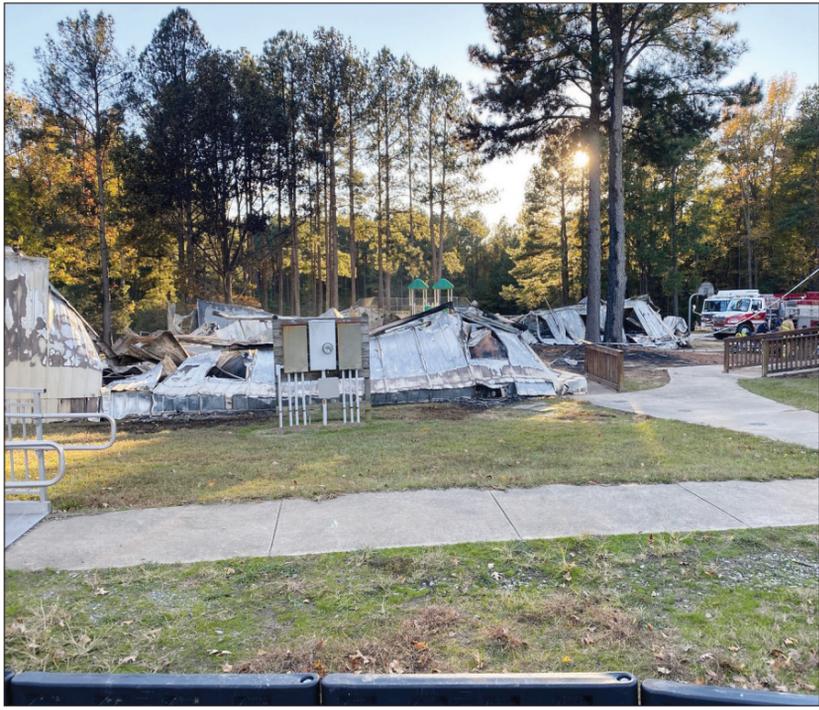
Powell

Third, he was a man of the Center whose American journey was also our American dream. His passing brought into sharp focus the difference between the America he believed in and the America we face today. Now we realize how much we thought that world would just continue, that America's

role was unfulfilled in the world and at home, and that we would make it to that goal line one day. He would tell us now today that the goal is still there, and that we cannot weaken in our determination to make it true.

Finally, he set standards that endure whatever our position in life. The soldier's first order, he said, was to stand his duty, to hold his post, and perform as required until relieved. In that duty, he might have become President. His nearest figure in American history was Dwight Eisenhower. They both were military leaders who were popular with Americans and principled in conduct. Both emphasized diplomacy and warned of excessive reliance on military might. Had Colin Powell chosen Eisenhower's route and succeeded, one wonders what course American history might have taken, and how far along we would be today in realizing the American dream for every American.

Bob Pearson, who lives with his wife, Maggie, in Ferrington Village, worked with Colin Powell — first with General Powell at the White House National Security Council in the mid-1980s, and then as Secretary of State Powell when Pearson was American ambassador to Turkey and then Director General of the American diplomatic service during the years 2001-2005.



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## Fire at school

Five mobile units at North Chatham Elementary School (some of which pictured here) were destroyed in a fire overnight Saturday, according to Chatham County Schools. No one was injured.

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# OBITUARIES

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## MARGARET MATTIE BOWERS THORNBURG



Margaret Mattie Bowers Thornburg passed away peacefully on November 6, 2021, at the age of 90. She was born at home outside Pittsboro, N.C., on January 12, 1931, the daughter of Willie and Eva Bowers, of Chatham County. She graduated from Pittsboro High School in 1949.

On April 11, 1952, Margaret married Bobby H. Thornburg in Greensboro, where they lived for over 40 years. While living in Greensboro, Margaret worked many years for both Sears and Wrangler. Her hobbies were gardening and yard work, cooking, sewing, and various crafts.

After retirement for both Margaret and Bobby, they moved from Greensboro back to Chatham County to be closer to both families. They have now lived in Siler City over 20 years and were members of the Hickory Mountain United Methodist Church in Pittsboro.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 69 years, Bobby Thornburg of Siler City; daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Wayne Hucaby of Raleigh; sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Jack Tillman of Sanford; sister, Betty Jean Bowers of Pittsboro; and sister-in-law, Joyce Bowers (Sherman) of Siler City.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Eva Bowers; brother and sister-in-law Ralph and Betty Lou Bowers of Franklinville; brother, Sherman Bowers (Joyce) of Siler City; and brother and sister-in-law, John Calvin "JC" and Estelle Bowers of Siler City.

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, the family will receive visitation from friends and family from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a brief funeral service and committal, all at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave, Siler City, N.C. Margaret will be interred at the Hickory Mountain United Methodist Church Cemetery in Pittsboro.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hickory Mountain U.M.C. for cemetery maintenance. Please make checks payable to "Hickory Mountain United Methodist Church", FOR cemetery maintenance, 201 Hadley Mill Rd., Pittsboro, N.C. 27312. We thank you very much.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Total Life Care of Siler City for their devoted care for Margaret, as well as for Bobby. Total Life Care, 106 Village Lake Rd. Suite A, Siler City, N.C. 27344; 919-799-7275, <https://tlcathome.org/>.

## RANDALL KELLY OATES

Randall Kelly Oates, 70, of Bennett, passed away Monday, November 1, 2021, at Moses Cone Hospital.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Bennett Baptist Church with Pastor Edwin Moore and Rev. Tim Strider presiding. The family received friends following the service in the fellowship hall.

He was born in Chatham County on May 27, 1951, to Ruby and Vernon Oates. Randall was a member of Bennett Baptist Church and a retired supervisor at Klausner Furniture.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Tina Oates Brady.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carolyn Albright Oates; children, Todd Oates of Bennett, Chad Oates of Siler City, Kelly Wilson of High Point, David Saunders of Ramseur; brothers, Bill Oates and Ricky Oates, both of Bennett, Tim Oates of Mebane; eleven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Flowers were accepted or donations may be made to Bennett Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 91, Bennett, N.C. 27208 or to the charity of your choice.

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

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

## JAMES RUSSELL PATTERSON,

James Russell Patterson, 72, of Broadway passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at Central Harnett Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, November 5, 2021, at the Holly Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Yow officiating.

He was born in Lee County on September 6, 1949, son of James Thur-

man Patterson and Christine Womack Patterson. He was a graduate of Boone Trail High School. James was preceded in death by his father and his son, Steven Michael Patterson.

He is survived by his mother Christine Womack Patterson of Broadway; his wife of 46 years, Arlene Stewart Patterson of the home; daughter, Holly Patterson of Orlando, Florida; sister, Glenda P. Thomas of Olivia; brother, Albert W. Patterson of Broadway; and five grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made to [www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com](http://www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com).

## BRENDA COLE BRANNAN

Brenda Cole Brannan, 73, of Sanford, passed away Friday, November 5, 2021, at her home.

A funeral service was held at White Hill Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jean Sparks officiating.

She was born in Lee County, on March 5, 1948, to the late Homer Franklin and Dorothy Richardson Cole. Brenda attended Sanford Business College and retired from Lee County Health Department after 32 years. She was a member of White Hill Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Eddie George Brannan; son, Eddie Franklin Brannan; daughter, Nicole Brannan Thompson, both of Sanford; three grandchildren; brother Larry Brannan of Jackson Springs and Bobby Brannan of Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to White Hill Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 5258, Sanford, N.C. 27332 and/or First-Health Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, N.C. 28374.

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

## REBECCA SHARPE KELLY

Rebecca Sharpe Kelly, 82, of Sanford, died Friday, November 5, 2021, at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Juniper Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Eddie Thomas officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She was born in Lee County, daughter of the late Ben Joe and Mary Frances Mae Gilmore Sharpe. Becky was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, O. Wayne Kelly, brothers, Frankie Sharpe, Van Sharpe and sisters, Mary Deanna Sharpe Valle and Donna Sharpe Bryant. She was the office administrator for Kelly Farms.

Surviving are her sons, David Kelly and Daniel Kelly, both of Sanford; sisters, Frances Kelly, Jackie Tart, Patricia Stone, Jenny Kennedy; brother, Benny Sharpe of Sanford; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements are by the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway.

## HARRIET DICKENS GEORGE

Harriet Dickens George, 75, of Moncure, died Saturday, November 6, 2021, at her home.

Funeral was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Christian Chapel Christian Church with Rev. George Stallings and Rev. Steve Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She was born on June 9, 1946, daughter of the late Royce B. and Sadie Denson Dickens. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, William Thomas George, and siblings, Betty Dickens McLean, Marie Dickens Wicker, Edd Dickens, and Henry Dickens. Harriet was a graduate of Moncure High School, and a member of Christian Chapel Christian Church where she was the pianist and served as the church treasurer. She retired from Honeywell.

Surviving is her son, Chris George of Moncure; daughter, Angie George Harris of Moncure; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Christian Chapel Church Men, c/o 67 Dickens Rd., Moncure, N.C. 27559.

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SNOW CAMP — Snow Camp Community Action Network (SnowCamp-CAN.org) is honored to present musical performances by two nationally recognized Americana Roots artists, Nu-Blu and Ruth Wyand, at an open air concert and festival from 1-5:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 at The Glass House Amphitheater, 2705 Quakenbush Rd., in Snow Camp.

The event also features local gumbo, brews, crafts, a puppet show for the kids and more.

Experience a day of fun and American Roots music in a spacious outdoor setting in the quaint community of Snow Camp, 20 minutes north of Pittsboro.

Ticket prices start at \$15 per person and are available in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/snow-camp-americana-roots-music-and-community-festival-tickets-187922891427> or [www.snowcampcan.org](http://www.snowcampcan.org) or at the gate. Proceeds are to benefit the legal defense fund for our local nonprofit organization, working

to protect our community from heavy industry environmental polluters.

### Pittsboro Commissioners to hold special meeting

Pittsboro's Board of Commissioners will host a special meeting session on Wednesday, Nov. 10, via Zoom, to discuss the Chatham Park development's affordable housing element.

Commissioners closed the public hearing during Monday night's meeting and diverted further discussion to Wednesday's workshop.

The meeting is scheduled to take place from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday to discuss the most recent proposal for the Chatham Park Affordable Housing Additional Element. The meeting will include input from commissioners, town staff, representatives of Chatham Park and industry professionals invited by the town. Public comment will not be held for this meeting.

Please contact Town Clerk Cassandra Bullock at [cbullock@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:cbullock@pittsboronc.gov) for more information.

— CN+R staff reports

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- Enjoys song writing (has played guitar for over 50 years), & if he had to do it all over again, he would've pursued being a songwriter/musician;
- Service has interested him from an early age: School Crossing Guard, College Service Fraternity Brother, Rotary International, and CORA Committee Member;
- He & his lovely wife, Cindi, first met as freshmen in high school, but didn't date until junior year college.



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# LatinxEd's '20 Under 20' youth leadership initiative now accepting applicants

**BY VICTORIA JOHNSON**  
News + Record Staff

Chatham County's Latinx students may now apply to form part of LatinxEd's fourth "20 Under 20" youth leadership cohort by Nov. 29.

First launched in 2018, "20 under 20" is a yearly initiative that identifies and works to cultivate 20 young Latinx leaders and advocates across the state.

Managed by a Chapel Hill-based education nonprofit, LatinxEd, it's the only competition in North Carolina designed to elevate Latinx youth leaders. LatinxEd provides multi-year educational support to and seeks to expand educational opportuni-

ties for North Carolina's Hispanic students and immigrant families.

"A lack of representation of Latinx youth leadership has prevented strategic planning processes from being truly representative of the changing face of this state, especially when planning local and state investments and policy-making," the nonprofit wrote about the initiative on its website. "To remedy this, we seek to build a trusted network of Latinx youth leaders who are ready to take the next step in their leadership journey and join LatinxEd in advocating on behalf of the Latinx community."

Eligible applicants include Hispanic/Latinx

students or graduates who reside in North Carolina, though U.S. citizenship isn't required. Those born after Dec. 31, 2001, may apply. Applicants don't need to meet any academic or GPA requirements.

According to LatinxEd's 20 Under 20 program assistant, Ian Hammett, LatinxEd usually receives between 70 to 80 applications for the 20 Under 20 program each year.

Judges will pick finalists based on three main criteria: vision, voice and valor.

Ideal applicants understand the barriers Latinx immigrant families face within North Carolina's education system and have personally navigated them. They also strive to tell their

own stories and to expand opportunity for the state's Hispanic community through education.

"20 Under 20 Leaders are pursuing education as a channel for social mobility and change," Hammett told the News + Record. "They are activists, storytellers, and leaders within our community. Many leaders from our previous cohort are either graduating from high school and matriculating into college or graduating from college!"

Applicants don't need to know fluent Spanish, according to the competition's webpage. To apply, go to [bit.ly/3C0NkyJ](http://bit.ly/3C0NkyJ). To nominate a student or a graduate, visit [bit.ly/3khUHfl](http://bit.ly/3khUHfl).

According to Hammett, the application asks students to answer three questions, which applicants may do by writing essays or creating videos.

"These core questions serve as a guide to help the applicant reflect the ways they have used and aspire to use their voice, vision and valor through their leadership and in their communities," he said. "... Our team is eager to learn more about students' educational journey and their experiences navigating school in North Carolina. We want to learn about who or what motivates them and how they are trying to advance themselves and their community via education."

The application period first opened last week. Youth who apply by Nov. 20 will receive priority consideration, but the final deadline is Nov. 29. Judges will then pick a group of semi-finalists, who they'll invite to submit videos by Dec. 10.

"For students who make it to the semi-finalist round, these videos are

an opportunity for students to bring their story to life via their voice," Hammett said. "As storytelling is a key component of being in 20 Under 20, it is critical to be able to hear and watch students use their voice to learn more about their story and lived experiences."

By Dec. 17, judges will have chosen all 20 qualifying leaders, who will be notified by Jan. 5.

Those chosen will receive a mentor with whom they'll engage in bi-weekly calls; they'll also attend virtual monthly workshops to develop their storytelling and leadership abilities during the spring of 2022, and by the end of the semester, they'll have co-created a 2- to 3-minute video about their visions for promoting Latinx student success in North Carolina.

In all four years, only two Latinx students from Chatham County have been chosen as 20 Under 20 leaders: Jordan-Matthews High School graduate David Gonzalez Hernandez, who now attends UNC-Greensboro, and Jacquelinne Marroquin Tobar, now a first year at Wake Forest University.

Both Siler City residents formed part of last year's cohort.

The son of immigrants from Guatemala and El Salvador, Gonzalez Hernandez formed part of the Hispanic Liaison's youth group, Orgullo Latinx Pride, with which he volunteered at various community events and initiatives.

Marroquin Tobar immigrated to Siler City from Guatemala with her family when she was 14. Thereafter, she entered J-M, enrolled in ESL classes to learn English and created the school's

first Water Bottle Recycling Project, a campaign intended to teach students about the importance of recycling and change their habits.

"It's such an honor," Marroquin Tobar told the News + Record last year. "... They're doing so much that I even feel like, 'Were they right when they told me?' I was like, 'They are doing so much. They are activists; they have projects in the community; they are doing this and that and that' — Am I in the right place?" But they were like, 'Yes, you are. You're amazing.'"

She added: "The LatinxEd '20 Under 20' is just trying to show the world what the Latinx students are doing in North Carolina ... that we are trying to give back. It's a great way to show the world, to show North Carolina, that we are doing something."

For more information or application assistance, email Hammett at [ian@latinxed.org](mailto:ian@latinxed.org) or visit LatinxEd's website at [www.latinxed.org](http://www.latinxed.org).

"We want to encourage all Latinx students to apply as we aim to build a trusted network of Latinx youth leaders who want to join LatinxEd in advocating on behalf of the Latinx community," Hammett said. "If eligible students are unsure whether they consider themselves a leader or storyteller, it is important to know that if you are willing to challenge yourself, we will strongly consider your application ... Whether or not you've been able to play formal or informal roles as leaders, your voice matters, and we want to hear what you have to say."

Reporter Victoria Johnson can be reached at [victoria@chathamnr.com](mailto:victoria@chathamnr.com)

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# Jordan-Matthews narrowly escapes NCSSM on the road in Sweet 16, will play in Elite 8 on Wednesday

BY DAN E. WAY

News + Record Correspondent

DURHAM — Jordan-Matthews tangled with a tough N.C. School of Science and Math team in a grueling overtime game before superior conditioning kicked in, propelling the Jets to a hard-fought 3-1 win on Monday night to advance to the Elite Eight of the NCHSAA 2A state soccer playoffs.

The No. 6 seed Jets (20-0-1) will take their 19-game winning streak to Snow Hill, where they'll face No. 2 seed Greene Central High School (23-1) on Wednesday in Round 4. The game is being played a day earlier than originally scheduled to avoid the threat of rain on Thursday, and Jets coach Paul Cuadros said that leaves

little time to prepare a strategy.

"I've been here many times," Cuadros said. "You can learn some things about a team, but once you get to the venue and you see them then you can make some real determinations in terms of coaching. ... They're probably doing the same thing I'm doing today."

Cuadros was thrilled with Monday's third-round win over the No. 3 seeded Unicorns (15-2-1), though not just because his players knocked off a higher-ranked team.

"We're an undefeated team and we're ranked sixth," Cuadros said. "We don't know what to think of that. We proved last night that we were definitely the better team. I think defense won us the game. (Junior goalkeeper) Ricardo Ro-

cha made some incredible saves to keep us in the game.

"It was a real hard-fought game," he added. "They have very good size to them. Their boys were pretty big, pretty strong, pretty fast."

"The first half was definitely a toss-up between both teams," he continued. "I think we had better chances to put one in the back of the net but we didn't do so."

That all changed with about 10 minutes left to play in the half. Brian Hernandez took a shot from outside of the box, but the Unicorns' goalkeeper saved it. Then senior midfielder Irvin Campos took the rebound and buried it in the net to give the Jets a 1-0 lead.

"We fought a furious battle in the last few minutes" of the second half,

Cuadros said, but NCSSM was able to knot the score 1-1 with time running out on a play similar to the one the Jets had scored on to send the game into two 10-minute overtime periods.

"I think we really just turned on the after burners and pretty much dominated (in the first overtime period)," Cuadros said. "I think our legs were just stronger. I think Science & Math ended up getting tired."

Campos scored a second goal on the night to give the lead back to the Jets. Then senior midfielder Alexis Ibarra was able to get the third goal off of a cross to make it 3-1 in favor of J-M.

"After that goal, which was pretty spectacular," Cuadros said, "we knew it was over."

## 2021 NCHSAA CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Seaforth's Anstrom, Northwood's Murrell lead Chatham runners in XC state meets

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KERNERSVILLE — Jack Anstrom hit the sack last Friday night, hoping for a restful night's sleep, a good breakfast and a little fun the next day. As it turned out, the frosty wind wasn't the only thing having a blast on Saturday.

The Seaforth freshman finished second in the men's NCHSAA 2A Cross Country State Championships with a time of 16:24.09, about six seconds behind the winner, Brevard senior Knox Witherspoon (16:17.70). It was the best time for a freshman in all eight races, men and women, at Ivey M. Redmon Sports Complex.

"It's really cool to think about it," Anstrom said of being a state silver medalist his freshman year. "I can go out and high-five some people" at school, he said, bringing respect and hopefully a winning culture to a school that just opened in August.

He was particularly pleased that all members of the team qualified for states, and that the men finished in eighth place.

"He's a special, special runner," said Seaforth men's head coach Duncan Murrell.

"We're going to be the first team to put a trophy in the (school) trophy case," Murrell said of his squad, which has no upperclassmen. "Honestly, our 9th and 10th graders are among the best in the state in 2A, if not the best. This is going to be a team to be reckoned with for sure."

Overall, the Chatham County delegation featured six runners among the individual top 10 in their respective



Submitted photo

Northwood's men's cross country team (from left to right: head coach Cameron Isehour, freshman Ian Henry, junior Matthew Sullivan, senior Colin Henry, senior Andrew Kimbrel, junior Christian Glick, junior Jackson Adams, sophomore Noah Nielson) crowds together for a photo after its race in the 2021 NCHSAA 3A Cross Country State Championships last Saturday. The Chargers ended up taking the fifth spot with 197 points. Henry led the Chargers with the fastest time, placing 16th with a time of 16:40.85.

classifications, along with one top-20 finish.

Northwood senior Caroline Murrell finished highest among county girls, capturing third with a time of 18:45.04 in the 3A women's race. Chatham Charter senior Brandon McKoy finished fourth at 16:57.43 and Woods Charter junior Wiley Sikes finished eighth at 17:16.08 in the 1A men's race. In the 1A women's race, Woods Charter sophomore Ellie Poitras finished fifth with a time of 20:37.19, while teammate Maddie Sparrow finished seventh at

20:52.26. Northwood senior Colin Henry rounded out the county's top-20 performances with a 16th place finish in the 3A men's race with a time of 16:40.85.

Besides Seaforth, the Northwood men (fifth in 3A, 197 points) and Woods Charter women (eighth in 1A, 178) finished with top-10 team performances. The Woods Charter (12th in 1A, 256) and Chatham Charter (14th in 1A, 280) men and Northwood women (11th in 3A, 307) finished among the top 20 teams in their classifications.

Several Chatham runners blamed the raw conditions for sub-par performances. Temperatures didn't climb above 50 degrees until shortly before noon, after the 1A and 3A races, as a steady wind with gusts up to 16 mph made it feel even colder.

"This was a challenge today," said Duncan Murrell, who also is the father of Northwood's Caroline Murrell. "The kids had a lot of gut checks out there on the course today."

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Staff photo by Dan E. Way

Seaforth freshman Jack Anstrom poses with his state runner-up plaque from the 2021 NCHSAA 2A State Championship meet, where he placed second in the men's race with a time of 16:24.09.



Staff photo by Dan E. Way

Northwood senior Caroline Murrell poses with both her all-state plaque and bronze medal following the NCHSAA 3A Cross Country State Championships at Ivey M. Redmon Sports Complex in Kernersville last Saturday. Murrell has finished as an all-state runner in her final two seasons at Northwood, placing third this year and 10th last year.

# Aaron Rodgers' words matter

Aaron Rodgers isn't vaccinated for COVID-19. That's not the biggest issue.

Earlier this season, the star Green Bay Packers quarterback told reporters that he was "immunized."

Most took that to mean he was vaccinated for COVID-19. He was not. Now, after testing positive for the virus last week, Rodgers is under scrutiny.

Due to an allergy to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, he said, he could only take the Johnson & Johnson shot, but was uncomfortable doing so

because of the potential effects from it.

Instead, he chose to be given treatment to raise his antibody levels by his own personal medical team and submitted that information to the NFL to be approved and exempted from the NFL Players Association COVID-19 protocols.

The league denied his request. Rodgers was required to participate in the league's masking requirements and daily testing among other protocols.

Rodgers claimed that he has followed nearly every protocol, but the NFL is investigating a Halloween party that he attended maskless, along with other possible violations.

He is not the only star athlete

that has chosen not to get vaccinated. New York Nets point guard Kyrie Irving, Denver Nuggets forward Michael Porter Jr., and fellow quarterbacks Carson Wentz and Kirk Cousins have each declined to get the shot.

It is their right, whether logical or not.

The difference is that Rodgers misled the public. He was deceptive. He never publicly stated that he wasn't vaccinated and if he wasn't following protocols, put his teammates and others around him in danger.

In a year when the COVID-19 vaccine has become a political and divisive issue, Rodgers chose to try and protect his public image. Many children watch Rodgers and with 5-11

year-olds able to now get vaccinated, he has an impact.

He could've just stated that he wasn't vaccinated, addressed potential criticism and moved on.

Giving athletes or non medical experts a platform to speak on these issues is dangerous. They have a large audience. Rodgers also used a quote from Martin Luther King Jr. on the Pat McAfee podcast, citing "rules that don't make sense."

His words have had consequences. Prevea Health, a Wisconsin health care organization canceled its sponsorship of Rodgers.

Rodgers also hurt his team. The Packers could be subject to fines if he did break protocol. And the most valuable

player candidate missed the Packers game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday, a game they lost 13-7 and could have major playoff seeding implications. They struggled to move the ball without him and still nearly won against the defending AFC champions.

He has faced blowback from Terry Bradshaw and even Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who wrote that not only did he lie, but he "damaged professional sports."

He's a star quarterback in the country's biggest professional sports league. When speaking on a public health issue, his words matter.

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CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

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

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It's been a hectic couple of weeks across the sports landscape with plenty of Chatham County postseason action going on, including cross country — where six Chatham runners placed in the top 10 of their respective races at the NCHSAA Cross Country State Championships last Saturday, along with Chatham Charter finishing as the runner-up in the NCHSAA 1A Dual-Team Championship Match in women's tennis. However, this week is much more low key, with Jordan-Matthews men's soccer being the only postseason team alive as the Jets head into the fourth round of the 2A state playoffs after wins last Thursday and again Monday. Aside from that, scrimmages are starting for the upcoming winter sports season, where basketball, indoor track, swimming & diving and wrestling will fill up the calendar. Here are this week's schedules and last week's results.

**THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, November 10**

Basketball: Seaforth hosting 'Late Night with Seaforth Basketball' (intrasquad scrimmages and contests), 7 p.m.

Wrestling: Seaforth men vs. Northwood, 7 p.m. (scrimmage)

Soccer: Jordan-Matthews in 4th round of the NCHSAA 2A state playoffs, facing 23-1 Greene Central at Snow Hill. If the Jets win, they'll play in the semi-finals on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

**Thursday, November 11**

Basketball: Chatham Charter at Research Triangle (women at 6 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.; scrimmages)

**Friday, November 12**

Basketball: Chatham Char-

ter vs. N.C. School of Science & Math (women at 6 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.; scrimmages)

**Saturday, November 13**

Basketball: Jordan-Matthews women hosting Jamboree, 9 a.m. (scrimmages)

**LAST WEEK**

**Monday, November 1**

Tennis: The (5) Chatham Charter women upset the (1) Chatham Central Bears, 6-3, in the 3rd round of the NCHSAA 1A Dual-Team Playoffs. Winning their singles matches for the Knights were sophomore Elphie Spillman (7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 0-0 (10-7)), senior Lorelei Byrd (6-1, 6-0), junior Rebecca Brookshire (6-1, 6-1) and senior Emily Stecher (6-0, 6-0), while the duos of Byrd & senior Ashlyn Hart (8-5) and Brookshire & Stetcher (8-1) won their doubles matches. Winning their singles matches for the Bears were junior Ellie Phillips (7-6 (9-7), 6-1) and sophomore Rachel Albright (4-6, 6-0, 0-0 (10-5)), while the top duo of junior Olivia Brooks & Phillips won their doubles match (8-6).

Tennis: The (9) Seaforth women fell to the (13) Research Triangle Raptors in a lopsided match, 9-0, in the 3rd round of the NCHSAA 2A Dual-Team Playoffs. The Hawks finish the season with a 10-4 overall record.

Soccer: The (30) Chatham Charter men were shut out by the (3) North Moore Mustangs, 7-0, in the 1st round of the NCHSAA 1A state playoffs. The Knights finish the season without a win (0-18).

Soccer: The (6) Jordan-Matthews men defeated the (27) Southwest Onslow Stallions, 3-1, in the 1st round of the NCHSAA 2A state playoffs. The Jets (18-0-1) remained unbeat-

en on the season with the win. Soccer: The (24) Northwood men fell to the (9) Harnett Central Trojans in a narrow game, 2-1, in the 1st round of the NCHSAA 3A state playoffs. Scoring for the Chargers on the day was senior Lucas Beaulieu. Northwood ends the season with an 11-10-1 overall record (8-3-1 in the Central 3A).

Soccer: The (6) Woods Charter Wolves defeated the (27) Union Spartans at home, 4-3, in the 1st round of the NCHSAA 1A state playoffs. Scoring for the Wolves on the night were senior Caleb Jackson, sophomore Motasem Mamoun, junior Carter Lapp and junior Vanner Weakley, each with one goal apiece.

**Tuesday, November 2**

No events scheduled.

**Wednesday, November 3**

Tennis: The (5) Chatham Charter women defeated the (3) Voyager Academy Vikings, 6-3, in the semifinal of the NCHSAA 1A Dual-Team Playoffs to advance to the 1A state title match on Saturday.

**Thursday, November 4**

Soccer: The (6) Jordan-Matthews men shut out the (22) East Bladen Eagles, 9-0, in the 2nd round of the NCHSAA 2A state playoffs. See game recap in this week's edition.

Soccer: The (6) Woods Charter men narrowly fell to the (11) River Mill Jaguars, 2-1, in double overtime in the 2nd round of the NCHSAA 1A state playoffs. See game recap in this week's edition.

**Friday, November 5**

Football: Chatham Central loses a lopsided game to the Riverside-Martin Knights, 48-0, in the 1st round of the NCHSAA 1A state playoffs. The Bears finish the season with

a 1-8 overall record (1-4 in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference).

Football: Northwood fell in a close game to the Northern Nash Knights, 24-17, in the 1st round of the NCHSAA 3A state playoffs. The Knights scored a touchdown with 1:45 left in the game to take the lead, then sealed the victory with a late-game interception. The Chargers end the season with a 4-6 overall record (2-3 in the Central 3A conference).

**Saturday, November 6**

Tennis: The Chatham Charter women were swept by the Mount Airy Granite Bears, 5-0, in the NCHSAA 1A Dual-Team State Championship Match at Burlington Tennis Center. The Knights finish the season with a 14-8 overall record as the state runners-up. See match recap in this week's edition.

Cross Country: Chatham Central, Chatham Charter and Woods Charter all had runners competing in the NCHSAA 1A State Championships at Ivey M. Redmon Sports Complex in Kernersville. In team scoring, Woods Charter placed 8th in the women's race (178 points) and 12th in the men's race (256 points), while Chatham Charter finished 14th in the men's race (280 points). Chatham Co. runners finishing in the top 50 of the men's race were: senior Brandon McKoy (CCS, fourth, 16:57.43), junior Wiley Sikes (WCS, eighth, 17:16.08) and sophomore Kolton Phillips (CCHS, 49th, 18:43.12). Chatham Co. runners placing in the top 50 of the women's race were: sophomore Ellie Poitras (WCS, fifth, 20:37.19) and junior Maddie Sparrow (WCS, seventh, 20:52.26). See meet recap in this week's edition.

Cross Country: Northwood had multiple runners competing in the NCHSAA 3A State

Championships at Ivey M. Redmon Sports Complex in Kernersville. The Chargers placed 5th in the men's race (197 points) and 11th in the women's race (307 points). Placing in the top 75 of the men's race for the Chargers were: senior Colin Henry (16th, 16:40.85), junior Christian Glick (33rd, 17:12.21), junior Jackson Adams (40th, 17:24.85) and junior Matthew Sullivan (63rd, 17:53.14). Finishing in the top 75 of the women's race for the Chargers were: senior Caroline Murrell (third, 18:45.04) and senior Emma Serrano (32nd, 20:46.14). See meet recap in this week's edition.

Cross Country: Seaforth competed as a team in both races at the NCHSAA 2A State Championships at Ivey M. Redmon Sports Complex in Kernersville, where the Hawks placed 8th in the men's race (232 points) and 14th in the women's race (371 points). Finishing in the top 100 for the Hawks in the men's race were: freshman Jack Anstrom (second, 16:24.09), freshman Will Cuicchi (44th, 18:22.60), sophomore Ethan Becker (53rd, 18:32.40) and freshman Evan Hepburn (100th, 19:41.65). Placing in the top 100 of the women's race for the Hawks were: freshman Claire Morgan (60th, 22:54.95) and sophomore Lily Cox (91st, 23:45.22) and freshman Ava Belle Cox (99th, 24:16.21). See meet recap in this week's edition.

**Monday, November 8**

Soccer: Jordan-Matthews defeated the N.C. School of Science & Math, 3-1, to advance to the Elite 8 on Wednesday, where they'll travel to Snow Hill to play Greene Central.

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## CHAMPS

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Anstrom designed his strategy after observing the frigid conditions.

"I was trying to hold back," he said. "I was thinking maybe kick. I definitely wanted to draft out of the start. That headwind was getting a lot of people. I just got it into my mind if there's going to be a headwind at the start, there's going to be a backwind at the finish."

"Jack had a big, smart race," Murrell said. "He let those upperclassmen lead him through most of that race, and then he got up there with about 1,200 meters to go and pushed them, made them make it an honest race."

In the process, Anstrom passed junior Andrew Parker of N.C. School of Science & Math, who has always beaten Anstrom before.

Anstrom said a little confusion was the catalyst for his big kick, and the difference between finishing second and third.

"When I was going into the second stretch where we turned it on, I (mistakenly) thought it was the last stretch," and he was running out of time to catch up to Parker, he said, so he just went all-out in what he initially thought was a desperation move.

**Northwood men break seed**

Caroline Murrell — one of the top runners in Northwood history — qualified for states all four years of high school and finished 10th in the 3A state meet last season. Despite hoping for a better time and a better position, she still managed to jump seven spots in this year's meet with her third-place finish.

"I wouldn't really say things went according to plan, I was expecting a little better (than bronze)," she said. "It was really windy and really cold.



Staff photo by Dan E. Way

**The all-state finishers for the 1A men's race gather on stage during the awards ceremony following the NCHSAA 1A Cross Country State Championships at Ivey M. Redmon Sports Complex in Kernersville last Saturday. Chatham Charter's Brandon McKoy (in purple) placed fourth (16:57.43), while Woods Charter's Wiley Sikes (third from right) placed eighth (17:16.08).**

Right at the beginning, I felt my legs and arms were already tired."

Still, she ended her high school career with a positive attitude.

"I've had a lot of highs this past year, which I'm really grateful for," she said. "I've gone sub-18 a couple of times, which is a big deal for me. I know I'm a better runner than I ran today, so it gives me motivation to keep working and learning from my lows."

"Caroline getting third was pretty huge," said Northwood head coach Cameron Isenhour. "She put everything she had out there. She's done phenomenal. She's won Friday Night Lights Festival. She's won the county conference and regional meet, was third at Adidas XC Challenge, was 10th at Great American Cross Country Festival. She's pretty much done better than any girl in North Carolina so far this season."

All of her high school accomplishments, including an individual state

title in the 3,200-meter run in the 2020 NCHSAA 3A Track and Field State Championships, led to her commitment to run track and cross country at N.C. State next fall.

Henry, the Chargers' top men's runner, was feeling upbeat after his top 20 finish on the men's side.

"It's definitely an improvement from last year, at least 15 spots," Henry said. "This is a tough course for me, so to come out in the last race of the season and do better on it, I'm happy with that."

Isenhour said the Northwood men should be proud of their fifth-place team finish.

"We were seeded sixth, so that's great breaking seed," he said. "We'll be back next year, bigger, better, faster, stronger."

**Woods Charter has three all-state finishers**

Poitras finished fourth at last season's state meet with a faster time, but kept her fifth-place finish in cold conditions in perspective.

"This was close to my season best," Poitras said. "It was not my favorite (course), but there's little hills I can use and I'm best at hills. I use it as a power-up, and on straightaways, I push myself closer to the people in front of me."

"I'm very proud of myself, proud of our team," said Sparrow, who finished 21st as a freshman two years ago. "We gave it our best, and that's what really matters."

Sikes finished 27th as a freshman two years ago, but didn't compete last year because his father had a false-positive COVID test that required him to quarantine and miss qualifiers for regionals. He came back with something to prove.

"This course has a tendency to trick you in that first mile," Sikes said. "Everybody goes out really fast, and it's like a fake flat. There are little hills all over the place and if you don't work it on those hills, you're going to slow down. I didn't do that last time. This time it really

helped me."

The Woods Charter women were coming off a sixth-place finish last year, a school best, and head coach Karen Hawkins was pleased to capture another top 10 spot this year. This year's race also marked the first time that Woods Charter has had three all-state finishers.

She said it's tough filling rosters because school enrollment is small. Several of the top men's runners also play on the school's soccer team, many of which were involved in the team's second-round playoff game last Thursday night that went into grueling double overtime, so they might not have been at peak form on Saturday.

"We think everyone gave their best today, and a lot of our runners had never been here before," Hawkins said, but they didn't let their nerves rattle them. "We're hoping to come back next year so the young ones can keep that tradition going."

**Chatham Charter senior excels**

McKoy was hoping to medal, but acknowledged

his all-state finish was no easy task.

He spent the early part of the season at Governor's School of North Carolina and missed out on team practices. So, he started a running club at the school. Later, he tested positive for COVID-19 and had to sit out for a while.

"But I bounced back and I really just tried to focus on building myself up and doing a lot of conditioning," McKoy said.

The four-time state qualifier, who finished eighth last year, said his strategy on Saturday was to begin his kick the last 1,000 meters.

"I went, I think, from around seventh or eighth into fourth, so I was just trying to knock off people in the last mile," McKoy said. "That's the first time I've gone sub-17 since my sophomore year."

He appeared happy with his final season, noting that after finishes at No. 7, No. 2, and No. 3 in the 1A East Regional over his first three seasons, he finally won it this year.

"He did awesome," said coach and mother LaShawn LaFranque. "He always puts the work in. We're so proud of him."



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JAGUARS 2, WOLVES 1 (2 OT)

# Woods Charter falls in extra time to River Mill in men's soccer playoff

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CHAPEL HILL — The ball bounced around in the Woods Charter penalty area, ping-pong off of posts and defenders before it fell in front of Braydon Gregory, a sophomore midfielder for visiting River Mill.

Gregory took a touch, then fired a low, hard shot with his right foot. It skipped past Woods Charter's keeper on the frozen pitch, and banged against the back of the net.

The referee blew his whistle, signaling a goal and that the contest was over. The River Mill Jaguars rushed the field in jubilation, having just beaten the Woods Charter Wolves 2-1 in the third period of extra time in the second round of the 2021 NCHSAA 1A boys soccer playoffs on a frigid Thursday night at the Park at Briar Chapel.

"I think we were outstanding tonight," Woods Charter head coach Graeme Stewart said. "Sometimes in the game, the ball doesn't fall for you. We had great chances. I think we competed. We were intense. Our discipline was fantastic. Mentally, we were strong. I'm proud of every single one of them. We went down a goal, we



Staff photo by Mitchell Northam

**Woods Charter's Caleb Jackson looks to pass the ball in the Wolves' second-round loss to River Mill, 2-1, last Thursday at the Park at Briar Chapel.**

responded straight away. We kept believing, we kept working."

For sixth-seeded Woods Charter (10-9; 9-1), the defeat ended the team's season. It was the first loss the Wolves had suffered in nearly a month, when they lost to this same Jaguars team back on Oct. 13. River Mill, a No. 11 seed in the playoffs, moved on, losing 3-0 to North Moore.

"They're a good team, they've won 15 games," Stewart said of River Mill. "It's not easy when you go down like that. ...

That was an outstanding game of soccer. It was a good advertisement for Chatham County soccer."

For 80 minutes on Thursday — the entirety of regulation — neither team could find the back of the net. Temperatures dipped below 43 degrees as the boys played, and it often seemed like there was a wall of ice stationed in front of each goal. Both the Wolves and Jaguars had decent chances, but the ball just wouldn't bounce into the net.

Despite the frosty conditions, the parking lot near the pitch was full, and fans lined the area on the opposite side of the fence, often cheering loudly. Indeed, despite the low score, this was a competitive match too.

On display were two superb goalkeepers. For the Wolves, the agility, instincts and sure hands of Coyt Neagle kept them in the match. The junior saved seven shots on the night, often acting as a moving wall between the posts.

"Coyt's a good goalkeeper," Stewart said. "He's a great shot-stopper. His positioning was good tonight. We know he can do that. He's outstanding. We've got him for one more year and he's a big player for us. You need a goalkeeper and we've got one."



Staff photo by Mitchell Northam

**Woods Charter's Vanner Weakley (17) charges past a River Mill defender in the Wolves' second-round playoff loss to River Mill, 2-1, last Thursday at the Park at Briar Chapel.**

For River Mill, the stout keeper was Juan Lainez, who snuffed out his own fair share of shots, like a free kick that Woods' Caleb Jackson put on-frame in the 27th minute.

Still, after 80 minutes of regulation, it was the keepers who stood tall and unscathed.

That quickly changed in the first period of extra time, when both teams netted goals. River Mill finally bested Neagle in the seventh minute, when Gregory scored his first goal. This too was another low, hard strike that landed inside of the far post.

Two minutes later though, Woods equalized. A corner kick from Jackson sailed into the Jaguars' penalty area, ricocheted off a defender and sailed past Lainez for the tying score. Some might mark it down as a goal for Jackson, while others may call it an own-goal on River Mill. Regardless, the score was knotted again.

After another scoreless 10-minute period, the game moved into the second se-

quence of overtime: two five-minute periods of Golden Goal, meaning the first team to score won. And so, with Gregory's timely right-footed strike, River Mill scored, won and advanced.

"I don't even know. We hit the crossbar twice. We just kept passing through, and then I was in the right place at the right time, I guess," Gregory said. "I think we deserved to win. We should've scored before all of that."

Despite the defeat, Woods has no reason to hang its head. The Wolves finished the season with a winning record, captured their conference title, won a playoff game and battled as hard as they could against the Jaguars.

"I'm extremely proud of what we've done," Stewart said. "We stood up and we were firm and strong. I can't fault the guys on anything. Just, sometimes, the result doesn't go for you. We had nothing else to give and we took a good team all the way."



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**Woods Charter's Graden O'Connor (10) dribbles through River Mill defenders in the Wolves' second-round playoff loss, 2-1, last Thursday at the Park at Briar Chapel.**

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# Chatham Charter loses to Mount Airy in NCHSAA 1A Dual-Team title match, finishes as state runner-up

BY LARISA SPILLMAM  
Chatham Charter School

BURLINGTON — History was made for Chatham Charter School on a blustery morning at Burlington Tennis Complex last Saturday when the Knights' women's tennis team took the courts in the NCHSAA 1A Dual-Team Championship.

Coming into the match as a No. 5 seed, the Knights (14-8 overall) had nothing to lose as they prepared to meet the Mt. Airy Granite Bears (22-0), the tournament's undefeated No. 1 seed and West Regional champion.

The wind was swirling as the athletes warmed up and tried to get as loose as they could in their unfamiliar bulky layers. Their spirits were high and they were energized, however, without any real trace of nervousness, according to head coach Kelly Eldridge.

"My girls came ready to play, with no sign of nerves or doubt," said Eldridge. "I have been telling them all year that they have the talent and depth to go far into the season, and I think they finally believed me, because they were ready."

Knights senior Rebecca Brookshire (team's No. 5 sin-



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**Chatham Charter's women's tennis team poses with the 1A state runner-up plaques following the NCHSAA 1A Women's Tennis Dual-Team State Championship against Mount Airy at the Burlington Tennis Center last Saturday. The Knights lost to the Granite Bears, 5-0, to finish as state runners-up.**

gles player) and senior Emily Stecher (No. 6) jumped out to early leads in their first sets against Charlotte Hauser and Lily Morris, respectively, while senior Emery Eldridge (No. 2), still in a brace from her ankle injury at the East Regional Championship, stayed tight with her opponent, Ella Brant.

Matches started at 9:30 a.m. with temperatures in the low 40s, but that didn't seem to

affect the matches as much as the wind. Players on both sides appeared to have difficulty adjusting at first.

Eldridge knew that her team had never played in those conditions, so she tried to prepare them as best she could before the match started.

"I just told them to pay attention to the direction the wind was coming from and keep that in mind as they changed

sides," explained Eldridge. "And to be clear, weather wasn't the deciding factor in the match. Mt. Airy is a very deep, talented team with a lot of finesse. Hats off to them for the way they played."

Momentum started going Mt. Airy's way as the Knights lost each of their first sets. With an eye on second sets, Knights senior Ashlyn Hart (No. 3) and Stecher were the Chatham Charter's chance to force third sets for a shot to go to doubles. That hope ultimately ended as sophomore Elphie Spillman (No. 1), Eldridge and Hart lost their second sets, followed by Brookshire. Senior Lorelei Byrd (No. 4) ultimately lost her fight to come back, sealing Mt. Airy's win in five matches.

"They gave it all they had and left everything out there on the courts," Eldridge said. "They never gave up and they handled the match with grace and sportsmanship. I can't even begin to express how proud I am of this team. I will use them as an example for years to come."

During the presentation of trophies and medals, the team received their runner-up plaques and medals. Spillman was also awarded the NCHSAA Farm Bureau Sportsmanship Award for the Knights. As

Eldridge looks back on the season, she can't help but bring it back to Chatham.

"We have some great tennis going on in Chatham County right now, and I'm so glad these players and teams are seeing their hard work pay off and get the respect they deserve, especially after all the uncertainty with COVID," she said. "Our schedule was exceptionally tough these past couple seasons because I wanted these players to be ready and I told them playing tough teams outside our conference, like Chatham Central, Research Triangle, Raleigh Charter, Union Pines and Gray Stone, would only help us. We saw that pay off this year. This season will forever be one of the best memories I'll have as a tennis coach."

**Full results:**

- Carrie Marion (MA) def. Elphie Spillman 6-1, 6-1
- Ella Brant (MA) def. Emery Eldridge 6-3, 6-0
- Kancie Tate (MA) def. Ashlyn Hart 6-2, 6-4
- Audrey Marion (MA) def. Lorelei Byrd 6-2, 6-1
- Charlotte Hauser (MA) def. Rebecca Brookshire 6-4, 6-1
- DNF — Lily Morris (MA) led Emily Stecher 6-2, 5-4 when play was stopped

JETS 9, EAGLES 0 | JETS 3, UNICORNS 1

# Jordan-Matthews' Soto Hernandez scores 4 goals in comfortable shutout win over East Bladen in 2nd round

*With 3-1 win in 3rd round, Jets advance to play Greene Central on Wednesday*

BY DAN E. WAY  
News + Record Correspondent

*Editor's note: This report is from Jordan-Matthews' game from Thursday, Nov. 4. On Monday, the Jets beat the N.C. School of Science & Math, 3-1, to advance to the Elite 8 of the NCHSAA playoffs. See game report, page B1.*

SILER CITY — The Jordan-Matthews men's soccer team whooped an outmanned East Bladen 9-0. The match boiled into a chippy, bench-clearing confrontation in the waning minutes Thursday night.

With the win, the unbeaten No. 6 seed Jets (19-0-1) advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCHSAA 2A state playoffs, where on Monday they defeated the No. 3 seed N.C. School of Science & Math, 3-1.

Against East Bladen, Juan Hernandez Soto, a junior striker, set the feverish pace for the Jets in teeth-chattering, 42-degree temperatures Thursday, stinging the net with four goals.

Zander Ocampo, a junior striker, knocked in a pair of goals. Alexis Ibarra, a senior midfielder and team co-captain, brother Francisco Ibarra, a freshman striker, and Irvin Campos, a senior midfielder, each chipped in a goal.

Jets junior goalkeeper and team co-captain Ricardo Rocha was flawless in the net, though the Eagles struggled to encroach on the Jordan-Matthews side of the field, and had painfully few scoring opportunities. It was the 10th shutout win of the year for Jordan-Matthews.

East Bladen goalkeeper Lee Barnes, a sophomore with six shutouts and 127 saves on the season, was no match

for the Jets' swarming attacks. Junior midfielder Malcolm Bolden, the Eagles' premier scoring menace with six hat tricks on the season and 27 of the team's 41 total goals, was a nonfactor.

The Jets' game plan included containing Bolden, though they remained wary entering the second half with a 3-0 lead, knowing that Bolden had the tools to tighten the score in a hurry, Jets coach Paul Cuadros said.

"He's a gifted player, a gifted athlete, so we tried to show maximum respect to him," Cuadros said after the game. "We did not man-mark him, but we were aware of him at all times. What we really wanted to do was win the middle so that no balls could get to him."

Meanwhile, the Jets demonstrated superior footwork, speed, touches, ball control and pressure from start to finish. But it was the second half that demoralized the Eagles as time and hopes slipped away.

"Once this team really gets fired up and ignited they really want to go. And they'll go at you. That's their style," and it was on full display in the second half five-goal barrage, Cuadros said. Hernandez, as he has done in previous games, assumed a key role.

"He's really coming into his own this year. He's finding his athleticism and size on the field, and how much of a difference that can be in terms of his play," Cuadros said. "We're seeing a kid who's really blossoming and can play at another level beyond high school."

Ocampo and junior Paul Lujan complement Hernandez at the top, and his junior-laden team is finding ways to move and attack, Cuadros said.

"We want to be multi-dimensional in the way we attack," Cuadros said of his five players with goals. "Everyone spread the ball around and looked for opportunities."

Hernandez's four goals contributed to his watershed moment of the season, having had one

hat trick previously.

"I took a look at the defense to see how they played. I was looking where their goalkeeper was positioned and let it rip," Hernandez said of his relentless shots on goal. "I put pressure on them. It was pure excitement."

Hernandez was surprised by the bulging margin of victory, but the team has a special motivation to excel — it's their coach's 20th anniversary season and they want to deliver something special for him, he said.

"We have very good players, and very good potential, and we're just here to win," Hernandez said.

It was Ocampo who first lit the scoreboard. He took a pass from Alexis Ibarra in the 19th minute and drilled the ball into the right corner, leaving Barnes helplessly out of reach for a 1-0 lead.

Hernandez displayed skilled footwork and from 10 yards out booted the ball high into the left corner of the net, careening off of Barnes' outstretched hands, to make it 2-0 in the 23rd minute.

Alexis Ibarra took a short crossing pass from Ocampo and slammed the ball into the right side of the net past Barnes' kick-save attempt to close the first half, scoring in the 36th minute.

Hernandez notched his second goal with just 29 seconds ticked off of the second-half clock. Jair Ruiz's shot on goal was blocked, Hernandez fielded the rebound and stuck a bounding kick into the net to give the Jets a 4-0 lead. Less than four minutes later, Hernandez solidified the hat trick. With the goalkeeper drawn out of the net, Hernandez punched it into the left side in the 45th minute.

It took another five minutes for Hernandez to boot in his fourth goal on the clock, freezing the hapless goalkeeper out of position, who was unable to defend the shot.

Campos uncorked a sizzling line drive diagonally into the net from about

25 yards out, pushing the score to 7-0 in the 53rd minute.

Ocampo took an inbound pass from junior Armando Rocha, dribbled and fired a precision kick into the left side of the net, past the diving goalkeeper, for his second goal of the game in the

64th minute.

But in the 77th minute, with the game almost finished as the Jets had a controlling 8-0 lead, tempers flared among the frustrated Eagles and benches emptied, leading to a harmless scrum, extended time out and led to an eventual red card to

an East Bladen player.

The Jets were unfazed and in the final minute of the game, Francisco Ibarra took an inbound kick from Lujan and popped in a header to punctuate the 9-0 win, after which the referees halted play due to the nine-goal mercy rule.



## Chatham COA Events & Announcements

November 11th through November 17th

**Thursday, November 11th**

- [COA Office Closed](#) In Honor of Veterans Day

**Friday, November 12th**

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧘 📶
- [Friday Night Dance](#) at 7:00 PM (on site at WCSC - Siler City) 💰

**Monday, November 15th**

- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 10:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center (Pittsboro) and on Zoom) 🧘 📶

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CHATHAM CHAT | SALVATION ARMY'S HOLIDAY PLANS

# Red Kettle, Angel Tree programs highlight Army's upcoming season

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons are extremely busy for the Salvation Army of Chatham County. This week, we speak with staff members and volunteers from the Army about activities within the organization and specifics about its November and December work, including Rebecca Sommer-Petersen (the Army's local director), Jane Wrenn (who oversees the Salvation Army's emergency financial assistance programs), and volunteers Gail Backof (advisory council chairperson) and her husband, Charlie (council member).

**The approach of the holiday season means the program schedule for the Salvation Army is ramping up. But let's start with a general question about the overall operation of the Salvation Army of Chatham County and what the operational picture looks like a few months into the tenure of new executive director Rebecca Sommer-Petersen and the reorganization. What changes have been implemented and in what ways is the Army serving Chatham County?**

**REBECCA SOMMER-PETERSEN, director:** The Salvation Army Chatham County Service Unit has been serving the community since 1984. We have three major tasks that we provide and they are short-term needs, long-term needs and seasonal needs.

The Emergency Financial Assistance program provides help with rent,



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

**Salvation Army of Chatham County Director Rebecca Sommer-Petersen, left, poses with Jane Wrenn as the two — along with Donna Smith — prepare for a busy holiday season.**

utilities, prescription medicines and clothing. We are always there to meet the needs of victims of disasters, such as fire, floods, etc.

The Pathway of Hope program serves long-term needs. This program works with families who have children under the age of 18 to identify what they need to change their lives for the better and help them to achieve their goals. Each family is unique with specific needs for resources and support, and we work closely with them to develop goals and see it through. We target a one-year plan for most families, but are there for

support as long as they need.

And finally, seasonal needs help children and families that are less fortunate with toys, gifts, warm clothing and winter household needs. We have begun strategic planning and work to recover the momentum lost under COVID-19. We have established an active volunteer committee and are always looking to expand our Advisory Council.

**Two of the Army's flagship programs — the Red Kettle campaign, which helps fund much of your operation, and the Angel Tree program, which**

**provides Christmas gifts for Chatham's children in need — are taking place soon. When does the Red Kettle program start? And what will the operation look like in terms of numbers of locations, the dates, and the goals for this year? (And remind us how those funds are used.)**

**JANE WRENN, program services:** The Red Kettle Campaign begins on Friday, Nov. 26. This year, we have six locations for red kettle stations: Siler City Walmart, North Chatham Walmart, Lowes Foods, Governors Club Food Lion, Pittsboro Food Lion and the Siler City Food Lion. Counter kettles will also be placed in businesses throughout Chatham County. Harris Teeter has a Round Up Program again for the support of The Salvation Army. All monies raised through our red kettles will stay in Chatham County and be utilized in the following year for financial assistance for county residents. Listen for the familiar bells of the season and please donate. Together, we can "Keep the Bell Ringing."

**How about with the Angel Tree program? How will it operate this year, and how can people who want to adopt Angels do that?**

**CHARLIE & GAIL BACK-OF, volunteers:** The Angel Tree Program provides hope to children and families who otherwise would have a sad Christmas. We serve Chatham County and work with school social workers and

guidance counselors to identify children in the most need.

These children become our Angels, who are then adopted by generous people. Each Angel has a tag assigned, which lists relevant details about that child. The number one need is warm clothing and shoes. The number one wish is a bicycle. Last year, because of the pandemic we had limited numbers of Angels. This year, we hope to get back to the 2019 level of 1,000 Angels.

During October, we collected Angel applications and will distribute Angels tags this month of November. Collection and distribution take place at the National Guard Armory in Siler City. Many Angels are adopted through churches, businesses and individuals. If your church, business or you would like to adopt Angels, please contact our office at 919-542-1593 and speak with Donna Smith. Starting Nov. 15, drop boxes will be placed in each Chatham County Walmart for your convenience. It is so gratifying to hear stories in our communities that have been helped by our service unit. Together, we can continue to "Do The Most Good" for Chatham.

**What about for people who'd just like to contribute to the Army's work with a financial gift? How can they do that?**

**WRENN:** Our service unit appreciates all donations but especially financial donations around the

holiday season. We hope to serve 1,000 children this year and with your financial support, we can be sure all our Angels will be served. Financial donations can be mailed to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 752, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

**What makes the Army's work in Chatham County unique?**

**SOMMER-PETERSEN:** "Give someone a fish, feed them for a day; teach someone to fish, feed them for a lifetime," said Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu. Most social service organizations provide immediate assistance or long-term support, but not both. The Salvation Army is unique in that we provide immediate help through our Emergency Financial Assistance program and long-term support through our Pathway of Hope Program. We serve a diverse culture in our county, and we do not discriminate.

**And what's ahead for 2022?**

**SOMMER-PETERSEN:** In the new year of 2022, we hope to serve as many families and individuals as possible and adapt to the new normal. We look forward to continuing and expanding our partnerships with new and existing nonprofits, businesses and churches to address important issues in our county such as homelessness, hunger and chronic poverty.



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# Former Chatham pastor, Northwood graduate elected as AME Zion Bishop

**BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN**  
News + Record Staff



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**Rev. Dr. Brian R. Thompson, a Northwood High School graduate and former Chatham pastor, was recently appointed as AME Zion's Western Episcopal Bishop.**

Northwood High School graduate and former Chatham pastor Rev. Dr. Brian R. Thompson was appointed as the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Western Episcopal Bishop this summer — which means he'll preside over 56 churches in Alaska, Oregon-Washington, Southwest Rocky Mountain, California, Arizona and Colorado.

He began preaching in the AME Zion Church in 1994, serving as pastor in Chatham and most recently at Simon Temple in Fayetteville, before being elected as the 106th bishop of the AME Zion Church in July.

"It's something that I wanted to do. Since I pastored in Bear Creek, North Carolina, at Union Grove, I've always wanted to be a bishop," Thompson, 57, said. "It's not because of the status but because this is something I thought was great to be the one to help form, shape pastors, congregations, and lead churches to be better."

The AME Zion Church was formed in 1796 in response to racial discrimination in white Methodist fellowships and is one of the oldest predominantly African American de-

nominations in the world. To be elected as bishop, a candidate must receive two-thirds of the votes from national delegates. Out of 622 possible votes, Thompson received 449.

"We elect internationally, we only have 12 bishops that serve the whole International Church at one time," Thompson said, adding that international elections occur every four years. "So it's a very hard thing to get elected, because you have to be elected internationally, not just locally."

After Thompson's election, he was assigned to the Western district, vacated by his predecessor, Staccato Powell. Powell was removed from the office after his peers

accused him of fraudulently having church property deeds transferred to a shell corporation that then secured millions of dollars in loans against those property, according to a July 30 report by the Associated Press.

Thompson hopes to help bring stability to the churches he'll be working with.

He is a member of the NAACP, the North Carolina Governor's Pastoral Advisory Board and was selected by former President Barack Obama to serve as a member of the National Community Policing Initiative (COPS). He's also the founder of the Brian R. Thompson Annual Golf Tournament, which has raised more than \$100,000 in college scholarships.

All that to say, he's busy, particularly as he begins his new post as bishop while transitioning out of his senior pastor role in Fayetteville. Still, his family — wife, Rev. Felicia Taines Thompson, and children, Alexis and Brian II — are his "first ministry" he says.

Reverend Dr. Leon Newton, associate minister at Simon Temple, met Thompson on May 4, 2003 — the day Newton became a Christian, after hearing Thompson preach. As an associate pastor who's worked with

Thompson for the last 12 years, Newton has seen his journey to get elected as bishop firsthand.

"I believe that what God used Bishop Thompson to do at Simon Temple and in the community, he's gonna do that even more now in a larger area," Newton said. "He's just a blessing to anybody's life that allows him to be a part of it."

Sometimes Thompson

still can't believe his dream of being bishop has come true after some 20 years in the making.

"It seemed like a long way for a young man born in Chatham County, that went to Northwood and came up and just seemed like that would not be a possibility. And the fact that it happened, it's just sometimes overwhelming — it's just sometimes unbelievable

to me," he said. "I just want people to know, don't ever give up on your dreams, and you can achieve anything that you want to achieve. You've just got to work hard and have faith in God, and it'll work. It'll work."

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## Chatham County Council on Aging Announces 2021 appeal

From the County Council on Aging

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Council on Aging, a nonprofit with roots in Chatham dating back to 1974, has begun its annual appeal.

One of its primary fundraisers, the Council successfully met the 2020 goal of \$25,000 and is seeking to surpass that total as 2021 draws to a close.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, donations may be tax deductible and will remain in Chatham County to bolster the Council's mission of keeping seniors healthy, secure and safe in their homes for as long as possible.

While the Council on Aging asks for contributions, it does not charge fees for its services.

"Without the generous support of the Chatham County community, we would be unable to fulfill our vital mission," COA Executive Director Dennis Streets said. "Your support, no matter how big or small, will be put to direct use in enhancing our daily work on behalf of seniors and their families."

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, the Council delivered 37,320 meals to its clients, including congregate, home-delivered, frozen and shelf-stable meals. A total of 20,135 hours of in-home aide personal care was provided, including more than 3,098 hours of family caregiver respite through a partnership with state-licensed home care agencies.

In all, 18,513 requests were made for information and assistance, and through the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), 208 persons were assisted with Medicare counseling — resulting in a total

savings of \$97,111.

To make a donation via mail, send a check payable to "Chatham COA" to P.O. Box 715, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312. Online gifts may be made at [www.givebutter.com/COAApeal21](http://www.givebutter.com/COAApeal21).

The Chatham County

Council on Aging is a nonprofit organization celebrating over 47 years of serving seniors and their families. Its goal is to help older adults remain living safely at home and stay healthy and active in the community.

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# Council on Aging holds Salute to Veterans event

BY JIMMY LEWIS

Chatham County Council on Aging

SILER CITY — One by one, the bullets whizzed past Raymond Winfield Alston.

Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968, Alston's entrance into the military was met with a brisk sendoff into the Vietnam War.

As a combat medic, Alston was responsible for providing emergency care to wounded soldiers on the battlefield. The task was solemn, and often dangerous.

"I was in quite a bit of war towards the front line up there," Alston recalled. "I was in quite a few firefights, as we call it. We did quite a bit up there, and I got shot at quite a bit too."

But Alston was never hit by enemy fire in combat thanks to protection from his unit, and in 1968, was awarded the Bronze Star for his efforts in safely evacuating the most men in the 25th Infantry Division. Over the course of a career that spanned over 30 years, Alston rose to the rank of sergeant major.

Alston's story, alongside other Chatham County veterans and their guests, were honored last Friday morning at West Chatham Veterans Memorial as part of the fourth annual Salute to Veterans event organized by the Chatham County



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Mary Lou Mackintosh, right, presents a quilt to Siler City Chief of Police Mike Wagner during Friday's Salute to Veterans event at West Chatham Veterans Memorial.

Council on Aging.

A total of 56 guests attended and braved the chilly elements, including Army veteran George Lee. Entering the armed forces at just 24 years of age, Lee's three-year stint spanned from 1963-65 and had him stationed in Baumholder, Germany. While he never served in an armed conflict, a constant state of readiness was required for Lee, who's now 82 years old.

"There's a certain pride in serving the country," Lee said. "I can't really explain it, but you remember the people that you serve with. I remember some that stayed and had a longer time - and didn't come

back."

Salute to Veterans quickly turned into a personal passion for COA Eastern Center manager Liz Lahti. Coming from a family of military veterans, Lahti's mother grew up in Denmark during World War II and the height of German occupation.

"She carried an underground newspaper to school with her," Lahti recalled. "I've heard all these stories, and I'm just really passionate about Veterans Day. So we did something in Durham for four years when I was at the Durham (Center for Senior Life), and Transitions LifeCare came

alongside us every step of the



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Liz Lahti, Eastern Center manager for the Chatham County Council on Aging, welcomes attendees to Friday's Salute to Veterans event at West Chatham Veterans Memorial.

way. So when I moved to Chatham County, I decided to start the same thing all over again, a Veterans Day celebration. That was four years ago, and we've honored World War II vets, we've honored women vets, we've honored veteran athletes and we've honored Mayor (John) Grimes, who passed away and was a veteran."

Primarily held inside the Council's Western Center in Siler City, Salute to Veterans was held in an outdoor setting

this year after the COVID-19 pandemic prompted a virtual event in 2020.

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, commanded by Chief Deputy Charles Gardner, presented the colors, performed the national anthem and delivered a rendition of "Taps."

Gardner was one of three featured veteran speakers, which also included Chief Mike Wagner of Siler City Police Department and Michael Daniels, Chatham County Veteran Services Officer. The trio received quilts from Mary Lou Mackintosh, Council volunteer and senior advisory committee member.

Jesse Goldston, also a veteran, helped close the event with his singing of "Amazing Grace."

Lahti, Siler City Commissioner Chip Price and Larry Ross, president of the Council's Board of Directors, offered welcoming remarks — with a common theme of respect and reverence.

"Even though it's cold outside, we're here to celebrate and to honor our veterans," Lahti assured. "No matter what, rain or shine, cold, or dead of night. This is just the little things that we can do. We're so grateful for what they did for us. This is just a drop in the bucket for what they did for us."

## Chatham's 7 temporarily closed waste and recycling collection centers will reopen Nov. 15, county says

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The seven Chatham County waste and recycling collection centers that temporarily closed on Sept.

23 due to driver shortages will reopen next Monday, the county announced on Tuesday.

The centers set to reopen are Asbury, Bennett, Crutchfield Crossroads, Goldston, Hadley, Harpers Crossroads, and

Marthas Chapel.

"We know that the centers being closed over the last several weeks has been inconvenient for a lot of folks," said Kevin Lindley, Chatham County Environmental Quality Director. "We appreciate

the community being patient as we worked to hire and train additional drivers."

Starting Nov. 15, the Bonlee, Cole Park, Pittsboro, and Siler City Collection centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The eight remaining centers — Asbury, Bennett, Crutchfield Crossroads, Goldston, Hadley, Harpers Crossroads, Moncure and Marthas Chapel — will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Moncure center was open on Wednesdays to alleviate the impact of the closures of other sites, but will be closed on Wednesdays moving forward. All 12 centers will remain closed on Sundays.

The decision to close all centers on Sunday was made for several reasons, the release said, but largely because the trash containers were regularly filling up over the weekends even before the temporary closures.

"When a container is full on the weekend, a driver must go out on Sunday to switch it. Since no disposal facilities are open on the weekends, the driver must store

it until Monday. This leads to the centers also being full on Mondays," Lindley said. "By closing all twelve centers on Sundays, this should nearly eliminate the need for a driver to come out on the weekends and result in the centers not regularly being full on Mondays."

Centers were also only open for six hours on Sundays, the release said, and all 12 centers have the lowest visitation numbers on Sundays.

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

When fully staffed, the county has five Commercial Driver License (CDL) drivers. When it decided to temporarily close some of its locations, it only had two. Staffing shortages spanning multiple industries and sectors across the state have led to closures and delays of service in many areas.

"While we are work-

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

More information about Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Centers reopening plan can be found on a Frequently Asked Questions web page at [www.chathamcountync.gov/CollectionCentersClosingSundays](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/CollectionCentersClosingSundays). For future updates, individuals may visit the Solid Waste & Recycling website at [www.chathamcountync.gov/recycle](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/recycle). Residents can also contact the Main Office at 919-542-5516 Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by email at [recycle@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:recycle@chathamcountync.gov).

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### FINANCIAL FOCUS

#### Financial Tips for New Veterans

On Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have served in our armed forces. If you've recently separated or retired from the military, or you will be leaving soon, you can be proud of the service you've provided to your country. But once you're a veteran, away from the structure and imperatives of the military, you may need to take greater control over managing your finances and protecting your family.

For starters, consider housing. When you were on active duty, you may have moved around frequently and found it more convenient to rent, but you may now want to purchase a house. Assuming you meet the eligibility requirements, you could apply for a VA loan, which typically does not require a down payment and is usually offered at a favorable interest rate. Make sure that you only take out a mortgage you can afford - you don't want to become "house poor."

You'll also want to save and invest for retirement. While on active duty, you could invest in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), but when you separate from service, you can no longer contribute to it. Now, if you get a job in the civilian sector, you may have access to a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, and you might be able to roll your TSP balance into your new employer's plan. If you become self-employed or open your own business, you may be able to choose from several retirement plans, including a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA or an "owner-only" 401(k). But no matter what plan you have, try to contribute enough to meet your income needs in retirement, which could last two or three decades. Furthermore, once you become a civilian, you may need to consider two topics that have special importance to you and your family: health and life insurance.

Regarding health insurance, you should be able to get coverage through TRICARE and/or the Veterans Administration, but you also may want to take advantage of employer-sponsored health coverage. As for life insurance, you will lose the coverage offered by the military (Service members' Group Life Insurance, or SGLI) shortly after you separate from active duty, so you'll want to consider your options for your SGLI, such as converting it to either Veterans' Group Life Insurance or a civilian policy. Your new employer may provide some form of insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient for your needs. In any case, if you have dependents, it's essential you don't lose life insurance coverage, even for a short time.

Finally, be prepared for one negative aspect of becoming a veteran: fraud attempts. It's unfortunate, but scam artists frequently target veterans. Scammers may tell you that you qualify for "secret" government programs, but you must first pay a fee or provide personal information, which can then be used for identity theft. Or they might try to charge you for access to your service records, even though you can get them free from the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a general rule, be suspicious of anyone you don't know who seems overly eager to help veterans.

Entering a new phase in your life can be exciting and rewarding - and you'll enjoy it even more when you get comfortable with your new financial arrangements.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

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Chatham Literacy, one of the highly respected non-profit organizations in Chatham County, helps adults living or working here acquire the literacy and educational skills needed to function successfully in society. We are welcoming a few qualified individuals to be members of our Board of Directors who want to give back to the community through service.

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If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about how you can make a difference in the lives of so many county residents and workers, along with gaining a stronger personal sense of pride in giving back to our community, please contact Vicki Newell at 919-742-0578 or [vicki@chathamliteracy.org](mailto:vicki@chathamliteracy.org).



# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On November 1, Leonard Eric Pettiford, 25, of 7065 Bayberry Drive, Oxford, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for domestic criminal trespass, assault on a female, and interfering with emergency communications. He was issued a \$6,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Wake County District Court in Raleigh on November 29.

On November 2, Tonya Dawn York, 32, of 70 Kivett Court, Siler City, was arrested by Cpl. Robert Hussey for simple assault. She was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham District Court in Pittsboro on November 10.

On November 2, Eric Kelton Jacobs, 30, of 70 Kivett Court, Siler City, was arrested by Cpl. Robert Hussey for assault on a female. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham District Court in Pittsboro on November 10.

On November 3, Stacey Nich-

ole Hussey, 36, of 1728 Glovers Church Road, Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Soles for failure to appear. She was issued a \$1,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on November 9. Ms. Hussey was also arrested on November 3, by Deputy Yuridia Robles for order for arrest-child support. She was issued a \$500.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County Child Support Court on November 16.

On November 4, George Allen Duguay, 55, of 4510 Moncure Pittsboro Road, Moncure, was arrested by Deputy Andrew Gray, for driving while impaired, fleeing to allude arrest, resisting a public officer, rear lamps violation, driving left of center, and failure to maintain lane control. He was issued a written promise and is due to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on January 4, 2022. Mr. Duguay was also arrested on November 4 by Deputy Andrew Gray for communicating threats. He was issued a written promise and is sched-

uled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on November 9.

On November 4, Reginald Mar-kee Gunter, 40, of 1014 Golds-boro Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Deputy Jason Kane for misdemeanor stalking. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 23.

On November 5, Daquan Taires Brooks, 25, of 120 Honeysuckle Drive, Apt. 501, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Johnathan Frazier for failure to appear. He was issued a \$200.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 9.

On November 5, David Scott Perron, 34, of 1251 Goode Street, Raleigh, was arrested by Deputy Johnathan Frazier for communicating threats. He 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 November 5, Corey Bynum Burns, 34, of 2974 Dewitt Smith Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to appear. He was issued a written promise to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on December 7.

On November 6, Robert Beers Heck IV, 46, of 105 Vaughn Bray Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for simple assault and school attendance law violation. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 23.

On November 6, Glenda Renee Emerson, 39, of 118 Lynbrook Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin 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 23.

On November 6, Monica Marie Gunter, 41, of 291 Rosser Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for forgery of instrument, larceny

of chose in action, and possession of stolen goods/property. She was issued a written promise to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on November 17.

On November 6, Rocky Wallace Chriscoe, 41, of 293 E. Chatham Street, Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for probation violation. He was issued a \$5,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on November 15.

On November 6, Chad Anthony Craven, 44, of 2203 Providence Church Road, Pleasant Garden, was arrested by Deputy David Nixon for driving under the influence. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on January 12, 2022.

On November 7, John Francis Keese, 57, of 42004 Worth, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer 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 November 10.



## Chatham Central High School reunion

Chatham Central High School, Class of 1965 held their 56th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Davison's Steaks in Sanford. In attendance were the following: 1st row: Dale Wilkie Callicutt, Doris Wicker Brady, Rodema Talley Richardson, Louise Beal Kelly, Frances Scott Webster, Jane Beaver Fisher, Judy Stinson Scott, Betty Phillips Mills and Mary Edith Clark Smith; 2nd row: Eddie Gaines, Robert Fields, Jay Beaver, Ben Webster, Nancy Phillips Fields, Doris Phillips DiMeo, Willis Gaines and Larry Brewer; 3rd row: Hazel Brewer Brewer, Robert Brewer, Darrell Hilliard, Joyce Ellis Clark, Leslie Brooks, Bob Lee, Wayne Markham, Robert Oldham, Terry Pegram and Andy Wilkie.

### NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY | NOV. 20

## Chatham celebrates National Adoption Day, works to raise awareness

From Chatham County Government

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Dept. of Social Services joins with community partners during November to recognize the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption.

As a kickoff to the celebration, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted Oct. 18 to proclaim Nov. 20 as "Adoption Day" in Chatham County.

National Adoption Day is a collective effort to raise awareness of the more than 123,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States. Here in Chatham County, there are nearly 100 children currently in foster care. Through diligent work of social workers and numerous community partners, many of these children will be reunited with their parents; however, some will join those 123,000 nationwide searching for an adoptive home. To help these children find permanent, nurturing families, the local courts of Chatham County will join the Social Services and other organizations to share local stories of adoption throughout November to honor Adoption Day.

"We hope you will join us to learn more about what foster care and adoption look like in the Chatham community, while celebrating the local families who have opened their hearts and homes to deserving children,"

said DSS's Wilder Horner. "It also is a chance to find new ways to become involved through programs like Communities In Schools, Guardian Ad Litem and FACES of Chatham County."

Chatham County's effort, along with 400 other cities in the United States, will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption.

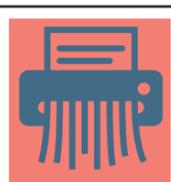
Thanks to the efforts of policymakers, advocates, and practitioners, more than 75,000 children have been adopted on National Adoption Day in the past 21 years. Many of these children have been waiting for years in foster

care to finally have a place to call home.

Chatham County Clerk of Court Dana M. Hackney is the presiding judge over adoptions.

"Very few people come into the courthouse with a smile on their face; however, adoptions are one of the few exceptions," said Hackney. "To see those smiling faces come into the courtroom and those same smiling faces leave the courtroom as a family is the absolute best part of my job."

Individuals interested in fostering or adopting can visit <https://www.adoptuskids.org>. Those interested in fostering or adopting in Chatham County can email Katelyn Cannizzaro at [katelyn.cannizzaro@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:katelyn.cannizzaro@chathamcountync.gov).



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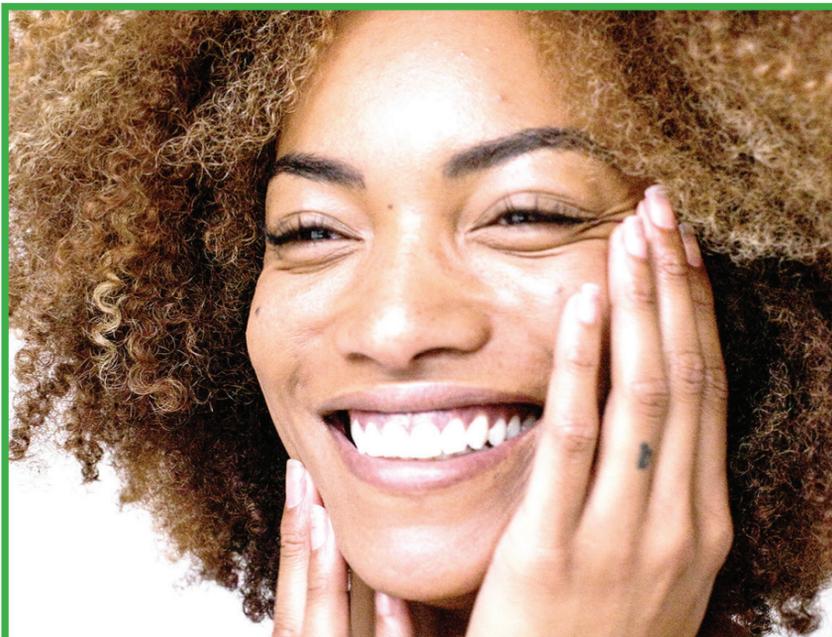


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Jessy Alvarado-Ramos gives Chatham County Council on Aging Director Dennis Streets his COVID booster shot.

## STREETS: Council on Aging director gets COVID-19 booster shot

From Council on Aging

SILER CITY — Last Wednesday, Chatham County Council on Aging Director Dennis Streets received his COVID-19 booster shot at the Siler City Clinic of the Chatham County Public Health Department.

“The photo may look like I am trying to get away, but that was certainly not the case,” Streets said. “I was elated to get my COVID-19 booster shot and am grateful for the work of Public Health staff.”

Back in February, Streets received his first Moderna vaccine outdoors at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center at a drive-thru clinic pro-

vided by the CCPHD. At the time, Streets said: “Despite the fact that it’s overcast today, it’s a very bright day, not just for me, but for all the others who are coming to get the vaccine.” One month later, Streets followed up with his second dose also at a Public Health clinic at the Ag Center.

Now that it has been well over six months since Streets received his second vaccine, he was eligible for the booster.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says people are eligible for the COVID-19 booster if they are age 65 or older, or have underlying conditions, and it has been six months since they got their second Pfizer or

Moderna COVID vaccine or got the Johnson & Johnson shot more than two months ago.

While Streets chose to have the county’s public health department administer all three of his vaccines, the booster shot is available from many providers and in several locations. For information about where to get the booster shot, visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) or contact your health provider or Chatham County Public Health at 919-545-8323.

“I strongly encourage all who are eligible to get their booster shot and those who are not yet vaccinated to go ahead and begin the process to protect themselves and the entire community,” Streets said.



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PITTSBORO YOUTH THEATER

# 'She Kills Monsters' set for Nov. 20, 21

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — “She Kills Monsters,” a comedy/adventure/mystery play based on the popular game Dungeons and Dragons, will be performed by a Pittsboro Youth Theater cast of experienced middle and high school actors in four

performances Nov. 20 and 21.

In the play, the character Agnes stumbles upon her sister Tilly’s Dungeons & Dragons notebook. Tilly has recently died, and Agnes finds herself catapulted into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world

that was her sister’s refuge. In this high-octane dramatic comedy laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and ‘90s pop culture, acclaimed playwright Qui Nguyen offers a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.

Performances at the Sweet Bee Theater in the

Center for the Arts Pittsboro, 18A East Salisbury St., Pittsboro, are at 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, and 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21. Admission is \$12. The play includes some strong language and mild adult themes.

Ticket information can be found at [www.PittsboroYouthTheater.com](http://www.PittsboroYouthTheater.com).



Courtesy of Pittsboro Youth Theater

Actors Morgaine Eller, Rylie Ward and Clemantine Janssen rehearse a scene for the Pittsboro Youth Theater production of ‘She Kills Monsters.’

## Four CCS educators receive Bright Idea grants

From Chatham County Schools

PITTSBORO — Four Chatham County Schools educators have been selected as Central Electric Membership Corp.’s Bright Ideas grant recipients.

Teachers from Chatham School of Science and Engineering, Jordan-Matthews High School, Moncure School and Silk Hope School will use the funds for specific projects in their schools.

The CCS projects chosen this year:

- Chatham School of Science and Engineering teacher Cheryl Whitehead received a grant of \$2,000 for the school to improve a courtyard area of the school and transform it into a place where students can participate in project-based learning.

- Jordan-Matthews science teacher Wendi Pillars’ grant request for funding to purchase a camera capable of micro-photography and underwater imagery, as well as a classroom mini-set



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

From left, Jordan-Matthews High School Principal Donna Barger, teacher Wendi Pillars, Jordan-Matthews science department members Rachel Brown and Jessica Sandel, and Central Electric Membership Corp.’s Janet Jackson.

of iPods to assist students with limited data plans or phone storage, received \$1,995. These tools will allow her students to “turn our schoolyard into a research station and our students into citizen scientists and science communicators.”

- Moncure teacher Alicia Shoup received \$2,000 to launch a container farm with MyHeart Farm to provide free vegeta-

bles to families in need in the county and teach children agri-science, marketing, entrepreneurship and business management.

- Silk Hope music teacher Sarah Stephenson’s requested funds to purchase more instruments for students. Currently, she said, the school had enough instruments for a little over half a class. Her project



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

From left, Chatham School of Science and Engineering Principal Bobby Dixon, student Amanda Zrubek, teacher Beth Vaughn, teacher Cheryl Whitehead and Central Electric Membership Corp. representative Janet Jackson.

was awarded \$1,867.96, which will enable the school to move closer to the goal of having an instrument for every child while in music class.

Central Electric is continually seeking ways to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. That’s why each year through the Bright Ideas Program, the Co-op awards approximately \$15,000 to teachers to help

bring creative and innovative projects into their classroom. Co-sponsored by the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives, the grants are available to teachers in area schools for projects that traditional school money does not cover. All of North Carolina’s 26 electric cooperatives participate in the program.

Each year, more than 2,000 applications are

accepted from teachers in a variety of disciplines including music, art, history, reading, science, career-planning and information technology. Since the Bright Ideas program began in 1994, North Carolina’s electric cooperatives have awarded \$13.6 million to teachers for 12,900 projects benefiting more than 2.7 million students. Next year’s application opens April 1.



## Communities In Schools Chatham County

### Our Mission

The Communities In Schools Chatham County (CISCC) mission is to surround students with a network of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

More explicitly, Communities In Schools Chatham County (CISCC) aims to provide assistance in five critical areas; a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a marketable skill to use upon graduation, a chance to give back, and a healthy start for a healthy future.

Our programs target and provide support to referred students with the highest risks for underachievement due to poverty and instability by attending to the holistic needs of the individual youth which are required to overcome adversity and find success through sustained resiliency.

### Wish List

Menors, Lunch/Reading Buddies, Tutors, Sustaining donors, Resource Providers and Partners, Increased funding to expand services to more students and schools in need of support across Chatham County.



### Background

Since 1989, CISCC has made a positive impact on the lives of 1000’s of Chatham County youth and families through our 7 unique school and community based programs. We fuel personal potential, so every student can take charge of their story and define their success for life. We sustain our mission by supporting all referred youth in reaching their full potential by:

- 1. Unlocking Potential:** we help every student see their potential so they can fearlessly unlock it in ways big and small.
- 2. Building Relationships:** we amplify the power of each student’s potential by fostering transformative relationships in their lives.
- 3. Breaking Down Barriers:** we empower students to break through any personal challenges in their lives so they can define the future they want.

### Brag Lines

CISCC continues coordination of whole child and family supports in the form of basic needs (food, toiletries, clothing), academic enrichment and tutor, bi-lingual programs and services for parents and schools, mentoring, safe spaces to learn and grow, mental and physical health, and restorative justice programs to build sustained resiliency and social emotional connectedness. Our data driven programs use evidence based curricula to achieve consistent outcomes for program participants based on their individual needs and goals.



### Upcoming Event

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# Sheriff's Office hosts grand opening for Animal Resource Center

From Chatham Sheriff's Office

PITTSBORO — Members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office unveiled a newly redesigned Animal Resource Center (ARC) on Renaissance Drive in Pittsboro with a week-long celebration Oct. 25-29.

The events highlighted different groups of visitors each day, such as county leaders and employees, volunteers, rescues and nonprofit organizations, medical professionals and veterinary students, fellow law enforcement agencies and first responders, ranchers, agriculturalists, and more. The event drew a diverse crowd with one thing in common: a profound love of animals.

Visitors were treated to a guided tour of the sprawling new facility, which boasts almost triple the floor space (nearly 11,650 square feet) and roughly double the housing capacity of the old shelter (now able to house more than 200 animals). The ARC also features state-of-the-art technology and design elements to improve safety and cleanliness, maximize animal enrichment opportunities, streamline services to the public, and provide enhanced care for lost, abandoned, or injured animals.

Each visitor received a free, pet-friendly token of appreciation and entry into the ARC Grand Prize Drawing to be held at the end of the week, which was won by Phillip Spangler of Pittsboro.

"I was extremely impressed with the facility and the professionalism of the staff," said Ashley Robbins, Dairy Specialized Agent with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension. "It is obvious that a lot of effort went into planning and anticipating potential demands. They really thought of everything! From animal enrichment spaces to isolation rooms for sick animals and whelping rooms for expecting or recovering mothers, every space has a purpose and fulfills a need."

Robbins adds that she was also surprised to learn about the many partnerships between the Sheriff's Office and other organizations, such as N.C. State's College of Veterinary Medicine and several local businesses.

"I had no idea, but it is great



Courtesy of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office

**ARC Lieutenant Brandon Jones visits with a cat named Sen. Peanut Butter.**



Courtesy of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office

**Visitors peek in the dog holding area at the ARC in Pittsboro.**



Courtesy of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office

**From left, front row, Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores (District 5), Commissioner Diana Hales (District 3), Sheriff Mike Roberson, Commissioner Mike Dasher (District 2) and Commissioner Karen Howard (District 1) pose during the Animal Resource Center's grand opening ribbon cutting on Oct. 25 in Pittsboro.**

to hear that kind of teamwork is going on behind the scenes for the benefit of local animals and residents," said Robbins. "Taking the tour was a really cool, eye-opening experience. I've never heard of an animal care facility offering so many free services."

Indeed, the ARC routinely provides a wide array of services ranging from low-cost spay and neuter clinics and microchipping to rabies vaccinations and public safety talks. In the future, staff members say they hope to expand educational programming and volunteer opportunities to offer an even more robust visitor experience. According to Sheriff Mike Rob-

erson, opening a new facility is only the beginning of a long list of improvements planned for the future.

"The dream of constructing a pet adoption center began many years ago, so it is an honor to be able to present the finished project to the people of Chatham County," Roberson said. "The new facility is beautiful and will serve as a model for other agencies across the state. However, we need additional ARC staff positions to keep up with demand as well as more preventative efforts to slow the influx of animals into

the facility. It is vital that we receive funding for additional staff members to meet the increasing needs, expectations, and responsibilities that come with caring for animals."

Roberson says he would like to see expansion of educational and adoption programs as well as more widespread participation in the ARC Barn Cat Initiative, which transforms feral cats (which are traditionally unadoptable and at highest risk for euthanasia) into working farm sentries who help manage the rodent populations and minimize disease spread

among livestock.

"Our goal is to never euthanize animals unless absolutely necessary," he said. "If an animal is gravely sick or injured, or if it has shown aggression or attacked a human, our options are limited. However, we have amazing relationships with rescues and rehabilitation facilities that are sometimes able to assist us by accepting these animals and providing specialized care."

"We are currently looking for residents who may be interested in fostering an animal, cuddling cats, walking dogs, reading to animals in their kennels, or becoming an advocate for pet adoption," said ARC Director Karen Rogers. "The ARC cannot succeed without support and participation from members of the community. We can achieve more when working together!"

Those who missed the Grand Opening or wish to learn more about Chatham Sheriff's Office Animal Resources, including ways to volunteer, are encouraged to visit the ARC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/chathamsoar](http://www.facebook.com/chathamsoar). Those looking for other ways to help may consider making a no-contact donation of supplies through the ARC Pet Supply Wishlist at [bit.ly/arcwishes](http://bit.ly/arcwishes), or a financial contribution via [bit.ly/supportarc](http://bit.ly/supportarc). Chatham residents can also call 919-542-7203 to schedule a visit to the ARC or make an appointment to adopt or donate supplies.



Courtesy of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office

**The ARC's open house included refreshments for visitors.**



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## YARD SALE

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## LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
 Deborah W. Neal qualified before the Chatham County Clerk of Court on October 12, 2021 as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of **EUGENIA WHIT**, 9409 Winter Side Lane, Chattanooga, TN 27421. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations, as required by NCGS 28A-14-1, having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the attorney designated below on or before the 21st day of January, 2021 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payments to the undersigned. Payments and claims should be presented to Sanford Law Group

M. Andrew Lucas  
 P.O. Box 1045  
 Sanford, NC 27331-1045  
 O21,028,N4,N11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
 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  
 O21,028,N4,N11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
 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  
 O21,028,N4,N11,4tp

**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  
 O21,028,N4,N11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 374**  
 All persons having claims against **ALFRED PAUL DE LA HOUSSAYE**, 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.  
 Brianna Marie De La Houssaye, Administrator  
 84 Kirkman's Ford Rd  
 Siler City, NC 27344  
 O21,028,N4,N11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 524**  
 All persons having claims against **RICHARD M. CHADWICK AKA RICHARD MERRITT CHADWICK** 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.  
 Carol Lee Chadwick, Executrix  
 625 Bloomsbury Place  
 Cary, NC 27519  
 O21,028,N4,N11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 233**  
 All persons having claims against **EUNICE PEOPLES AKA EUNICE PEOPLES JR.**, 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.  
 Eulishia Spruiell, Executrix  
 799 Mays Chapel Rd.  
 Bear Creek, N.C. 27207  
 O21,028,N4,N11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 607**  
 All persons having claims against **CATHERINE MARGA-**

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This the 21st day of October, 2021.  
Linda C. Page, Administrator  
697 Pea Ridge Rd  
New Hill, NC 27562  
O21,028,N4,N11,4tpt

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
21-E-601**

All persons having claims against **ALBERT LARRY STERLING**, 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.  
Shanda Bytowski, Executor  
c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC  
PO Box 31205  
Raleigh, NC 27622  
O21,028,N4,N11,4tct

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **DIMITRIOS I. VARELAS**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 18th day of October, 2021, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before the 30th 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 28th day of October, 2021.  
Georgina Varelas-Ruiz and John Peter Varelas, Co-Personal Representatives c/o Catherine L. Wilson, Attorney for the Estate  
McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson & Hinkle, PLLC  
3211 Shannon Road, Suite 400  
Durham, NC 27707.  
O28,N4,N11,N18,4tct

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
21 E 615**

All persons having claims against **FRANCES P. DOWD**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th 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.  
Phillip David Dowd, Administrator CTA  
1107 Phillips Ave  
Siler City, NC 27344

O28,N4,N11,N18,4tpt  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
21 E 487**  
All persons having claims against **NELLIE COX TILLMAN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th 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.  
RICHARD TILLMAN, Administrator  
P.O. Box 34  
Gulf, NC 27256  
O28,N4,N11,N18,4tpt

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
21 E 606**  
All persons having claims against **JAMES WINFRED COOPER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the

same to the undersigned on or before the 28th 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.  
Co-Executrix  
1. Sherry Foust  
6118 Monnett Road  
Julian, NC 27283  
2. Susan Kitterman  
695 Old Castle Dr  
Randleman, NC 27317  
O28,N4,N11,N18,4tpt

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
2020 CVS 600**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ARJUN YERUBANDI, A Minor, By and Through His Guardian ad Litem, JOSEPH B. CHAMBLISS, JR., and VIJAY YERUBANDI, Plaintiffs, v. SHELDON L. GUNNELL; QIRONG GUO; and PENINSULA AT AMBERLY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: QIRONG GUO: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is the recovery of monetary damages for personal injuries sustained in a dog bite which occurred on 6/7/2020 in Cary, North Carolina. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than 12/7/2021, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice; and, upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This 28th day of October, 2021.  
WHITLEY LAW FIRM  
By: /s/ Mathew S. Bissette  
State Bar # 53809  
3301 Benson Drive, Suite 120  
Raleigh, NC 27609  
Telephone: (919) 785-5000  
msb@whitleylawfirm.com  
O28,N4,N11,3tct

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, having qualified on the 22nd day of October, 2021 as Executrix, of the Estate of **LEONARD CUTLER**, 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 28th 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 28th day of October, 2021.  
Betsy A. Cutler, Executrix of the Estate of Leonard Cutler  
PO Box 51579  
Durham, NC 27717-1579  
G. Rhodes Craver, Esquire  
Kennon Craver, PLLC  
4011 University Drive, Suite 300  
Durham, North Carolina 27707  
O28,N4,N11,N18,4tct

**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
20 SP 87**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by **FRED T. MCKEE** (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Fred T. McKee, Heirs of Fred T. McKee; Wayne T. McKee, George McKee, David McKee) to PRLAP, Inc., Trustee(s), dated January 2, 2009, and recorded in Book No. 01442, at Page 0483 in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of

the Register of Deeds Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on November 18, 2021 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in New Hill in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: All that real property situated in the County of Chatham, State of North Carolina: Being the same property conveyed to the Grantor by deed recorded 10/10/1983 in Book 464, Page 444 Chatham County Registry, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of this property. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at **2311 New Elam Church Road, New Hill, North Carolina**. Parcel ID: 0005779

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**21 SP 89**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by **BARBARA K. SMITHER** aka Barbara Smither (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S)): Barbara K. Smither) to M. Patricia Oliver, Trustee(s), dated February 28, 2008, and recorded in Book No. 01388, at Page 0618 in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at **1:30 PM on November 18, 2021** and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in **Bear Creek in the County of Chatham, North Carolina**, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot 2, containing 5.96 acres, more or less, according to a survey entitled "Final Plat Property of Barbara K. Smither", dated January 3, 2008, prepared by Carolina Cornerstone Surveying & Land Design, recorded in Plat Slide 2008-46, Chatham County Registry, to which plat reference is hereby made for greater certainty of description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 796 Roscoe Road, Bear Creek, North Carolina. Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a) (1).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are expressly disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in its sole discretion, if it believes the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of

termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. **SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.**  
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**DISTRICT COURT DIVISION**  
**FILE NO.: 20 JT 60**  
 IN RE: "D.C."  
 DOB: 4/16/09

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**

TO: Marcus Shaw/Biological father/unknown father of the above male child, born in Asheboro, NC to Melissa Callihan  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from 11/4/21, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may and will be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Chatham County Clerk of Court. **STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.**  
 BY: /s/ANGENETTE STEPHENSON, Attorney for Petitioner **CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES** 109 Conner Dr., Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514  
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

**DISTRICT COURT DIVISION**  
**FILE NO.: 18 JT 62**  
 IN RE: "A.R."  
 DOB: 9/29/17

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**

TO: Biological father/Father/unknown father of the above male child, born in Orange County, NC to Shakita Robinson.  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from 11/4/21, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may/will be terminated upon failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Chatham County Clerk of Court. **STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **AILEEN MCGUIRE**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before February 4th, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 4th day of November, 2021.

Maureen Bonanno, Executor Estate of Aileen McGuire c/o Roberson Law Firm 1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, November 15, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at [www.chatham-countync.gov](http://www.chatham-countync.gov) by selecting the heading County Government,

then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below: Testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item: Quasi-Judicial Request: 1. A quasi-judicial public hearing for a request by Baker, Donelson on behalf of Celco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for a new telecommunications tower on Parcel No. 10843 located at 5914 NC 87 N. A waiver from the 199 feet maximum is also requested to increase the height to no more than 300 feet. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.  
 N4,N11,2tc

**TOWN OF SILER CITY LEGISLATIVE HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a legislative hearing on Nov. 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room of the Wren Memorial Library located at 500 N. 2nd Ave. Legislative hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: 1) Town of Siler City proposes the following text amendments to the UDO: §170 Building Setback Requirement (street setback reduction for certain single-family dwellings). 2) Town of Siler City proposes the following text amendments to the UDO: §255 Definitions (cantilever roof, flat roof, parapet wall, pitched roof, roof frontage, roof ridge), §257 Prohibited Signs (roof signs), §274 Special Provisions For Certain Signs (roof signs). 3) Town of Siler City proposes the following text amendments to the UDO: §18 Definitions (recreational vehicle, recreational vehicle site), §136 Uses Defined (recreational vehicle park, travel trailer), §139 Permissible Uses and Specific Exclusions (recreational vehicle), §147 Table of Permissible Uses (recreational vehicle), §158 Recreational Vehicle Park, §279 Parking Requirement (recreational vehicle park), §299 Table of Screening Requirements and Land Use Classification Table (recreational vehicle park).

The proposed items are available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at [jmeadows@silercity.org](mailto:jmeadows@silercity.org) or 919-742-2323. All persons interested in the outcome of the items are invited to attend the legislative hearing and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced item. The Planning Board will meet on Nov. 8 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or [nhannah@silercity.org](mailto: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](mailto:nhannah@silercity.org) o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.  
 N4,N11,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
 HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **LESTER ROGERS** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This 29th day of October, 2021.  
 Jeffrey N. Rogers, Administrator CTA of The Estate of Lester Rogers P.O. Box 415 Siler City, North Carolina 27344  
 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ATWATER & LEE  
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
 BOX 1806  
 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312  
 (919) 542-5605  
 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tp

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE TOWN OF SILER CITY**

**Proposed Changes To The Town's Voting Districts**

The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners is required to adjust its voting districts for board members after each federal census to ensure that the population of each district is substantially equal. The public will have the opportunity to share input with the Board of Commissioners about its proposed plan to revise election districts at 6:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021, in the multipurpose room of the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 North 2nd Avenue in Siler City, North Carolina. The proposed redistricting plans will be available for review in advance of the public input session in the lobby of Wren Memorial Library, during normal library hours, located at 500 North 2nd Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina and on the town's website at [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org). For information about this public hearing, please contact Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at [johnson@silercity.org](mailto:johnson@silercity.org) or 919-742-4731.  
 N4,N11,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF FARREL F. POTTS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **FARREL F. POTTS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Gregory Herman-Giddens, as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before February 4, 2022, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400, Naples, FL 34108, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor. This the 4th day of November, 2021.  
 Gregory Herman-Giddens, Executor  
 c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty. Holderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.  
 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400  
 Naples, FL 34018  
 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 15-E-358 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, Bruce Lawrence, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **RICHARD HUGH BROWNE**, 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 27th 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 4th day of November, 2021.  
 Bruce Lawrence  
 c/o Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312  
 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tc

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified on the 27th day of October 2021, as Executrix of the Estate of **HELEN WARREN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of February 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 4th day of November 2021.  
 Denise Kustka, Executrix of the Estate of Helen Warren 925 Strathorn Drive Cary, NC 27519  
 Attorneys: Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A. 206 Hawkins Avenue Sanford, NC 27330  
 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tc

**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The undersigned, having qualified on the 21st day of October, 2021, as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **AUGUSTA ANNA MYLROIE**, 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 4th day of February, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 4th day of November, 2021.  
 Linda M. Danieleley, Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of Augusta Anna Mylroie Post Office Box 57579 Durham, North Carolina 27717  
 Julia G. Henry Kenon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707  
 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

**21 E 591**  
 All persons having claims against **JACKSON GIBBS HITCHCOCK**, deceased, late

of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of November, 2021  
 Amanda Suttle Hitchcock, Executrix 100 Della St Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH POE CANCELLARO NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

**ANCILLARY EXECUTOR'S NOTICE**

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the Estate of **JUDITH POE CANCELLARO**, deceased, late of Washington County, Tennessee, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before FEBRUARY 12, 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 11th day of November, 2021.  
 Henry Anthony Cancellaro 2222 Nantucket Drive Johnson City, TN 37604  
 Sonia L. Toney, Attorney for Estate Maddrey Etringer Smith Hol-lowell & Toney, LLP P.O. Box 507 Eden, NC 27289-0507 Telephone 336-623-4491  
 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF BEVERLY A. HOLLIS FILE No. 21E633**

David B. Hollis, having qualified as Executor for the estate of **BEVERLY A. HOLLIS**, Deceased, in the Office of the Chatham County Clerk of Court, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the said Decedent, to present the same to the Executor on or before February 14, 2022, said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication or posting of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate, please make immediate payment. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. 28A-14-1. This 11th day of November, 2021.  
 All claims are to be sent to David B. Hollis, Executor c/o Eldreth Law Firm, PC 115 S. Saint Mary's St. Ste. C Raleigh, NC 27603  
 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM THE UNDERSIGNED**

having qualified on the 28th day of October, 2021, as Executrix of the ESTATE OF **ROBERT HAMMER**, 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 11th day of February, 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 11th day of November, 2021.  
 Leslie Hammer-Palen, Executor Estate of Robert Hammer c/o Rupe S. Gill, Attorney Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717  
 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

**21 E 644**  
 All persons having claims against **JOHN WILLIAM SOPKO JR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th day of November, 2021.  
 Mary Ann Sopko, Administrator 311 A Avenida Castilla Laguna Woods, Ca. 92637 c/o Bagwell Holt Smith P.A. 111 Cloister Ct.,STE 200 Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

**21 E 431**  
 All persons having claims against **HENRY T. CARPENTER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 8th day of November, 2021  
 Mark Braund Carpenter, Executor 7409 Russell Rd Indian Trail, N.C. 28079  
 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

**21 E 575**  
 All persons having claims against **BILLY GOODMAN CLARK, SR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 8th day of November, 2021.  
 VICKIE CLARK WINSTEAD, Executrix 101 Arvo Lane Cary, NC. 27513  
 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tp

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

**DISTRICT COURT DIVISION**  
**FILE NO.: 20 JT 45**  
 IN RE: "J.G."  
 DOB: 5/19/20

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**

TO: Biological father/Father/unknown father of the above male child, born at WF Baptist Health-High Point Center, High Point, NC to Maranda Gilmer. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from 11/11/21, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may and will be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Chatham County Clerk of Court. **STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.**  
 BY: /s/ANGENETTE STEPHENSON Attorney for Petitioner, **CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES** 109 Conner Dr. Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514  
 Telephone: (919) 869-7795  
 N11,N18,N25,3tc

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

**DISTRICT COURT DIVISION**  
**FILE NO.: 20 JT 43**  
 IN RE: "L.W."  
 DOB: 12/18/19

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**

TO: Shannon Brown/Shawn Clayton/Anthony Peoples/Biological father/Father/unknown father of the above female child, born at UNC Hospital/Chapel Hill, NC to Ashley West. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor children. You have forty days from 11/11/21, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may and will be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Chatham County Clerk of Court. **STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.**  
 BY: /s/ ANGENETTE STEPHENSON Attorney for Petitioner, **CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES** 109 Conner Dr. Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514  
 Telephone: (919) 869-7795  
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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

November 11, 2021  
 Town of Siler City, North Carolina  
 P.O. Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344  
 Preparer Phone (McGill Associates, P.A.): 910-295-3159  
 These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be taken by the Town of Siler City. On or about November 29, 2021 the Town of Siler City will submit a request to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Rural Economic Development (the Division) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Economic Development (CDBG-ED) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the "Town of Siler City Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion" for the purpose of improving nutrient removal and increasing capacity at Siler City's wastewater treatment plant. Estimated CDBG-ED funding for the project is \$3,000,000 with an additional \$16,358,000 in funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program, \$2,000,000 from GoldenLEAF Foundation, and \$750,000 from Chatham County. The Town of Siler City has determined that the project will have no significant impact

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD | NOV. 15-22

# 3 churches serve as drop-off location for Samaritan's Purse project

CN+R Staff Report

More than 4,000 U.S. locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 15-22, offering a curbside option.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts — filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys — to children worldwide since 1993. This is a project that everyone can still be a part of, even with COVID-19 restrictions.

Individuals, families, and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage. "In the midst of the pandem-



Courtesy of Samaritan's Purse

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ic, children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "A simple shoebox gift opens the door

to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

Those interested in more information on how Operation Christmas Child is making

adjustments during its National Collection Week can visit the organization's Important COVID-19 Updates webpage for the latest information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions. The site can be found at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/).

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 188 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts.

Local locations include:  
**• Pittsboro Baptist Church, 121**

**W. Salisbury St., Pittsboro, during these days and times:** Mon., Nov. 15, 1-3 p.m.; Tues., Nov. 16: 1-3 p.m.; Wed., Nov. 17: 5-7 p.m.; Thur., Nov. 18: 1-3 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 19: 5-7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 20: 10 a.m.-noon; Sun., Nov. 21: 1-4 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 22: 10 a.m.-noon.

**• Loves Creek Baptist Church, 1745 E. 11th Street, Siler City, during these days and times:** Mon., Nov. 15: 1-3 p.m.; Tue., Nov. 16: 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.; Wed., Nov. 17: 1-3 p.m.; Thu., Nov. 18: 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 19: 1-3 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 20: 1:30-4 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 21: 1:30-4 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 22: 9-11 a.m.

**• Tyson's Creek Baptist Church, 10891 Siler City Glendon Rd., Bear Creek, during these days and times:** Mon., Nov. 15: 6-8 p.m.; Tue., Nov. 16: 10 a.m.-noon; Wed., Nov. 17: 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Thu., Nov. 18: 5-7 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 19: 6-8 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 20: 10 a.m.-noon; Sun., Nov. 21: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 22: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## County proposes 2023-29 Capital Improvement Program, sets public hearing

From Chatham County Government

**PITTSBORO** — On Nov. 1, the Chatham County Manager's Office presented the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) covering fiscal years 2023-29 to the Board of Commissioners.

The seven-year CIP is updated every year as a process to plan for and fund major capital needs costing more than \$100,000.

A public hearing on the proposed CIP is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, as part of the Regular Session of the board of commissioners at the historic courthouse in Pittsboro. To view the entire proposed CIP, visit the county website at [chathamcountyc.gov/government/county-budget](http://chathamcountyc.gov/government/county-budget) or view printed copies at the three library branches (Pittsboro, Goldston, and Siler City).

The following new projects are recommended in the proposed CIP:

- Schools – Paving Repair. Repair

deteriorating pavement on school campuses based on priority need for repair. Projects being completed based on priority beginning in FY 2023; project will continue beyond 7-year CIP schedule (+\$5,044,907)

- Parker's Ridge Park. Begin development of Parker's Ridge Park in Southeastern portion of county. Funded using Coal Ash funds, Article 46 revenues, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (+\$6,001,885).

- Sustainability – Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center (CCACC) Solar Panels. Install 175-kilowatt system that maximizes the amount of solar allowed by Duke Energy. Project to be complete in FY 2023 (+\$375,000).

The proposed CIP also includes recommended revisions to projects already in the current CIP, based on changing needs or conditions:

- New Chatham County Schools

Central Services Building. With official bids being received, the budget for this project has been finalized. Bids came in higher than previously estimated (+\$1,463,880).

- Shift funding for completion of cell blocks at Detention Center. Project to begin FY 2023, completion date FY 2024. Funded using ARPA funds and capital reserves (-\$1,200,000). Moving project up reduces cost by eliminating inflationary increases.

- Emergency Operations Center Expansion. Budget for this project has been finalized because official bids have been received. Bids came in higher than previously estimated (+\$2,059,678).

- Radio System Upgrade. Budget for this project has increased due to the need to relocate one of the planned tower sites to an alternate site and the increased costs associated with the movement to the new site (+\$650,000).
- Shift funding for the completion of

athletic field lighting at Northeast Park. Project to be complete in FY 2023, no change in project costs.

The CIP also looks forward by including future projects that are not yet funded. This forethought helps Chatham County keep these needs in mind, even if a funding source has not yet been secured. The following new unfunded future project is expected to be added this year:

- Council on Aging. New Senior Center: Replace the Eastern Senior Center with a new (larger) center; or replace both Eastern and Western Centers with a larger, centrally located Center.

Residents may sign up in advance to speak at the Nov. 15 public hearing on the CIP, by completing the online form for public input and hearings. Following public input, Commissioners will hold a work session at 9 a.m. on Nov. 16 to review the plan in detail. The goal is to adopt the CIP at the Dec. 20 regular session.

on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall located at 311 North Second Avenue in Siler City, NC and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Roy Lynch, Town Manager of Siler City. All comments received by 11/26/2021 will be considered by the Town of Siler City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION - The Town of Siler City certifies to the Division that Roy Lynch in his capacity as Town Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities

have been satisfied. The Division's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Siler City to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS - The Division will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Siler City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Siler City; (b) the Town of Siler City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by NC Commerce; or

(d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iris Payne at 4346 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4346 or [ipayne@nccommerce.com](mailto:ipayne@nccommerce.com). Potential objectors should contact the Division to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Roy Lynch, Town Manager of Siler City, Certifying Officer. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625 or visit City Hall at 311 North Second Avenue in Siler City, NC 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 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC

27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. N11,1tp

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**North Carolina Environmental Management Commission/ NPDES Unit**  
 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617  
 Notice of Intent to Issue a NPDES Wastewater Permit NC0039381 Chatham Central High School WWTP, NC0039471 Bennett Elementary School WWTP, NC0039331, and Bonlee Elementary School WWTP. The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission proposes to issue a NPDES wastewater discharge permit to the person(s) listed below. Written comments regarding the proposed permit will be accepted until 30 days after the publish date of this notice. The Director of the NC Division of Water Resources (DWR) may hold a public hearing should there be a significant degree of public interest. Please mail comments and/or information

requests to DWR at the above address. Interested persons may visit the DWR at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604 to review information on file. Additional information on NPDES permits and this notice may be found on our website: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/npdes-wastewater-public-notices>, or by calling (919) 707-3601. Chatham County Schools (P.O. Box 128, Pittsboro, NC 27312-0128) has applied for renewal of NPDES Permit NC0039381 for the Chatham Central High School WWTP. This permitted facility discharges treated domestic wastewater to an unnamed tributary to Bear Creek in the Cape Fear River Basin. Currently, BOD, ammonia nitrogen, dissolved oxygen, and fecal coliform are water quality limited. This discharge may affect future allocations in this portion of the watershed. Chatham County Schools (P.O. Box 128, Pittsboro, NC 27312-0128) has

applied for renewal of NPDES permit NC0039471 for the Bennett Elementary School WWTP in Chatham County. This permitted facility discharges treated domestic wastewater to an unnamed tributary to Flat Creek in the Cape Fear River Basin. Currently, BOD, ammonia-nitrogen, dissolved oxygen, fecal coliform, and total residual chlorine are water quality limited, which may affect future allocations in this portion of the Cape Fear River basin. Chatham County Schools (P.O. Box 128, Pittsboro, NC 27312-0128) has applied for renewal of NPDES Permit NC0039331 for the Bonlee Elementary School WWTP. This permitted facility discharges treated domestic wastewater to an unnamed tributary to Bear Creek in the Cape Fear River Basin. Currently, BOD, ammonia-nitrogen, and dissolved oxygen are water quality limited. This discharge may affect future allocations in this portion of the watershed.

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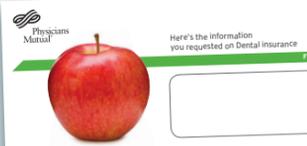
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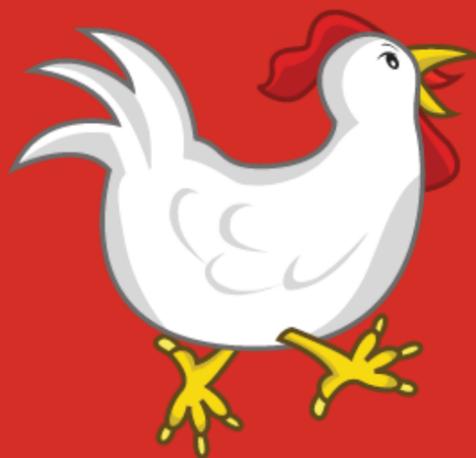
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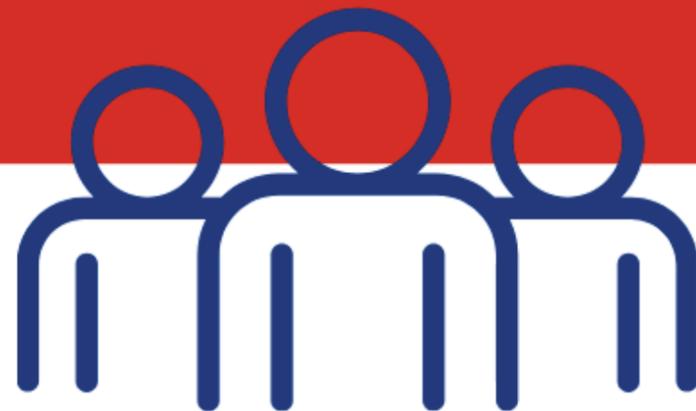
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