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## New mixed-use plan would help address Siler City's housing needs

CAM site owner Booras says Fox Haven Village concept allows for flexibility

BY BILL HORNER III  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — When prospective industries and businesses — and there have been a lot of them — visit the Chatham Advanced Manufacturing megasite, there's one question owner Tim Booras always gets.

"Where will my employees live?" Siler City's housing isn't adequate enough to accommodate several hun-

dred, or thousands, of newcomers who might locate here with a new industry.

In fact, right now, Booras said, there's not enough available homes for many new residents at all. He can point to Chatham Park, some 20 minutes down the road in Pittsboro, as an option, but that doesn't address Siler City's needs.

That's why he's also working on another project: Fox Haven Village, a 184-acre residential and retail site along

U.S. Hwy. 64 that's in the pre-development stage with the town's planning department.

"Our intention with Fox Haven Village is to tee up a residential/mixed-use concept to allow a shorter time to market by a quality production home builder and quicker build-out in the event a project comes to CAM," Booras told the News + Record.

Fox Haven is just a concept right now and has flexibility within the plan to

build moderately priced single-family homes, apartments, garden/town homes and a retail center.

"We have approached the town in a pre-development phase only at this time and will work with town officials to obtain proper zoning, utility support as the process continues," he said. "Our impetus is to be a good steward of Siler City and make it a more inviting place to

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## From Troop 93, a flock of Eagles are hatched

Four Chatham County boys reach the pinnacle of Scouting together

BY TERI SAYLOR

News + Record Correspondent

When Eagle Scouts get busy, a whole community benefits.

Just ask officials at Virginia Cross Elementary School, Northwood High School, Peasant Hill United Methodist Church and the Moncure Fire Department — each sporting bright new landscapes thanks to the efforts of four young men who have made Scouting part of their lives.

Lifelong friendships were forged under the iconic fleur de lis emblem of Scouts BSA when four boys got their start in Scouting a decade ago. A week from Saturday, on May 21, they'll spread their wings and soar when they receive their Eagle rank in a special ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Pittsboro.

On a recent mild evening, Logan Quinlan, Peter Droese, and twins Andrew and Anthony Trotter gathered at the Harold Boone Scout Hut in Pittsboro before the start of the Troop 93's regular weekly meeting. Decked out in their uniforms, they showed off sashes emblazoned with dozens of merit badges, accumulated over years of Scouting.



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Soon-to-be Eagle Scouts, from left: Logan Quinlan, Andrew Trotter, Peter Droese and Anthony Trotter. Each of the Troop 93 members will receive his Eagle certification in a ceremony on May 21.

Assistant Scout Master Mack Thorpe made a lap around the room, plucking ball caps off heads one by one as the Scouts grinned and smoothed down unruly hair.

All four will graduate at Northwood High School on June 10.

### Making a trail through Scouting

"I actually got into Scouting before I was even born," said Quinlan, who said he believes his Scouting journey was predestined. His older brothers were in 1st grade when they followed the lure

of adventure and joined a local Cub Scout troop. By the time Quinlan came along, his entire family was hooked, and Scouting had become part of their family life. By achieving Scouting's highest rank, Quinlan follows the path forged by his brothers, who are Eagle Scouts too.

Twins Anthony and Andrew Trotter joined Cub Scouts as 1st graders. Peter Droese entered a little later in life, signing up as a Webelo when he was in the 4th grade.

To reach the Eagle rank, Scouts

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## How many people vote in Siler City municipal elections, and who are they?

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Thanks to nearly two years of pandemic and Census-related delays, Siler City voters now have the odd opportunity to cast their ballots for the municipal elections in an even year.

It's a situation that has some election veterans, including Chatham County Elections Director Pandora Paschal, wondering how many might turn out.

"This is the first time since I have worked in elections that we have conducted a municipal election during a primary," Paschal told the News + Record. She's been overseeing elections since 2004.

Normally, she added, municipal general elections take place in odd years and attract fewer voters. Not all residents with Siler City addresses may vote in municipal elections either; only those who live within town limits may vote, which cuts eligible Siler City voters in half.

"The only thing that I've seen that maybe could drive out more voters for the town would be that it is in a primary election," Paschal said. "A primary is usually still not a really busy election, but that may bring out more people than normally would vote in a municipal election."

To put things into perspective, the News + Record analyzed Siler City municipal voter turnout from 2009 to 2019, as well as voter history statistics from 2015 to 2019, using the Chatham County Board of Elections' digital election results and voter statistics.

Here's what we found.

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### YOUR GUIDE TO CHATHAM'S FARMERS MARKETS

## Farmers markets offer win-win for farmers, vendors and customers

BY ZENDA DOUGLAS  
News + Record Correspondent

As warm weather arrives, appetites soar for fresh, locally grown produce: lettuces and greens, hearty choice tomatoes, succulent strawberries, perfectly ripe corn, savory onions and other edible blessings grown on farms.

And if you also want fresh-cut blooms for your dining room table, or have the urge to grow your own patches of vegetables, flowers or native plants, you have three sources right here in farm- and artisan-rich Chatham County: Fearington Farmers Market, Pittsboro Farmers Market and Chatham Mills Farmers Market.

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Rye Withington works to attract customers by promoting the fresh meat sold at Lilly Den Farm's booth at the Pittsboro Farmers Market.

### VOTE '22 | N.C. HOUSE

## Former commissioner Petty faces Kinsey in GOP's Dist. 54 primary

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

Walter Petty: Lifelong Siler City resident Petty served

as a county commissioner for three four-year terms before resigning from the board in 2019 because of time commitments demanded by his expanding business, Atlantic Power Solutions.

Petty decided on a statewide

Former Chatham County Commissioner Walter Petty is seeking office again, but he's aiming for the N.C. House of Representatives Dist. 54 seat, a two-year term to represent Chatham County and part of Randolph County, held by Rep. Robert Reives II since his appointment in January 2014.

But to get there, he'll have to get past Pittsboro resident and business owner Craig Kinsey, a fellow Republican, in the May 17 GOP primary.

Kinsey originally declared to run for Chatham County's U.S. House of Representatives district, but decided instead to run for the state representative office.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## ONGOING

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

## ON THE AGENDA

**The Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will hold work sessions and public hearings on May 16 and 17. For more information, go to [chathamcountync.gov](http://chathamcountync.gov).  
**The Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, at the Wren Memorial Library in Siler City.

## OTHER

**Siler City Lions Club** meets at Dry Dock Seafood, at 408 N. 2nd Ave., on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meal begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30. The next meetings is scheduled for May 24.

**The Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors** will meet on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, (west side entrance) in the conference room. If you wish to attend, please call (919) 545-8440 for more information.  
**The Chatham Chamber of Commerce** invites you to join us from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, as we celebrate the relocation of the Pittsboro office of Harris & Company Insurance, in the MOSAIC at Chatham Park, 60 Mosaic Blvd, Suite 130. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the Ribbon Cutting at 6:15. Networking continues until 7 p.m.  
**The Silk Hope Ruritans** host a Benefit Bingo on the first, third, and fifth Thursday of each month. Next on the schedule is May 19 at the Silk Hope Community Center.  
 In recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, **Chatham Community Library** will host a virtual film screening of *The Celine Archive* (2020). This program is free and open to the public, and will be available beginning Thursday, May 12, by visiting: <https://www.wmm.com/virtual-screening-room/the-celine-archive-watch-page>

tham-community-library/. A password is required at the time of viewing. Those who are interested may contact [social.library@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:social.library@chathamlibraries.org) to request the password or for additional information. The library has purchased a hard copy of the film if residents who wish to see the film miss the virtual screening window. Chatham Community Library continues its series on Saturday, May 14. Participants should register online to receive the meeting link. Residents may visit the libraries' website, [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or [rita.vanduin-en@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:rita.vanduin-en@chathamlibraries.org) for more information.  
**Horton High School Alumni Assn.**, Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for 2022-2023 HHSAA Scholarship. Descendants of any Horton High School alumnus or attendee may apply online, at [hortonhigh-alumni.com](http://hortonhigh-alumni.com); then click on "scholarship." Applications must be accepted by August 1, 2022.  
**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.  
**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://chatham-history.org>.  
**Second Bloom** hours are 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. We are located at 630 East St., Pittsboro, in the Food Lion Shopping Center. We are accepting donations of gently used men's and women's spring clothing and accessories. Credit cards are accepted. All proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence, 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).  
**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.

## 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 from 6:30 to 8:00 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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 The Chapel Hill Chorus  
**40th SEASON CELEBRATION**

# Awakenings of the Soul

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**MAY 14, 2022 7:30 PM**

**UNC Memorial Hall  
 114 East Cameron Ave., Chapel Hill**

The concert will feature an original work commissioned to commemorate our quadrageennial. The song cycle is entitled *Having Seen Afar Off*, composed by Todd Stewart Coleman based on text from the poetry of Sara Teasdale (1884-1923). The concert will also include *Dark Night of the Soul* and *Luminous Night of the Soul*, by Ola Gjeilo.

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- 000 Jim Gilliland Road (18.598 Acres)
- 1431 NC 42 Hwy (23.26 Acres)
- 8457 Pike Road (22.43 Acres)
- 3097 N NC 87 (2.845 Acres)
- 0 Caviness Town Road (7.41 Acres)
- 0 Pleasant Hill Church Road (90.788 Acres)
- 69 Hazelwood (.62 Acres)
- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)
- 59 Colonial Trail (.476 Acres)
- 0 Diane Street (9.21 Acres)
- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)
- 3095 N NC 87 (2.269 Acres)
- 2453 Marthas Chapel Road (2.052 Acres)
- 419 Hickory Pond Road (3.208 Acres)
- 435 Hickory Pond Road (2.72 Acres)
- 275 George Brooks Drive (184 Acres)
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- 0 Jim Gilliland Road (64.882 Acres)
- 218 Pete Thomas Road (109.11 Acres)
- 0 Roselle Road (46.2 Acres)
- 323 Patterson Drive (5.46 Acres)
- 106 Caley Wilson Road (2.185 Acres)
- 0 Pete Roberson (61.21 Acres)
- 180 Thompson Street (.30 Acres)
- 1562 Hadley Mill Road (15.489 Acres)
- 0 Stone Street (50.72 Acres)
- 1604 Bonlee School Road (110.49 Acres)
- 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)
- 1447 Old US 1 (.870 Acres)
- 0 Chicken Bridge Road (10.051 Acres)
- 00 Manns Chapel Road (49.41 Acres)
- 2328 Andrews Store Road (24.385 Acres)
- 0 Pearleman Teague (23.1 Acres)
- 00 Roberts Chapel Road (123.87 Acres)
- 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)
- 271 Talon Drive (11.97 Acres)
- 1835 Lewter Shop Road (3.24 Acres)
- 0000 Jim Gilliland Road (57.284 Acres)
- 18 Pearleman Teague Road (2 Acres)
- 4931 Old Graham Road (2.774 Acres) units

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- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)
- 0 Hawkins Avenue (9.7 Acres)
- 0 NC 42 Highway (10.89 Acres)
- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)

**LAND (Representing Sellers) 3 Units**

- 219 East Street (Pittsboro)
- 45 West Street (Pittsboro)
- 175 East Salisbury Street (Pittsboro)

**COMMERCIAL (REPRESENTING BUYERS) 1 Units**

- 45 West Street (Pittsboro)

**RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers) 23 Units**

- 570 Abeyance Road (Moncure)
- 2221 Brisbayne Circle (Raleigh)
- 427 Fenton Place (Charlotte)
- 52 Gentle Winds Drive (Pittsboro)
- 1475 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
- 550 Callie Lane (Bear Creek)
- 3871 S. Plank Road (Sanford)
- 76 Millbrook Drive (Pittsboro)
- 5144 Rives Chapel Church Road (Siler City)
- 200 Valley View Lane (Pittsboro)
- 1822 Chandellay Drive (Durham)
- 5631 Swanns Station Road (Sanford)
- 4233 NC Highway 902 (Pittsboro)
- 130 Estes Drive (Chapel Hill)
- 117 Foxwood (Sanford)
- 1136 Sanford Road (Pittsboro)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
- 1429 Van Thomas Road (Pittsboro)
- 1315 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
- 745 Merl McManus Road (Bear Creek)
- 2349 S. Main Street (Goldston)
- 206 Olympia Street (Siler City)
- 8798 Sylvan Road (Liberty)

**RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 6 Units**

- 427 Fenton Place (Charlotte)
- 4513 Bumphus Road (Chapel Hill)
- 107 Hawks Spiral Way (Pittsboro)
- 85 Herndon Creek Way (Chapel Hill)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
- 6490 Snow Camp Road (Snow Camp)

**RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers)**

- 4 Units 488 NC 87 N (Pittsboro)
- 76 Fox Chapel Lane (Pittsboro)
- 138 Oakwood Lane (Pittsboro)
- 354 A Mountain View (Pittsboro)

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# Katie Kenlan

## Chatham County Commissioner

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### LA VOZ DE CHATHAM BRIEFS

#### Hispanic Liaison offering interpretation, assistance to Spanish-speaking voters

SILER CITY — Chatham County primary voters who need or prefer assistance in Spanish or Portuguese during the early voting period or on Election Day can seek help from the Hispanic Liaison.

The Liaison began offering Spanish and Portuguese interpretation to Chatham voters on the first day of early voting, April 28. To request help for themselves or on behalf of others, residents can call the Liaison's office at 919-742-1448 to schedule an appointment for voting help. Residents may also bring their own interpreters or assistants to the polls.

The Liaison has also created a Facebook event page offering basic election information in English and Spanish at [bit.ly/3N4GbDs](https://bit.ly/3N4GbDs). According to the Liaison's executive director, Ilana Dubester, the organization plans to offer more services for the November general elections once they bring in an advocacy program associate.

“We do generally organize more for the general elections than the primaries, but we do let people know that they're happening and where to go and that they can call for help with the ballots, stuff like that,” Dubester said. “When I have an advocacy person, there's more chance of that, but I'm just going to be able to do what I'm able to do, and it's not going to be a whole lot for the primaries.”



Courtesy of Tim Booras

A proposed design for Fox Haven Village, a mixed-use development that would add much-needed housing in Siler City.

### HOUSING

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live, work and play.”

Once a project has committed to the 1,802-acre CAM megasite — one of two in Chatham, the other being Triangle Innovation Point (TIP), formerly known as the Moncure Megasite — Booras and town officials will focus on what specific needs the Fox Haven project can address. One goal would be to mitigate economic leakage; another is to leverage the region's growth, accelerated by VinFast's \$4 billion electric vehicle manufacturing plan, announced in March and to be located at the TIP site. The company says it hopes to hire 7,500 workers, a number that will certainly increase from the location of business, support and otherwise nearby.

“We all see the weekly announcements in development east and south of Siler, and we feel a responsibility to Siler to invest and offer housing solutions here at home,” he said.

Meanwhile, Siler City officials have recognized the limitations presented by the town's existing water and sewer infrastructure and are working to add capacity, scheduled to come online late in 2024. More is needed, though, to accommodate growth that will spring out of CAM development and other business. And many of the industries which have chosen the region — Toyota's battery plant in Randolph County, for example — for development have water needs two or three times those of existing industries.

“So our quest, as we pursue these projects, is to find sources to adequately serve them,” Booras said. “With the Toyota plant 14 miles up the road and VinFast 30 miles away, this is an opportunity for Siler City to establish ourselves on the map. But without water and sewer, we can't do that. There must be a multi-jurisdictional effort

“We don't have any commitments yet, but there are several large projects that are looking, and the EDC, they're working with all these projects and giving them information. We're just standing by waiting for somebody to make a commitment.”

— TIM BOORAS, CAM site owner

with Chatham, surrounding counties and state support.”

Timing is critical, because in the meantime, Booras said the CAM site continues to be “bombarded” with interest.

“We don't have any commitments yet, but there are several large projects that are looking, and the EDC” — Chatham's Economic Development Corporation, the Michael Smith-led team charged with working with potential tenants and the state — “they're working with all these projects and giving them information,” he said. “We're just standing by waiting for somebody to make a commitment.”

In addition to the CAM site, which he owns with Greensboro businessman D.H. Griffin, Booras has joined with Samet Corp. — which helped develop Triangle Innovation Point — in an additional 292-acre site. It's located adjacent to the CAM site and could develop with the CAM site or as a stand-alone industrial property, Booras said.

He doesn't have a preference who becomes tenants at the CAM site.

“We're looking at jobs first, not necessarily the industry,” Booras said. “You know, we have an obligation to Siler City and Chatham to bring jobs here, as much as everybody is invested in this thing. So it's more about jobs — good jobs.”

## CORA IS PROVIDING FREE GROCERIES THIS SUMMER!



SNACK!'s goal is to provide nutritious groceries throughout the summer to children facing hunger in Chatham County. SNACK! provides each participating child with 21 nutritious free meals each week from mid-June through mid-August. Groceries will include fruits, vegetables, protein, cereal, beans, grains, and snacks.

Families can enroll their children to collect food from their choice of distribution sites located throughout the county. Please visit [www.corafoodpantry.org/our-work/snack/](http://www.corafoodpantry.org/our-work/snack/) or call us at 919-368-0278 for more information and to register your child.



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# VIEWPOINTS

THE CN+R EDITORIAL

## We're sounding an alarm about Siler City's municipal election

Elections may feel like a popularity contest, but ultimately, for sincere and statesman-like candidates, they're an appeal.

Those seeking office state their cases, make their pleas about what they bring to the table and cast their respective visions for leadership — then hope voters get the message.

But what we've seen in this year's Siler City's municipal election has turned that notion on its head, even in the post-truth, social media-driven world where facts are often a malleable commodity.

The vacant mayoral seat and three contested town commissioner seats are on the ballot in Siler City. A total of 11 candidates are vying for the four seats. That's good for the town; choices give voters options, and competition is motivation for candidates to put their best foot forward in a clear and unmistakable way, then serve with distinction.

When the appeal, however, is done with smoke and mirrors, some obfuscation, and bait-and-switch misdirection, it's worth sounding the alarm.

So here it is. We're sounding the alarm about Siler City's "Unity 2022" candidates: Nick Gallardo, Dean Picot II, Jared Picot and Samuel Williams.

The four candidates are joined at the hip and are tied to and apparently supported by — although he denies financial assistance — Courtney Jordan, whose sudden entrée into Siler City, with his hints of a financial lifeline, have both intrigued and

incensed locals.

The self-mythologizing Jordan has painted himself as a knight clothed in shining armor and pockets overflowing with cash, hinting and teasing Siler City with his apparent largesse. He, along with the mysterious StartUp Siler, Jordan's London-based foundation, and presumably (this is where the clouds turn particularly thick) the Unity 2022 fellows, are all new here. Jordan says he wants to come to the aid of the town, and, along the way, slay poverty, expensive housing, the town's drug woes and bring prosperity for one and for all.

There's more than one way to skin a cat. But to resurrect the fortunes of a town? That's a long-term prospect involving a pretty narrow list of must-haves — notably secure jobs, a shared vision, communal buy-in and commitment. Positive outside forces and strokes of good fortune always help, but change typically works best inside-out, not outside-in.

What's rankled us (and plenty of others, including town officials and not a few long-time residents, some of whom have turned into internet sleuths) is the methodology of the Unity bloc and the change agents they claim to be.

If someone two weeks into a Marketing 101 class designed a municipal election campaign, it might look a lot like the Unity 2022 ticket's effort. The attempt may have indeed been sincere and the motives genuine. But there's a clear disconnect be-

tween what these unproven, untested candidates have pledged — on their respective websites and in other written and spoken statements — and some of their actions.

They have done a number of things right — volunteered, canvassed, provided a comprehensive list of objectives, made some pledges. They've shown up in an age where showing up counts for a lot.

But the notes they've missed, including misstatements, outright lies, refusal to answer questions aimed at getting to the bottom of the stories, are most troubling. That's putting it mildly. We outlined some of those in our top story in last week's edition; you can find plenty of other sour notes both online (the group's website is [unity2022.org](http://unity2022.org); you can find the candidates' sites there, too) and on a Facebook page created by locals who have done deep-dives into the men and their patron (at [www.facebook.com/SaveOurSiler](http://www.facebook.com/SaveOurSiler), provided it doesn't get taken down again).

The more layers you uncover, the more questions and concerns you find. Our research has been a seemingly endless maze, particularly when trying to track down whether those listed on various websites are real people or made-up accounts. Just one example: the LinkedIn page of a man listed as the executive director of the Courtney Jordan Foundation lists two universities from which he supposedly graduated; both have confirmed in the last few days they can't find

records of the man having ever attended or graduated.

We've gotten very little in the form of satisfactory response to new rounds of questions we've asked the candidates and StartUp Siler. So what does this all mean? Maybe that one of two things is going on. One, the Unity candidates assumed they'd be enthusiastically embraced by Siler City voters who bought their statements about the town board's alleged ineptitude and neglect and their own rescue plans. Or two, the group calculated those same voters would be easily swayed by drone videos, staged standing ovations at a candidate forum and talk about millions of dollars in grants, housing loans and bond issues — all during a mid-term primary where voter turnout is almost guaranteed to be low.

It could be something else entirely. With so many unanswered questions, it's hard to know. Either way, the Jordan/Unity/StartUp Siler collective approach has been a poorly executed miscalculation and, as a political effort, a bit of a train wreck — reinforced by a growing list of concerning revelations and the stubborn lack of clear answers to the long, long list of questions the Unity ticket's candidacies have generated.

Put simply, Courtney Jordan aside, handing the keys to town hall over to four political novices with a demonstrable lack of understanding of how municipal governance and administration work is a really, really bad idea.

We will add this, though: Jordan's sudden appearance has shone a spotlight on problems within the town, issues that are well known and documented, yet still more than niggling. That's been helpful. And the fact that three of these Siler City races have drawn three candidates, and that two incumbents aren't seeking reelection, certainly signals something about local satisfaction.

Even so, it's well known that Siler City was on an upward trajectory before the Unity crowd got here. New development downtown, the growing popularity of Siler City's Chatham Advanced Manufacturing megasite, adjacent development (VinFast, FedEx and Chatham Park here, and Toyota in Randolph County, just for starters), plus the town's location as part of the Carolina Core and U.S. 421's future as I-685 — all mean a rising tide. A new town manager, Hank Raper, is coming aboard with a strong track record and a skillset to help captain the ship.

What Siler City needs come May 17 is a board of commissioners with a sense of what "true north" really is. Leadership, not sleight of hand, is the real path to prosperity.

So when you vote, think hard before casting your ballot for Gallardo, either of the Picots, or Williams. Giving any of the four a seat, and a voice, on Siler City's board of commissioners is a risk not worth taking. It could sink a ship headed for better ports.

## A walk with abortion

I wanted to think about abortion, so I went for a walk in the woods with my dog.

It had rained the previous night. Everything was damp and dark and redolent. The dog kept her nose to the ground like a hovercraft. The birds were chirping furiously overhead. Like they were trying to talk over one another.

I thought about the other kind of tweet.

After last week's leaked decision by the Supreme Court, my social media accounts have exploded with rants and opinions. Whether in celebration or outrage, there is a certain expectation to post. Silence is complicity, some say. Walking in the woods, I wondered if that was true. Or, could adding to the noise actually be harmful? How will we ever find common ground by demonizing the other?

I continued down the trail. The dog pounced in the dead leaves for lizards that darted away just in time. Human civilization is not a dog-eat-dog (or lizard) world. At least, not according to our better nature.

Martin Buber, the philosopher, claimed we are to treat every human as a bearer of the divine image. Understanding that every person has sacred worth not only shows respect for others but avoids the trap of defining oneself in opposition. You don't always have to react or judge. Admittedly, this conclusion is easier to reach in the quiet woods.

Abortion is the most divisive issue of our time. Social media creates echo chambers, filled with people who think just like us. But common ground is more possible by directly engaging family and friends different opinions, not necessarily to change any-

one's mind but to listen and to be heard.

I continued my walk. The breeze waved the tops of trees. What could I possibly say about abortion that hasn't been said before?

I resolved to resist offering a homily or lecture. I am not a woman. I will never know what it is like to endure with grinding fury as other people discuss, even dismiss, my personal life.

Buber claimed that hate, not love, is blind. Hatred sees or experiences only a small part of another human's life. Love sees the whole being. Not to fully comprehend but to instead form a relationship. Buber said, "All real living is meeting."

I thought about friends on the opposite side of the abortion debate. We have shared long walks in the woods. As we hiked, we talked, but sometimes we were quiet. We shared opinions and snacks. We climbed to scenic vistas and stumbled over protruding roots. We went together.

Regarding abortion in this country, the road ahead seems fraught. To stumble ahead, more of us are going to have to trust and have compassion for others. This is no leisurely stroll.

But democracy has always been a spiritual journey, a path toward consensus by will of the majority that affirms the individual dignity of all. Too often, rancor has been equated with strength, tenderness with weakness. There is a better way. Thich Nhat Hanh said, "Walk as if you are kissing the earth with your feet."

The dog's tongue was hanging out. And my legs were tired. I told the dog, "Let's go home so I can write." Thank you, gentle reader, for journeying with my words.

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## Mama always said we should 'play pretty'

It may be an old wives' tale (as compared to what young

wives would say) or maybe it's an urban legend or maybe it really isn't so but just sounds nice. But the old saying that "It takes more muscles to frown than to smile" does have a big element of truth to it.

That element of truth is the same one found in what my mama used to tell me and my brothers when we would venture out of the house to roam the neighborhood in search of our buddies or an activity — namely "You boys play pretty." (If I have to tell you what that means, then one thing it means is it means you aren't from around here.)

That philosophy has also been around not just with my mama but also with other folks for centuries, found in what's called the "Golden Rule" — you know, the one the Good Book says so much about. And in case you're wondering, the Golden Rule for 2022 and really all subsequent years is not "He who has the gold makes the rules" but rather what it's always been, namely as the King James version of the Book says: "Do

unto others as you would have others do unto you." If you want to translate that to Southern English, it says "Treat other folks the same way you want to be treated," and it's OK to say it that way. Or, you could even say it this way — "play pretty."

The main thing, though, isn't to say it, anyway, but to do it.

Anyway, I say all that to note something that seems to be more and more a common practice today — namely that folks aren't following that notion. That failure, it seems, is especially common when folks get behind the wheel.

My daddy used to quote quite often something the late great Bill Jackson of WPTF radio fame year ago was fond of noting. He often pointed out that the folks who would hold the door for you or perform some other random act of kindness like give you their seat on the bus were the same folks who would run over you 10 minutes later if you got in their way on the roadway.

It was not so long ago I noticed such an event and just shook my head at the unfolding of the details. I was in a short line of traffic coming through my hometown when a few feet ahead the driver of a parked car backed out of his space. Initially there was plenty of time to perform the move until suddenly the car immediately

in front of me, which was also the car behind the backing-out vehicle, decided to play his trump card.

Rather than use the brake, the middle driver opted for the accelerator, got very close to the backing vehicle and then proceeded to display another piece of his own vehicle's equipment — namely the horn. The thought immediately went through my mind that, I assumed, it was much easier and apparently more satisfying not to give a second or two to help a fellow traveler along life's road but rather to cuss him instead.

What's the moral of this little story? It's that courtesy, much like common sense, is most uncommon today.

And it's a good thing for the horn-blowing driver that my mama wasn't around because he definitely wasn't playing pretty.

Don't let that be you. Play pretty. It's much nicer.

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# VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | BOB PEARSON

## We can acknowledge the truth of the past without embarrassment or guilt

Remembrance recalls moments to be inspired, to learn a lesson, or to move on from a regret that cannot be undone. Five unremembered Black citizens, lynched in Chatham County by white vigilante terrorists in 1885 and 1899, will this weekend reenter the history which buried them.

**BOB PEARSON**  
Guest column

No county leader, no judge, no sheriff, no concerned citizen stepped forward to demand a fair trial for any of the accused. No person was ever indicted, tried, or convicted for the criminal conspiracies that resulted in these deaths. The purpose of these lynchings was to make sure that no Black American in Chatham County would ever challenge white rule. Our job is to recover from the effects of that legacy to build the community we should have.

We remember these fellow Americans not to shame or blame anyone living today. All those who participated in these lynchings have gone to their Maker, and His judgment is final. St. Augustine said that

Both chapters of the Chatham County NAACP, along with the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham, will host a ceremony beginning at 9 a.m. this Saturday to honor the memory of five residents who were lynched in Chatham County more than 100 years ago. The service at the Chatham County Agricultural and Industrial Fairgrounds will honor Harriet Finch, Jerry Finch, Lee Tyson and John Pattishall, each of whom were lynched in 1885. Henry Jones, who was lynched in 1889, will also be honored in the services.

no one can be held responsible for something they could not have affected. No living white person in Chatham County, in my view, is responsible for these past events. We are all responsible, however, for their effects, which are still with us. Every single one of us in Chatham County — Black, Brown or white — will be accountable for what happens today and in the future.

Thinking that these events long ago should stay forgotten or that progress to advance racial justice is solely the personal responsibility of individual Black Americans is for some a rationale for doing little today. But there are things to be done today.

Will we ever know if a single person was disciplined over the mock slavery auction at J.S. Waters' School? Nothing on the subject was said at the recent, otherwise outstanding, One Chatham presentation by Chatham County School officials.

The Chatham County

Museum has a prominent display board featuring the names of the first Europeans settling the county. Not one word appears on that board to acknowledge the African American slaves who came with them to build the wealth of the county and enrich its religious, musical and food culture. The museum's position is that the Black children in the county can look at this list, see their family surnames and thus feel included. How sad it is not to be honest about our local history: Black children and adults can only find their early settlement history on that board in the names of the white people who owned their ancestors. Would a meaningful acknowledgement of this key truth really be too hard to provide?

An objective study by the Pittsboro NAACP last year, entitled "Brighter Futures," examined student discipline practices in the county schools. The study showed that Black

students, children with disabilities, multiracial children, and economically disadvantaged children were disproportionately suspended from school compared to white children. The NAACP asked for a 90% reduction in exclusionary discipline and delinquency in the coming year. While the school system leaders are well-intentioned, concerned and engaged, we still have no public commitment on how to address this serious problem and improve the suspension rates dramatically.

VinFast is coming to Chatham, thanks to the superb work of a number of leaders in the county. According to reports, production is expected to start in 2024. VinFast expects to employ 7,500 by 2027 with average salaries of \$51,000. How are we citizens and our county leaders, political, educational and business, going to ensure that our local Black and Brown entrepreneurs and job seekers can take advantage of an open process that leads to a quality work life? There is going to be, perhaps already is, a great deal of tension in the county about this issue. The sooner our leadership — public and private — plans and acts, the better off we are.

Every day in our county

schools, our children and teachers finish the Oath of Allegiance to our flag with the words "with liberty and justice for all." If we really mean that then we can acknowledge the truth of the past without embarrassment or guilt. We can see then what needs to be done now to move toward equal justice and bring our community together in reconciliation for the future Chatham County deserves. As we are in business and education, we could become a model for racial relations in North Carolina.

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## UNC project needs realistic goals

About a million North Carolinians have spent some time in college but left without obtaining a degree. Policymakers at the University of North Carolina system and the General Assembly see these non-completers as an enormous opportunity, an untapped resource

**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

of potential professionals, leaders, and entrepreneurs. Policymakers also see private and out-of-state institutions scrambling to help those non-completers get degrees. Right now, UNC schools serve about half of the North Carolinians taking online courses.

That's why the UNC system secured \$97 million from the state last year to launch a new endeavor, Project Kitty Hawk.

"To make North Carolina competitive," CEO Wil Zemp told Triangle Business Journal, "we have to very quickly set up a capability that can up-skill, re-skill, or skill working adults that are either not being served or don't have services available to them."

I believe online tools have many productive applications in higher education. I completed my master's degree from UNC-Greensboro in part through online courses, and I currently use discussion boards and online content as critical elements of the in-person classes I teach at Duke University.

When it comes to projects such as Project Kitty Hawk, however, state officials need to be realistic. The vast majority of those who exit higher education without a degree will never earn one. Some left after discovering they didn't enjoy or weren't prepared to succeed in college-level courses. Others left for financial or personal reasons, then built careers and lives without a credential, and no longer deem it worth the time or expense to acquire one.

Don't take my word for any of this. Just look at the available evidence, as Triangle Business Journal did for a recent cover story. In California, state leaders created an online community college in 2019 to help working adults finish their degrees. Over the first two years, only 12 of 904 enrollees completed enough courses to graduate.

Consider also the findings of a study of 200,000 Virginians who left community college without obtaining degrees. After screening for

academic performance and occupation, the researchers concluded that only 3% "could reasonably expect a sizeable earnings premia from completing their degree." In other words, on strictly economic grounds, it would be difficult to convince the vast majority of such dropouts to return.

On the other hand, these examples are specific to community college students. Perhaps those who are two or three years into a four-year degree in a potentially lucrative field will feel differently if presented a convenient and affordable option. And perhaps UNC needs something like Project Kitty Hawk to compete more effectively for North Carolinians who already want to finish their degrees and might do better getting them from a UNC campus than from an alternative provider with less academic rigor or few programs for post-graduation placement.

This is the age-old conflict between two old-age maxims: "He who hesitates is lost" and "look before you leap."

Applying the first maxim, proponents of Project Kitty Hawk argue that if the UNC system fails to respond boldly and creatively here, it will lose potential enrollment and revenue to competitors while leaving North Carolina with a weaker pool of college-educated talent to fuel the state's future growth. The second maxim reminds us, however, that good intentions aren't enough.

I wish university leaders had engaged in more extensive public debate about Project Kitty Hawk before it secured the seed money. Still, the initial outlay is relatively small, and UNC has recruited experienced hands to the project's staff and board. The best news is that they seemed to be focused clearly on adult learners for whom a degree is likely to have large financial returns.

University education shouldn't be solely, or even mostly, about vocational training. But if what a working adult really desires is to read great books, explore great ideas, or appreciate great art, our modern world offers many options. UNC doesn't need to build a new platform to satisfy those desires. Fortunately, its leaders seem to recognize that.

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## LETTERS

### Reddick knocks Sierra Club over missed endorsement opportunity

TO THE EDITOR:

We are disappointed that the endorsement process in Chatham County for the Orange/Chatham Sierra Club appears to lack transparency and seems to be biased and a bit unfair in Chatham County.

Last fall during the Pittsboro elections, Mayor Jim Nass, Commissioner Mike Fiocco and Mayor Pro-Tem Pam Baldwin were never contacted by the Orange/Chatham Sierra Club, while the other two candidates were contacted and endorsed.

Those endorsements fueled their victories last fall and the spring Sierra Club endorsement of my opponent was cited in an ad run by her campaign in your newspaper.

What is concerning to me is that the only African American candidate, Mayor Pro-Tem Pam Baldwin, was not contacted. Furthermore, Pam Baldwin, who is the only African American woman ever elected to the Town Board of Pittsboro, has never been endorsed by the Sierra Club of Orange/Chatham in 16 years even though her family's land and well water was historically impacted by the old Chatham County dump.

This spring, I am running to be only the third African American man ever elected to the Chatham County Commissioners, and I do not feel that my campaign was treated fairly either.

Given the unique historic struggles of African Americans in Chatham County and the disproportionate effects that unfet-

tered growth and environmental racism have on our community, it seems unfair and unreasonable for the Sierra Club of Orange/Chatham to overlook Pam Baldwin last fall in favor of white candidates and overlook the only African American candidate this spring — my campaign and the Travis Patterson campaign — in favor of a white candidate without conducting a fully transparent process that factors in social equity and the disproportionate effect environmental degradation has historically had on communities of color.

I am disappointed in the local Sierra Club, and I would like for them to address the lack of transparency and engagement in their local endorsement process.

**Rev. Albert Reddick**  
Siler City

*(The writer is a candidate for Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Dist. 5.)*

### What about Western Chatham?

TO THE EDITOR:

Change, change, change. Growth, growth, growth. And rural Western Chatham fades without protection and appreciation.

Will rural Chatham interests also catch the public's imagination? Can we also imagine what an Agricultural Reserve could mean for the farmers and residents of Western Chatham County, and our county population at large?

The county's overall plan game has been in play years:

- Chatham Park scored a home run (pun intended).
- VinFast also scored a once-in-a-century grand slam in the upcoming EV (electric vehicle) World

**Don Wollum**  
Pittsboro

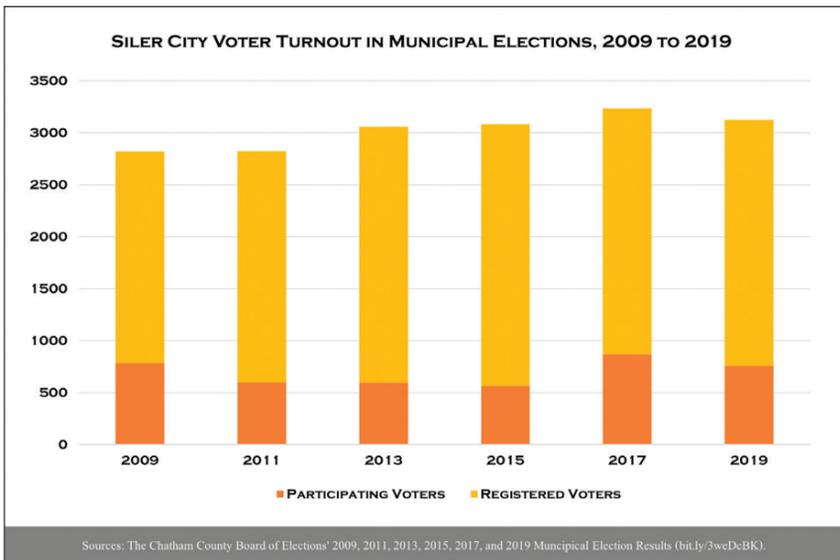
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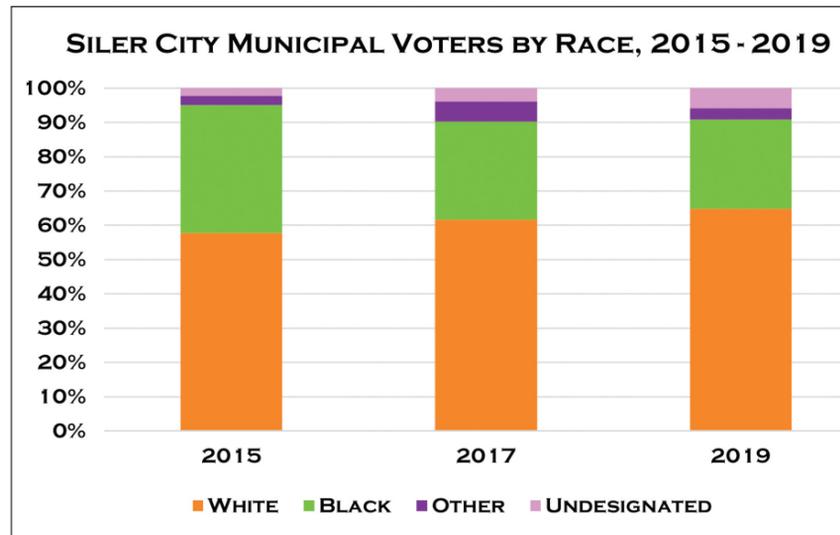
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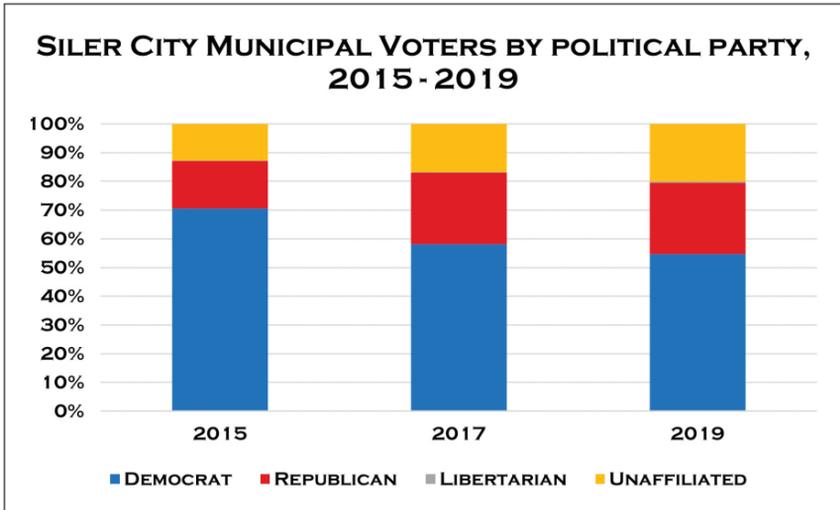
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Within the last decade, less than 30% of Siler City voters turned out for the town's municipal elections. In the 2013 and 2015 town elections, turnout even dipped below 20%.



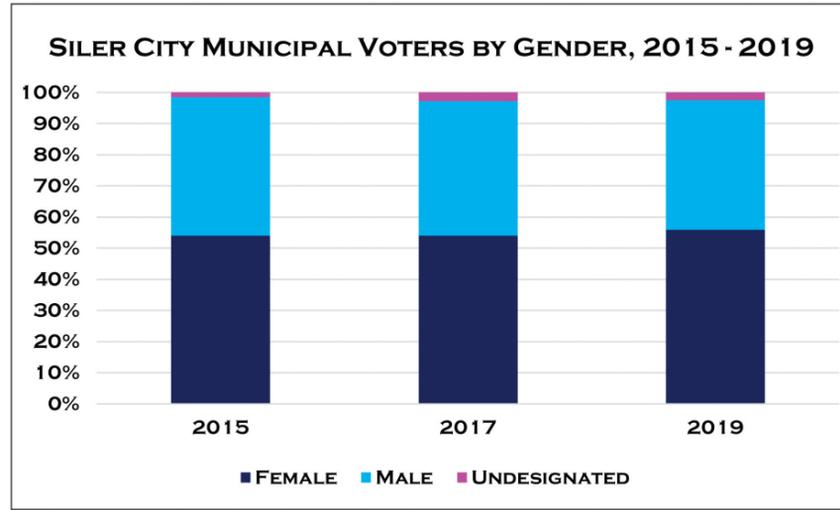
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Around 60% of Siler City voters in the 2015, 2017 and 2019 municipal elections were white, 26% to 37% were Black, and 3% to 6% self-identified as American Indian, multi-race, or "other," according to the Chatham County Board of Elections' voter history statistics.



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Between 55% and 71% of Siler City voters in the 2015, 2017 and 2019 municipal elections were registered Democrats, and 17% to 25% identified as Republican, according to the Chatham County Board of Elections' voter history statistics.



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More female voters consistently turned out in the 2015, 2017 and 2019 Siler City municipal elections than male voters, though not by a large margin, according to the Chatham County Board of Elections' voter history statistics.

## VOTE

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### How many residents vote in town elections? Not many.

On average, less than a fourth of eligible Siler City voters cast ballots in a municipal election between 2009 and 2019.

From 2009 and 2019, Siler City held six municipal elections, all in early November. Of all six, the 2015 election saw the lowest turnout — 18.4% of registered voters, or 568 residents — while the 2009 election saw the highest at 27.9%, or 787 voters, followed by the 2017 election at 26.9%, or 870 voters.

No municipal election between 2009 and 2019 saw more than 900 voters participate, and some commissioner races — especially uncontested elections — received fewer than 100 votes altogether. Eligible municipal voters between 2009 and 2019 ranged from just over 2,800 voters to just under 3,300.

### So, who votes?

If you voted in Siler City's municipal elections within the last seven years, chances are that you're white, female and a registered Democrat.

According to voter history statistics

from the 2015, 2017 and 2019 municipal elections, more female voters consistently turned out than male voters, though not by a large margin — often less than 10%. Around 60% of voters in all three elections tended to identify as white, 26% to 37% were Black, and 3% to 6% self-identified as American Indian, multi-race or "other."

Between 55% and 71% of municipal voters were registered Democrats, and 17% to 25% identified as Republican. From 2015 to 2019, however, the share of Democratic voters dropped some 15 percentage points while unaffiliated voters grew from 13% in 2015 to 20% in 2019.

### Who could vote in this year's municipal elections?

This year, Siler City voters will choose for a new mayor, commissioner at-large and commissioners for districts 1, 2 and 5. Only one race — Siler City's District 2 Commissioner seat, held by Norma Boone — is uncontested. Boone's term doesn't expire until 2023, when the town will next hold elections.

Voter registration data from the Chatham County Board of Elections shows that Siler City has 6,816 registered voters across its two precincts — West Siler City (85) and East Siler City (ESC114) — as of Tuesday morning.

These voters carry two designations: active and inactive, meaning voters haven't cast ballots for at least the past two federal election cycles. According to voter registration data from the North Carolina State Board of Elections, 6,073 of these Siler City voters were "active" and 741 were "inactive" as of May 7, when the state last updated the data.

Of all 6,816 voters, however, only residents who live within the municipal limits of the town can vote in town elections, which includes 3,380 people, as of Tuesday morning. All 3,380 may vote for mayor and the at-large commissioner up for reelection this year, but only just under 500 may participate in Siler City's District 1 commissioner race, while just over 600 may cast ballots in the District 5 race.

In 2017, District 1 and 5 commissioner candidates Tony Siler and Lewis Fadely received 49 and 119 votes respectively. Both races were uncontested. The mayoral race between John Grimes and Albert Reddick drew 867 voters, while the three-way race for commissioner at-large drew 856 voters.

No mayoral or commissioner at-large race between 2009 and 2019 dipped below 500 votes or shot above 900.

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## Siler City's 2022 Municipal Election Candidates

### Mayor:

- Thomas K. "Chip" Price III
- Donald Matthews
- Nick Gallardo

### Town Commissioner At-Large:

- Cindy Burke Bray (incumbent)
- Dean Picot II
- James "Jay" Underwood

### Town Commissioner, District 1:

- Albert Alston
- Sam Williams

### Town Commissioner, District 5:

- Lewis Fadely (incumbent)
- Rayetta Fox
- Jared Picot

### Town Commissioner, District 2:

- Norma E. Boone (incumbent)

## DINNER & A SHOW AT CELEBRITY DAIRY FARM

# Circle City Supper Club to host improv cooking class, Kitchen Comedy

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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SILER CITY — Celebrity Dairy Farm may be better known for its goat tours and cheeses, but on Saturday it'll host a new kind of cooking class — one with an improvised twist.

"Kitchen Comedy," hosted by Circle City Supper Club, will take place at the Inn at Celebrity Dairy Farm located at 144 Celebrity Dairy Way, six miles east of Siler City on Saturday. That night, patrons can have dinner and a show — with improvised meals prepared with mystery items and improvisational exercises from improv comedian Jane Allen Wilson, who serves on the Chatham County Board of Education.

The event features Circle City Supper Club chef and Celebrity Dairy staffer Clare Reding, originally from Louisiana, and her business partner, Stephanie Hutto, creating improvised meals from ingredients event-goers will bring on Saturday. There's a maximum of 20 people per class, and Reding said seats are still available. Tickets are \$65, and every guest must



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Jane Allen Wilson (left) will lead several improv exercises and group activities during Saturday's Kitchen Comedy event at the Inn at Celebrity Dairy Farm.

bring an unopened food item of their choosing, which will be used as an ingredient in an improvised dish created by Reding.

"Everybody who comes brings a mystery ingredient, and I don't know what they're bringing," Reding said. "We have to take everything that they bring and the pantry items (I bring) and create however many courses we can get out of it in the two-hour time frame."

Kitchen Comedy also features improv exercises and games led by Wilson,

who is a part of Transactors Improv Company. Wilson has worked with Duke Medical School and UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan Flagler Business School to provide improv situations for students and faculty to learn how to respond to certain scenarios.

"This workshop is about saying yes to new experiences, saying yes to opening your heart and saying yes to connections with people," Wilson said.

Improv is a style of theater or acting in which the plot, charac-

ters and dialogue are all made up in the moment. It has been a passion of Wilson's for years, but this is the first time she will be teaching a class in partnership with Circle City Supper Club.

For Wilson, improv is something she does on a day-to-day basis, whether it's formal improv exercises or in daily interactions with others. She said she wants to share the joy of improv with others by providing them a safe space to be themselves and do as they please.

"A lot of us are hesitant to go into spontaneous places even though the feeling of spontaneity gives a lot of people joy," she said. "This is an opportunity for people to come together and play together ... get to know each other and re-experience their own spontaneity and connection — both connection with themselves internally and connection with others."

Wilson will lead participants in various group activities before, during and after dinner, such as games and ice-breaker exercises requiring group members to tap into what

Wilson calls "playful vulnerability."

"Playful vulnerability is really helpful," Wilson said, "because one of the reasons why we tend to say no to things that our heart might really want to do, is because we don't know what to expect or we're afraid of vulnerability."

Wilson said the fear of being vulnerable can hold people back from experiencing life to the fullest; by being able to feel safe and experience vulnerability, people can tap in and really enjoy the event.

"Most people associate vulnerability as a negative thing," Wilson said. "But for me ... vulnerability is having that energetic air about us where we want to engage in and experience new things in life, but something might hold us back and this can help people find that magic dust of a new experience."

Reding said participants can try something new at Saturday's event, whether it be a new, improvised dish or an ice breaker they may want to take home and do with their friends.

"(Improv) is just a cool

way to get out of your shell a little bit, especially after everyone being so antisocial for such a long time," Reding said. "It's just a way to do that and meet new people. And it also adds a little another element of fun to the cooking class."

The impromptu nature of Kitchen Comedy may mean some things are unknown, but according to Reding, the one thing she knows is guests will have fun learning new dishes and doing improvised skits with Wilson.

"You can't have food and comedy and it not be fun," Reding said. "How the comedy and the food are gonna meet in the course of the two to three hours that it takes, we'll see, but it's definitely gonna be a blast, regardless of what happens."

Those interested in registering for Kitchen Comedy can go to the Circle City Supper Club website at <https://www.circlecitysupperclub.com/collections/upcoming-events/products/kitchen-comedy-improv-may-14-2022-6pm>.

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- Lifelong resident of Siler City
- 10 years experience on Siler City Board
- Founding & current member of Chatham County Affordable Housing Committee
- Current Mayor Pro-Tem

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- Long term resident of Siler City
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- Self employed attorney in Siler City
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- Developed master plan for Bray Park Sports Complex • Reopened renovated swimming pool
- Constructed regulation soccer field at Paul Braxton • Built 1st segment of Siler City's Greenway
  - Reestablished license plate agency • Established Immigrant Advisory Committee
  - Revitalized downtown business area
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- Retired Major of SCPD with 29 years dedicated to public service
- Experienced in leadership and valuable insight on safety concerns

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- to create a more competitive job market
- to find ways to unify our diverse cultures so all voices count
- to help make communities feel safer

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# Chatham Central's Cassadi Walden named 'Teacher of the Year'

**BY BEN RAPPAPORT**  
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — World War I just ended and the delegates of the Allied powers are meeting in Versailles to hash out a treaty to ensure the atrocities of the war never happen again. Most of the negotiating power rests on the shoulders of the “Big Three” — Georges Clemenceau, Prime Minister of France; Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States; and David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Britain.

That’s the scenario Cassadi Walden presents to her first-year honors world history class at Chatham Central High School. Each student is assigned one of these three leaders and charged with the task of determining their own Treaty of Versailles. In making the assignment, Walden matches the leaders to the personalities of her students — she wants her students to fight for what their characters believed in.

The combination of creativity and care are why Walden was named the 2022-2023 Chatham County Schools teacher of the year.

“I am deeply honored to have been selected,” Walden said after the announcement was made April 29. “I feel fortunate to have colleagues who have helped me learn and improve my skills in



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

**Chatham County school board Chairperson Gary Leonard (from left), Chatham Central High School Principal Karla Eanes, Teacher of the Year Cassadi Walden, school board member David Hamm, Chatham Central High School teacher Brett Walden, Superintendent Anthony Jackson, and school board member Del Turner.**

the classroom every year. We have a great district with so many outstanding educators.”

Walden, 32, started her teaching career in Durham County Schools in 2012. She came to Chatham County Schools, and Chatham Central, in October 2014. She is a 2011 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a major in history and English and received her Master of Arts in Teaching in history in 2012 from Duke University.

“Mrs. Walden has a special gift with how she interacts with and encourages her students,” Dr. Karla Eanes, Chatham Central’s principal, said. “She is able to reach stu-

dents across the board, and she will be that teacher they will remember 30 years from now.”

Eanes nominated Walden for the honor. Each school selected its own teacher of the year, and the district then chose from that pool.

Walden will now represent Chatham County Schools at the regional level for Teacher of the Year.

“Chatham County Schools is very proud to have Mrs. Walden representing us,” said Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson. “The energy and dedication she brings to our profession are invaluable, as is the impact she has had on her

students.”

Walden teaches world history, psychology and yearbook courses at Chatham Central. Because of the variety of classes she teaches, she often sees students grow up from their first year to their senior year.

“Education is really important for our communities,” Walden said. “I am from this community and I intend to keep living here the rest of my life. That gives me a unique insight on my students and what their needs are.”

Walden herself is a product of the school she now teaches at. She said having local knowledge of the area and the generations of families around Bear Creek makes her especially equipped to make a difference in the lives of her students. In fact, it’s why she came back to Chatham Central.

“Doing the little things right is what makes the difference for most people over their lifetime,” she said. “My biggest accomplishment is being there for kids in a variety of situations.”

Being a person students can turn to is evident in every facet of Walden’s work. Walden said she’s the kind of teacher students see in the hallway and immediately correct any antics or misbehavior, but also one they see at the local pizza place and can’t wait to say hello. All the little things Walden does

to foster mutual relationships of trust and respect with her students make a big difference in her ability to do her job well.

“This is people work, which is the most important part,” she said. “This is hard and messy work sometimes because this is a community with a lot of challenges. There’s a lot of stuff going on beneath the surface.”

Building trust between community, families and schools is something Walden said is most important to her. She said because the community knows her as more than just a teacher, it helps ensure a sense of commonality.

Walden said she believes she has been very fortunate in her lifetime and she views it as necessary to use those gifts to shape young minds. Her ability to gain students’ trust and make students more engaged are how she consistently pushes students to reach their fullest potential.

“If you look hard enough and keep an open mind, there is something to like about all of these kids,” Walden said. “I demand they work hard, but they also know I work hard. I never sit at my desk, they know I’m engaged, they know I’m paying attention to them. They know I think they are worthy.”

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# Murchison named 2022-23 CCS's 'Assistant Principal of the Year'

From Chatham County Schools

PITTSBORO — Virginia Cross Elementary School Assistant Principal Nikki Murchison has been selected as the 2022-23 Assistant Principal of the Year for Chatham County Schools.

Murchison has been with Chatham County

Schools for 22 years, where she has served as a curriculum coach, 1st grade teacher, ESL teacher, and ESL instructional assistant. She is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a major in French and International Studies. She also holds a Master’s Degree in Reading from UNC and a Master’s in School Administration

from UNC-Greensboro.

This is the first year the school district has named an Assistant Principal of the Year.

“I am thrilled to receive this honor,” Murchison said after the announcement was made last Friday. “I have had great mentors along the way, and I owe them a great deal of thanks for helping

me grow in my profession. I also am so grateful to work with Principal Sarah Estes. We complement each other, and I’ve learned a lot from her.”

Estes was previously named the 2021-22 Chatham County Schools Principal of the Year.

“I am so excited for Ms. Murchison. She is so deserving of this honor,”

Estes said. “I am fortunate to have an assistant principal I can rely on and collaborate with every day. We share the same vision for how we can continue to help support students and staff at Virginia Cross Elementary. Ms. Murchison is an amazing educator and person. We all adore her.” Superintendent Dr. An-

thony Jackson said it was important for the district to add recognition for Assistant Principal of the Year.

“We are really pleased to begin recognizing our assistant principals,” Jackson said. “Ms. Murchison is an outstanding choice to represent the district as our first Assistant Principal of the Year.”

# Atkinson named 2022-23 Chatham County Schools Instructional Assistant of the Year

From Chatham County Schools

PITTSBORO — North Chatham Elementary School’s Nanette Atkinson has been selected as the 2022-23 Instructional Assistant of the Year for Chatham County Schools.

Atkinson has been with Chatham County Schools for 10 years. She serves as an instructional assistant for multiple grade levels.

“I am so excited,” Atkinson said after the announcement was made Friday, May 6. “I love my students and being in the classroom. North Chatham is like my family, and I am really proud to contribute to helping our kids learn and grow.”

Atkinson has developed a strong bond with her students through her role as an instructional assistant and bus driver.

“I believe that dedication to the students should not be just instructional but emotional as well,” she said. “School is a second home for many of our students, and it should be a place that they are excited to come to.”

North Chatham Elementary School Principal Dr. Janice Giles praised Atkinson’s work with students and the relationships she has built with colleagues.

“Ms. Atkinson really deserves this honor,” she said. “She is always willing to help out wherever she’s needed. She’s wonderful with the children, and she

brings a great attitude every day that is infectious.”

Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson said CCS instructional assistants’ contributions to the educational process are vital.

“Our instructional assistants do so much in our classrooms to ensure our students are receiving high-quality instruction,” Jackson said. “Ms. Atkinson’s energy, rapport with students and attitude make her an outstanding Instructional Assistant of the Year.”

For more information contact Chatham County Schools public information officer Nancy Wykle at [nwykle@chatham.k12.nc.us](mailto:nwykle@chatham.k12.nc.us) or 919-548-3586.



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson (center) and North Chatham Elementary School Principal Dr. Janice Giles (left) congratulate Nanette Atkinson on her selection as the Chatham County Schools Instructional Assistant of the Year last Friday.

## Gold Club



With a banner year of community projects, the addition of new members, and dedicated leadership, your Pittsboro Rotary Club recently achieved recognition by earning the Governor’s Gold Club Award. This honor is very exciting for us & our local community! We love representing our town & have many goals in the days & years to come, so ask a Rotarian how you can get involved &/or join us at an upcoming meeting, Wednesdays @ noon (Postal Fish Company).

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CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

# Students, teachers and staff recognized by school board

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham community packed into George Moses Horton Middle School's multipurpose room Monday night as students, teachers and staff members were honored with a variety of awards at the Chatham County Board of Education's regular meeting.

The board recognized seven teachers for becoming Certified National Board Teachers. National Board Certified Teachers are evaluated in five criteria areas, which include knowledge of the subjects they teach, teaching practices and the learning environments they create in their classrooms. Certification is done through a portfolio review, video

reviews of the teachers in their classrooms and an assessment given to each applicant. (For a full list of Certified National Board Teachers, visit the board of education's website.)

The board also honored instructional assistant of the year Nanette Atkinson, assistant principal of the year Nikki Murchison and teacher of the year Cassadi Walden. (Read more about each elsewhere in this week's edition.)

Other recognitions included student athletes for outstanding achievements in fall and winter sports, students selected to attend governor's school (read more about them in this week's edition) and a special honor for Northwood High School's student council.

Three Northwood High School students — student body President Kennedy Poston, student body Secretary Aza McFadden and senate whip Rose Hopp — were inducted into the N.C. Association of Student Councils' Hall of Fame at the state convention in March. This award signifies their outstanding service and dedication as officers in the students' home council. Each of these students has served the NHS Student Council for multiple years and has remained committed to the work of the council.

Northwood's Student Council also achieved Honor Council status at the state convention. To achieve this recognition, councils must present evidence of having an

effective and progressive council in many areas of involvement within and beyond the state, as well as activities at their home councils.

The board also recognized nutrition staff at various schools for their dedication to serving students throughout the pandemic and beyond. The board selected eight "Child Nutrition Heroes" from various schools for their service to the students and community.

Following the award recognitions, the board also shared commencement details for upcoming graduations. This year's schedule:

- Chatham School of Science and Engineering - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the Agriculture & Conference Center (Pittsboro)
- Northwood High School - 10 a.m. Friday, June 10, at Northwood's football stadium
- Chatham Central High School - 7 p.m. Friday, June 10, at the Wicker Center (Sanford)
- Jordan-Matthews High School - 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at J-M's football stadium

Information items presented at the meeting included discussion of the board's legislative priorities. Superintendent

Dr. Anthony Jackson said his top five priorities for the 2022-23 school year include improving recruitment, retention and compensation; improving calendar flexibility; increasing state funding; working on student and employee wellness; and creating an accountability system.

The board also heard updates about the 2022 strategic plan following the One Chatham event in early April. Dr. Amanda Moran, assistant superintendent for academic services & instructional support, said the event was a huge success and provided the board with feedback about how to improve collaboration between various stakeholders in the community.

Principals and other administrators were scheduled to meet Wednesday to revise mission and value statements in the strategic plan based on the information from the One Chatham event. Moran said she expects a final draft of the strategic plan to be presented to the board in July.

Other items at Monday's meeting included discussion of the land development next to Northwood High School,

which is proposed to become a new complex with Miracle League and soccer fields. Miracle League is an organization that provides children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball. The fields are designed with special rubber turf to ensure safety and enjoyment for all participants.

The board also unanimously approved a resolution to urge the North Carolina General Assembly to "fulfill its constitutional duty to provide every child with access to a sound basic education."

"North Carolina public schools are consistently underfunded by the state of North Carolina, and North Carolina is not even meeting its minimal constitutional obligation for a sound, basic education for all students," Jackson said.

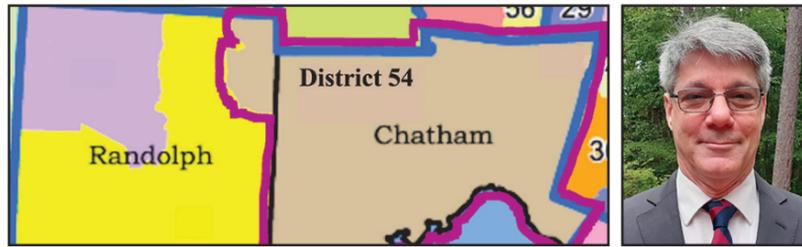
The motion was passed in support of Every Child NC and the Chatham Education Foundation.

The board meets again at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, in the George Moses Horton Middle School Multipurpose Room.

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## Kinsey For State House of Representatives 2022

(Chatham and Randolph, District 54)



### Conservative Opinion by Craig Kinsey:

**Why Kinsey?**

I want to represent District 54 to ensure future generations keep their rights, freedom, and not straddled with our debt.

For over a year I have been focusing on the issues that are important to the voters: Voting rights, Constitutional rights, Jobs, Education standards, Infrastructure improvements, Health care costs, National security, Social Security solvency, Housing, Environmental issues, Renewable energies, and [Environmental, Social, and Governance ratings (ESG).]

I applied myself to public service education. I traveled/listened to citizens/leaders including County Manager/Commissioners, Street fairs, Industry leadership, Law enforcement, Fire departments, Voting administrators, and Agriculture leaders. I started writing opinions on March 17, in the "Chatham News + Record" so citizens gain insight into my ideas.

I am committed to leaving the next generation debt free. As a business owner with a finance degree, I possess skills to analyze budgets, so your taxes are spent efficiently. To paraphrase Boissy d'Anglas, "I am bound to America's future, it's laws that protect it, it's tranquility that maintains it, and it's economy that sustains it." If ordinary citizens don't participate in public service, America's great gift of opportunity may not exist for our children, their destiny may be lessened!

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### NEWS BRIEF

#### CCCC YouthBuild summer session begins June 13

SANFORD — The Central Carolina Community College YouthBuild program begins its summer session on June 13, with orientation set for June 6.

The program provides guidance and opportunity for local students and young adults (ages 16-24) who have previously been met with barriers to achieving goals. Through the program, students will earn their High School Equivalency, along with a Culinary or Certified Nursing Assistant credential.

Participants can earn up to \$400/month with all tuition and fees covered and receive a free tablet.

Students will engage in leadership activities so that upon graduation from YouthBuild they are on a clear path to post-secondary education and gainful employment leading to individual, family and community impact.

To learn more, visit [www.cccc.edu/youthbuild/](http://www.cccc.edu/youthbuild/). Or, contact Lindsay Tip-ton at 919-777-7704 or James Thomas at 919-777-7705 or by email at [youthbuild@ccc.edu](mailto:youthbuild@ccc.edu).

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# OBITUARIES

## ROGER GRAY GORDON



Roger Gray Gordon, 87, of Bear Creek, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Siler City Center.

The memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Joyce-Brady Chapel in Bennett, with Rev. Phillip Nelson presiding. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022, at Joyce-Brady Chapel.

Roger was born in Surry County on June 18, 1934, to Lula Mae Shinnault Gordon and Uless Grant Gordon. He was a member of White Cross Baptist Church and was a truck driver for the majority of his working years. He enjoyed working in his yard and repairing small engines. He was a hard worker, dependable, and of strong character and conviction. He loved to tell his stories and play his guitar and banjo. He was a joy to many.

In addition to his parents, Roger was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; a son, Gary; and two brothers, Ray and Jimmy Gordon and two sisters, Lala Brown and Lena Gordon.

He is survived by his children, Bobby Gordon (Sherry), William Gordon (Vickie) and Phyllis Gordon Clark (Alan), all of Bear Creek; sister, Nancy Noe of Bear Creek; brothers, Willie Gordon and Monroe Gordon, both of Bear Creek and Roy Gordon (Nancy) of Siler City; grandchildren, Jessica Fuoco, Adam Gordon (Courtney), Michael Gordon, Taylor Townsend (Dean), Dakota Gordon (Rhonda), and Casey Duckworth (Jamie); great-grandchildren, Julia Chandler, Christopher Chandler, Sophie Townsend, Lorelei Townsend, Hunner Gordon, Samuel Gordon, Mallorie Gordon, Hadley Gordon, Blayklee Duckworth, Jace Duckworth and Gannon Duckworth; and a host of family and friends.

The family would like to express a special thank you to all of Mr. Gordon's caregivers over the past years, a sincere thank you to Diane, Angie and DJ; you brought light into his life. Thank you to Liberty Hospice of Sanford and Siler City Center for your care of Mr. Gordon.

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

Joyce-Brady Chapel is honored to serve the Gordon Family.

## WILLIAM BRANDON POINDEXTER



William Brandon Poindexter, 84, of Pittsboro passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, while working in his beloved garden.

Bill was the eldest son of the late William Henry Poindexter Jr. and Hilda Wilson Brandon Poindexter of East Bend, N.C. He grew up helping to run the family farm and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education from North Carolina State University in 1959. After teaching high

school at both Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews high schools in Chatham County for six years, he went on to a lengthy career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture with Farmer's Home Administration. Following retirement, and not one to slow down, Bill worked part-time for Chatham County Schools as Construction Monitor. He remained a member of the N.C. Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, serving in numerous leadership positions.

Bill was devoted to his Christian faith. He read the entire Bible through every year since 1985, taught Sunday School, sang in church choirs, and served as a Deacon (Love's Creek Baptist Church, Dobson Baptist Church, and Pittsboro Baptist Church), and in numerous other church positions in his lifetime. He worked tirelessly in his retirement doing missions work, leading five mission teams to Alaska, leading the building of the Spanish Mission Church in Pittsboro, coordinating countless Lay Renewal weekends in collaboration with his wife, and providing disaster relief with North Carolina Baptist Men. He also served as Moderator of Sandy Creek Baptist Association and President of the N.C. Lay Renewal Fellowship as well as a member of the General Board for the Baptist State Convention of N.C. and the Homeland Coordinator of the N.C. Baptist Men.

Bill's other passions were working in his prolific garden, repairing engines, restoring his antique tractors, and building furniture. His attention to detail in every aspect of his life made him a wonderful storyteller and planner. Bill's family was his other passion, being a devoted husband of 61 years to his life partner, Sims, and dedicated son, father, and grandfather. Bill would frequently get a catch in his throat and tear up when talking about things and people about which he was passionate. He seldom met a stranger, and he could rarely go anywhere without encountering someone he knew. Bill took great pride in giving away pounds and pounds of home-roasted peanuts and his specially seasoned greens to all his acquaintances. His cinnamon rolls and sausage biscuits at church events were legendary.

A 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Yadkinville, N.C., Bill was also a member of the NCSU Alumni Association, reminding folks that N.C. State allowed him to provide for his family, above and beyond, and cheering for Wolfpack sports. Bill loved sacred music and could often be heard singing or whistling even above the sound of his tractor.

Bill is survived by his wife Sims, daughter Julia (Wayne) McLeod and daughter Jan (Kendell) Poindexter-Cameron, and grandchildren William McLeod, Laura Mabe (Matthew), and Amanda Cameron, numerous nieces and nephews, and beloved extended family.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, May 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Donaldson Funeral Home, 306 West St., Pittsboro, N.C. A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Goldston United Methodist Church (185 Hillcrest Ave., Goldston, N.C.) on Monday, May 9, at 11 a.m., followed by a graveside service at the church. Officiants are Rev. Lucas Nelson, Dr. Kendall Cameron, and Dr. Larry Williams. The service will also be streamed live online on the Goldston United Methodist Church Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the CORA Food Pantry of Pittsboro, 40 Camp Drive, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312 to which Bill donated so much of his produce; Goldston UMC, 185 Hillcrest Ave., Goldston, N.C. 27252; or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Ukraine Fund, P.O. Box 102972, Atlanta, Georgia 30368-2972.

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

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

## MADGE CROSS BRINSON



April 25, 1922 - April 29, 2022  
Madge Cross Brinson, age 100, went home to be with her family on April 29, 2022.

She was born on the Cross farm in Chatham County, N.C., near Corinth in 1922. She lived on the farm with parents James Cross Sr. and Lula (Dickens) Cross and brother James Cross Jr. and sisters Hazel, Mary, and Helen. The farm never had electricity or running water. The kids all helped in the fields, and at night

the family would play a variety of musical instruments and sing. Madge's father died in 1935, leaving Lula to maintain the household and raise five children. Their strong faith helped them through these tough times.

We believe that Madge's good health was a result of working on the farm, eating "organic" food and spending a lot of times outdoors. They drank milk from the cow, raised pigs for meat, and had eggs from the chickens. They grew all their own vegetables. They felt grateful to have food from the farm to eat, given the food shortages in the cities during the Great Depression years. The tight-knit community also came together and helped each other out, often trading resources during these tough years. When Madge was 4 years old she contracted polio. She was treated by their country doctor who had no other patients with this disease and knowledge of the disease was very limited. She was very lucky to survive, and we believe she was the oldest living polio survivor in 2022.

During Madge's 100 years, she saw a huge amount of change. From her humble start on a farm without running water or electricity, she went on to adapt to the many technologies that developed over her lifetime, and learned to play bridge on the computer, create personalized cards, use a cell phone and use a GPS device to travel around town. Most recently, she learned to use Facebook to stay in touch with family and friends spread far and wide and loved seeing everyone's family photos.

Lula, Madge and little sister Helen eventually moved from the farm to a small house in Corinth across from their church. Madge left home to work at Fort Bragg, N.C., and lived with four housemates near the military base. She enjoyed her work, and loved sharing a big house with these four girls. She stayed in touch with them over the years. She met her future husband, Leo T. Brinson Jr., a student at North Carolina State University, who was pursuing a career in large diesel engines and gas turbines. They subsequently moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of a few places that was manufacturing large diesel engines at the time. Leo's engineering career then took them to St. Cloud, Minnesota, followed by General Motors Locomotive near Darien, Illinois.

In 1987 Madge and Leo retired to Leo's hometown of Arapahoe, N.C., where they enjoyed many good times with Leo's relatives, especially Gladys and Jack Lee. Over the years, they spent many wonderful days fishing and boating, traveling to local theaters, going to clambakes, and taking the grandchildren to Atlantic Beach when they came to visit. Madge had a huge garden, and enjoyed her gorgeous lawn filled with magnolia trees, azaleas, dogwoods and gardenias. In 2000, after Leo passed away, Madge moved to Madison to live near her two children. Throughout her many moves, she gracefully adapted to new climates and new places, quickly making new acquaintances and lasting friendships. Her interests included singing in church and women's groups, piano playing, sewing and crafting, cooking, gardening, bowling, and playing Bridge.

Over the last 22 years in Madison, she enjoyed the friendship of many people in her wonderful apartment complex, Sauk Gardens, in Madison, especially Sally, who was by her side in both good times and in bad.

Madge passed four days after her 100th birthday at St. Mary's Care Center in Madison, where she resided for one year. She out-lived all of her siblings and most of her friends. Madge is survived by her two children, Edward (Susan) Brinson and Linda (Barry) Fox; her three granddaughters Meghan Fox, Molly Fox (Gili Vaknin) and Lana Fox (Johnny Uelmen); and her two great grandchildren, Eliana Vaknin and Liam Vaknin. Madge is also survived by many special nieces, nephews, and cousins residing in North Carolina, California, Illinois, Arizona, Florida, Tennessee and Virginia.

Besides being a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, our matriarch was a lover of animals and people, an optimist, cookie baker extraordinaire, ukulele, guitar, accordion and piano player. Most of all we will remember her for her goodness, her kindness, her generosity and abundance of love. She was always up for anything, and she lived life to the fullest. She was an inspiration to all who met her.

Her cremains will be buried with her family at Buckhorn Methodist Church Cemetery at Corinth, N.C., at a date yet to be determined.

For anyone wishing to honor Madge's life, please consider a contribution to Buckhorn United Methodist Church, 2438 N.C. Hwy. 42, Moncure, N.C. 27559.

## CYNTHIA ANNE 'CINDY' CARROLL



Mrs. Cynthia Anne "Cindy" Carroll of New Hill, N.C., passed away peacefully at her home on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, at the age of 77.

Cindy was born to parents, Wade Alexander Broome and Johnnie Ruth Dillard on December 14, 1944, in DeLand, Florida. She grew up in Concord, N.C., before moving to Cary in 1963, where she remained and built her life. For more than 35 years, she and her husband owned and operated successful businesses together, while Cindy, an award-winning baker, canner, and cake decorator, also baked and designed wedding cakes from her commercial kitchen, "Baking Dreams and Memories."

In 2006, she and her husband moved to Chatham County, N.C., where her husband grew up. Together, they built her dream home on 22 acres that later became Shady Wagon Farm, a wedding and event venue in New Hill, N.C.

Cindy is survived by her children, Terri Yates (Chris), Jerry Moore, and Charlotte; her brother, Ken Broome of Raleigh; six grandchildren, Brandon, Melissa, Brooks, Paul, Stephen, and Adam; nine great-grandchildren, Alana, Annabella, Mia, Orion, Savannah, Davis, Blake, Remington, and Charlene. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Gene Douglas Carroll, and brother, Wade Alexander Brooms Jr.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at Shady Wagon Farm in New Hill, N.C. on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at 4 p.m.

## RANDY DUPREE KIDD

Randy Dupree Kidd, 56, of Bennett, passed away at his home on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

There are no services planned.

Randy was born in Orange County on February 5, 1966, to Cecil Edward and Jessie Earle Smith Kidd. He was employed in the furniture upholstery business. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, April Cox Kidd of the home; sons, Randy Dupree Kidd Jr. and Derrick Kidd, both of Bennett; step-daughter, Brittany Macy of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; sisters, Kathy Moody of Carthage, Pamela Maxwel of Ramseur, Victoria Kidd of Leland and Diane Thomas of Asheboro; and a brother, Ronnie Kidd of Ramseur.

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

## PATRICIA BRITT

Patricia Louise Britt, 74, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2022, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dan Robinson and Rev. Wesley Thomas officiating.

A native of Orange County, Pat was born August 26, 1947, to the late Elbert and Wilma Hardee. She worked at the University of North Carolina for 17 years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jim Hardee.

Surviving is her husband John Britt of the home; her son, David "Zeke" Sparrow Jr. of Pittsboro; daughters, Melanie Lester of Pittsboro and Monica Dixon of High Point; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Gail Hardee and Sunnee Hallman, both of Chapel Hill.

Contributions can be made in her memory to National M.S. Society, PO Box 91891, Washington, D.C. 20090.

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

## CRYSTAL STAR GARNER

Crystal Starr Garner, 58, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at her home.

The family will receive friends at the family home. A private, family graveside service will be held at Farmville Community Cemetery with Rev. Lacy Fry officiating.

Crystal was born in Moore County on February 24, 1964, to the late Orvel Starr Jr. and Juanita Mae Harkey Starr. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, James Lanny Whitaker II.

She is survived by her husband, Tony; brothers, David Starr, Richard Starr, Rodney Starr, Tony Starr, and Gary Starr, all of Sanford; sisters, Rita Kreusch of Lillington, Patty Oakley a of Cameron and Lisa Perry of Pittsboro; and two grandchildren.

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

## MARY H. TOOMER RAINES

Mary H. Toomer Raines passed away on April 30, 2022, at her home in Southern Pines.

The funeral service was held at 12 noon, Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Blandonia Presbyterian Church with burial following at Ward Memorial Church.

## KIM SAMIULLA (ABU-BAKR) WILLIAMS

Kim Samiullah Williams, 40, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at her home.

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

Burial followed at Pittsboro Community Cemetery.

## PATRICIA (MARKS) MALLOY

Dell Patricia Marks Malloy, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, in Riverdale, Georgia.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the First Calvary Baptist Church with burial following at Moore Union F.W.B. Church Cemetery.

Dell was the daughter of the late Paul Edward Marks and Audrey Patterson, was born in Sanford on July 1, 1959.

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# OBITUARIES

## BERTHA FOY RIDDLE MANN



Bertha Foy Riddle Mann passed on May 4, 2022, in the Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home in Pittsboro surrounded by her family.

Foy, known as Mema to all, was a life-long member of Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ. She was a homemaker, a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Her love in life was family. When you entered her home, you became part of the family.

Foy is survived by her children Bertha M. Smith (Arthur), David Mann (Donna), Patricia Mann (Nana B), Amy M. Meacham (Wayne), and Donald Mann (Tammy); her grandchildren Chad Smith, David Smith (Jess), Deanna Lewis (Richard), Emily Parker (Joe), Alex Youngman, Amanda Baker (Jonathon), Brittany Mann, Cody Mann, and Dylan Mann; great-grandchildren Zachary Smith, Wesley Smith, Logan Baker, Simone Baker, Rachel Watts, Scarlett Mann, Kaiden Baker, Austin Baker; and great-great-grandchild Ava Green. She was Mother and Mema to many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Winfred L. Mann, her parents, son-in-law Arthur Smith, and twelve brothers and sisters.

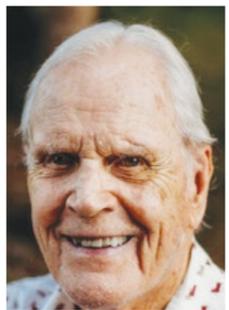
A graveside service for "Mema" will be conducted Sunday, May 8, at 2 p.m. at Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her memory to Hospice at UNC Health Foundation, Attn: Tina, 123 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27516.

The family of Bertha Foy Riddle Mann would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and kind deeds. A special thank you to the wonderful people of the Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home. You all "rock" and are now a part of our family. God Bless you all.

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

## ROBERT BRUCE (BOB) MCKINLEY



Robert Bruce (Bob) McKinley, 97, of Siler City died peacefully on May 2, 2022 at his home.

Born April 9, 1925, in College Springs, Iowa, he was one of six children of Ira L. and Mary G. McKinley. Bob was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a 1946 graduate of Northwestern University, where he played on the football team. His career included executive positions at Sears Roebuck & Co. in Chicago and New York City, followed by Kellwood Company in Siler City and the Hosiery Corporation of America in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

He was a farmer at heart, loving working on his farm as well as playing golf and family gatherings, especially in Pinehurst. He attended The Masters 50 years in a row.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy J. McKinley, his parents, his granddaughter, Robin Kate Perry, brothers Harold and Joe McKinley and sisters Margaret Carter and Martha McCleary.

Survivors include his wife Barbara, daughters, Robin J. Perry and husband Rick of Salisbury, N.C., and Cynthia A. Dameron and husband Ron of Siler City; five grandchildren, Russell (Elizabeth) Perry of Littleton, Colorado, Raegan P. (Corey) Anderson of Rock Hill, S.C., Raelynn K. Perry of Charlotte, N.C., Jennifer J. (Tyler) Bridges of Siler City and Ali Dameron of High Point, N.C.; eight great-grandchildren, Rylee, Rhett and Ranger Perry, Benton, Baylor and Bear Anderson; and Carter and Lawson Bridges. He is also survived by his brother, Donald P. McKinley of Quincy, Illinois; and 18 nieces and nephews.

Bob was a former member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Siler City Rotary Club, the Chatham Education Foundation and the Chatham Housing Authority.

Graveside services will be held Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Chatham Memorial Park followed by a Celebration of Life at the First Methodist Church of Siler City at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Chatham Charter School - Athletic Boosters, 2200 Hamp Stone Rd., Siler City, N.C. 27344, [www.chathamcharter.org](http://www.chathamcharter.org); Power-Cross, 314 North Ellis St., Salisbury, N.C. 28144 [www.Power-Cross.org](http://www.Power-Cross.org) or the charity of one's choice.

## CECILLA PRICE MACK



Cecilla Price Mack, 74, of Bowie, Maryland, passed recently at The University of Maryland Medical Center.

She was a native of Siler City, N.C., the daughter of the late Odis Price and Arlene McIntosh Price. Cecilla was a graduate of Chatham High School and was an extremely popular student, having been a member of the high school chorus, a majorette in the marching band, and May Day Queen. After

graduation she attended Atlantic Business College and was employed with the federal government at the Small Business Administration as a communication specialist in Washington, D.C., for over 30 years.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, at Largo Community Church in Bowie, Maryland, with interment in Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 10 to 11 a.m.

Her survivors are her husband, Robert "Bob" Mack of Bowie, Maryland; a daughter, Sophia Jones, and two sons, Robert Mack, and Reginald Mack, all of Bowie, Maryland; three sisters, Mary Francis Sutton of Siler City, N.C., Alcine Pike of Bowie, Maryland, Phyllis Hanner of Bear Creek, N.C.; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements by McMillan Funeral Home of Lumberton, North Carolina.

## RANDY ELBERT ELLIS



Randy Elbert Ellis, 74 of Southport, N.C., passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Randy was born in Bynum to the late J.V. Ellis and Hettie Jones Ellis. His stepmother was the late Elva Ellis.

He is survived by his two daughters, Shawna Ellis Aman and Christie Austin; followed by three grandchildren, Brittani Aman, Austin Aman, and Wyatt Wescott.

Randy was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard where he was last stationed at USCG Station, Oak Island. During his time stationed there he made many lifelong friends as well as meeting and marrying the mother of his girls, the late Jenny Austin, a local Southport girl. After his time in the service he was a mate on his father-in-law's charter boat. He later worked at the ABC store, Blake's Builders, then at CP&L as a QA/QC inspector until his retirement in 1993.

He was a member of the Southport Jaycees, holding the office of the president and being awarded Jaycee of the Year. While in the Jaycees he loved planning the Fourth of July festivals, shooting the fireworks, selling boat tickets, and the many breakfasts with the Dunn Clowns, not to mention a good game of donkey softball.

Randy loved working in his garden, fishing with the grandkids and his morning coffee with his buddies at Kopps. In his most recent years just spending time with family and friends is what meant the most to him. "Randy, Daddy, and Pop" will truly be missed by many but will live on through our special memories of him.

The family will be having a celebration of life service Saturday, May 14, at 1 p.m. at the Jaycee Building in Southport. His best friend and Pastor Ashley Turner will be officiating the service.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.peacocknewnamwhite.com](http://www.peacocknewnamwhite.com) for the Ellis family.

Services by Peacock - Newnam White Funeral and Cremation Service, Southport, North Carolina.

## PAMELA MOREHOUSE KIDD



Pamela Morehouse Kidd, 70, of Siler City, lost her battle with cancer on May 5, 2022.

Pamela was born in Glens Falls, N.Y., on May 28, 1951, to Roger Frank and Catherine Ann Beswick Morehouse. Ms. Kidd was of the Baptist faith, and was an LPN with Randolph Hospital for many years. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, gardening, reading, playing computer games, putting together puzzles, and traveling. In addition to her parents,

Pamela is preceded in death by her infant son, Lucas Kidd. She is survived by her sons, James Kidd and wife Connie of Siler City, Justin Kidd and wife Brittany of Swannanoa, N.C.; six grandchildren, Lucy, Leah, Steven, Dillon, Hailey and Bralyn Kidd; brother, Wayne Morehouse of Glens Falls, N.Y.; sister, Susan Stickney of Ballston Spa, N.Y.; and multiple nieces and nephews.

A private Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or mail to P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123, or to Randolph Hospice, 446 Vision Drive, Asheboro, N.C. 27203.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Kidd family.

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

## ROBERT WAYNE MARKHAM

July 8, 1946 - April 29, 2022

Robert Wayne Markham, 75, of Wake County, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, at his residence in Holly Springs, N.C.

A native of Chatham County, he was born on July 8, 1946, to the late Abert Vant and Lillie (Cheek) Markham. Wayne was married to his wife of 51 years, Wanda Hamilton Markham. Wayne attended Bonlee Elementary and graduated from Chatham Central High School in 1965. Wayne served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam as an Air Traffic Controller for four years. He also served and retired from the Army National Guard after many years of service. Following his Air Force service, Wayne graduated from Durham Tech in Business, Sandhills Community College in Accounting, and earned his BBA degree from N.C. Wesleyan in Goldsboro. Most of his career he was employed as an Accountant with CP&L in Raleigh, and after retiring from CP&L worked in his brother's Accounting Practice in Southern Pines for several years. He then worked for Wake County in the county tax office until he fully retired. In addition to being a devoted family man, Wayne enjoyed life spending time as an avid hunter, and his first bear was bagged in the N.C. mountains.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Donald; and sister, Gladys Mack. Wayne is survived by his loving wife, Wanda Hamilton Markham; children, Kathy (Bobby) Egnor of Huntington, West Virginia, Jeanette Markham of the home, and Donald (Pam) of Dunn; six grandchildren one grandson-in-law, and one granddaughter-in-law; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Vant of Robbins, and Doyle (Linda) of Vass; sister, Loretta Tutor of Seagrove; and many nieces and nephews.

Wayne was a beloved husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. He was a devout Christian that believed in reading his Bible and living as it said.

## LESLIE HENRY SWANN, JR.

Leslie Henry Swann Jr., age 78, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at his residence.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Love Grove Zion Church.

## RITA JEAN LUCAS WATSON

Rita Jean Lucas Watson, 69, of Chapel Hill, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, at her residence.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2022, at Knotts Funeral Home.

## JAMES LEVERN EMERSON

James Levern Emerson, 50, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2022, at Blandonia Presbyterian Church with burial following at Lee Memory Garden.

He was born April 23, 1972, the son of Ella Cole and James A. Emerson.

## CAROLYN JEAN (MCGEE) MCNEILL

Carolyn Jean McNeill, 66, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Westfield Rehabilitation & Health Center.

The funeral service was held Thursday, May 5, at 3 p.m. at St. Mark United Church of God, with burial following in the Minter Cemetery.

## THERESA (SMITH) WEATHERS

Evelyn Theresa Weathers, of Cameron, passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, in Sanford.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church with burial following in Lee Memory Garden.

## ALBA SULEMA MEDRANO GALVES

Alba Sulema Medrano Galves, 56, of Sanford passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, at the UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

Visitation was held from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2022, at Knotts Funeral Home.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## LELYN KENNETH WILLIAMS

Lelyn Kenneth Williams, 76, of Pittsboro passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the V.A. Durham Medical Center.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## CAROL JEANNE (PALMER) TAITT

Carol Jeanne Palmer Taitt, 74, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022, at the University of Maryland Capital Regional Medical Center.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## BOBBY CARSON TOLLERSON

Bobby Carson Tollerson, 29, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at his residence.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## NEWS BRIEF

### Registration open for CCC's youth summer camps

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College offers affordable, quality, fun learning opportunities for young people in Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties. These camps provide opportunities

for learning, engagement, and discovery.

These camps include:

- Basketball camps: Cougar Middle School Basketball (grades 6-8), Cougar High School Basketball (rising 9th grade to rising college freshmen).
- Culinary: Kids Baking and Kids Cooking (ages 5-9), Teen

Baking and Teen Cooking (ages 10-15).

- Essential Career & Employability Skills (AA Male Teen Professional Development): Yes We Can! Youth Empowerment Summit (ages 15-18).
- Small Business (Youth Entrepreneurship): LEAP – Learning Entrepreneurship

through Action and Play (ages 10-14).

- STEM Academy: STEM Academy – explore STEM fields in space or forensics (ages 6-9).
- Volleyball camps: Cougar Volleyball Camp (grades 6-8), Cougar Volleyball Training Workouts (rising 9th grade to rising college freshmen).

Learn more about the dates and locations of these youth summer camps at [www.cccc.edu/yes](http://www.cccc.edu/yes).

To register or for more information, contact: Beverly Diniz, 919-545-8663, [bdini752@ccc.edu](mailto:bdini752@ccc.edu), or Kelly Dehring, 919-718-7080, [kdehring@ccc.edu](mailto:kdehring@ccc.edu).

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# SCOUTS

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must earn at least 21 merit badges, which do not come easily — some take as long as a year to complete, and they must complete all the requirements by the time they are 18. The BSA offers 137 different badges, rewards for a seemingly endless quest to learn skills and practice good works. In addition to the traditional Scout badges like first aid, camping and citizenship, the organization keeps up with the times. Today's modern Scouts can learn game design, digital technology, computer science and other tech badges.

Quinlan, who has 39 badges, lives on a family farm and is an officer in the Northwood High School chapter of Future Farmers of America. He knew early on that he wanted to build a chicken coop for his FFA club at the school for his Eagle project.

"I built the coop to help further the education of the future farmers in our community," he said.

The coop has a walk-in nesting box attached to an enclosed pen that feeds into fenced-in run to keep the chickens safe. He stocked the coop with a small flock of laying hens from his own family's farm.

Droese, who has earned 26 merit badges over his nine years in Scouting, revived the cemetery at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Siler City.

The ancient cemetery is home to graves dating back more than 200 years. According to the Cemetery Census website, the first burial in that cemetery was in 1831. Many stones were broken and dirty, and Droese recruited other Scouts



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

## Boy Scouts Anthony Trotter, Andrew Trotter, Logan Quinlan and Peter Droese discuss their quest for Eagle Scout rank at Troop 93's scout hut in Pittsboro.

and adults to help clean and repair them.

"There's a cemetery repair shop here, and I went up there to talk to them and they told me what materials to use and kind of how to do the restorations," he said.

On one of Droese's workdays, he experienced gratitude firsthand.

"I was out cleaning stones, and someone came to visit the grave of a family member and talked to me for about 20 minutes about how much better the cemetery looked," he said. "And that was before I had even started any of the repairs."

Andrew Logan, who has 35 merit badges, refurbished the landscaping around the Moncure Fire Station #14, installed a flagpole with a lighting system and added an U.S. flag retirement box — a receptacle members of the community can use to drop off tattered, old, worn-out American flags destined for their final retirement. Retired flags are usually honored in a special ceremony and then destroyed according to guidelines in the U.S. Flag Code.

He installed the box in 2021, and the community is already putting it to good use.

"After the first month of having the box down at the station, I checked on

it and there were over 45 flags in there, waiting to be retired," he said. "We retired those, and now there are 28 more flags in the box."

Anthony Logan, who has 37 badges, built and installed three benches for the outdoor playground at Virginia Cross Elementary School in Siler City. He also repainted the U.S. map on the outdoor basketball court at the school, where students learn and identify the states that make up our country, he said.

"When I decided my project would be to install benches at the playground, the problem I ran into was that the school didn't want them to be made out of wood," he said. "So, we decided to make them out of Trex, which is a plastic composite."

### A unique journey

This is the first time Thorpe can remember having four boys in Troop 93 experience their entire Scouting journey from beginning to end and reach their Eagle rank together. After they receive their Eagle badges, they will join a long line of local Eagle Scouts, raising the total to 79. Troop 93 is a member of the Eno River District of the Occoneechee Council, headquartered in Raleigh. David Lorbacher

is the scoutmaster.

In addition to celebrating four newly minted Eagle Scouts, the Troop itself is reaching a milestone.

"Troop 93, which was chartered on March 17, 1947, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year," Thorpe said. "We are planning a big celebration."

Boy Scouts of America was established in 1910, and more than 2.25 million young men have made Eagle, including famous Americans like Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon; Steven Spielberg, Academy Award-winning film director; and Stephen G. Breyer, associate justice of United States Supreme Court.

In 2019, the BSA organization was rebranded as Scouts BSA to allow girls to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 93 does not have any female Scouts yet, Thorpe said. But when they do join, they must operate under the same requirements as boys to become Eagles.

In addition to progressing through the Scouting ranks, earning merit badges, and completing community projects, prospective Eagle Scouts develop leadership skills, and they learn to take responsibility for significant accomplishments — none more significant than their final project.

From beginning to end, prospective Eagles engage in comprehensive planning, execution and follow-up. This includes raising money to pay for materials and finding people to donate labor when needed.

To make an arduous task even more daunting, the boys worked on their projects during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted their fundraising efforts.

"I didn't want to bring everybody together for fundraisers because of the shutdown, so I just asked for donations through Facebook and other things like that," Anthony Logan said.

Droese funded his project from money he has earned as a lifeguard, camp counselor and at his job at Marco's Pizza in Pittsboro. He reckons between applying for his project and reporting on its completion, he filled out more than 60 pages of reports.

"You have to write a proposal, and that's probably 30 pages of information such as a rough estimate of materials, planning, all that other stuff," he said. "Then after you finish, you report back on any difficulties, project changes, fundraising efforts, financial information, photos and the people who volunteered, and that's another 30 pages."

Beyond the tangible successes associated with Scouting come the aspects that really matter — the ones not visible to the naked eye like leadership, camaraderie and growth.

Those qualities are not lost on Quinlan, who values his role as a mentor to younger Scouts.

"I was a senior assistant patrol leader, helping the younger kids get acclimated to Scouting,

helping them learn their requirements, achieve rank," he said. "It makes me feel good helping other Scouts get closer to Eagle."

For these Scouts, their leadership paths became epic journeys where lifelong friendships were forged, even across time zones.

Andrew Logan names two ways Scouting has changed his life.

"Scouting helped me create friendships I'll probably keep for the rest of my life," he said. "And through Scouting, I've learned the importance of having patience, because to get everything completed, it takes 10 to 12 years, and you can't rush through it."

In a young person's life, big events can seem like endings, but they are not. Instead, they are new beginnings.

This summer, when these four friends receive their high school diplomas and their Eagle Scout badges, they will close the door on their childhood and cross the threshold as adults.

Droese and the Trotters plan to enroll at Central Carolina Community College. Quinlan is building a local demolition and removal business and plans to begin training for a career as a firefighter.

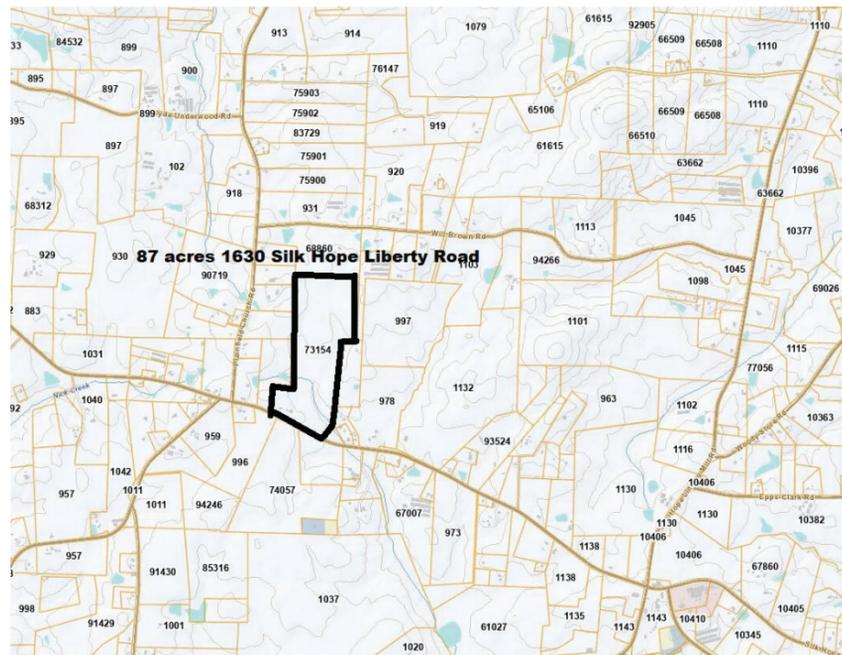
Scouting has gotten into their blood. It has become an essential part of who they are, and they can't imagine their lives without it. They may even become Scout leaders themselves one day.

As they move on from this place in time, get jobs, start families, one thing they won't shake is the unbreakable bond they have formed as they persevered to become Eagle Scouts together.

And in the end, that may be their most valuable reward.

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# PRIMARY

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seat after seeing Gov. Roy Cooper's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, in which Petty said Cooper "unilaterally took away our basic freedoms."

"I never would have imagined that a Governor could prevent us from attending church, visiting our family or operating a business," Petty said in responses to a questionnaire provided by the News + Record.

"He has continually ignored the will of the people ... Our government structure was intended to be a democracy and not a dictatorship, and I'll work hard to make sure the voices of N.C. voters aren't ignored by our Governor."

Petty said he was also concerned about the curriculum for North Carolina's K-12 students, as well as parents who Petty claims are speaking out against "an indoctrination system for the 'WOKE'" in public schools.

"We need a parents' bill of rights passed in the legisla-

ture," he said. "Our parents know what is best for their children, and we can't allow their voices to be pushed aside any longer."

Petty said he has three goals he would pursue if he were elected into office: increasing broadband access across Chatham County and the state, revamping North Carolina's tier system for economic development and co-sponsoring the aforementioned "Parents' Bill of Rights" in the N.C. General Assembly.

"There are many challenges facing N.C. and Chatham," he said, "but the most basic challenges in the state can be traced back to a Governor and a representative [Reives] with little regard to preserving basic rights guaranteed in the constitution and pushing our education system further and further away from actually teaching students how to learn."

The former Chatham commissioner said his experience in an elected office is one of the main factors separating himself from Kinsey on the primary ballot.

"Over my years of serving as a commissioner, I've built strong relationships on both sides of the political aisle that will ensure I can make positive change for the district from day one," Petty said. "I am a business owner that brings a common-sense approach to problem solving and finance ... the district cannot negotiate from a distance; we have to have a seat at the table — we have to be prepared to hit the ground running."

**Craig Kinsey:** Kinsey is the president and sole owner of Kinsey & Donian Marketing Inc., and he's seeking his first public office this election.

He decided to seek the District 54's seat to help combat the debt North Carolina has accumulated, as well as improve the state's public education system.

"A 2019 study (The National Report Card) shows that 4th graders in N.C. are underperforming; only 40% were proficient in math and reading," Kinsey said. "North Carolina's future relies on educated young people."

Kinsey said he has ideas to

address education, including raising teacher pay, focusing on reading, writing and arithmetic, and providing school options such as public to private, parochial, charter schools and more.

"It is a sacred responsibility to the people of Chatham and Randolph Counties," Kinsey said. "They are entrusting me to always make the best decisions that improve their lives by ensuring liberty, opportunity, prosperity and safety."

Another Chatham issue Kinsey will focus on is infrastructure. He said he wants to ensure all Chatham residents can access better broadband, build better roads and ensure adequate water and sewage services for all residents.

"I want to collaborate with the local officials to develop a plan to prioritize a list of needs supported by a reasonable budget program funded by the state and local tax base," he said.

Kinsey has not sought elected office before; he's spent his work career in sales and marketing.

"I have been a sole business

owner (for) 23 years," Kinsey said. "I make decisions every day that affect the prosperity of my employees, and their families. I am always open to listening to advice from others to get perspective and ensure the best possible outcome."

Kinsey said while getting into office is an uphill climb, he believes the people of Chatham and Randolph counties need someone like him to advocate for their needs to the governor.

"I promise to work hard for the citizens with regular reporting, attending every possible event and talking to as many people as possible to stay focused on what is important to them," he said. "If elected to represent the people, my goal is not to be concerned about being reelected but focusing on accomplishing the aforementioned goals for the residents in Chatham and Randolph Counties. Getting elected is hard, but servicing the people is even harder."

*Reporter Taylor Heeden can be reached at theeden@chathamnc.com.*

## 2022 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

# Craig Kinsey

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**Current occupation:** Manufacturers Sales Representative  
**Campaign website/social media:** https://craigkinsey.com. F/CraigKinsey-forNC t/KinseyforNC

**If you do not include a resume, please outline your education, and work history for us. Please include all job titles and responsibilities, any work recognition, and professional references:**

University of Cincinnati BA Finance degree 1986  
 Kinsey & Donian Marketing Inc. 1987 to present  
 (1987 -1990) Sales rep,  
 (1990-1995) sales mgr., buying out one owner  
 (1996-1999) President and buying out second owner,  
 (1999-present) sole Owner

**Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members):** Craig Kinsey, 60. My wife, Susan Kinsey, and I are creating guardrails between my public service and our family. It is my duty to share my public service positions and activities with the public. However, we elect to protect the personal privacy of our family.

**Party affiliation (if applicable):** Fiscal and Social Conservative, (Republican Political Party)

**Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service:** I have never sought or held elected office.

**Campaign manager (if applicable):** Yes, I have one

**Campaign treasurer (if applicable):** Yes, I have one

### Now that you are seeking office... in about 100 words or fewer.

**Why are you seeking this office?:** I want to ensure that future generations have opportunities for prosperity. We need to eliminate North Carolina's debt, so our children are not financially crippled by assuming our debt service. In 2012 the Democrats in Raleigh ran up North Carolina's debt, which persists today at 4 billion with annual debt service of 700 million. If the debt were paid off, we could use a portion of the annual 700 million for improvements to Chatham and Randolph counties. Disintegrating education is a priority of mine. A 2019 study (The National Report Card) shows that 4th graders in NC are underperforming, only 40% were proficient in (Math and Reading). North Carolinian's future relies on educated young people. Here are some ideas to improve education.

- Stop accepting federal education funds with mandates that create financial burdens on the state and counties
- Teacher Pay raises (to attract to compete with other states)
- Focus on the fundamentals [Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, (3R's)]
- Vouchers to the parents for the school of your choice
- Competing school options (public, private, parochial, & charter)
- Trade school investment. (Produce more Skilled tradesmen earning good paychecks)

Here are some more ideas.  
 • Develop legislation that guarantees free and fair elections (ID cards, limit Absentee by mail to a required excuse for not voting in person at the voting site.)  
 • Lower health care costs (we can

discuss the details)  
 • Roll back property taxes with limits on future increases and transparency of process of how your taxes are levied

**What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in 100 words or less, why do you believe you are qualified to fill that role?:** It is a sacred responsibility to the people of Chatham & Randolph Counties. They are entrusting me to always make the best decisions that improve their lives by ensuring liberty, opportunity, prosperity, and safety. I have been a sole business owner 23 years. I make decisions every day that affect the prosperity of my employees, and their families. I am always open to listening to advise from others to get perspective and ensure the best possible outcome

**Give us three goals that are specific, measurable, and attainable you would have if elected.:**

- Reduce our Debt obligations in North Carolina
- Improve our education system
- Reduce Health Care costs and Improving Health services.

**What are the biggest challenges in Chatham and North Carolina right now and how would you address them?**

**Infrastructure:** (Broad Band, Roads, Water, & Sewer) I want to collaborate with the local officials to develop a plan to prioritize a list of needs supported by a reasonable budget program funded by the state and local tax base.

**What is your overall view of the role of government? Is it fulfilling its mission at present? If not, what needs to change?:**

The best government is the least government. We need skilled and successful citizens providing public service. Adding broader perspectives will contribute to good decisions and a positive impact for the people in Chatham and Randolph Counties. Too often government regulations create more restrictions with unintended consequences that negatively influence our local economy.

**What differentiates you from the other candidates, and ultimately, why should voters choose you?:**

I have a long-term vision developed from experience of navigating a successful business in the private sector. If elected to represent the people, my goal is not to be concerned about being re-elected but focusing on accomplishing the aforementioned goals for the residents in Chatham and Randolph Counties. Getting elected is hard, but servicing the people is even harder. I promise to work hard for the citizens with regular reporting, attending every possible event, and talk to as many people as possible to stay focused on what is important to them. I want to make this point very clear that I am open to phone calls and emails anytime. If you see me in public, please talk to me, even if you want to express your disagreement with something I have said or done, that is the American way of shared governance.

### Biographical Facts

**Political/government hero:** NA  
**Favorite book:** NA  
**Book most recently read:** NA  
**Favorite film:** NA  
**Hobbies:** NA  
**Church/civic involvement:** NA  
**Personal motto or one-line philosophy:** NA  
**Strongest childhood ambition:** NA  
**Most significant life goal you have accomplished:** NA

**Goal you have not accomplished yet:** Public Service to ensure future generations have the freedom, opportunity, and chance to reach the "American Dream" That we leave the next generation a financially sound economy, and a secure nation.

## 2022 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

# Walter Petty

### Candidate Biographical Information

**Name:** Walter Petty  
**Office you are running for:** NC HOUSE 54  
**Current Home Address:** 2287 Bonlee Bennett Rd Siler City, NC 27344  
**Home telephone and/or Work Telephone:** Campaign # 919-769-4282  
**E-mail:** walter@electpetty.com  
**Cell phone:** Campaign # 919-769-4282  
**Date/place of birth:** age 64 born in Siler City  
**Current occupation:** Owner – Atlantic Power Solutions  
**Campaign website/social media:** Electpetty.com

**If you do not include a resume, please outline your education and work history for us. Please include all job titles and responsibilities, any work recognition and professional references.:** Walter is a native of Chatham Co. He has been married to Abby for 44 years and has three sons. He lives on the farm where he was born and raised. Walter grew up raising poultry, cattle, and hay crops, along with tobacco on the same farm tended by his Great Grandfather. Here he was taught commitment, hard work and integrity. He also learned to be a good steward of the land and livestock that provided an income for his family. Walter graduated from NC State in 1978 with a degree in agriculture. He began working for Bradshaw Supply Co., an equipment company located in Siler City, serving the Ag industry. He continued in that business in sales and management until 1993. After that, he started an equipment rep business which later brought him into the generator industry. Currently he owns and operate Atlantic Power Solutions Inc. a generator company providing sales and service in the southeast U.S.

**Along with serving as District 5 County Commissioner his commitment to service includes:**

- Agriculture Advisory Committee
- Chatham Trades
- Economic Development Corporation
- Enhanced 911 Committee (voting member)
- Local Emergency Planning
- Recreation Advisory Committee
- RTRP Research Triangle Regional Partnership (voting member)
- Chatham Hospital Board of Trustees
- Siler City Airport Authority
- Member of Tyson Creek Baptist Church
- International mission work in Haiti
- Adult Care & Nursing Home Committee
- EGSA (Electric Generating systems Association) Board Member
- Served 10 years in volunteer fire fighting service
- Volunteer Underwater Rescue Diver
- NRA Lifetime member
- NFIB (National Federa-

tion of Independent Business)

- Relay for Life
  - Habitat for Humanity
- Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members):**Wife – Abby, Sons Adam and Jacob  
**Party affiliation (if applicable):** Republican  
**Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service:**3 terms as Chatham County Commissioner

**Now that you're seeking office...in about 100 words or fewer.**

**Why are you seeking this office?:** I've watched our governor unilaterally take away our basic freedoms. I never would have imagined that a Governor could prevent us from attending Church, visiting our family or operating a business. He has continually ignored the will of the people; he has vetoed more bills than all other NC Governors combined since we became a U.S. State in 1789. Our government structure was intended to be a democracy and not a dictatorship. I'll work hard to make sure the voices of NC voters aren't ignored by our Governor. Our education system is being turned into an indoctrination system for the "WOKE" and parents are being ignored and ridiculed for speaking out. We need a parent's bill of rights passed in the legislature. Our parents know what is best for their children and we can't allow their voices to be pushed aside any longer.

**What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in 100 words or less, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?:** The very basic responsibility of this office is to uphold the NC Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. Beyond that, it is to keep our citizens safe and foster a strong education system. It is the responsibility of a State Rep. to work with the citizens not against them especially in light of all the bills our Governor has vetoed. Three terms as a county commissioner taught me to find the common ground that will bring people together. Doing so will accomplish something good rather than focusing all our energy on what we don't agree on and accomplishing nothing.

**Give us three goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected.:**

- 1) I will make it a top priority to find a way to bring High speed internet to all parts of the district.
- 2) I'll work to revamp the States economic tier rating system so the portions of the district that need additional economic development support from the state are able to receive it.
- 3) I'll introduce or co-sponsor a Parents Bill of Rights in the legislature.

**What are the biggest challenges in Chatham and North Carolina right now and how would you address them?:**

There are many challenges facing NC and Chatham but the most basic challenges in the state can be traced back to a Governor and a representative with little regard to preserving basic rights guaranteed in the constitution and pushing our education system further and further away from actually teaching students how to learn.

**What's your overall view of the role of government? Is it fulfilling its mission at present? If not, what needs to change?:**

The government should be an extension of the will of the people it serves not a dictator to the people it serves. It should be structured to restrain evil, reward good, and work for the good of ALL people.

**What differentiates you from the other candidates, and ultimately, why should voters choose you?:**

I'm the only candidate in the Republican Primary who has real experience as an elected representative in the district. I was elected for 3 terms and served 10 years as a county commissioner. During that time, I proved that I am not your typical politician. I am a business owner that brings a common-sense approach to problem solving and finance. I focused on bringing smart growth to the county and keeping our taxes low. Over my years of serving as a commissioner, I've built strong relationships on both sides of the political aisle that will ensure I can make positive change for the district from day one. These kinds of things can only be done through collaboration with partners and strategic thinking. The NC House seat is a 2-year term before another election rolls around. The district cannot negotiate from a distance we have to have a seat at the table. We have to be prepared to hit the ground running. There is no time for on-the-job training.

### Biographical Facts

**Favorite book:** Bible  
**Book most recently read:** Bible  
**Hobbies:** Horses, Hunting and Scuba Diving  
**Church/civic involvement:** Tyson Creek Baptist Church  
**Personal motto or one-line philosophy:** Not that I have achieved but a good thought to live by. "Be the change you want to see".  
**Strongest childhood ambition:** Be a Navy pilot and the first man on the moon but Neil Armstrong made it when I was 11 years old.  
**Most significant life goal you've accomplished:** Finding a God-fearing woman that is loving and caring to raise a family with has been the most satisfying thing in life. However, this is actually a gift not something I did.  
**Goal you haven't accomplished yet:** Learn to fly

# CHATHAM'S FARMERS MARKETS

## THEY'RE YOUR NEIGHBORS

### Get to know some of Chatham's farmers market vendors

**BY ZENDA DOUGLAS**  
News + Record  
Correspondent

#### Green Heal Farms

Green Heal Farms is owned and operated by Kenny Boodman and Courtney Martin. The couple started their organic vegetable and flower farm a little over two years ago and brings their offerings to sell at the Chatham Mills Farmers Market. Mainstay products include lettuces, greens, salad mixes, root vegetables, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers and a variety of flowers.

"We just planted 1,400 sunflowers last week," Kenny said. Green Heal Farms is committed to organic growing practices without chemicals or synthetic fertilizers and use no-till methods.

"The farmers market gets us closer to our customers," he said. "The food-store network is so faceless — shoppers don't



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

#### Mally Rafizadeh, proprietor of the Pomegranate Kitchen, has a lovely assortment of flavorful entrees and desserts.

know where the food comes from and when it was picked. We get great feedback on how much longer our produce lasts and how different the flavors are."

Kenny frowns on the food prejudice prevalent in food stores.

"Sometimes you'll have an ugly pepper — it doesn't always have to be beautiful. What matters most is that it's local, fresh and healthy."

Before turning to farming, Kenny was a chef at a farm-to-table restaurant and was a work-



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#### Sarah DeStefano's Celebration Time sauces are inspired by her late mother.

ing mentee to an area farmer. Courtney designs flower arrangements for weddings. Kenny also provides garden-bed landscaping services on the side.

**Cure Nursery**  
Cure Nursery Native

Plants for the Southeast is owned by Jen and Bill Cure, who started farming in 1993. Cure Nursery grows shrubs, a few trees, perennials, ferns, bog plants and vines, and is a vendor at Chatham Mills Farmers Market. The nursery started as a wholesaler to companies involved in wetland mitigation, stream restoration and environmental projects and switched to retail five years ago.

Jen has seen heightened interest in gardening and native plants, especially during the pandemic. "Needs are different. Homeowners need more education and are glad to be able to find the plants," she said. "We have many more species now."

Both Cures hold PhD degrees in botany and worked doing research in atmospheric CO2 and air quality effects on vegetation.

"The farmers market offers an important way to connect people to each other in the county," said Jen, calling it a "win-win." "That's lovely. There are not many ways to do that and that's a good one."

#### Baked By D

Baked By D is a business owned by Daniela Stanganelli, who's on a mission to change the standards we hold for our food.

Specializing in baked goods, Daniela has a few steadfast rules: use all organic ingredients including fruits; no refined oils; no bleached flours; only free-range eggs and grass fed dairy; only use unprocessed organic sugar, organic date sugar or whole dates for sweetening. She buys local whenever possible and offers lots of gluten-free options.

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Between them, an abundance of high-quality, fresh, sustainably grown food and farm products, including a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, meats, cheeses and other dairy products, honey, preserved foods, bakery goods and prepared foods, is offered to health-conscious customers. Even healthy foods and treats for pets are available.

While food is the predominant focus, customers can also find hemp/CBD products, crafts, jewelry, handmade soaps, herbal/medicinal products and pet toys at one or more of the markets. There's even a crafter of cornhole boards.

Master gardeners and non-profit organizations such as food pantries and Chatham's Habitat for Humanity may be found at the markets to educate and raise public awareness. Customers are often treated to live music, and special events, such as plant sales, occur throughout the year.

All three are producer-only markets that provide direct outlets for farmers and vendors to sell their products. Face-to-face interaction allows customers to learn more about who is growing or producing their food — and where — and what methods are used.

#### CHATHAM MILLS FARMERS MARKET

"Our goal is to provide high quality local food to the area, support small farmers, grow the local economy and provide an enjoyable open space for the community to gather," said Cheryl McNeill, market manager at Chatham Mills Farmers Market.

Chatham Mills is the newest market, founded in 2010 by a group of Chatham County area farmers with support from the community. It convenes outside the historic mill building that houses Chatham Mills Marketplace and other local establishments just north of downtown Pittsboro, and it opens seasonally on Saturdays.

"We like that there is organic produce and sustainable food available and knowing where the food comes from," said Andrea Arnold, who lives with her husband Rene in Siler City. She visits both the Chatham Mills and Pittsboro farmers markets.

"It's important to support the farmers and the local community," Rene said.

The Chatham Farmers Market is typically bustling on Saturday mornings with people of all ages, including lots of families.

"We're here because mom loves plants," said a young Violet Rhodes, who accompanied her parents, Meredith Price and Ryan Rhodes, on a recent visit here.

Violet said she came for the music. Others come at the rec-

ommendation of friends.

"This is my first time here," said Tammy Howarth, visiting with her husband, Frank and their daughter, Sophie. "I came because my neighbor is a Cure Nursery employee."

#### FEARRINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Over at Fearington, open every Tuesday, customers are welcome to come early to look over what is being offered — but no sales take place until the ring of the bell, a long-held tradition.

The Fearington Market, the oldest in Chatham County, began in 1991 when Jenny and R. B. Fitch led a group of Fearington Village residents in contacting local farmers through the Seeds of Hope Project. The market sets up within Fearington Village, an active lifestyle community popular with retirees.

"I would say we probably get half to 75% of our customers from Fearington Village, but we are starting to see younger individuals, families and kids from nearby neighborhoods," said Market Manager Eddie Kallam.

The Market's busy, friendly and inclusive atmosphere draws loyal customers seeking healthy, happy living.

"It's good to be a year-round market. Our customers like to have the market as a local source for food," said Kallam. "Even on some of the worst weather days, we still get the die-hard customers who come out in the rain and freezing weather."

The Fearington Market also has some very loyal vendors. Mike Perry and Cathy Jones have been bringing their produce, poultry and flowers from Perry-winkle Farm since the market opened in 1991. The farm also provides flowers for special events.

Several new vendors have joined Fearington Farmers Market this spring including Govinda's Catering, bmc brewery and Haw River Mushroom.

The interconnectedness of the farmers, vendors and customers at the Fearington Farmers Market is so characteristic that it's sometimes difficult to tell who's a customer and who's a vendor as they greet each other and stroll around to each other's tables.

"Farmers markets bring us back to our roots with ways of interacting with businesses and trades and products in local commerce," said Lorraine Messner, who works nearby. "I plan on coming to the market every Thursday, and I'm never disappointed with their wholesome great products."

#### PITTSBORO FARMERS MARKET

The Pittsboro Farmers Market began in 1997 as a collaborative effort on the part of local farmers, the Chatham



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

#### Pittsboro's market has a diverse collection of vendors offering fresh vegetables, baked bread, sauces and more.

County Cooperative Extension Service, the Chatham County Fair and local residents. It's open year-round on Thursdays at Main Street Station, just east of downtown.

Elizabeth Thomas, market manager, shares a fun fact: "With Stephanie Bart of Naturally Local joining the market, we now have two French vendors selling amazing, delicious prepared foods each week."

Annie Pambaguian from Sweet Little Something is the other one.

"I've been coming here for seven or eight years," said one customer who goes by the name Chubby. "You can't beat the quality and freshness you get when you deal with the farmers. I don't need anything from the grocery store."

"The produce is the freshest you can find, often picked that morning," said Donna Hardy, attending with husband Curt. "It tastes so much better and lasts so much longer; it's like having a garden at home."

The couple expresses support for local farmers who provide organic meat from humanely raised animals.

Big news coming out of the Pittsboro Farmers Market is its impending move to the grounds of The Plant on Lorax Lane in Pittsboro, home of Chatham Beverage District.

"We're excited to move over to The Plant in June," said Thomas. "It's going to make coming to the market even more fun for our customers as they can grab a drink and hang out listening to music, watch their kids play on the playground or even take in some local art. It's also just a beautiful location, and it's going to give us room to add even more vendors in the coming years."

Tami Schwerin, The Plant's co-owner, is also a Pittsboro Farmers Market customer.

"It's my first choice because I know the farmers and how they grow things," Schwerin said. "Plus, supporting the local economy is one of the most important objectives around



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

#### Fearington's market features tomato transplants for your own garden.

here. It's a community-driven farmers market."

#### A MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME

There are more than 1,000 farms in Chatham County, according to the USDA Census of Agriculture. Nearly half of these are below 50 acres in size. Given the climate, Chatham County growers are able to produce a wide variety of seasonal crops. Some farms and producers from neighboring counties participate in Chatham County farmers markets. All vendors are required to meet geographic radius requirements.

"Farmers markets are important for the small farms and bakers and people who make other food. For the majority of the vendors, the farmers markets are their main way to make money," said Fearington's Kallam. Some also sell to restaurants, grocery stores, through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs and online.

"We have a strong, local food community in Pittsboro," said Chatham Mills' McNeill. "It's like an ecosystem."

Central Carolina Community College plays a role with its

degree program in sustainable agriculture.

"People will take classes at CCCC and go work with farms in the community," McNeill said.

One such student is Hai-ley Ostenfeld, who works at Copeland Springs Farm as a farm hand while pursuing her degree.

"I go to the Pittsboro Farmers Market to support local farms, get my meat locally and ask farmers questions about the food," Ostenfeld said.

Close connection to customers who want to be more knowledgeable about their food, know the farmers and the practices they use promotes more responsible growing and producing habits such as sustainable farming methods which preserve and improve soil quality.

Farmers markets give food providers opportunities to teach and inform.

"You don't have that at a grocery store," said McNeill. "Many of our farms use organic practices even though they aren't certified organic. It's more expensive to farm that way; talking with the customer allows farmers to explain what they do and why."

# CHATHAM'S FARMERS MARKETS

## FARMERS MARKET FACTS

### Here's your guide to Chatham's three farmers markets

#### CHATHAM MILLS FARMERS MARKET

<https://www.chathamillsfarmers-market.com/>  
 April through October: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays  
 November through January: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays  
 Located on the lawn of the downtown Historic Chatham Mills, 480 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro  
 Market offers vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese and other dairy, cut flowers, native plants, baked goods, preserved and prepared foods, honey, herbal/medicinal preparations, bath and body products, handmade crafts and living arts practitioners.  
 Chatham Mills Farmers Market farmers and vendors must be the original producers of all items sold and produce the items they sell within a 100-mile radius of Pittsboro, NC.

Vendors include CATHIS Farm, Cool Springs Farm, Twelve Oaks Farm, Grand Hope Farm, Chatham Oaks Farm, Deep River Flower Farm, Green Heal Farms, Lionhearts Homestead, Edge of the World Farm, The Yeast Roll Company, Baked by D, Rocky, River Hemp, Sympht Creations, Four Dog Farm, Cure Nursery, Evans Custom Cornhole Boards, Carol's Good Earth Farm, Crystal Glen Alpacas, Silver Prophecy Jewelry

Market offers a wide variety of produce, flowers, fresh seafood, eggs, sustainably and ethically raised meats, hemp products (CBD), prepared food, crafts and more. Pittsboro Farmers Market farmers and vendors grow, raise or create their products within a 50-mile radius of the market.  
 Vendors include Celebration Time, Celebrity Dairy, Fiddlehead Farm, Granite Springs Farm, Heart Song Farm, Hook and Larder, In Good Heart Farm, Kalawi Farms, Lilly Den Farm, McNeill Farms, Misty Morning Ranch, Mountain Shadow Designs, Naturally Local, The Plant Factory, Rocky River Hemp, Sweet Little Something, Vortex Roasters

March through November: 4p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays  
 Winter months: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday  
 Located in Fearrington Village off of Hwy. 15-501, halfway between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro  
 Market offers vegetables, fruits, meats, eggs, flowers, home-canned goods and baked goods. Fearrington Farmers Market is a producer-only market, now in its 30th season.  
 Vendors include Bonlee Grown Farm, Cool Springs Farm, Perry-winkle Farm, In Good, Heart Farm, Four Oaks Farm, Deep River Flower Farm, Govinda's Catering, Sour Bakery, Honey Bee Hills Farm, Gary Thomas Farm, T5-Farms, Paradox Farm Creamer, Barking Bedlie, CORA Food Pantry, Pomegranate Kitchen, Beechcrest Farm, Eco Farm, Twelve Oaks Farm, Sweet Little Something Patisserie, bmc brewing

#### PITTSBORO FARMERS MARKET

<https://pittsborofarmersmarket.org/>  
 Open year-round, rain or shine, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays  
 Located in the Main Street Station parking lot, 287 East St., Pittsboro  
 Note: Effective June 1, 2022, the Pittsboro Farmers Market will be located on the grounds of The Plant on Industrial Drive, Pittsboro

#### FEARRINGTON FARMERS MARKET

<https://fearringtonfarmersmarket.com/>

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The baker is new to Chatham Mills Farmers Market, having just moved to the area in November.  
 "I want to be part of the reason people read the labels before they buy food," she said. "People sometimes pass by because I am selling sweets, but I do offer some things that are high in protein and fiber. While it's not good to include sweets on a regular basis, we're all going to indulge in something sweet — we should do it in a healthy way."  
 Daniela grew up in a first (U.S.)-generation Italian family who owns an Italian market in Largo, Florida.  
 "To keep myself occupied, I was always messing with ingredients so, basically, I've been doing it my whole life," she said. "I like that the farmers market brings the community together and supports the people living here."



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Audrey Thompson of T-5 Farms shows off some of the season's first strawberries.**

"We get a better, finer product," Rick said.  
 Rocky River Hemp also sells to three Pittsboro stores.

#### Celebration Time NC

Celebration Time NC is a specialty food business started by Sarah DeStefano after a 30-year career in the chemical industry and software consulting. She developed her multi-purpose products in response to dietary needs of family members with diabetes and heart issues.  
 Celebration Time has multiple uses as a dressing, marinade and dip and can be used with vegetables, fruit, rice, potatoes, meats and bread. She added her spicy pizza sauce to the lineup in 2021.

Sarah touts her products as healthy, vegan-friendly options with no gluten and minimal salt and sugar. The business is a vendor at the Pittsboro Farmers Market.  
 "I absolutely love that market," she said. "It has a huge following of loyal customers. I am also a consumer; I buy my basil, oregano and shallots from the local farmers."  
 Sarah said she was also excited about the market's upcoming move to The Plant.

#### Beechcrest Farm

Beechcrest Farm is a 200-acre farm owned by Armin Lieth. Pasture land makes up 50 acres and is home to his herd of Gelbvieh cows, a black angus breed of German descent. Armin and girlfriend Michelle Williams market the grass-fed beef at The Fearrington Farmers Market as local, fine farm-to-table meats. The farm also produces eggs. The farm's name was chosen in homage to all the beech trees on the property by Armin, who majored in horticulture at N.C. State. Beechcrest



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**Fearrington's market features a variety of locally-produced wines.**

Farm was established in 1996.

Part of his inspiration for raising beef was his discovery that he was sensitive to supermarket beef packaged in solution, according to Michelle.  
 "Beef purchased from mass producers doesn't have the care that goes into Beechcrest beef," she said. "Cows here are rotated from one pasture to the next so they always have fresh grass."

Beechcrest Farm is certified Animal Welfare Approved, according to the farm's website.  
 "Being a vendor at the farmers market is great way to put a face and a story with the product," Michelle said. "We can describe how the cows live. We can share ways to cook the beef and eat it."  
 She describes The Fearrington Farmers Market as a nice community of regular customers where a farmer can connect and develop a following.

#### Chatham Oaks Farm

Chatham Oaks Farm is owned by Justin and Rachel Clark, who put in their first strawberry crop



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**Proprietors Kenny and Courtney Boodman of Green Heal Farms grow local organic vegetables and cut flowers on their farm in Snow Camp. This sampling includes butter head lettuce, Swiss chard and other early spring greens.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Cathy Jones of Perry-winkle Farm sells freshly-harvested leeks at her booth in Fearrington.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Archer Priestley, 3, of Pittsboro, samples a fresh brownie at the Chatham Mills farmers market.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Elizabeth Bolen, the cheese maker at Celebrity Dairy, uses French farmstead techniques to produce a variety of goat cheeses like these.**

sustainable as possible. We're not organic, but we use a lot of integrative pest management while making sure things are produced efficiently where freshness and quality are #1."

Justin works for BASF as a North American field manager for agricultural products. He began work there in beneficial bacteria to control diseases. Rachel served as development director for the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association of Chatham County until

the couple's second child was born two months ago.  
 The Clarks say they appreciate the close-knit community in Chatham County and believe that farmers markets are important for the community dynamic.  
 "It's also important for the community to get fresh, wholesome food from local agriculture — not strawberries from Chile," Justin said. "It's the most grassroots effort of supporting local business."



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'THEY BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES'

# Steadfast Bears upset Clover Garden, make history with dual-team regional berth

**Chatham Central senior Landon Hackney tosses the ball prior to hitting a serve during his doubles match against Clover Garden's Will Oldham/Blake Foley in the Bears' 6-3 win over the Grizzlies in the third round of the NCHSAA 1A dual-team playoffs. Hackney/Jacob Gilliland won their doubles match, 8-2.**



Staff photo by Jacob Kisamore

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
News + Record Staff

BURLINGTON — Aesop's "The Tortoise and the Hare" and Dr. Seuss' "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" are just two of the classic children's tales embodied by Chatham Central men's tennis this season.

Heather Brooks, the Bears' head coach, has another to add to the list.

"This is the little team that has come to show," Brooks said on Monday, referencing Watty Piper's famous story "The Little Engine That Could,"

published in 1930. "We dropped the first three at the beginning of the season and we were like, 'What's going to happen?' ... and (now) we're winning at the right time."

The No. 12 Bears extended their storybook season by at least two days after an upset road win of the No. 9 Clover Garden Grizzlies, 6-3, in the third round of the NCHSAA 1A dual-team state playoffs in Burlington on Monday.

It was Chatham Central's third-straight road victory this postseason, having upset No. 5 Bear Grass Charter in the first

round and No. 4 North Moore in the second.

With the win, the Bears advance to the 1A East Regional, where they'll face off against No. 3 Voyager Academy in Durham on Wednesday with a trip to the state title match on the line.

For the first time in program history, Chatham Central's headed to the Final Four.

"I'm so excited," Brooks said with an unshakable smile stuck on her face. "I called my husband (earlier) and was cry-

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'THAT WAS A HEART ATTACK'

# Collins bangs in walk-off goal for Chargers' first-ever women's lacrosse playoff win

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PITTSBORO — Mother Nature brought the lightning, but Northwood unleashed the thunder.

The Chargers women's lacrosse team won its first-ever state playoff game last Tuesday, May 3, in a sensational, come-from-behind 11-10 win against the Laney Buccaneers of Wilmington in a double-overtime game halted for about 45 minutes in the first half due to lightning.

And they did it while competing one player down.

Junior attacker Mia Collins' hat trick to end the game was the first time Northwood held the lead all night.

The No. 14 Chargers (12-4) may have eventually fallen to the No. 3 Holly Springs Golden Hawks (18-2) in a 22-10 drubbing in the second round of the NCHSAA state playoffs last Friday, but the high of the program's first playoff win will live on forever.

"This is going to be one of the best moments of your life," Northwood Head Coach Larry Fritsche told his team in an exuberant post-game victory huddle after Tuesday's win. The historic moment was shared by alumni from Northwood's first team in 2018-19 and founding coach Amanda Huegerich, who drove down from Richmond, Virginia, for



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Northwood senior Mia Collins (19) scores a goal in the first half of the Chargers' come-from-behind win over the Laney Buccaneers on May 3 in the first round of the NCHSAA women's lacrosse playoffs. Collins also scored the game-winner in double overtime to propel the Chargers to the next round.**

the game.

"That was a heart attack," Fritsche said in a subsequent interview about the edge-of-your-seat game. The comeback win became all the more improbable when junior midfielder Grazi Costa picked up her second yellow card and was re-

moved from the game, leaving Northwood one player short about midway through the second half. Costa had scored two goals prior to ejection.

"I just told the team I'm not going to live long" with such nail-biting wins, Fritsche said. "But this is a happy way to

live."

"It feels amazing. I really feel like we're putting our mark down," Collins said. "It's not like we just got lucky to get in the playoffs. We earned our spot and now we're making it past this" milestone of a state playoffs debut.

Collins leads the team in goals (45) and shots on goal (78), but the significance of her third goal on Tuesday didn't immediately register.

"It just hit me a few seconds later that we won," she said.

She also felt a personal obligation, having drawn one of the team's four yellow cards, to atone for the penalty. "I didn't want this to be the last game I had with these girls," she said. But first, she had to get through scoring purgatory in the second half and the scoreless first overtime period.

Collins put Northwood on the board at 19:45 of the first half to tie the game, 1-1, with a shot from in front of the net. She notched her second goal at 5:22 in the first half, coming from behind the net to outthrust Laney goalie Ava Kunza, who was unable to reset. Collins fired a shot through a gaping hole on the left side of the net to slice Laney's lead to 5-3.

With 2:29 showing on the board in the second overtime, nearly 34 minutes after scoring her second goal, Collins ended the lull and got her redemption.

"I saw that the lane was open, the girl's back was turned to me, so I was like, 'It's time to put the show on the road and score the goal,'" Collins said. Yet, in the back of her mind was a nagging worry about one of her biggest challenges this year — hitting the goalie or firing high.

"I was like, this is going in. I've got an open shot and I better not miss," Collins said. "I was really making sure I was going to get that low shot."

"I'm so proud of this team," Fritsche said. It has gone from 0-11 in 2019 to the second round of the state playoffs this season. He credits the players' hard work, willingness to improve, toughness, coachability and the effort by assistant coaches Jess Boone and Katy Gilliam.

He said Laney (11-7) was tough. Its offense, which repeatedly piled up 2- and 3-goal leads for most of the game, was led by freshman attack Avery Hoey, who had a hat trick. But its swarming defense was especially strong, and its goalie was remarkable.

"One of the hardest things we had to overcome was how well they were on the ride, preventing us to clear. So we made some adjustments and then our players just bumped it up another level when we were a player down," Fritsche said.

That was no easy task with

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'THEY'RE COLD-BLOODED'

# Chargers whiff with bases loaded, fall to Rockets' ice-cold pitchers in conference title game

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
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PITTSBORO — Person's Carter Stacey never flinched.

It would've taken just one errant pitch, one small mistake, to blow it all up.

Yet, even as three Chargers occupied the bases behind him and his team's season hung in the balance, the junior relief pitcher never wavered.

He simply delivered.

Stacey struck out two batters with the bases loaded in the Person Rockets' 5-2 upset win of Northwood (17-10) last Thursday — including the game's controversial final out, which came on a full count against the potential winning run — in the Central 3A Conference Championship to claim an improbable conference title.

The Chargers were 0-for-7 in four separate bases-loaded situations against the Rockets, a credit to Person junior starting pitcher Levi Strader and Stacey, both of whom thrived in maneuvering out of those tough situations.

Person's head coach, Kyle Boyette, minced no words when describing his

pitchers' performance.

"We've been talking about battling through adversity ... and, man, Levi and Carter on the mound, you can't say enough," Boyette said. "They did their jobs. They're cold-blooded."

In front of a boisterous, packed crowd — with a sizeable group of loyal Rockets supporters having made the 56-mile trek from Roxboro to Pittsboro — the Chargers were knocking on the door late in the game.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Stacey struck out the first two Northwood batters on seven total pitches, leaving the Chargers with just one final opportunity, down 5-1, to manufacture a miracle.

Luckily, the Chargers were disciplined.

In consecutive at-bats, junior Luke Smith and senior Walker Johnson walked on full counts, resisting the urge to swing at unfavorable two-strike pitches to get on base.

Northwood freshman Kaleb Howell then hit a hard ground ball to the shortstop, forcing an error that allowed Smith to score and put runners on the corners.

On the following pitch, senior Mason Bae was beamed with a ball that got him to first, loading the bases for the fifth and final time.

Zach Barnes, Northwood's starting pitcher (5.1 IP, 6 H, 2 ER, 3 K) and the night's most productive hitter (3-for-5), was up next, representing the game-winning run.

He stood in the box and never once moved the bat across the plate. When the count reached full, his strategy didn't change. Stacey released the pitch, Barnes refused to swing and the ball thumped into junior catcher Tyler White's glove.

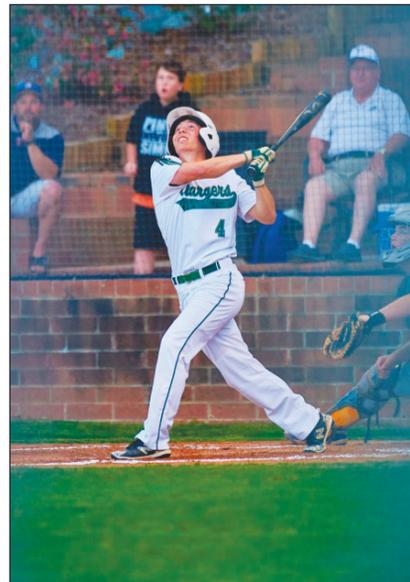
Barnes immediately began heading in the direction of first base, thinking he'd been given a bases-loaded free pass, but the home plate umpire saw things differently.

Called strike three.

An eruption ensued as Person's dug-out emptied and one half of the crowd became exuberant, the other furious.

Barnes argued with the umpire at the same moment that a Rockets player tauntingly waved goodbye to the Char-

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Staff photo by Peyton Suckles

**Northwood senior Walker Johnson looks toward the sky after making contact with the ball in the Chargers' 5-2 loss to the Person Rockets in the Central 3A conference title game last Thursday.**

CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

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

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This week, the men's tennis dual-team playoffs continue with No. 12 Chatham Central taking a trip to Durham on Wednesday with a state title berth on the line. Baseball and softball playoffs also get underway this week, with eight teams from around the county taking part (that number may change by the time this week's edition gets published) as the second rounds are set for Friday. Finally, we wrap up the week with track & field regionals on Friday and Saturday with state championship qualifications set to be determined. It's a jam-packed week, as always, that you surely don't want to miss. Here's this week's schedule and last week's results.

**THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, May 11**

**Tennis:** (12) Chatham Central men at (3) Voyager Academy (4th round of NCHSAA 1A Dual-Team State Championships), time TBA  
**Soccer:** Jordan-Matthews women at North Moore, 6 p.m.  
**Soccer:** Seaforth women at Jordan, 6 p.m.  
**Soccer:** Woods Charter women at Research Triangle, 6 p.m.  
**Soccer:** Northwood women at Western Alamance, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 12**

**Soccer:** Seaforth women at Bartlett Yancey, 6 p.m.

**Friday, May 13**

**Track & Field:** Northwood at NCHSAA 3A Mideast Regionals (at Franklinton High School), 4 p.m.  
**Baseball:** Chatham Central, Chatham Charter vs. TBA (2nd round of NCHSAA 1A state playoffs; depending on Tuesday's results), times TBA  
**Baseball:** Jordan-Matthews vs. TBA (2nd round of NCHSAA 2A state playoffs; depending on Tuesday's results), time TBA  
**Baseball:** Northwood vs. TBA (2nd round of NCHSAA 3A state playoffs; depending on Tuesday's results), time TBA  
**Softball:** Chatham Central, Chatham Charter vs. TBA (2nd round of NCHSAA 1A state playoffs; depending on Tuesday's results), times TBA  
**Softball:** Jordan-Matthews vs. TBA (2nd round of NCHSAA 2A state playoffs; depending on Tuesday's results), time TBA  
**Softball:** Northwood vs. TBA (2nd round of NCHSAA 3A state playoffs; depending on Tuesday's results), time TBA

**Saturday, May 14**

**Track & Field:** Chatham Central, Chatham Charter, Woods Charter at NCHSAA 1A Mideast Regionals (at Franklinton High School), time TBA  
**Track & Field:** Jordan-Matthews, Seaforth at NCHSAA 2A Mideast Regionals (at Franklinton High School), time TBA

**LAST WEEK**

**Monday, May 10**

**Golf:** Chatham County had 7 representatives at the NCHSAA 1A Mideast Men's Golf Regionals at Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course, including: Chatham Central's Corbin Allen (T-6th, 83, +11), Woods Charter's Luke Smollen (T-8th, 86, +14), Chatham Central's Jake Poe (T-14th, 88, +16), Chatham Central's Conner Kitchins (T-31st, 110, +28), Woods Charter's Alex Smollen (36th, 104, +32), Chatham Charter's

Seph Trageser (43rd, 109, +37) and Chatham Central's Austin Shaw (T-49th, 118, +46). Chatham Central also placed 8th in the team scoring (399, +111). Corbin, Poe and Luke Smollen all qualified for the 1A State Championships on May 9.

**Golf:** Chatham County had 4 representatives in the NCHSAA 2A Mideast Men's Golf Regionals at The River Golf Club at Lake Royale in Louisiana, including: Seaforth's Griffin Ching (4th, 81, +9), Seaforth's Gray Stewart (T-10th, 85, +13), Jordan-Matthews' Noah Snyder (T-12th, 86, +14) and Jordan-Matthews' Brian Johnson (T-16th, 88, +16). Snyder, Ching and Stewart all qualified for the 2A State Championships on May 9.

**Golf:** Northwood had 5 representatives at the NCHSAA 3A Mideast Men's Golf Regionals at The Valley Golf Course in Burlington, where Chargers senior Jake Conklin took first place (67, -3) and qualified for the 3A State Championships on May 9. Also placing for the Chargers were junior Jake Garrett (54th, 99, +29), junior Cole Wolfgang (58th, 103, +33), sophomore Thomas Springle (64th, 111, +41) and senior Hayden Miller (72nd, 132, +62). As a team, Northwood placed 9th (380, +100).

**Softball:** The Chatham Charter women clobbered the River Mill Jaguars, 16-1, in the semifinals of the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Tournament. Leading the Knights in the win were senior Ally Bare (2-for-3, 2B, 3 R, 3 RBI), sophomore Delana Loflin (2-for-4, 3B, 2 R, 2 RBI), senior Mackenzie Brooks (2-for-3, 3B, R, 2 RBI) and junior Hailie Edmondson (4.0 IP, H, 0 ER, 3 BB, 7 K; 1-for-3, 3B, BB, 2 R).

**Soccer:** The Jordan-Matthews women shut out the Cummings Cavaliers, 9-0, to stay unbeaten in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference (9-0).

**Soccer:** The Seaforth women earned a close win over the North Moore Mustangs, 6-4, at home. Scoring for the Hawks in the win were freshman Caitlin Erman (5 goals, 1 assist) and freshman Tillie Wilson (1 goal).

**Softball:** The Jordan-Matthews women won via forfeit over the Cummings Cavaliers in the first round of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

**Baseball:** The Northwood men defeated the Western Alamance Warriors, 11-4, in the first round of the Central 3A Conference Tournament.

Leading the Chargers in the win were junior Zach Barnes (3-for-4, 2 2B, R, 2 RBI), junior Nate Davis (2-for-3, 2 R, BB, 2 RBI), junior Nate Ortiz (1-for-4, R, 2 RBI) and senior Walker Johnson (3.0 IP, 6 H, 2 ER, BB).

**Softball:** The Northwood women were shut out by the Western Alamance Warriors, 11-0, in the first round of the Central 3A Conference Tournament. With the loss, the Chargers fell to 5-15 on the year.

**Tuesday, May 10**

**Soccer:** The Chatham Charter women shut out the Triangle Math & Science Tigers, 2-0, on the road. Scoring for the Knights in the win were sophomore Meredith Reese (1 goal) and sophomore Samantha Brito (1 goal).

**Softball:** The Chatham Central women throttled the North Moore Mustangs, 13-1, in the first round of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament. Leading the Bears in the win were sophomore Cassie McKeithan (2-for-4, HR, 2 R, 3 RBI), sophomore Katherine Gaines (1-for-3, 2B, R, 2 RBI), senior Gracie Gaines (2-for-3, BB, R, 2 RBI) and junior Mary Gaines (4.0 IP, H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K; 0-for-2, RBI).

**Softball:** The Jordan-Matthews women fell to the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 7-2, in the second round of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

**Lacrosse:** The No. 14 Northwood women downed the No. 19 Laney Buccaneers, 11-10, in double overtime in the first round of the NCHSAA playoffs for the Chargers' first women's lax postseason win in program history. Scoring for the Chargers in the win were junior Mia Collins (3 goals, including the game-winner), junior Grazi Costa (2 goals), sophomore Ella Boecke (2 goals), sophomore Ryan Tinervin (2 goals) and junior Sophia Cremeans (2 goals).

**Lacrosse:** The No. 18 Seaforth men lost to the No. 15 J.H. Rose Ramblers on the road, 15-6, in the first round of the NCHSAA 1A/2A/3A playoffs. It was the first playoff game in program history.

**Baseball:** The Chatham Charter men defeated the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 9-7, in the semifinals of the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Tournament. Leading the Knights in the win were sophomore Aidan Allred (2-for-4, 2B, 3B, R, 3 RBI), freshman Zach Cartrette (2-for-4, 2 2B, R, RBI), sophomore Lucas Smith (2-for-2, BB, 2 RBI) and senior Landon Hussey (5.1 IP, 7 H, 2 ER, BB, 6 K).

**Baseball:** The Northwood men thrashed the Williams Bulldogs, 12-2, in the semifinals of the Central 3A Conference Tournament. Leading the Chargers in the win were freshman Kaleb Howell (3-for-3, 2B, 3 R, 4 RBI),

senior Walker Johnson (3-for-3, 3 R, RBI), junior Luke Smith (2-for-3, 2B, RBI) and junior Nathan McWilliams (5.0 IP, 7 H, ER, 2 BB, 3 K).

**Wednesday, May 11**

**Track & Field:** The Jordan-Matthews Jets hosted their 'Last Chance' meet that featured 12 total schools, including Chatham Central and Chatham Charter. The Jets placed third in the men's scoring (66 points) and first in the women's scoring (93.5 points), while the Bears placed ninth in the men's scoring (27 points) and fifth in the women's scoring (57 points) and the Knights were 11th in the men's (10 points) and second in the women's (67 points). Placing in the top 3 of their respective men's events for Chatham schools were Jordan-Matthews junior Aiden Harrison (2nd, boys 800-meter run, 2:21.05), Jordan-Matthews sophomore Marvin Herrea (3rd, boys 800-meter run, 2:28.83), Chatham Charter junior Landon Rakes (2nd, boys 3,200-meter run, 13:41.75) and Chatham Central senior Malachi Moore (3rd, boys long jump, 19-08.25). Placing in the top 3 of their respective women's events for Chatham schools were Jordan-Matthews freshman Ariana Harris (2nd, girls 100-meter hurdles, 19:37; 2nd, girls 300-meter hurdles, 1:02.08), Jordan-Matthews senior Geneva Woolford (3rd, girls 100-meter hurdles, 19:53), Chatham Charter junior Tamaya Walden (1st, girls 100-meter dash, 12.49; 1st, girls 400-meter dash, 1:02.60; 2nd, girls 200-meter dash, 27.07), Jordan-Matthews senior Jasmine Basilio (3rd, girls 1,600-meter run, 6:47.78), Jordan-Matthews freshman Rachel Woods (2nd, girls 400-meter dash, 1:03.82; 2nd, girls long jump, 14-09.00), Chatham Charter senior Alexis Baldwin (1st, girls shot put, 34-07.00), Chatham Charter senior Brooke Garner (1st, girls triple jump, 31-11.75; 3rd, girls long jump, 14-04.00), Chatham Central junior Kailey Green (1st, girls high jump, 4-10.00), Chatham Charter sophomore Ariana Rivera-Roma (2nd, girls 3,200-meter run, 18:46.10), Jordan-Matthews junior Madelyn Eubanks (3rd, girls discus throw, 74-09), Chatham Central freshman Mattie Cavinness (3rd, girls shot put, 28-00.00) and Chatham Central senior Carleigh Gentry (3rd, girls triple jump, 29-02.00).

**Baseball:** The Seaforth men lost to the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 5-3, in the first round of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

**Soccer:** The Northwood women lost a narrow

game to the Orange Panthers, 3-2, on the road.

**Baseball:** The Chatham Central men eked out a close win over the Jordan-Matthews Jets, 5-4, in the first round of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament. Leading the Bears in the win were senior Collin Lagenor (2-for-4, R, 2 RBI), sophomore Joaquin Gordon (2-for-2, 2B, BB, R, RBI), junior Travis Crissman (1-for-4, 2 RBI) and freshman Zane Overman (5.0 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 3 BB, 5 K; 1-for-3).

**Thursday, May 12**

**Soccer:** The Chatham Charter women drew with the North Moore Mustangs, 2-2, at home to finish the regular season with a 5-6-2 overall record (4-4 in the Central Tar Heel 1A conference).

**Soccer:** The Jordan-Matthews women tied with the Carrboro Jaguars, 1-1, for their third draw of the season. The Jets are now 10-3-3 on the year.

**Soccer:** The Northwood women earned a lopsided win over the Seaforth Hawks, 8-1, to improve to 7-10 on the season.

Scoring for the Chargers were sophomore Sophia Northington (2 goals), junior Sarah Emrich (1 goal, 2 assists), junior Sydney Cox (1 goal, 1 assist), sophomore Ava Arias (1 goal, 1 assist), junior Brooklyn Pease (1 goal), sophomore Isabella Rogers (1 goal) and sophomore Sienna Gray (1 goal).

**Soccer:** The Woods Charter women crushed the Eno River Bobcats, 8-0, to stay unbeaten on the season at 14-0-2. Scoring for the Wolves in the win were sophomore Leyla Noronha (3 goals, 1 assist), junior Lucy Miller (2 goals, 1 assist), sophomore Chloe Haswell (1 goal), sophomore Caroline Mitchell (1 goal) and junior Megan Nowak (1 goal).

**Lacrosse:** The No. 14 Northwood women lost handily to the No. 3 Holly Springs Golden Hawks, 22-10, in the second round of the NCHSAA playoffs. Scoring for the Chargers in defeat were senior Kendall LaBerge (4 goals, 2 assists), junior Grazi Costa (2 goals), sophomore Ryan Tinervin (2 goals), junior Mia Collins (1 goal, 1 assist) and junior Sophia Cremeans (1 goal, 1 assist). Northwood finishes the year with a program-best 12-4 overall record.

**Lacrosse:** The No. 8 Northwood men fell to the No. 9 Williams Bulldogs, 12-10, in the second round of the NCHSAA 1A/2A/3A playoffs after losing a 3-goal lead late in the third quarter. The Chargers end the season with an 11-6 overall record.

**Baseball:** The Chatham Central men lost a close

one to the North Moore Mustangs, 4-2, in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Championship. Leading the Bears in the win were freshman Zane Overman (2-for-3), freshman Matthew Murchison (1-for-3, RBI), senior Nick Jourdan (0-for-4, RBI) and sophomore Wesley Clewis (6.0 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, BB, 5 K).

**Baseball:** The Northwood men lost in a close game to the Person Rockets, 5-2, in the Central 3A Conference Championship to fall to 17-10 on the season. Leading the Chargers on the night were junior Zach Barnes (3-for-5, 2B; 5.1 IP, 6 H, 2 ER, 4 BB, 3 K), freshman Kaleb Howell (2-for-4, R) and senior Mason Bae (2-for-4).

**Softball:** The Chatham Central women decimated the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 12-1, to claim the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Championship. Leading the Bears in the title-clinching win were junior Jaylee Williams (3-for-4, 3B, HR, 3 R, 4 RBI), junior Mary Gaines (5.0 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, BB, 2 K; 1-for-2, HR, BB, R, 3 RBI) and sophomore Shelby Holder (1-for-3, 2 RBI).

**Softball:** The Chatham Charter women routed the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 18-2, to claim the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championship. Leading the Knights in the title-clinching win were sophomore Delana Loflin (4-for-5, 2B, HR, 3 R, 5 RBI), junior Hailie Edmondson (3-for-5, HR, 2 R, 2 RBI; 5.0 IP, H, 2 ER, 3 BB, 8K) and junior Chelsie Hardister (3-for-3, 2B, R, RBI).

**Baseball:** The Chatham Charter men downed the Southern Wake Academy Lions, 13-5, to claim the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championship. Leading the Knights in the title-clinching win were freshman Zach Cartrette (3-for-5, 2 2B, R, 5 RBI; 4.2 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, 6 BB, 8 K), sophomore Aidan Allred (1-for-2, 2B, BB, 4 R) and freshman Luke Johnson (2.1 IP, H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 5 K; 1-for-4, RBI).

**Friday, May 13**

**Tennis:** Chatham Central's men's duo of senior Landon Hackney/sophomore Jacob Gilliland fell to Elkin's pairing of Luke McComb/Clay Sebastian (6-2, 6-4) in the first round of the NCHSAA 1A Doubles State Championships in Cary.

**Tennis:** Seaforth sophomore Walker Magrnat lost to Greene Central's William Drake (6-3, 6-4) in the first round of the NCHSAA Men's 2A Singles State Championships in Holly Springs.

**Saturday, May 14**

No events scheduled.

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WILLIAMS 12, NORTHWOOD 10

# Late-game scoring slump dooms Chargers in 'frustrating' upset loss vs. Bulldogs

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PITTSBORO — As time slowly trickled off the clock, every aspect of the game became magnified.

Each shot was a potential game-winner, each save a game-salvager.

Every turnover felt disastrous, while every missed opportunity was soul-crushing.

And, after nearly 10 minutes of scoreless lacrosse, Ryan Benevides found his moment, slicing a shot into the net to carry his Bulldogs into the third round.

For No. 8 Northwood, Benevides' goal with 4:43 left to play may not have marked the official end to the Chargers' season in their second-round NCHSAA 1A/2A/3A men's lacrosse playoff game against No. 9 Williams last Thursday night, but it sure felt like it.

"He's just a phenomenal player," Mike Kuczkowski, the Bulldogs' fifth-year head coach, said of Benevides after a jubilant post-game celebration. "We knew that they were going to lock down a couple of our players, so some of the other guys had to step up. And that's exactly what they did."

For most of the game, the Chargers locked down two of the Bulldogs' top scorers — senior Matthew White (averages 3 goals per game) and Benevides (2 G/G) — holding them to just two goals combined through three quarters.

But they weren't going to contain them forever.

A little over a minute after Benevides banged in the go-ahead score, he struck again on a fast break opportunity, firing off a shot in transition and getting it past junior goalie Tyler Armstrong in what felt like the blink of an eye.

If his initial fourth-quarter goal was the dagger, his second was a twist of the knife.

Northwood took its scoring drought into the locker room, finishing the final 17 minutes, 30 seconds of the game without putting the ball in the net.

After a thrilling two-goal defeat, the Chargers had been eliminated from the postseason, upset by their conference foe.

"Sometimes, it's just the way the ball bounces," Randy Cox, the Chargers' head coach, said following the loss. "They're a good team, we're a good team. They want it, we want it. They're fighting, we're fighting. And someone has to win and someone has to lose. The boys fought, they fought to the end, but it's just the way sports



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Williams sophomore Ryan Benevides (right) celebrates after scoring the go-ahead goal in the fourth quarter of the Bulldogs' 12-10 first-round playoff win over the Northwood Chargers last Thursday. Benevides was the only goal scorer for either team in the final frame.**

work."

Entering last Thursday's playoff game, the Chargers and Bulldogs were even in the season series, 1-1, with each team scoring 16 combined goals between the two matchups.

Northwood's win came on March 8, when the Chargers earned a 10-8 road victory, but a little less than a month later, they fell to the Bulldogs by way of an 8-6 slug-fest on April 1.

Each time these two teams get together, an easy win is out of the question.

Hence the Bulldogs' need for a come-from-behind miracle to advance to the next round.

"I think we're evenly matched from a player standpoint," Cox said when asked about the fierce, close games his team's had with Williams this season. "When you look at it across the board, I'd like to think our 10 on the field are better than their 10, but their 10 played pretty well (tonight), so it can go either way."

Both teams have a couple of attackers that statistically stand above the rest.

For the Chargers, it's juniors Taylor Laberge (4 goals per game) and Will Smith (3 G/G), while the Bulldogs have White, Benevides and, of course, senior Sam Haverstrom (4 G/G).

Haverstrom gave the Chargers fits all night long, tallying a game-high 5 goals, nearly all of which came when the Bulldogs were trailing. If they needed a pick-me-

up, Haverstrom was there to provide it.

"Sam's not only the captain," Kuczkowski explained, "he's the backbone of this (team)."

He scored the game's first goal just two minutes in, firing off a quick left-side shot that whizzed right by Chargers senior goalie Robbie Delgado and pounded the back of the net to give Williams a 1-0 lead.

He'd proceed to knock in both of the Bulldogs' first-quarter goals, keeping things even with the Chargers at 2-2 after they scored two goals in 58 seconds — one each from senior Pierce Cook and junior Jason Walden — to take hold of a 2-1 advantage.

Despite each squad's offensive starpower, the rubber match was nothing short of a defensive dogfight.

The effects were seen early on, when Laberge and Smith struggled to make any sort of goal-scoring impact in the first quarter, despite getting their fair share of opportunities.

However, the Bulldogs' defense having its sight set on the Chargers' top weapons gave way to some of Northwood's more unlikely heroes — like Cook and Walden — to provide the firepower.

Walden, who averaged around a goal per game this season, scored a team-high 3 goals in the playoff loss, tied with Laberge, as he benefitted as Northwood's third option. But in the second quarter,

Smith led the way in a scoring barrage that gave the Chargers their first multi-goal lead.

To start the period, Northwood sophomore attacker Carson Fortunes slowed the game's pace as he stood near midfield with the ball in his stick, surveying his options. The Bulldogs' defenders waited for nearly a minute before, out of the blue, junior Will Johnson burst across left-midfield, received a pass from Fortunes and bullishly forced his way toward the net, catapulting a shot past Williams goalie Tristan Gallovich for the first goal of the quarter to put the Chargers ahead, 3-2.

Smith scored the next two goals for Northwood, including one off of a man-up opportunity following two slashing penalties on White, then another where he miraculously got his own rebound after Gallovich blocked his shot, performed a quick spin move and scored from the right side of the net.

With mere seconds to go before halftime and the Chargers holding firm on a 3-goal lead, 6-3, Haverstrom scored to give the Bulldogs life with 14.1 seconds left, sending them into the break on a high note.

The third quarter was one of momentum shifts and blown leads.

Laberge, as part of his 3-goal third period, scored a commanding point off of the opening face-off just 21 seconds into the quarter, erasing the damage Haverstrom had done before the half and giving the Chargers both a 7-4 lead and the momentum.

But, in shocking fashion, Williams answered with three goals in 67 seconds — including one on an interception that led to an easy fast break — to tie the game at 7 apiece.

The quick shift in momentum didn't seem to faze the Chargers, however, with Laberge and Walden teaming up to score a pair of goals in just six seconds of game time, followed by a beautiful pick play by Walden that led to a wraparound goal by Laberge about 90 seconds later, giving Northwood a 10-7 lead with 5:30 to play in the third.

Then, the Chargers went dark.

For the rest of the game, Northwood wouldn't be able to find the net as they watched the Bulldogs' big three — Haverstrom, White and Benevides — score a combined four goals to put the Chargers away.

As became typical of the third period, Haverstrom, White and senior Aidan Walsh each put one in, evening the

game at 10-10 with 3:30 left in the third, just two minutes after Laberge's final point.

Next came the defense-heavy fourth quarter, concluding with Benevides' game-sealing goals and a plethora of missed shots by the Chargers.

"There were a couple of goals that we should have maybe stopped, we didn't, and a couple of goals we maybe should have scored, so I don't think (the loss) sits with one element of the game," Cox said. "I think we hit three or four pipes, where if we don't hit the pipe, it's a goal and that's a momentum shift. ... We had opportunities, it could have turned out different, but it didn't."

"It's frustrating as a coach," he continued. "I think the other coaches are equally as frustrated, I know the players are frustrated because they wanted to be on the other end of this so that we could play whoever's up next and take a run at a state championship, but it's the playoffs and everyone comes to play."

On the Chargers' side, this game is defined by the team's heartbreaking collapse as they blew three separate three-goal leads en route to a second-round elimination.

But the way Cox sees it, it's a learning opportunity.

With just four graduating seniors on the roster, Cox said he hopes that this loss — no matter how agonizing — is what his team needs to make them better, stronger lacrosse players next year.

"We've got a young squad, we've got a lot to look forward to," Cox said. "It's all part of growing and maturing. Those juniors that are leaders on the team, two of them are captains. They're going to feel this and carry it with them into next year. ... I'm so proud of our boys, they have nothing to hang their heads about. They should feel good about what they accomplished this year."

Northwood ends the season with an 11-6 record (9-3 in conference), good for second place in the Central/Mid-Carolina 1A/2A/3A conference.

Williams (11-8, 6-6 in conference) will face off against the No. 1 Orange Panthers (15-2, 11-0 in conference) on Tuesday in the third round of the 1A/2A/3A playoffs. (This game will be played after the News + Record's press deadline.)

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## BASEBALL

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gers' dugout.

"Because it's my batter, I'll say (it was a strike)," David Miller, the Chargers' head coach, said when asked about the controversial final call. "It was borderline low, but we can't put it in the umpires' hands."

"Four times (we had the bases loaded) in seven innings, four times, and

we scored two runs," Miller continued. "(We had) 10 hits and we scored two runs. It's definitely frustrating, but if we were guaranteed to win, then the wins wouldn't be nearly as sweet as they are."

Northwood ran into Person at perhaps the worst possible time.

For the first time this season, the Rockets were on a hot streak entering last Thursday's title game. They'd won six of their last nine games,

including a 4-0 shutout victory over the top-seeded Orange Panthers in the conference semifinals two days earlier.

"We had some tough times earlier this year, man, and we've been talking about being resilient," Boyette explained. "We've been putting good (at-bats) together. And when you do that, the results come. We're riding a hot streak right now."

Despite the Rockets' .500 record (12-13), they continued to find a way to knock off the Chargers.

Even during the worst stretch of the season for Person, where the team lost seven of nine games from March 18 to April 12, the only two games

the Rockets won were against the Chargers by scores of 4-3 (March 29) and 8-2 (April 1).

"I think their strengths match well with our weaknesses," Miller said. "Offensively, they swing so aggressively, but yet, they don't chase (pitches). It's unbelievable. We're sitting here just bumfuzzled by it. We're just so confused. How can they be that aggressive and not chase curveballs, not chase changeups? For three games this year, they've gotten in there and, offensively, they've just worn us out."

The Rockets' run in the conference tournament, including their upset win over the Chargers, was

necessary if they wanted a shot at making the postseason.

And when the NCHSAA released its final playoff brackets on Monday, the Rockets were officially in, slated to visit No. 10 Cape Fear (15-8) as the 3A East's No. 23 seed.

Northwood already had its spot effectively locked up prior to last Thursday's contest, aided by the team's seven-game winning streak before losing to Person.

To start their postseason run, the No. 19 Chargers will take a trip to Barco, where they'll face off against the No. 14 Currituck County Knights (16-8) on Tuesday evening (a game which

ended after the News + Record's press time).

Even with the loss to the Rockets, Miller said he's comfortable with the Chargers' present position, especially after seeing the fight from his players late in the conference title game.

"We're in good shape, we've got a good team," Miller said. "I'll take this (level of) competing. I would love a little bit better execution, I would love a big hit, but you can't control those things, though you can control how you compete."

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## Household Hazardous Waste Events 2022

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

28 County Services Road  
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## CHARGERS

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the skillful Kunza in the opposing net.

"We would have scored 10 more goals on most other teams," Fritsche said.

Chargers goalie Silcov Hopp was no slouch either. The freshman weathered 23 shots on goal including a pair of huge game-saving grabs off close-distance shots in the first overtime period.

"She's just been great, putting in the extra effort. ... Tonight she just made program history," Fritsche

said. "This is when people rise above and beyond."

Northwood sophomore attacker Ryan Tinervin, sophomore defender Ella Boecke and junior midfielder Sophia Cremeans each scored two goals for the Chargers.

"We have a wide range of attackers, and on defense. We're not just like one or two superstars. We spread it out," Fritsche said.

Tinervin made a nifty play sucking the Buccaneers goalie out of the net, then rocketing the ball in for a score to bring the Chargers to within 3-2 with 10 minutes remaining in the first half. Costa narrowed the score to 5-4

when she ran full bore towards the net and unleashed a tremendous shot from her left side at 4:53 of the first half.

Boecke found her groove in the second half on two similar plays, barreling forward towards the net, putting on a little move to gain space, and firing her shots past the goalie.

Cremeans scored the last two goals in regulation, circling from behind the net at 5:37, then rifling in the tie with 57 seconds remaining.

"Sophie's tie got our momentum up a lot," Collins said. "We worked so hard for this and we were not going to throw it all away."

# Conquering the Conference



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Chatham Charter junior Haillie Edmondson makes contact with the ball in the Knights' 18-2 win over Clover Garden last Thursday.**



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Last Thursday, the Chatham Charter Knights claimed the Central Tar Heel 1A conference's softball and baseball titles just a couple of hours apart. The softball team won a no-doubter against the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 18-2, in just five innings, while the baseball team scored four runs in the seventh inning to secure the 13-5 victory over the Southern Wake Lions. Here, Chatham Charter senior Taylor Jones (8) hoists the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championship trophy after dominating the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 18-2, in the title game last Thursday.**



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Chatham Charter freshman Zach Cartrette (6) hurls a pitch toward a Southern Wake batter in the Knights' 13-5 win over the Lions to claim the Central Tar Heel 1A conference title. Cartrette struck out 8 batters in 4.2 innings.**



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**Teammates surround Chatham Charter junior Haillie Edmondson in celebration after she hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning of the Knights' 18-2 shellacking of the Clover Garden Grizzlies last Thursday. With the win, the Knights secured the Central Tar Heel 1A conference title.**



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Chatham Charter freshman Hunter Murphy celebrates a hit as he books it to first base in the Knights' 13-5 win over the Southern Wake Academy Lions last Thursday.**

## TENNIS

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ing. He's like, "Why are you crying?" and I said, "Because I'm so proud of these guys."

By nearly all accounts, the Bears weren't supposed to make it this far. Hence the "Little Engine" moniker.

To start the season, Chatham Central won just two of its first eight matches, suffering a pair of blowout losses to Seaforth, each time losing 7-2, and another to Uwharrie Charter, 9-0.

It was a rocky start, with the team's eventual No. 1, Jacob Gilliland, being the lone returner that doubled as a member of last year's top six. Everyone else was fresh to the lineup.

But as time passed, each player found his respective role, worked on his underlying weaknesses and evolved into a formidable tennis player.

"They matured a lot, from being these goofy boys the first few days to really taking it seriously," Brooks said. "And they want it. They just want to win now."

"They were intimidated because they lost all of those seniors (that were ahead of them)," Wendy Phillips, the team's assistant coach, chimed in. "So they didn't have confidence because they knew they were a very different team, but now they believe in themselves."

Perhaps nobody showed as drastic of a jump as Landon Hackney, a strong senior that hovered around the team's No. 8 spot last season but, after the loss of a few seniors during the offseason, he jumped into the No. 2 slot this year and has flourished.

Entering Monday's third-round matchup, Hackney possessed a 10-1 overall record, including a 9-1 stint as the team's No. 2 (and 1-0 at No. 1).

Hackney credits his evolution to his friend and former teammate, Jayden Gilliland — the brother of Jacob — who was one of the Bears' top players during his four-year career until he graduated last spring.

"It's a lot of work, I practiced a lot," Hackney said. "It's hard to find lessons down in Chatham

County, but my friend over there [Jayden], he's been helping me out a lot. He was the No. 1 the last four years, so he deserves a lot of credit for my success this year."

The Bears' coaching staff has heralded Hackney as the team's de facto leader with him being one of just two seniors on the team, along with No. 4 Thomas Scott.

His passion for the game showed itself in the form of frustration on Monday, where he dropped his No. 2 singles match to the Grizzlies' Will Oldham by a 6-7 (5-7), 4-6 score.

Oldham — a lengthy, athletic junior — made things tough for Hackney using his ability to put backspin on the ball during his returns.

"I tend to struggle to hit backspin and slices and that hurt me a lot today," Hackney said when asked about his singles match. "It just wasn't a great match (for me) in general, not taking anything away from him. I think he played amazing. ... I was just not happy with the result."

Oldham's win acted as the second of two singles victories for the Grizzlies, the first of which came in a come-from-behind thriller by No. 4 senior Parker Whitt, who downed Scott, 0-6, 6-4 (10-6).

After losing his first set, Whitt locked in to win the second and force a tiebreaker — something Scott is all too familiar with, having gone 0-6 on tiebreakers this season prior to Monday.

Scott came out of the mandatory 10-minute break on fire, hopping out to a 5-3 point advantage, but just as he did in the second set, Whitt stormed back to win 7 of the next 8 points to earn the match victory.

Jacob Gilliland was the first Bear to emerge victorious in singles, earning a dominant win over Clover Garden's No. 1, Blake Foley — who went 2-10 in regular-season No. 1 matches — by a 6-0, 6-2 score.

He was as nonchalant as could be when asked about both his singles and doubles matches in which his opponents won just four games combined against him.

"I really just placed it where I wanted it, mov-

ing (Foley) around the court," Jacob Gilliland said. "I missed some of my serves (in doubles), but then we started hitting better shots, better volleys."

Following Jacob Gilliland's lead was sophomore Charlie Thomas, who downed senior Brock Foley in the No. 5 slot, 6-4, 6-1.

With wins for the Bears at No. 1 and No. 5, along with losses at No. 2 and No. 4, the overall match was in a 2-2 deadlock with just two singles matches left to play.

Both of them came down to the wire, with Bears' No. 6 Jonny Martin outlasting a relentless fellow freshman in John Nall (6-4, 6-4) and No. 3 sophomore Seth Gilliland defeating junior Ayden Taylor (4-6, 7-5, (10-5)) in an endurance match for the ages.

Seth Gilliland's comeback was one of the most pivotal matches of the day, Brooks said.

After losing a heartbreaker in the first set, he took a 3-0 lead to start the second as he finally got himself in a groove. But as quickly as his lead materialized, it rapidly faded as Taylor won four straight games to take a 4-3 lead.

It was a back-and-forth battle, but Seth Gilliland prevailed — thanks to his ability to simply wear his opponents out — forcing the match tiebreaker, which he won, 10-5.

"Coming back in that tiebreaker, that was pivotal because that gave us our fourth win in singles and that was much-needed," Brooks said. "That took the pressure off."

"As a team, I don't think that (making it to the fourth round) was the expectation, but once we got into the year a little bit, here lately, we've beaten some people and everybody's gotten a whole lot better," Hackney added, "especially Seth (Gilliland) and Jonny (Martin). They've made just as much progress as I have, even if my results may look a little better. They've improved just as much as I have, if not more."

Seth Gilliland's victory gave the Bears a 4-2 match advantage after singles, meaning they needed just one doubles victory to seal the win and pull off the upset.

Instead, they got two of them.

Hackney got his revenge alongside Jacob Gilliland against the duo of Oldham/Blake Foley with an impressive 8-2 thumping that propelled the Bears into the next round.

"I made up for (the singles loss) in doubles, I think," Hackney said. "I got broken one time, but we still got the match in a good way."

The Chatham Central pairing of Thomas/Mar-

tin also won its doubles match against Brock Foley/Nall — after nearly losing an early 4-1 game lead — by a 9-7 score.

By the end, the Bears headed back to Bear Creek with a 6-3 victory and relief-filled smiles on their faces.

Even though they'll have to gear up for another road trip to Durham on Wednesday, Brooks said they're just thrilled to see another day.

"I was honestly just

happy with winning in the first round ... then we beat North Moore last week in a rain delay and I don't even remember how many tiebreakers, but we had tiebreakers galore," Brooks said. "These boys have come and they are ready. And they're making school history."

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## Chatham COA Events & Announcements

May 16th through May 20th

### Monday, May 16

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom) 🧘📶
- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at WCSC) 🧘
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧘📶
- [Geri-Fit w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧘
- [Caregiver Support Group](#) at 6:00 PM (Chatham Community Library) 🧘

### Tuesday, May 17

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Walking at CCCC with COA](#) at 12:30 PM (Meet at ECSC Parking Lot) 🧘

### Wednesday, May 18

- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom) 🧘
- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at WCSC) 🧘

### Thursday, May 19

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Geri-Fit w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧘

### Friday, May 20

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at WCSC) 🧘
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧘📶
- [Friday Night Dance](#) at 7:00 PM (at WCSC) 💰

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

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# Chatham Education Foundation's 'Books on Break' program brings joy to students

More than 14,000 free books given to K-8 students across the county

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
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SILER CITY — Harley Gaddis is shopping for new books, but don't let the Silk Hope kindergartener's sparkly pink unicorn shirt fool you: She's picking out books about sharks, spooky stories and animal facts.

And she's excited to bring the new books home to show her mom.

"I get to keep these books forever," Gaddis said. "My mom used to read to me, but now I can do it all by myself."

Gaddis is one of many students participating in the Chatham Education Foundation's "Books on Break" program. The program provides free, new books to students throughout the county with the aim of building at-home libraries for some of the area's most economically disadvantaged schools.

The five participating schools in CEF's most recent distribution included Silk Hope School, Virginia Cross Elementary, Pittsboro Elementary, Bonlee Elementary and Siler City Elementary. The program spanned almost the entire school day with each class rotating in and out to select their books in 20-minute intervals.

Books on Break made its rounds to the five schools over the course of 12 days. The event itself usually takes two days — one for setup and one for the actual book shopping. Leftover books from the event are kept at the CEF office to be used again next year.

The program is designed to help prevent the "summer slide." According to Scholastic, the summer slide is a regression in academic proficiency due to summer break. To prevent the slide, Kindergarten through 2nd grade students chose five books to take home, 3rd through 5th grade chose four books and 6th through 8th grade chose three books.

The teachers also get five books for their classrooms.

Dana Teague is a 2nd grade teacher at Silk Hope School. She said the program has a twofold benefit because it's helpful to her and a lot of fun



Staff photo by Ben Rappaport

Kindergarten students at Silk Hope School in Siler City pick out new books as part of Chatham Education Foundation's Books on Break program. The event reaches more than 2,000 students at five schools across the county.

for her students. "They absolutely love it," Teague said. "I get to tell these kids the books are free to them because they have a community that loves them and values education."

Teague said she appreciates seeing the students enjoying reading and exchanging books with their peers.

This is CEF's sixth year for Books on Break, and Executive Director Jaime Detzi said the program has gotten better each year.

"It's important for these kids to have easy access to books at home," Detzi said. "This was a tough year because we've expanded, but so far it's been going well."

Over those six years, the program has expanded from just two schools in its first year to five this year. The program is funded by a variety of grants and sponsors including BOLD Companies, Allen Tate Realtors, Central Electric and Duke Energy.

Sarah Linkhorn, CEF's marketing manager, said a variety of stakeholders are involved in the program including grant funders, business sponsors and individual volunteers.

"It takes a village of community members to bring this program to life," Linkhorn said. "Between our book sorts, deliv-



Staff photo by Ben Rappaport

A display of new books available for students to select at the Silk Hope School Books on Break event by Chatham Education Foundation.

eries, setup days and event days, we have gratefully had a total of almost 90 volunteers and three staff members who have made this program a success."

Mary Kolek, CEF's board chairperson, said in her five years on the board she's seen this program grow firsthand. Giving books to kids has priceless value in supporting local public schools.

"It's so important to show the kids and the teachers that somebody is advocating for them," Kolek said. "When you

see them get that excited over a book like that, it just keeps you going."

As each class enters the Silk Hope School library, now piled high with new books, Detzi gives a short speech to the elementary schoolers, telling the kids if they read 15 minutes every day, they can read more than 2 million words per year. Gaddis and her peers in Kim Fuquay's kindergarten and 1st grade class are astonished by such a large figure. "Woah, my brother can't

even count that high," one student of Gaddis' classmates said.

Angie Brady-Andrew, the principal at Silk Hope School, said the program is important for the kids' development.

"This is amazing," Brady-Andrew said. "Kids get to take ownership, and pick their own books and find something that interests them. Look how excited they are."

This is Silk Hope's second year participating in Books on Break. Brady-Andrew said she hopes the school keeps engaging with the program because she believes it gives autonomy to the students to take ownership over their literacy and education.

Each table in the library is marked by grade to inform the students which books they can choose from. The books range in difficulty from "Click Clack Moo Cows That Type" to a compilation of poems by Edgar Allan Poe.

Some of the students with higher reading skills drift toward the chapter books, while others are simply drawn to the bright colors on the cover. James Witkowski has a different strategy — he picks up a book, flips to a random page and decides if he can read it. He said he's been on the hunt for a basketball book.

"I want it to have a basketball and end with a W in the title because that's my last name," Witkowski said.

Unfortunately, he couldn't find exactly what he was looking for, but there were plenty of basketball books for Witkowski to choose from.

After he and his classmates picked their five books, they put them in a tote bag — along with a bookmark reminding them to read 15 minutes every day. As they waited for the rest of the class to finish shopping, some students gathered on the floor of the library and began reading their new books together.

"I love this, I can't get over it," Detzi said as she looked at the kids reading. "I mean this is what it's all about."

This year's Books on Break program distributed more than 14,000 books to 2,200 students throughout the county. For more information about the program, visit [chathameducationfoundation.org](http://chathameducationfoundation.org)

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## CHURCH NEWS

### BUCKHORN U.M.C.

Buckhorn United Methodist Church will host their spring revival May 11 through 13, each evening at 7 p.m. There will be a

special guest speaker each night. Wednesday: Claire Cox-Woodlief, Director N.C. Academy for Spiritual Formation; Thursday, Rev. David Joyner, Senior Pastor,

First U.M.C. Rocky Mount; and Friday, Rev. Clay Parker, Pastor of Elevation U.M.C. and Capital District Youth Coordinator. Special musicians and music

are scheduled for each service. Join in any or all of these services. The church is located at 2438 N.C. Hwy. 42, Mon-

cure. **HICKORY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH** There will be a Chicken Plate Benefit and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hickory Mountain

Baptist Church. Tickets for grilled chicken plates with slaw, baked beans, chips, roll and dessert are available for \$10 each. The church is located at 1094 Mt. Vernon-Hickory Mountain Rd., Siler City.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Casey Rayfield at 423-794-8250 or Amber Crofts at 919-451-4300.

### PLAINFIELD FRIENDS CHURCH

Memorial services are scheduled at Plainfield Friends Church on Sunday, May 15, at 11 a.m.

A carry-in meal will follow that service.

The church is located at 1956 Plainfield Church Road, Siler City.

### LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

A free archery camp and unique Vacation Bible School is planned for ages 3 to 18, June 6 through June 9 at Loves Creek Baptist Church. The archery camp is for ages 8 through 18, with age appropriate games for ages 3 to 7. There will be snacks, a Bible lesson, and games each night. On Thursday evening, there will be an archery tournament for the children, their parents, grandparents, and friends.

The church is located at 1745 East 11th Street, Siler City.

# CHATHAM IS BOLD!



# Three Northwood students selected to attend N.C. Governor's School this summer

Juniors Ana Barton, Sophia Roberts and Samantha Thurber selected for prestigious experience

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
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PITTSBORO — Three students from Northwood High School have been selected to attend the prestigious N.C. Governor's School this summer at Meredith College and Winston-Salem State University.

Ana Barton will be attending for natural sciences; Sophia Roberts and Samantha Thurber will both attend for visual arts.

Barton will attend Governor's School East at Meredith, while Roberts and Thurber will attend Governor's School West at Winston-Salem State.

Governor's School takes place from June 16 to July 16. Schools from across the state nominated more than 1,700 high school students for the program, but only 820 were selected. Students had to submit three written essays and receive teacher recommendations in December. Roberts and Thurber also had to submit a video of their art portfolios in January.

Those who were chosen received the news at the end of March. The three 17-year-old Northwood juniors were called into the office to receive the news.

"It was this scary moment where they put us in different rooms," Roberts said. "Then we all found out and gave each other big hugs."

"The school district is really proud," said Nancy Wykle, public information officer for Chatham County Schools. "It's amazing and exciting to see what our students are doing



Staff photo by Ben Rappaport

**Northwood High School juniors Ana Barton (left), Sophia Roberts (center) and Samantha Thurber (right) were selected to attend N.C. Governor's School this summer.**

and how they do it."

Founded in 1963, N.C. Governor's School is the nation's oldest statewide residential summer program for gifted high school students. Held at two North Carolina college campuses over a course of weeks, the program empowers select rising seniors to explore their academic and artistic interests and learn for the sake of learning, without worrying about grades or test scores — something the students from Northwood are particularly pleased about.

"I'm excited because if I want to pursue art this is my chance to test it out," Roberts said. "I just want to explore new art beyond what I typically have in school every semester."

"You don't have to think

about how anybody else is going to perceive your work except for you," Barton said. "There's no judgment, and I can freely explore the topic as much or as little as I want to."

Roberts said Governor's School presents a rare chance to test out her interests in a judgment-free environment. For others, like Barton, it's a way to dig deep on her passion for neuroscience and not be distracted by other disciplines.

"I've been wanting to go to Governor's School since freshman year," Barton said. "I'm so excited to surround myself with people who love science as much as I do."

Her passion for science extends beyond the classroom. Barton started her own science blog to encourage more women to engage with the scientific

process. She said getting accepted into Governor's School for science is a culmination of her academic and extracurricular efforts.

Governor's School offers five academic disciplines — English, world languages, mathematics, natural science and social science — as well as five performing and visual arts disciplines, including art, choral music, instrumental music, dance and theater.

According to the N.C. Governor's School Nomination packet, school systems, charter schools, federal schools, special schools or non-public schools may only nominate a limited number of students to attend based on their total 10th- and 11th-grade populations. Per the packet's nomination chart, Chatham County Schools — with a population of more than 1,400 10th and 11th graders — could nominate up to eight students for academic disciplines, two for world languages and 16 for performing and visual arts.

Because the program is grade-free and in the middle of summer, it offers students a unique taste of the college experience while providing opportunities to meet like-minded people in their designated discipline.

"I'm excited to socialize," Thurber said. "Through art, I can find ways to grow with people and personally."

Thurber said everyone there will be on a level playing field both academically and socially. None of the participants in Governor's School have previously attended, so she believes it will be a good way to get away from some of the

cliques that often plague high school life.

While most of the students' time is spent in their chosen discipline, there are also options for afternoon and evening hours to complement the work done in classes. This includes guest speakers, elective courses and social activities.

Barton, Roberts and Thurber each said they're looking forward to their unique summer experiences, but there are some things they will be missing out on. As juniors in high school, this is their last summer with friends before they go off to college. Likewise, the timeframe of Governor's School prevents them from taking on a summer job.

"Missing out on those things is hard, but I think it'll be worth it," Thurber said. "We'll be having these cool new experiences with people who will be similar to me."

Roberts added this period of exploration can teach them more about what they want to do in college and beyond, much more than a summer with friends could.

"Once I got in, I started talking to people who had been before me," Roberts said. "My friend's mom, who went in the 90s, said it was literally the best summer of her life."

The three Northwood students — who were honored at Monday's Chatham County Board of Education meeting — are hoping their time at Governor's School lives up to those expectations.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Pittsboro Street Fair returns this fall

PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Street Fair will return to downtown Pittsboro on Oct. 29, with the Rotary Club of Pittsboro now leading the event.

"The Street Fair has been an important community event for many years, and we are so grateful to the town of Pittsboro for entrusting Rotary to continue this fall tradition," said Pittsboro Club President Katie Walker. "This will also be our largest annual fundraiser, enabling Rotary to invest more in Chatham County through service projects and scholarships, which is the core of our mission as Rotarians."

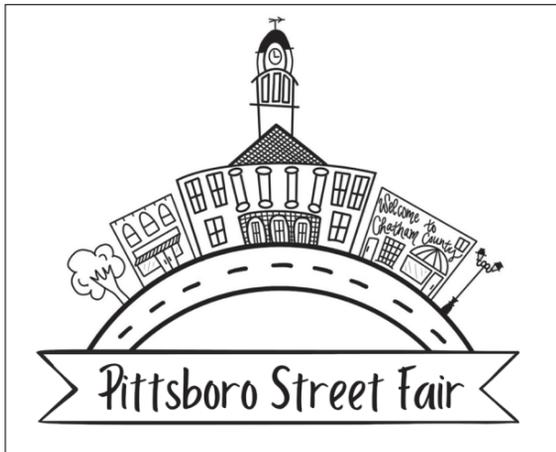
The Pittsboro Street Fair is seeking event sponsors and vendors — artisans, nonprofits, and local businesses, including food and beverage. For more information on becoming a vendor, email [pborotarystreetfair@gmail.com](mailto:pborotarystreetfair@gmail.com) or visit the Rotary Club of Pittsboro's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rotarypb](https://www.facebook.com/rotarypb).

The Rotary Club of Pittsboro's membership has grown more than 40% since 2021, and meets each Wednesday at noon at Postal Fish Company in Pittsboro. To learn more about Rotary, attend a Wednesday meeting or visit the Club's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rotarypb](https://www.facebook.com/rotarypb).

### Musician to rock for animals in Ukraine

PITTSBORO — American rocker Dex Romweber will play a benefit for animals in Ukraine on June 4 at the Plant in the Chatham Beverage District in Pittsboro.

There is no cover charge, and folks will be able to make cash donations which will benefit



Happy Paw in Ukraine and The International Fund of Animal Welfare. Both organizations are on the ground in Ukraine helping animals and people.

The IFAW is working with local partners to get supplies to wildlife

sanctuaries and animal shelters in Ukraine, as well as groups supporting refugees in surrounding countries. Happy Paw is helping shelters in Ukraine. They've shared compelling photos and stories of food deliveries and successful evacu-

ations on its Facebook page.

Romweber is teaming up with Team GOA ([www.guardiansofangles.org](http://www.guardiansofangles.org)), an animal advocacy organization in Chatham County, in an effort to help the animals. Some GOA members were part of the Guardians of Angel's Humane Society, which led a 10-year campaign to build a new animal adoption center which is now up and running.

This past year, Chatham County opened its \$5.5 million Animal Resource Center. Now with a staff of 13 employees, Chatham County spends \$1.2 million a year on staff and operations. Many counties in N.C. operate with much less.

"We thought we were

done, but it soon became obvious that much more needs to be done by Chatham County," GOA team member Angie Vernon said. "We need much more proactive leadership at the Animal Resource Center; ongoing adoption events, a core of shelter volunteers, a partnership with a national humane organization and stronger

enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws."

Romweber has performed as part of The Flat Duo Jets, The Dex Romweber Duo and as a solo artist, releasing a number of albums. He's also appeared on the David Letterman Show.

The event begins at 4 p.m., with a rain date of June 11.

—CN+R staff reports

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# Highlights from Saturday's Spring Chicken Festival



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A line forms in front of the Ferris wheel at the Spring Chicken Festival on Saturday.

Deborah Matthews organizes baked goods at a vendor's tent at Saturday's event.



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Jordyn Thie (right) dances with her daughter Lorelai, 3, during the Spring Chicken Festival in downtown Siler City. Last Saturday saw hundreds of people gather for a day of food and festivities.



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Breanna Burlington, 8, and Kayla McCyline enjoy a ride at the Spring Chicken Festival Saturday in Siler City.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On April 27, Tommy Shain Guthrie, 45, of 1124 Van Thomas Rd., Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Tyler Welch for failure to appear. He was issued a written promise to appear in Surry County District Court in Dobson on June 13.

On April 27, David Michael Gerald, 39, of 3803 Lupton Circle, Raleigh, was arrested by Deputy Daniel Ortega for communicating threats. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on May 10.

On April 28, Tony Elisha Sanders, 28, of 505 East Alston Rd., Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for simple assault. He was issued a \$750 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 11.

On April 28, Anthony Lamont Sanders, 57, of 505 East Alston Rd., Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for simple assault. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 11.

On April 28, Roy Michael Brooks, 63, of 7685 Old U.S. Hwy. 1, New Hill, was arrested by Deputy Tyler Clark for false imprisonment, assault by pointing a

gun and simple assault. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 4.

On April 29, Alice Nicole DelVecchio, 21, of 100 Spring Meadow, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Staff Sergeant Anthony Norton for injury to personal property. She was issued written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 6.

On April 29, Jhadius Letrell Tyrese Person, 23, of 401 East 4th St., Siler City, was arrested by Staff Sergeant Anthony Norton for habitual felon, breaking and entering, larceny after breaking/entering and possession of stolen goods/property. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court on May 9.

On April 30, Brandon Dean Beal, 26, of 5455 Bonlee Carbonton Rd., Goldston, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for breaking and entering, larceny after breaking/entering, injury to personal property and misdemeanor larceny. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 9.

On April 30, Matthew Steven Skowronski, 28, of 3010 Moneta Way, Durham, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for driving while impaired, reckless driving to endanger and possession

of an open container(s) of alcohol in the passenger area of vehicle. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 2.

On April 30, Cassidy Dawn Lowe, 29, of 1011 Graham Pond Rd., Angier, was arrested by Corporal Robert Pelkey for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She was issued a written promise to appear in Johnston County District Court in Smithfield on May 24.

On May 1, Larry Ray Maness, 50, of 15 Big Horn Dr., Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for failure to appear. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on May 9.

On May 1, Jeremy Michael Thompson, 42, of 4170 Chatham St., Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to appear. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on May 9.

On May 1, Kasen Pierce Chitwood, 18, of 3915 South New Hope Rd., Gastonia, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for failure to appear regarding charges of possession of marijuana up to 0.5 ounces. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Gaston County District Court in Gastonia on

May 17.

On May 2, Gavin King Nall, 38, of 6057 Pittsboro Goldston Rd., Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for simple assault, assault on a female and interfering with emergency communications. He was issued a \$500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 11th.

On May 3, David Brian Kidd, 40, of 27 Lane St., Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a female and 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 May 11.

On May 3, Lysandore Moye, 46, of 2123 Whythe St., Greensboro, was arrested by Cpl. Michael Cox for failure to appear. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Guilford County District Court in Greensboro on May 27.

On May 4, Larry Joe Myers, 50, of 140 Doc Gaines Rd., Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Percy Grady for possession of a firearm by a felon. He was issued a \$10,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 9.

## Pittsboro commissioners hold second public hearing for 2022-23 budget

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Commissioners and town staff discussed adjustments to Pittsboro's 2022-23 budget during the town board's regular meeting on Monday evening at the Chatham County Agricultural and Conference center.

The board held the second public hearing on town's proposed 2022-23, with town manager Chris Kennedy presenting adjustments to the budget proposal. The first public hear-

ing took place during April 25 meeting.

"You'll notice that the governing board's budget has gone up (in percentage of the overall funds) to 3%," Kennedy told the board Monday, "and sanitation (department budget) has gone down from 7% to 6%."

Kennedy said the reason behind the governing board percentage increase was to account for an increase in salaries for the Pittsboro Police Department and moving the costs for special event security to the town.

"We know that the board will

be likely to want to sponsor some of these events," Kennedy said. "So we've moved some of that money to your (the board's) budget so that either someone would pay those directly and that would be your revenue in ... or if you would like to sponsor an event, you would have a budget at your disposal to sponsor such events."

The proposed tax rate will increase from 0.4333 per \$100 of valuation to 0.44 per \$100 of valuation, which will give the town more than \$52,000 in extra revenue. This is the first increase in Pittsboro's tax rate

since the 2015 fiscal year.

The budget also proposes a 15% increase to water and sewerage rates for town customers due to "cash withdrawals for the Fast-Track GAC (granular activated carbon) Project" at the Pittsboro water treatment facility.

The amended proposed budget also includes an increase in operating costs for the town's water treatment facility and a decrease in town administrative expense.

"This (the decrease) is simply a result of some of the

reductions that we have in the employee expenses in the administrative side," he said. "It's still largely unchanged from what you saw (before), despite some adjustments."

Commissioners will work to adopt the 2022-23 budget on May 23. Kennedy said members of the public can contact town staff if they have concerns with the proposed budget before it is considered later this month.

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15 Glaringly sensational  
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21 Riga's land  
22 "Nadja" title role player  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Fuzz-covered  
26 Royal Middleton  
27 Inflated head  
28 Glimpse  
29 Urge (on)  
31 It may contain coffee  
32 — -cone (icy treat)  
33 More of the riddle  
38 Chess pieces, e.g.  
39 Seating tier  
40 Officer led by Capt. Kirk  
41 Equilibrium  
45 Urge on  
49 Novelist — Stanley Gardner  
51 More of the riddle  
57 Pipe bend  
58 Prefix with byte

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60 Hi-tech special FX  
61 — -rock (music genre)  
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65 Jockeys' garb  
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101 Stephen of "Ondine"  
104 Hypothetical cases  
105 End of the riddle  
110 Cloaked  
113 Inferior mag  
114 Tiki bar necklace  
115 Ending for pay or plug  
116 Response to "Are you?"  
117 Roseanne of "Roseanne"  
118 — "Gold" (1997 Peter Fonda film)  
120 Riddle's answer  
125 Pasta variety  
126 — Alex (2005 Belmont Stakes winner)  
127 Pupil-dilating alkaloid  
128 Comic Johnson and Angels owner Moreno  
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13 It may contain coffee  
14 Most wise  
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17 Undertow  
18 Alongside each other  
19 "Tell it to My Heart" singer Taylor  
24 Chanel of perfumery  
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43 "The Practice" co-star — Flynn Boyle

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46 Dirt-digging journalist  
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53 "Dream on!"  
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55 Et — (and others)  
56 Unyielding  
64 Muscle power  
66 Like plunging necklines  
67 Rival of Coke  
68 Lipitor and Zocor, e.g.  
70 "Jiminy!"  
71 Luau dance  
72 Jabba the —  
73 Filmmaker Nicolas  
74 Salesperson in a car lot  
75 Deputy ruler  
78 Anti-DUI gp.  
79 Tennis great Arthur  
80 Look of lust  
83 Mensa stats  
85 D.C. VIP  
86 Slowpoke  
90 Jacques of French film

91 Delhi dress  
92 Beer on "The Simpsons"  
94 Test, as tea  
98 Triple-time dances, in Paris  
99 Ending for Siam or Milan  
100 Big Japanese dogs  
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103 Yoga poses  
105 Big-band drummer Gene  
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124 "Splash" co-star Hanks

Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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| Arctic fox  | Pandas     | Reindeer    | Snowy owl |
| Arctic hare | Penguins   | Ski resorts | Yaks      |
| Eskimos     | Polar bear | Skiers      |           |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
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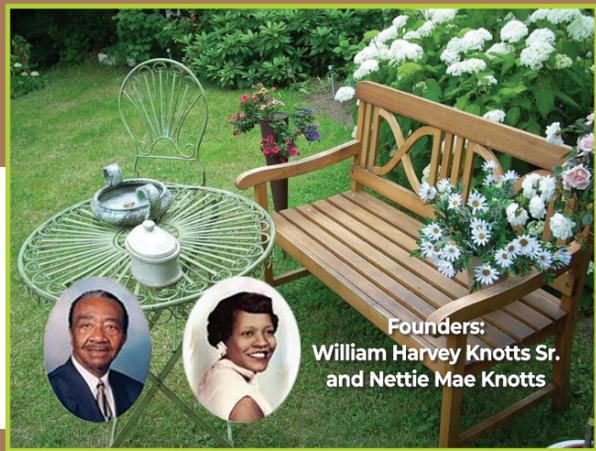
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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## Creamy, saucy, and scrumptious

A school on a military base is almost always an above-average school.

When we lived in Puerto Rico, the on-base school was the finest school in the area. It was also one of the few schools in the area that was held entirely in English.

It accepted paying students whose family had no connection to the military.

So, we had military kids, Puerto Rican children, and other kids from around the world whose families happened to be living in the area.

The end result was there were all kinds of international cultures represented in the classroom — and even more exciting to me, in the lunchroom.

We were exposed to many different cuisines, and also the many different variations of the ways in which kids eat the same kind of food.

For a while, there was a pair of Dutch twins. They were blond, sweet, and very quiet and unassuming.

Except for when we had fries.

The first few times, the girl would head into the kitchen and request — nay demand — mayonnaise for them.

I love fried foods and mayo. So, of course, I was

intrigued.



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews  
Fridge sauce ingredients take many forms — and often end up delicious.

I tried it. The next time the sisters went into the kitchen for the mayo, I went right along with them.

After a while, the Hellmann's was set out right next to the ketchup.

Of course, at the time I had no inkling that the American penchant for ketchup was actually the odd choice — for most of the French fry eating world, mayonnaise is the sauce de rigueur.

But, ever since then, mayo is my first choice (except when I was pregnant, then it was oceans of ketchup — go figure).

Turns out, I'm a girl who is a big fan of dipping sauces. The other night I had broccoli tots

and made a delicious dipping sauce from items straight out of my fridge. It was lemon horseradish mayo, and terrific on the crispy tots.

Then Darby, my girlfriend from work, told me about a sauce she whipped together to add something cool and creamy to some African patties that are similar to falafel but spicy.

And The Kid makes a sauce that's used on salad and as a sandwich spread.

So, it got me thinking about all the wonderful sauces that can be created straight out of the fridge that adds your own spin to a burger, chicken, fry, or tot.

If you, Gentle Reader have an original take on a

quick fridge sauce, please let me know. As those Dutch girls learned, I'm always up for something to dip my eats in.

Thanks for your time. Contact me at dm@bullcity.mom.

What follows are many different sauces, but the procedure is the same: dump all ingredients into a bowl then whisk until blended.

You can also sub in Greek yogurt for the sour cream, and use low fat or vegan mayo.

And importantly, please season with salt and pepper, taste, and re-season if necessary. You should taste the salt, but it shouldn't be salty.

And don't forget: acidic ingredients always need more salt.

**Giddy-Up Sauce**  
1/2 cup mayonnaise or to taste  
juice from 1/2 lemon salt & pepper  
1 teaspoon horseradish,

**Darby's Cooling Cream**  
1/2 cup sour cream 2 teaspoons chopped  
2 teaspoons cilantro fresh mint  
from the tube or 1 salt & pepper  
tablespoon minced fresh

**The Kid's Spud Dressing**  
1/2 cup mayonnaise blend with mace and  
2 tablespoons lemon sesame seeds — can  
juice be found in many  
1 tablespoon olive oil grocers or online)  
2 big pinches za'atar salt & pepper  
(Middle Eastern herb)

**Blueberry Barbecue Dip**  
1/2 cup of your fave shot of hot sauce or  
BBQ sauce 1/4 minced chipotle  
2 tablespoons pepper  
blueberry jam or salt & pepper  
preserves

**Dijonnaise**  
3 parts mayo salt & pepper  
1 part Dijon mustard

**Tahini Miso Sauce**  
1/4 cup tahini (sesame clove of fresh garlic,  
paste) grated  
1 tablespoon white water to thin to sauce  
miso consistency  
1 tablespoon soy sauce salt & pepper  
1 tablespoon lemon shot of sriracha or chili  
juice garlic paste

**Creamy Asian dipper**  
1/2 cup sour cream 1/4 cup mayo  
1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 clove garlic, grated  
1 teaspoon toasted pinch of saffron  
sesame oil 1/2 teaspoon anchovy  
pinch of chili flake paste  
(no salt; soy is salty) 1/2 teaspoon smoked  
tapas sauce paprika  
1/4 cup sour cream salt & pepper

**Creamy Taco Sauce**  
1/2 cup sour cream 1 minced jalapeno, if  
1 tablespoon ketchup desired  
juice of 1/2 lime salt & pepper  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder

**Cold peanut sauce**  
1/3 cup peanut butter sesame oil  
splash of vinegar 1 teaspoon sriracha or  
grated clove of garlic chili paste  
1 teaspoon toasted salt & pepper



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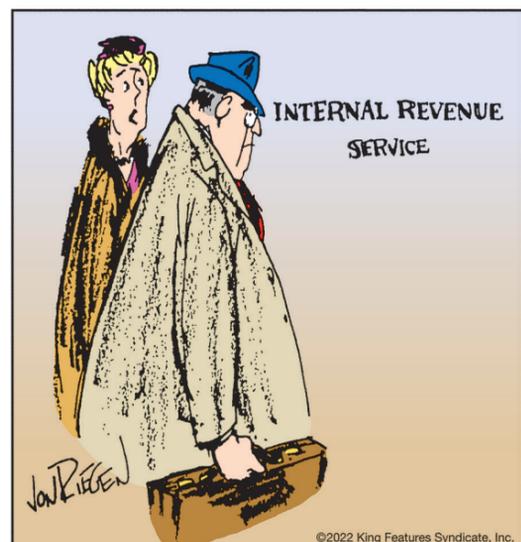
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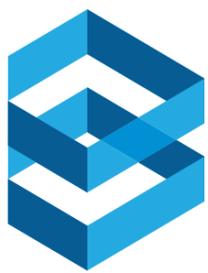
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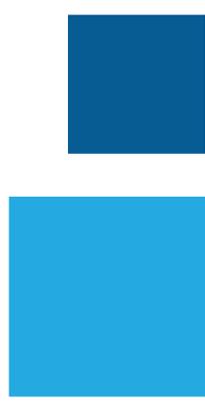
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All persons having claims against **BONNIE A. FINKLE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 21st day of April, 2022. Denise Joan Lynch, Executrix c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 31205 Raleigh, NC 27622 A21,A28,My5,My12,4tc

**TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF PATTERSON STREET**

WHEREAS, the subject portion of Patterson Street is located within the Town of Siler City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). WHEREAS, the subject portion of Patterson Street is shown and more particularly described in Plat Book 2020, Page 58 of the Chatham County Registry. WHEREAS, Craig Brooks Wood and wife, Margaret Ann Wood fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject portion of Patterson Street. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 2123, Page 720 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1053 Pine Forest South Drive. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 17187. WHEREAS, Craig Brooks Wood and wife, Margaret Ann Wood have petitioned and requested the Board of Commissioners to permanently close a portion of Patterson Street. NOW

THEFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City do RESOLVE, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299, the following: 1. A public hearing shall be held on the 16th day of May, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, before the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City, North Carolina at which time the Board shall consider the permanent closing of said street and so as to determine whether or not said street shall be permanently closed or otherwise restricted in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299.

2. The public hearing will be held in the conference room at Wren Memorial Library at 500 N. 2nd Ave.  
3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to all owners of property adjoining the said street as shown on the county tax records.  
4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, as required by applicable law.  
5. That a notice of closing and public hearing shall be prominently posted in at least two places along said street.

6. That after said public hearing, if the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that the closing of said street would not be contrary to the public interest or to the rights of individuals owning property abutting or in the vicinity of said street and does not interfere with ingress and egress of said property, the Board of Commissioners may adopt an Order permanently closing said street above described.  
7. That in the event that Order is made closing said street, a copy of said Order shall be submitted to North Carolina Department of Transportation.  
8. That in the event that North Carolina Department of Transportation abandons maintenance of said street, a copy of said Order shall be filed in the Office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina.

9. That in the event the Board of Commissioners shall close said street as above described, the title to said properties contained within the boundaries of said street shall vest in the persons or entities owning said street provided by §160A-299 of the North Carolina General Statutes.  
RESOLVED, this 21st day of March, 2022. Thomas K. Price III, Mayor Pro Tempore. ATTEST: Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk

The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323.

The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. A21,A28,My5,My12,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **ESTATE OF RAY C. WILLIAMS** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on October 28, 2021 are hereby notified

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to present their claims to EDWARD LEE WILLIAMS, Executor in care of the undersigned attorney at her address, on or before July 20, 2022 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment. This 21st day of April, 2022 EDWARD LEE WILLIAMS, EXECUTOR c/o Janet H. McLamb, Attorney 102 Presque Isle Lane Chapel Hill, NC 27514 A21,A28,My5,My12,4tp

**CREDITORS NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM**  
Having qualified on the 12th day of April, 2022 as Executrix for the Estate of **RITCHIE WAYNE BUCKNER, SR.**, deceased late of Chatham County, North Carolina this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before July 21, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate should make immediate payment to said estate. This the 12th day of April, 2022. Beverly R. Buckner, Executrix 5458 Siler City Snow Camp Road Siler City, NC 27344 W.W. Seymour, Jr., Attorney at Law, PA Attorney for the Estate PO Box 3516 Sanford, NC 27331-3516 Telephone Number: (919)-775-2137 A21,A28,My5,My12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 744**  
All persons having claims against **JOHNNIE G. HARDEE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of July, 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 April, 2022. Tara Parnell, Executrix 1122 Arboretum Dr Wilmington, NC 28405 A21,A28,My5,My12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 216**  
All persons having claims against **EVERETT TYSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of July, 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 April, 2022. Felicia Austin, Administrator 7715 Haigler Gin Rd Monroe, NC 28110 A21,A28,My5,My12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA**

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**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**22 E 189**

All persons having claims against **ADA C. PEOPLES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of July, 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 April, 2022. **JULIUS COLTER, JR.**, Executor 6916 Olde Sycamore Dr Mint Hill, NC 28227 bd A21,A28,My5,My12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**22 E 210**

All persons having claims against **JAZZ W. SILER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 28th day of April, 2022. **Norman V. Siler, Administrator** 1401 42nd PL S.E. Washington, DC 20020 A28,My5,My12,My19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**22 E 182**

All persons having claims against **TOMMIE L. FOXF AKA TOMMIE LEROY FOXF**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 28th day of April, 2022. **Randy L. Foxx, Administrator** 875 Brower Road Siler City, NC 27344 A28,My5,My12,My19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**21 E 537**

All persons having claims against **LINDA DHANENES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 28th day of April, 2022. **Lisa P. Spencer, Administrator** 601 Hicks Lane Siler City, NC 27344 A28,My5,My12,My19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM**  
**22-E-230**

All persons having claims against **CHARLES COUNCIL CLARK, JR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 28th day of April, 2022. **Christopher Clark, Administrator** c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 31205 Raleigh, NC 27622 A28,My5,My12,M19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**22 E 239**

All persons having claims against **ROGER GRAY GORDON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 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 May, 2022. **Phyllis Gordon Clark, Executrix** 1780 Devils Tramping Ground Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 My5,My12,My19,M26,4tp

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified on the 21st day of April 2022, as Executor of the Estate of **GLENN GEOFFREY WILLIAMS**, 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 3rd day of August 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 5th day of May, 2022 **Pauline Williams, Executor of the Estate of Glenn Geoffrey Williams** 1995 N. West Cary Parkway Apt. 326 Morrisville, NC 27560

Attorneys:  
Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A.  
206 Hawkins Avenue  
Sanford, NC 27330  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**21 E 98**

All persons having claims against **BETTY ALEXANDER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 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 May, 2022. **Sharla Alexander, Limited Personal Representative** 5624 Samter Ct. Tampa, FL 33611 c/o Eunoia Law Firm P.O. Box 42 Holly Springs, NC 27540 Tel: 919-925-3320, ext. 8616, My5,My12,My19,M26,4tp

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A public hearing will be held by the **Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 16, 2022, 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:  
1. A legislative public hearing for a request by the Chatham County Manager to amend Attachment A, Permitted Uses, of the Watershed Protection Ordinance to add the following use – Wireless Telecommunication Towers.  
2. A legislative public hearing for a request by the Chatham County Planning Department to consider amendments to the Chatham County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance; specifically, Article 1 Section A Statutory Authorization, and Article 3 Section B Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard. 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 Chatham County Emergency Operations for a new 380-foot telecommunication tower to be located at 5410 Big Woods Rd, Northeast Park, Parcel 19573, in an area of approximately .275 acres of the 66-acre tract, Williams Township. 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. My5, My12,2tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that **Willow Oak Montessori Charter School** proposes for Federal funding for the 2022-2023 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 2, 2022 and the week of May 9, 2022 in the office of Catherine Oudjit located at 1476 Andrew Store Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312. My5,My12,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **GARY ALAN SPIRDUO**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before August 8, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the

decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 4nd day of May, 2022. **Craig D. Spirduo, Executor** c/o Clarity Legal Group PO Box 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515 My5,My12,My19,My26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **WEBB NASH MORRISON**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before August 8, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 4nd day of May, 2022. **Victoria Hassink, Executor** c/o Clarity Legal Group PO Box 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515. My5,My12,My19,My26,4tc

**TOWN OF SILER CITY**

The proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the Town of Siler City has been presented to the Town Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection. To view the proposed budget, please visit [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or contact the Town Clerk at 919-742-4731 or [townclerk@silercity.org](mailto:townclerk@silercity.org). A public hearing will be held on the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 on **Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room of the **Wren Memorial Library** located at 500 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina. Citizens are invited to submit written comments to Town Clerk at [townclerk@silercity.org](mailto:townclerk@silercity.org). The following is a summary of the budget as presented:  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**22 E 195**

All persons having claims against **CHARLES RICHARD KUHN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 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 May, 2022. **William Louis Rubin, Administrator, CTA** 1903 Gledale Ave Durham, NC 27701 My5,My12,My19,M26,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

Joanna David Jovanovich, having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **CLIFFORD BAYNES DAVID**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on April 28, 2022, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having

claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before August 3, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of May 2022. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. **Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record** 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514 My5,My12,My19,M26,4tc

**SILER CITY SELF STORAGE ("LIENOR")**

P.O. Box 143, Siler City, North Carolina, will hold this public sale of personal property at its storage facility on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Siler City, N.C. The sale will start at 1407 E. 11th St (Behind Sir Pizza), then to 500 W. 2nd St. (behind Maxway), then to 1112 S. Chatham Avenue. The following persons and property at 1407 E. 11th St., Siler City, NC, are subject to this lien sale:  
Unit 1124. Collester Alston 277 Fontana Creek Circle, Unit 9B Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 1019 Benson Brower 25 Curtis Brower Rd, S Bear Creek, NC 27207 Unit 1096 Lori Cockman 122 KCF Dr Elon, NC 27244 Unit 1018 Tomas Garcia 1509 Wrenn Smith Rd Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 1034 Lucien Maynard 295 Webb Creek Rd Fairview, NC 28730 Unit 1060 Margaret McKeiver 911 12th St Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 1001 Tina McKinney 2826 SW 12th St. Des Moines, IA 50315 Unit 1048 Cristina Miller 1601 Autumn Dr Greensboro, NC 27405 Unit 1113 Linda Salvador My12,1tc

235 Chatham Square Room 122 Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 1073 Kelly Shaw 706 Sanderson Dr Durham, NC 27704 Unit 1039 Reggie M. Wilkins 244 McGinnis Rd Forest City, NC 28043 Unit 2014 Candace Williams 106 Hunters Ct, Ste A Siler City, NC 27344 The following persons and property at 500 W. 2nd St., Siler City, NC are subject to this lien sale:  
Unit 190 Adrian Alston 209 S Fir Ave Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 175 Eric Bair 106 Sunset Place Carrboro, NC 27510 Unit 110 Faline Doolin 4539 Buntun Swain Rd Liberty, NC 27298 Unit 166 Fernando English 1736 Mandeville Ln Los Angeles, Ca 90049 Unit 194 Teresa Lynch PO Box 103 Bear Creek, NC 27207 Unit 199 Robert Willett 224 N East St Raleigh, NC 27601 The following persons and property at 1112 S. Chatham Ave., Siler City, NC, are subject to this lien sale:  
Unit 325 Justus Allred 5706 Pleasant Grove Church Rd Bennett, NC 27208 Unit 244 Pattie Cromer 6853 NC Hwy 49N Liberty, NC 27298 Unit 272 Kelly Shaw 706 Sanderson Dr Durham, NC 27704 Unit 291 Samuel Tart PO Box 171 Siler City, NC 27344 Unit 223 Jasper Thompson PO Box 24 Bear Creek, NC 27207 Unit 341 Billy Tysor 107 Eugene St Carrboro, NC 27510 My12,1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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**CHATHAM COUNTY**

**22 E 203**  
All persons having claims against **EARL DAVID DOWD**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 12th day of May, 2022. Kimba Dowd Hockenberry, Co-Executor  
1033 Alston Bridge Rd  
Siler City, NC 27344  
Kathy Lorraine Dowd, Co-Executor

510 Easy Street  
Pittsboro, NC 27312  
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This the 12th day of May, 2022. Allen Suess, Administrator  
210 Holly Ridge Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
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All persons having claims against **JOEL A. CASH**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors

of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 12th day of May, 2022. Bart T. Cash, Executor  
140 Anterbury Dr  
Apex, NC 27502  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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22 E 257**

HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **ANN KIRKMAN DOWDY** 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 11th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 9th day of May, 2022. Jenny Oldham Williams, Executrix of  
The Estate of Ann Kirkman Dowdy  
Reno Sharps Store Road  
Bear Creek, North Carolina 27207  
Moody, Williams, Atwater & Lee  
Attorneys at Law  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF GOLDSTON**

The proposed budget for the Town of Goldston for 2022/2023 has been presented to the town council and is available for public inspection at the Town Hall Building, 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston, NC, by appointment, after 5:00 pm weekdays. There will be a public hearing held on June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Building. Citizens are invited to make oral or written comments. Jonathan W. Hensley  
Mayor of Goldston

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## CHATHAM CHAT | CYNTHIA HILLIARD

# Pittsboro author's debut book was labor of love, time, and experience

*'Rook Makes a Move' examines family dynamics, the role of faith and the 'confounding human act of forgiveness'*

Ohio native Cynthia Hilliard and her husband, David, moved to Chatham County in 2017 to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law and their two grandsons — both of whom attend Chatham County schools. She'd spent 40 years working in information technology sales and management, then in retirement took

on a new role: author.

Hilliard's debut novel, "Rook Makes a Move," has just been published. We spoke with her this week about the experience of writing and publishing, about to-do lists and her advice for aspiring writers.

A graduate of both Miami (Ohio) University and Capital University (in Bexley, Ohio, where she earned an MBA) she's lived in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Colorado. She and David, who serves on the board of directors of the Chatham Education Foundation, will celebrate 53 years of marriage this fall. They attend Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian.

"Pittsboro's size and vibe remind her very much of the town where I grew up," Hilliard said, "so Chatham County really feels like home."

**You started writing your novel after retiring, when most people are thinking about relaxing, traveling, visiting friends and family, and other leisure pursuits. What set you on the road to becoming an author?**

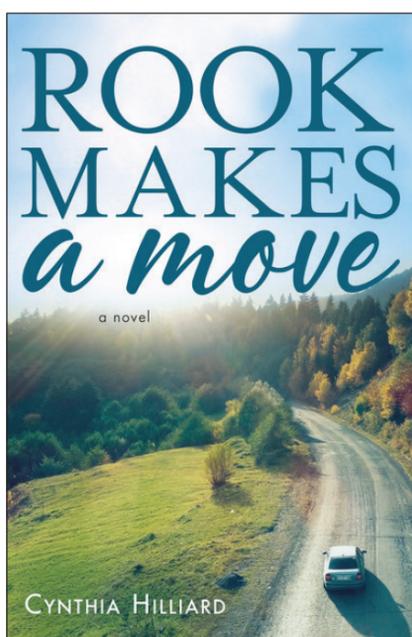
The precipitating event was the birth of my first grandson in 2013. I was retired, and I volunteered to babysit him one day a week. I began thinking deeply about the grandmother/grandchild relationship: the love, the fear, the yearning to be remembered, the thrill of a "do-over" from my direct parenting days.

Just before my grandson's first birthday, I was walking in my neighborhood when a person popped into my brain: a woman named after a chess piece. That intrigued me, and I immediately gave her two brothers, also named for chess pieces. A scene of her walking to a mailbox in the mountains formed in my mind. I rushed home and started typing. (I still call it typing, although I suppose it's technically called keyboarding on a laptop.)

That was the start. I just kept writing, and reading it, and changing it, and reading/changing it again, and sharing it, and revising again, until seven years later, I felt "Rook Makes a Move" was ready to put out in the world.

**You self-published "Rook Makes A Move." Tell us about that decision, and what it entails ...**

Oh my goodness. Self-publishing is not for the faint of heart. It's like driv-



Courtesy of the author

**'Rook Makes a Move' is Cynthia Hilliard's first book.**

ing a train down tracks that you are laying as you go. I would have loved for a publishing house to have picked up the book, but after months/years of trying, I knew that wasn't going to happen.

I hired a book designer/consultant in New Jersey and began (the often daunting) task of doing it myself. I won't go deep into the weeds here, but let's just say, thank heaven for Google. I'd read and research and ask dozens of questions, and usually end up doing the steps in a less than desirable order.

It certainly opened my eyes to all the little things about a book you never notice. For example: how did I want it formatted? In chapters? In blocks of text separated by asterisks? Did I want the page numbers at the top or bottom of the page? I needed to purchase a set of ISBNs (book numbers and barcodes), and copyright the text. I formed an LLC and registered it with the state. I hired an accountant, opened a business checking account, and tracked my expenses. My designer and I went back and forth finalizing the cover, spine, title, colors, price, size, and so much more.

Finally I had to decide how readers would obtain the book. I choose to use Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) on Amazon, which presented a whole new set of decisions and detail.

It all took twice as long and cost twice as much as I originally thought. But oh, when I opened that first box from Amazon and took out that paperback copy, and saw my name on the cover of a real, grown up looking book — that was the thrill of a lifetime.

**READ ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN'S REVIEW OF 'ROOK MAKES A MOVE' AT WWW.CHATHAMNEWSRECORD.COM**

**How close are the parallels between your main character, Rook, and you? Is this a thinly-veiled autobiography?**

My main character, Rook, is a lot like me, for good or ill. Remember, I was writing the book partly as a legacy for my grandsons (the second one came along in 2015) and I wanted to have a lot of me/my story in there: my values and observations, my struggles and "voice," and, well, my wisdom, if I can be so bold. I also wanted to examine family dynamics, the role of faith in someone's life, and explore the amazing and confounding human act of forgiveness.

It isn't a memoir; I did invent a number of plot points, but the parallels are there. For example, Rook is an inveterate list maker, which is why I put a "To Do" list at the beginning of each chapter. Surprise! I love "To Do" lists and I make a new one every day.

Since the book reflects a lot about my own life, it's gratifying when readers respond positively to the story, and enjoy spending time with Rook.

**Lead us through your writing process. What surprised you about that creative undertaking?**

At first I wrote in a method that I later learned is called "pantsing" — winging it by the seat of your pants. You just write. Then, about four years ago, I read an amazing and helpful book — Save The Cat! — which teaches you how to write a successful screenplay. I adopted many of the techniques taught in that book. I bought a large white board, and divided my book into five acts and fifteen beats, using sticky notes of different colors to identify scenes.

That's when I morphed from "pantsing" to "outlining." I actually wrote the last scene of the book early on, and played with the sticky notes: re-arranging scenes and discovering holes and excess. I recently read a phrase from George Saunders, a writer I admire, who noted that writing is basically "intuition plus iteration." I love that. I would write, reread what I'd done, change it to be "better" (to me), then repeat.

My editor, Steve Peha, challenged me to get serious in 2018, and that's when I blocked out three or four hours a day to write. I'd go to an upstairs room, shut the door, and work. The time would fly by. I would put a character in a particular place, with specific other people, then step back and watch. A comment would be made, a response would rise up. In other words, I captured what the characters were enacting in front of me. If they stayed mute, I would force some physical change (movement, a gesture) that would generally unlock the flow.

I had a good time in those daily sessions. I'd laugh out loud, or tear up, or be caught off guard by a new way of thinking about the characters and their situations. In a way, it was therapeutic. I felt refreshed afterwards.

**Your book, as you said, features a "To Do" list at the start of each chapter. Tell us about the lists in your life. Are they friend or foe?**

I've mentioned that I love lists. They keep me organized and focused, which I value. The items I don't cross off my daily list get carried over. These are paper based lists, you understand. I have lots of technology in my life, as we all do: a laptop, an iPhone, a tablet, a Kindle, headphones, earbuds, Bluetooth speakers, and more remotes and charging cables than I know what to do with — but I love paper calendars, paper daytimers, and paper lists. Grocery lists, project lists, gift idea lists, recipe lists, well — you can see I'm addicted.

Are they a foe? They can be unhealthy. Structure is fine, but I know obsessing about filling every hour with a task is not what the doctor ordered. So I work on that. The obvious joke is to add bullet items to my lists like:

- Take a walk
- Go read in the swing

I've actually put items like that on

my lists! How sad am I? But the idea of going through a day without setting some over-all priorities does give me heart palpitations.

Probably the best way forward is this:

1. If you currently don't make lists, give them a try.
2. If you currently use lists, back off a bit.

Balance and moderation, right?

**What's been your favorite part of this journey from retired IT professional to author?**

I love the writing part. The publishing and marketing were, and are, interesting, but the writing enlivens me. When I'm writing and I notice that "click" in my brain that says — "Oh, that's better, that's nearer to what I want" — I feel a thrill of satisfaction. I spent most of my life leaning heavily on my left brain: solving problems, running projects, and organizing people and tasks. Now I get to use the right side: creating a whole world that comes to life when I sit down at the keyboard.

I'm humbled and thrilled when a reader tells me I've touched them emotionally. Isn't that an amazing dance? I pour my thoughts and passion onto paper that someone reads and responds to with their mind, heart, or gut. I've been a reader all my life, and ever since I was in elementary school crying over "Charlotte's Web, or laughing at "Eloise at the Plaza." I've found books (especially fiction) reveal to me the important truths about life. To see my name on a book, to contribute in some small way to that author/reader exchange, is one of the most profound experiences of my life.

**What advice would you give to someone at a later stage of life who wants to write and publish their first novel?**

Be prepared for hard work and a long haul. Sure, you could write your first book in six months and sell it to a New York house on your first try, but the odds are not with you, my friend. Be patient, be persistent, be realistic.

Hire expert help! Find a good editor, designer, proof reader, honest beta readers, and ask lots of questions. Seek out local or state-wide writers associations: you will find a wealth of advice, recommendations, conferences, and classes to help you on your way.

It's truly a golden age for self-publishing. Print-on-demand means you don't have to contract with a vanity press and personally buy thousands of copies of your book to store in your attic.

You will spend some money. I spent around \$15,000. I could have spent more, for example, I could have hired a professional actor to create an audiobook, but I didn't want to commit to that (yet).

Document and track! Track your time, track your expenses, and especially track the different versions of your manuscript. It's so easy and frustrating to get confused about which edited version you are working on, or to lose your text altogether. Back up often! You'll be very despondent when you accidentally delete, and can't recover, large chunks of good writing. And yes, that's all said from bitter experience.

**Have you moved on to a second book?**

I have not started a second "Rook" book yet. I have ideas! I didn't want to start until I felt this book was well and truly launched. Marketing "Rook" has taken a good deal of mental energy and time. I'm not sure I have even cracked the code on that, and perhaps it's partly due to my lack of a presence on social media. I just could not summon the interest to engage with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., or to blog. I've probably handicapped myself on that front.

Regardless, I do ask that any reader of this who is intrigued by my book to try it, and to then please post a review, and pass it along or recommend it to friends, neighbors, or to any book club you know. I have discussion questions for book clubs on my author website (cynthiahilliard.com) and the book clubs who have selected it tell me how much they enjoyed it.

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