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SHERIFF'S OFFICE SOCIAL MEDIA DEBATE

Comment policy changes bring First Amendment questions, complaints

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
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A Chatham County resident who believes his posts on Sheriff Mike Roberson's Facebook page led a new department policy to disallow or limit comments says his First Amendment rights have been violated.

The policy change prompts questions about the intersection of the First Amendment and social media.

A Facebook user going by the pen name of John Miller has commented dozens of times on the official Facebook page — facebook.com/CCSONC — of the Chatham County Sheriff since May.

Many of the comments questioned whether Roberson was adequately performing his job and why there were so many vacancies within his department.



Mike Roberson

"When will everyone wake up and see the issues with the current sheriff?" read one of Miller's comments in response to a post by Roberson about Detention Officer Week. "This post makes me sick."

The original post, from Roberson's personal page, praised the county's

detention facilities for receiving high marks on its state inspections.

"This week our detention staff got their 10th 'No Deficiency' report during State Inspection!" Roberson's post said. "This is a huge accomplishment and testament to the level of commitment and professionalism inside our facility."

"They are some dedicated officers, but the sheriff is not a good leader and needs to go," read another of Miller's comments on Roberson's post.

Miller spoke to the News + Record on the condition of anonymity, saying he feared using his real identity in Facebook comments or publicly would make him subject to intimidation and the risk

of losing his law enforcement job.

Miller said he was disappointed with Roberson's performance as sheriff and his comments on Roberson's page reflected that. He claims he was blocked by the sheriff's Facebook page in early July, prior to the office announcing social media policy changes on July 7. Sheriff's Office Attorney Rik Stevens, however, said Miller was never on a list of blocked individuals.

A new social media policy

"Each of our social media pages is intended to be a platform for the Sheriff

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A STORE'S SWEET BEGINNINGS, PART DEUX

The Chocolate Cellar opens 2nd location in downtown Pittsboro

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
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PITTSBORO — Laura Phelps opened the first location of The Chocolate Cellar in Sanford in 2017 — the place she calls home with her daughter, Carol Wiley — as a way to continue one of their favorite pastimes: making indulgent chocolate truffles.

"We've been making truffles pretty much all her life and most of my life," Phelps said. "It's been so much fun ... I've done other things in my life, but this has been the most satisfying."

After the success of the Sanford store, the mother-daughter duo opened their second location — The Chocolate Cellar Deux — at 119 Hillsboro St. in downtown Pittsboro last month, marking a new era of expansion for the chocolate and sweets business.

The Chocolate Cellar's origin story is one of family love and a passion for all things sweet. Wiley spent a summer in France during a study abroad program, where she saw various chocolate stores and candied delights.

"She came back and was just like, 'Mom, we have got to do this,'" Phelps recounted. "Seeing what they had to offer in France, it was just such an experience — it was like, 'Oh, we've got to do something.'"

After Wiley, 30, returned, she



Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

Dozens of truffles and bagged candies are on display at the front counter at the Chocolate Cellar Deux in downtown Pittsboro. The wide variety of truffle flavors include chocolate, salted caramel, Irish cream, lemon meringue, glazed pecan, pomegranate and more.

and Phelps began planning their dream chocolate shop. They found the perfect location in a cellar located in downtown Sanford with exposed brick, dark metal beams and other vintage, industrial touches.

"The cellar was in a building from the 1920's," Phelps said. "It just had such a cool vibe with the building."

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Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

Lemon meringue truffles sit on display at Chocolate Cellar Deux.

\$27.9B STATE BUDGET

Reives: Budget falls short, but helps Chatham

BY BILL HORNER III
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RALEIGH — There's a lot about the state budget Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54) helped approve that he didn't like, primarily because — in his words — it "didn't really do a lot" to invest in the state of North Carolina.

So why his favorable vote last Monday? Because of what it brings to Chatham County.

The budget was approved in both chambers of the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Roy Cooper on July 11. Reives, a Goldston resident and the House Minority Leader in N.C.'s GOP-led General Assembly, was part of the 82-25 favorable House vote. His counterpart in the N.C. Senate, Majority Leader Dan Blue, though, voted against the budget.

"I think he had the same rationale about the budget I did," Reives said. "We took about \$6 billion" — the state's fiscal surplus — "and just didn't do anything with it."

Reives acknowledged the danger of spending money just because it's there; he also agreed about the wisdom of a solid "rainy day" fund.

"I'm completely for fiscal responsibility," he said. "But on the flip side, if we were going to give state employees raises, then give raises. If we're going to do a COLA [cost of living adjustment], then do a returning COLA. If you're going to do investments, let's invest in things

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Robert Reives II

Thinking of summer vacation? Try a Chatham staycation instead.

With summer travel becoming more expensive, more people are looking for local vacation experiences

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
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Summer vacations are becoming increasingly difficult for local families as inflation, gas and airline prices all soar. But the lack of robust travel has created a plethora of opportunities for local businesses in Chatham County and a new kind of summer fun — staycations.

A staycation, or vacation time spent at home or in the local community, has become an increasingly popular option in the county, according to Neha Shah, director of the Pittsboro-Siler City

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). She said there's been an increase in day trips, road trips and overnight visits throughout the area.

"Summer is a wonderful time to explore, particularly with our location in the center of N.C., making our area a fantastic road trip vacation," Shah

said. Her bureau focuses on branding

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Neha Shah

Park 'n Shop shooting still under investigation

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
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SILER CITY — Siler City's police department is still investigating a shooting that occurred at the Park 'n Shop gas station, located at 201 E. 11th St., on July 9, but charges are pending.

The department responded to a call placed right before 7 p.m. on that Saturday evening, according to Lt. Andrew Freeman, the commander of the SCPD Patrol Division. Police were on the scene in a matter of minutes, but by the time officers arrived, Freeman said the chaos had settled and those involved disbursed.

The Park 'n Shop's building sustained broken glass and bullet holes; the car wash behind the gas station

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Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

The glass door of the Park 'n Shop gas station is marked by a bullet hole from the shooting that occurred July 9 in Siler City. According to the SCPD, the shooting is still under investigation and charges are pending.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ON THE AGENDA

- **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 25, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. The meeting will be live-streamed on the town's YouTube channel.
- **The Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet in special session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 25, in the multipurpose room of Wren Memorial Library.
- **American Legion Post 93**, 100th Year celebration. Free to Veterans and their guests, Saturday, August 20, at 1 p.m. at the Siler City Moose Lodge. RSVP by August 1, Phone: 919-704-1219 or Email: ncpost93@gmail.com. Door prizes and refreshments.
- **Chatham Community Library** will host a virtual film screening of *The Mosque of Morgantown* (2009), free and open to the public: Thursday, July 21, Virtual Program: Access to the virtual screening will be available by visiting: <https://vimeo.com/51630187>

-- A password is required at the time of viewing. Those who are interested may contact social.library@chathamlibraries.org to request the password or for additional information. The library has purchased a hard copy of the film if residents who wish to see the film miss the virtual screening window. Residents may visit the libraries' website, www.chathamlibraries.org, or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org for more information on this and other events and programs.

Chatham County Public Libraries are offering a virtual parenting workshop presented by Kris Hawkins, Parent Educator with Teen Health Connection. Designed for parents of preteens and teens, these sessions will address the basics of parenting teens, plus some in-depth discussion of today's hot topics. The two remaining workshops will take place July 26 and August 23 at 6 p.m. Parents may attend one part only. July 26: Active Parenting: Choice Within Limits - Choice is Power! The idea of collaborative parenting will be explored and how giving simple choices can head off power struggles and prepare teens to be good decision makers. - August 23: Active Parenting:

Winning Cooperation - Parents will learn why sharing power with their teens is necessary, how it teaches them the very important lesson of working cooperatively with others and plays a vital role in developing and maintaining strong, positive parent-teen relationships where everyone wins. This virtual event is free, open to the public and will be presented via Zoom. Participants should register online to receive the meeting link. Residents may visit the libraries' website, www.chathamlibraries.org, or contact Youth Services at (919) 545-8085 or youth.services@chathamlibraries.org for more information.

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.
- **The Silk Hope Ruritans** host a Benefit Bingo on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of each month. Next on the schedule is July 21 at the Silk Hope Community Center.
- **Horton High School Alumni Association**

Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for 2022-2023 HHSAA Scholarship. Descendants of any Horton High School alumnus or attendee may apply online, at hortonhighalumni.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://chathamhistory.org>.
- **Second Bloom** hours

are 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at 630 East St., Pittsboro. 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.
- **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 coun-

ties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.

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

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.bstrop93.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.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pittsboro Board of Commissioners to meet with Greensboro officials

PITTSBORO —The Board of Commissioners for the town of Pittsboro will hold a special meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21, with officials from the city of Greensboro.

The meeting will take place at the offices of Chatham Park, located at 55 Grant Drive, Pittsboro.

There's no agenda for the special meeting, which has been scheduled to facilitate a conversation between the two groups regarding water quality issues and areas for greater collaboration regarding the Haw River. According to a statement from the town of Pittsboro, the board may choose to recess and move the meeting to the town's water treatment plant, located at 3746 U.S. Hwy. 15-501 North, for further discussion.

paing, a national initiative in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Speeding-related crashes are at all-time high levels across the country, including North Carolina, and one proven way to prevent speeding is an increased law enforcement presence on the roads," said Mark Ezzell, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "Campaigns like these are key pieces to decreasing crashes, even as we work on more long-term solutions such as safe road design, safer cars and quality driver education."

Speeding is a major cause of injuries and deaths on North Carolina roadways. Last year, 424 people died statewide in speeding-related crashes. Moreover, speed was a contributing factor in nearly a quarter of all fatal crashes in 2021. Males under 39 account for nearly half of all speeding-related crashes.

To be safe, drivers should always avoid speeding. Speeding reduces a driver's ability to negotiate curves, makes it more difficult to stop a vehicle and increases the risk of crashes and injuries because other vehicles and people might not be able to judge distance correctly.

View more statistics on speeding in N.C. at <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/safety/speed-a-little-lose-a-lot/Pages/default.aspx>.

N.C. law enforcement conducting speed enforcement campaign

RALEIGH — Law enforcement throughout North Carolina will be patrolling the roads July 18-24 to make sure motorists obey speed limits as part of the "Speeding Wrecks Lives" campaign.

CHURCH NEWS

CAMERON GROVE AME ZION CHURCH

The 146th Homecoming Celebration will be held Sunday, July 24, at 10 a.m. at Cameron Grove

AME Zion Church. The guest speaker will be Bishop Brian Thompson Sr., presiding bishop of the Western Episcopal District of The AME Zion

Church. Dinner will be served after that service. Cameron Grove Church is located at 309 Vernon Street, Broadway.

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CELLAR

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Phelps and Wiley embarked on their journey to open The Chocolate Cellar, and five years after it opened, Phelps and Wiley owned the original cellar as their kitchen, as well as a separate storefront location at 110 Carthage St. in Sanford. Phelps also quit her full-time job at NuFarm in 2021 to dedicate herself to her business.

“We had loyal customers, which was great, and then moving to the upstreet level it just compounded it, it was tenfold better,” Phelps said. “Business was really good. I think that was a stepping stone.”

The next step for Phelps and Wiley was to expand their business. One of the main places the duo thought about was downtown Pittsboro.

“I decided to try out Pittsboro because I’ve always loved downtown — it’s just so cute and so nice,” Phelps said. “I always loved Pittsboro, and the opportunity came up that there was a space right in historic downtown. We just decided to do it.”

Their Pittsboro store is located on Hillsboro Street, right in the heart of historic downtown. The new store is very similar to the Sanford



Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

Candied fruits such as kiwi and cantaloupe line a display table inside Chocolate Cellar Deux. The shop is open from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

About the Chocolate Cellar

PITTSBORO LOCATION: 119 Hillsboro Street
HOURS: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Closed Mondays.

SANFORD LOCATION: 110 Carthage Street
HOURS: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

one, complete with the same vintage vibe, according to Phelps.

“The building was built a little bit later, but it still has some of the features and the older architecture, and the whole downtown does, for that matter,” she said. “I felt like the business I have would be a good fit.”

June 10 marked the opening day for the shop’s second location, which they’re calling “The Chocolate Cellar

Deux,” a direct translation of the French word for “two.”

The Chocolate Cellar Deux is a smaller version of its sister location, featuring two deli cases of homemade truffles — a chocolate shell filled with a chocolate ganache center and can include chopped nuts and fun designs — and chocolate candies. Phelps, Wiley and Pittsboro store manager Samm Hill will change out the selections



Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

Shelves are filled with a variety of candies available for purchase at The Chocolate Cellar Deux in downtown Pittsboro. This sweets store, which opened its doors in June, is the sister location to the original The Chocolate Cellar located in Sanford.

of chocolates and truffles as the different seasons come and pass, according to the store owner.

“We average approximately 40 to 45 truffles in the Sanford location, and in Pittsboro, we have about half of that in one case, but we try to rotate it more,” Phelps said.

Phelps said since opening its Pittsboro location, The Chocolate Cellar Deux has been well received by the community. The new sweet shop has amassed a few hundred

social media followers, and people walking by the new storefront will often come in and look at the various goodies.

“Business has been really good so far,” Phelps said. “People walk the streets of Pittsboro more than they do in Sanford, and so we get a lot of walk-in traffic, which is nice ... People have been very receptive and very, very nice and welcoming.”

As with any business expansion, Phelps worried about whether a

Pittsboro location would pay off. Early indications, she said, are that it will.

“I had the normal worries that I think are usual when anybody spends a lot of money,” she said. “(I)t seemed right. It seemed like a good fit. So I took a leap of faith — I’m trying it out and we’ll see if it works.”

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SHOOTING

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was also struck by one round of ammunition, according to the SCPD.

The scene was cleared just after 9 p.m. after responding officers collected evidence, according to Freeman. The investigation is ongoing, according to Freeman and Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner.

“We investigated a 911 call for two parties exchanging gunfire in the parking lot.”

Wagner said. “The case is still under investigation and charges are pending.”

Freeman said multiple witnesses have come forward with evidence, including video footage of the shooting. He said the department is working to narrow its list of potential suspects in the incident.

The exact charges related to the incident are still pending, but once individuals have been identified, Freeman expected charges to follow and those involved in shootout

to be apprehended within 48 hours.

“The people who have come forward already have been very helpful,” Freeman said. “We have had a lot of tips come in, and if any one has seen anything, please do not hesitate to contact the police department.”

Information can be provided by calling 919-742-5626.

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Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

The Park n' Shop gas station, located at 201 E. 11th St. in Siler City, sustained some external damage from the shooting that occurred on July 9.

STAYCATION

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and marketing the county to potential visitors and helping potential travelers to find the right events and activities. The CVB is responsible for visitor-related economic development through tourism, film, and sports development.

As families look to get out and about this summer, Shah said the organization has seen an increase in revenues and visitors.

The current growth has been especially important for CVB because of the hit the local tourism industry took as COVID-19 peaked. Chatham County saw a 24% decrease in revenues in 2020 from the previous year. This year, however, the bureau forecasts a 28% increase, meaning it will return to pre-pandemic levels.

“We have supported our small businesses in the tourism and hospitality industry pre- and post-pandemic,” Shah said. “We are also aware of staffing issues and make it a point to continue to post closures or reduction



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

FireClay Cellars wines have one multiple amateur and commercial awards for its Chambourcin, White Blend, and Red Blend which were are crafted by wine-maker Erik Mitran.

of hours to minimize impacts and disappointment.”

Shah said staycations have been a critical part of helping recuperate those figures. When people spend locally they help create a circular economy — meaning more money gets kept in the commu-

nity to help it grow. People who choose staycations over traveling elsewhere are choosing to grow their communities and support local businesses.

The concept of a staycation means people are visiting farms, buying produce, hiking on campsites and visiting breweries all on a local scale.

For example, a staycation could mean a stop at the Creative Creamery in Siler City, planning a stay at the Fearington House Inn and Restaurant, grabbing a craft beverage at bmc Brewing or sampling wine at FireClay Cellars, and shopping for produce at the Chatham Mills Farmers’ Market.

Jordan Lake State Park also offers a great opportunity for people to explore local nature through hiking trails, camping or paddling out on the water. CVB says Chatham County staycations are done best when they focus on the region’s lush nature. So when planning your staycation get outside on the trails, try local produce and visit Chatham’s farms to discover how agritourism can add another layer to your time off.

If you’re intrigued by the idea of a

staycation in Chatham County, the CVB also publishes blogs and newsletters recommending local restaurants to try, historical sites to visit and shops to find local artisans for everything from pottery to spa treatments. For more information about the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau visit visitpittsboro.com

Shah said she anticipates the number of people engaging in these kinds of activities to grow in 2023 when the new Pittsboro Hampton Inn & Suites in Mosaic officially opens.

“The hotel will serve as a fantastic overnight accommodation for guests visiting to attend meetings at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center and other countywide venues, wedding guests, families, sporting event athletes and attendees, among other types of markets,” Shah said. “Staycations are significant and memorable when guests complete the experience with an overnight stay.”

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VIEWPOINTS

A doe, her fawns, my dog, and a covenant I won't break

There's a leash law in my neighborhood, a covenant of some kind I'm not sure is enforced. You're not supposed to let your dog run free, untethered, to roam around like a leaf flitting in the breeze.

We have one guy, though, who, on occasion, violates the rules.

Me. I did it again Sunday and am vowing now not to repeat the transgression.

Our dog Atticus, an 8-year-old, is a cute-as-a-button white mini goldendoodle. He's smart as a whip and learned pretty quickly after we moved to our new home that he could open our front door — which has a lever handle — all by himself when the desire to explore nature or get some fresh air arises.

We keep it locked now, of course. But he'll occasionally persistently scratch at a door when the mood strikes, want-

ing out. That usually necessitates grabbing his leash for a short walk to augment the long walks we take.

Usually, but not always. Occasionally, as I've hinted, I'll just let him out — unleashed (he's never gone for long) — like I did Sunday afternoon while I was lounging on our screened-in porch reading. I stood outside on the deck for a few minutes watching him sniff his way around the backyard and into the woods behind the house.

Then a movement got my attention: out of the corner of my eye, to the right, I saw a brownish shape shift slightly.

Figuring — rightly — that it was a deer, I quietly opened the door and went back onto the porch for a better view and to assess things. Atticus was about at my 9 o'clock position, and this deer was at my 2 — standing motionless, inside the treeline, watching the dog frolic in the yard.

It was then that I saw what I'd missed before: a tiny fawn just behind the mother, oblivious to Atticus, nibbling some plants. I glanced back at the dog, who obviously didn't

see the doe just 20 or so yards away.

And then I saw the *second* fawn. It sat in the grass and weeds just in front and to the left of its mother. Knowing how much Atticus — an inside dog capable of frenzied bouts of energy — liked chasing things, I certainly didn't want to see him tangle with the doe or go after the fawns.

And as soon as I thought that, he saw her.

What ensued next was a lot of barking (by Atticus) and yelling (by me), trying to get my dog back up the stairs to the deck, and some serious posturing by the doe, who answered Atticus' charge with some snorting and charging of her own.

Fortunately, she stood her ground, and Atticus — I'm not convinced he saw the fawns — relented and obeyed and came back inside. The doe disappeared into the woods behind our house, where I assume there was a relieved reunion with her babies.

Atticus is normally as meek as a lamb, but his predatory instincts and curiosity kicked in. Had he gotten too close,

the doe — driven by her own instincts to protect — no doubt would have set him straight. I marveled at how she stood her ground.

Watching all that reminded me of another time — a sad one — I saw the powerful maternal instincts of a doe up close. It was just after dark one night not far from Grandfather Mountain; I was making a quick jaunt to Boone when, coming over a rise on the narrow, winding two-lane Hwy. 105, I slowed. A lone deer stood just inside the opposite lane of the road, looking majestic as I passed. I expected her to run off, but she held her ground.

I then saw why. A fawn — this one larger, more grown than the twins I saw Sunday — lay in the ditch just behind her, the obvious victim of a car that must have passed just before me as the pair crossed the road.

The narrow highway wasn't suitable for a U-turn, so as quickly as I could, I found a side road and pulled into it, then turned around, heading back. I'm not sure what my intentions were, but in the space of a minute or two I saw the

deer again. By then, a man I'd passed while turning around had stopped and was exiting his car. I joined him.

It was a heartbreaking sight. The doe now stood over her fawn, looking down at it and back at us, then back down again. The fawn, motionless, didn't display any obvious injuries, but there was no question it was dead.

I don't remember any words being exchanged as we stood there, but the sadness and heartache we shared was heavy. A minute or so passed, and eventually the doe climbed reluctantly out of the ditch and up the embankment which ran alongside the road. She took one look back at her fawn, then crossed over into the woods.

I'm not sure what Atticus would do if he came upon a fawn. Judging how he treats dogs (large and small) in our neighborhood, I suspect he'd think "friend" and relish in the encounter.

But I'll spare him the opportunity. Moms are moms, and interfering with that natural bond is a covenant I can't bear to break.

Some dad jokes

My 2-year-old nephew was playing with a rubber ducky in his water table on my parents' back porch. I asked him what the duck says and, before he could answer, I woofed like a dog. He smiled. Then, I meowed like a cat. He started to giggle. My own father, who was watching nearby, mooded like a cow!

My nephew collapsed onto the deck with laughter.

Later that evening, I related this story to my slightly older children. My 9-year-old rolled his eyes: "It's not as funny as you think, Dad."

Sometimes my jokes are plain silly. But most people think of Dad Jokes as bad puns. A Dad Joke results in a smile with a shaking head or a groaning laugh.

Why is the letter "A" like a flower? Because a "B" comes after it!

What is the scariest tree? Bam-BOO!

My kids also say these jokes are "corny." This expression was originally used by jazz musicians to refer to old-fashioned tunes or styles of playing that might be heard in rural areas like at a barn dance. It's true that a Dad Joke is not like a tuxedoed stage performer or incisive political commentator. Mine are not exactly the height of comedic art. But if you don't take yourself too seriously, you can laugh at your own expense. ...

What do you call a flight service for older dads? Receding Airlines!

Maybe your father told you that laughter is the best medicine. Science has proven that a hearty guffaw or even a short chuckle releases endorphins — hormones that relieve stress and produce pleasure. My young nephew got a full-body workout from rolling around the porch. My own spirit was lifted as well.

Laughter is also spiritual nourishment. Meister Eckhart, a 13th century monk, claimed we worship "God who laughs and plays." I understand the problems with imaging the deity as our Father in heaven. God is spirit. We shouldn't make the Creator in our own image. And plenty of people suffer from abusive fathers, which can hinder if not prevent them from worshipping Love Divine.

But maybe it wouldn't be such a bad thing to think of the Higher Power as having a sense of humor. I mean, just look at the platypus!

I suspect that dads are behind the puns on many church signs like, "God answers knee-mail" and "Soul-er powered by Son-shine." The congregation that I serve decided not to install a sign with removal letters, which is probably a good thing for all who happen to pass by. I try to limit my Dad Jokes to the dinner table — not the pulpit. And you might wish I had exercised more discretion with this column!

Speaking of which, I asked my son for a newspaper.

"Don't be so old and corny, Dad. Use the iPad." That fly never knew what hit him!

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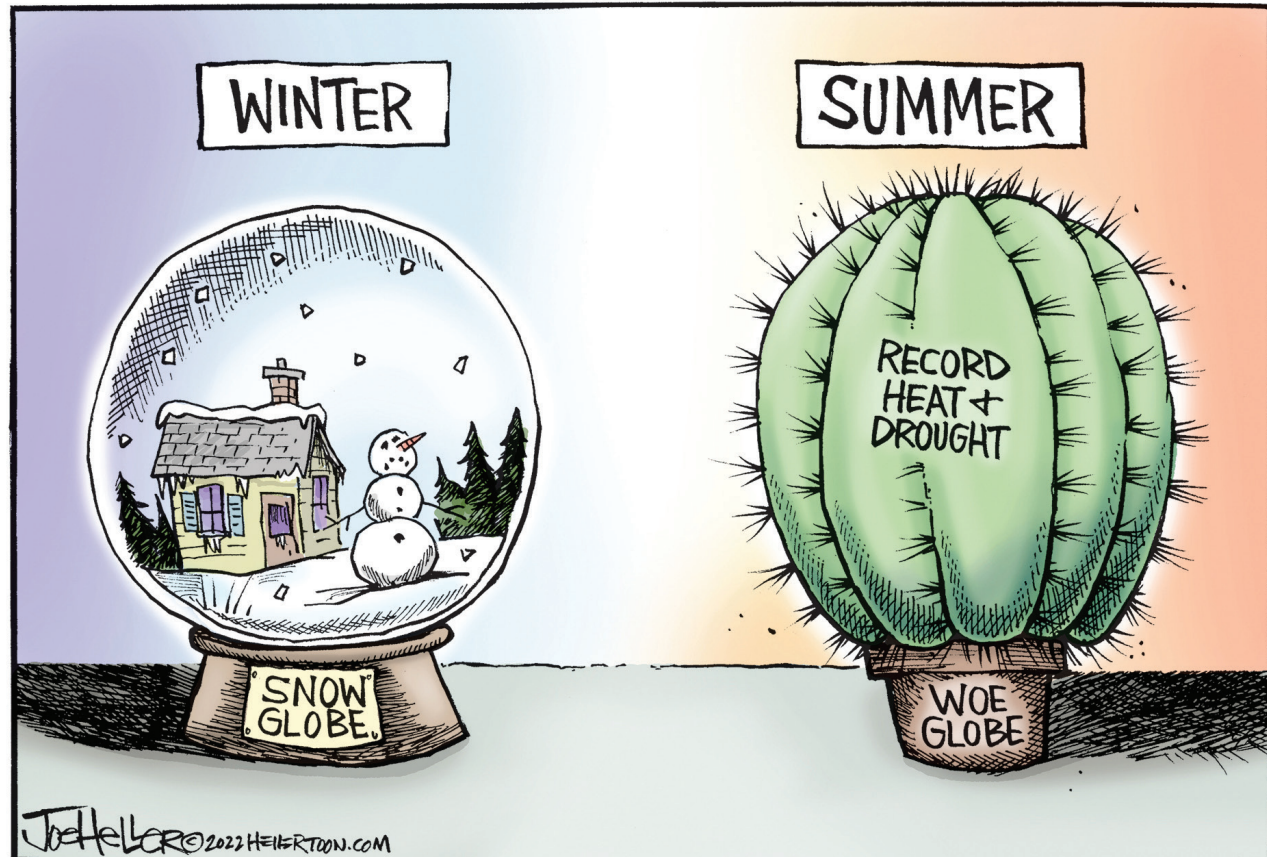
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One more lesson from canine friends

On the desk in my study sits a little black book.



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

No ... not the one with names and phone numbers.

This one is a personal record for me in which I've tried to list every wedding I've performed and every funeral conducted during

my 41 years at it.

Truthfully, the funerals outnumber the weddings. I've run out of funeral pages and took to writing on the inside back cover and other places and now the inside front cover and blank pages in an effort to keep the tally somewhat accurate, even if it's only for me.

I'm not sure what that means, except maybe that more people are slipping away than are tying the knot. Every person on those pages is a person who lived and died, loved and was loved, and who meant something to someone.

Through the years I've tried to remember those facts and to try to treat everyone with some dignity and respect. And frankly some of those services have been more difficult to conduct than have others. I remember the first funeral service in which I found myself weeping as we went along. As soon as I realized what was going on, the mind began to play that game it does with us sometimes, namely the arguing and discussion we often have within ourselves.

"You're crying," Brain said. "I know," I replied silently, as I tried to continue with some remarks.

"Why are you doing that, since you don't like to draw attention to yourself and you're the preacher

Let me lift the great truth and share it with you here:

'Some people who seem unmoved by the deaths of tens of thousands through war or natural disaster will nonetheless summon outrage over the mistreatment of animals and they will mourn inconsolably over the loss of the family dog ...'

and preachers aren't supposed to do stuff like this?"

"I don't know."

"Can you stop?"

"I don't know."

And on and on it went until mercifully it was over for all of us — the family, the folks there, me and Brain.

Common sense, I think, precludes me from naming anyone in this discussion lest I forget the unpardonable (to some) sin of "thinking more of some than others." I cannot tell you exactly why on that particular day I responded as I did except to say I had known the man for years in relationships other than being his pastor and he was as good as they come. I knew I was going to miss him.

And I did and I still do.

And he has not been the only one for whom I have shed a tear, and likely will not be the last.

Through the years I have also shed many a tear for a family dog. And while people and dogs aren't the same creatures, there's much to be said for a good dog and I think I have found at least part of an answer as to why we — or I — have shed those tears.

It came in the form of a book entitled "Old Dogs are the Best Dogs," by Gene Weingarten.

Let me lift the great truth and share it with you here: "Some people who seem unmoved by the deaths of tens of thousands through war or natural disaster will none-

theless summon outrage over the mistreatment of animals and they will mourn inconsolably over the loss of the family dog. People who find this behavior inexplicable or distasteful are often the ones without pets. It is hard for them to understand the degree to which a dog, particularly after a long life, becomes a part of you.

"I believe I've figured out what this is all about. It is not as noble as I'd like it to be but it is not anything to be ashamed of, either.

"In our dogs, we see ourselves. Dogs exhibit almost all of our emotions, even the more complex ones. If you think a dog cannot register envy or pity or pride or melancholia, you have never lived with one any length of time. What dogs lack is our ability to dissimulate. They wear their emotions nakedly, and so, in watching them, we see ourselves as we would be if we were stripped of posture and pretense. Their innocence is enormously appealing.

"When we watch our dogs progress from puppyhood to old age, we are watching our own lives in microcosm. Our dogs become old, frail, crotchety, and vulnerable, just as Grandma did, just as we surely will, come the day. When we grieve for them, we grieve for ourselves.

"The meaning of life is that it ends."

So make something of yours and if there's a tear or two for a friend — human or canine — that's OK.

You're not alone.

VIEWPOINTS

Sales tax to fund state highways

When the North Carolina General Assembly enacted its budget revision for the 2022-23 fiscal year, it contained a major change in how the state funds roads.

JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

Until now, the system relied overwhelmingly on revenue from taxes on motor fuels, taxes on vehicle sales, and annual vehicle registrations. Unlike many other states, North Carolina doesn't have county road networks funded by property taxes. Nor do we levy general sales taxes for that purpose, although some counties impose a special sales tax for transit.

Change is coming. Under the budget revision Gov. Roy Cooper just signed into law, the state will transfer \$193 million in sales-tax revenue from the state's General Fund to its

Highway Fund. That amounts to 2% of sales taxes collected. By 2025, that ratio will rise to 6%, adding about \$600 million a year to the Highway Fund.

Traditionally, North Carolina properly placed transportation in a different fiscal bucket than the General Fund bucket containing schools and law enforcement. The latter programs are entitlements enshrined in the state constitution. Young North Carolinians are entitled to enrollment in public schools if that's what their parents desire. And all North Carolinians are entitled to protection of life, liberty, and property by the state, which requires the provision of sworn officers, courts, and corrections.

With few exceptions, it would be unjust and unconstitutional for the state to charge its residents directly for these services. You don't pay tuition to attend a public school. You don't pay the police a fee to chase down the burglar who just broke into your house.

Instead, we pay for such government entitlements with generally applied taxes. That's because the benefits of promoting public education and public safety extend well beyond those directly served — but there's no practical way of specifically identifying the indirect benefit and charging a price for it.

Instead, we "charge" in a more-roundabout way by taxing a resident's financial "stake" in the community. For some services such as police and fire protection, the indirect benefit is related to how much physical property one owns, so property taxes make sense. For other services (such as education), the indirect benefit is related more to one's overall standard of living, which is why properly structured sales or income taxes make more sense.

Not all government activities meet this definition, however. Services such as roads, water, and sewer are best thought of as enterprises, not entitle-

ments. They are essentially business operations with which government is involved for technical reasons (such as the existence of huge economies of scale or the difficulty of excluding nonpayers from using the service).

For enterprises, it's more appropriate to charge people according to how much they use the system. This works even for indirect beneficiaries — embedded in the prices you pay at the grocery store are the cost of its water hookup as well as the fuel taxes paid by the truckers who deliver groceries to it.

Over time, the user-pay principle has become harder to sustain for North Carolina's roads. Increased fuel efficiency, although a wonderful thing on balance, has reduced gas-tax collections per mile driven. In the past, lawmakers have raised the tax rate to compensate. That's always been unpopular, and under present conditions would be politically suicidal.

I've long been in favor of replacing gas taxes with per-mile charges based on GPS data, but that has its own technical and political challenges. So, in a column I wrote last year, I endorsed precisely what the legislature has just done: transferring to the Highway Fund sales taxes collected on driving-related purchases such as auto parts and vehicle repairs. They total about 6% of all retail sales.

This isn't a perfect solution, and I wish the General Assembly had discussed it more in public before including it in the 2022-23 budget. But this transfer comes closer to meeting our highway needs while respecting the user-pay principle than does any other solution that can be practically adopted at the moment.

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LETTERS

The hog wars

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding my fellow Davidson alum D. G. Martin's (D.G.'s dad was president of the college when I was there, and he started a year or so after I graduated) column ("A Salisbury woman takes down the hog barons") in the July 14-20 edition of the News + Record:

The Hog Wars should be over. Maybe not, but SHOULD be. I have puzzled for decades as to how Smithfield Foods could have so many people working for them and no one there have knowledge enough to properly process the manure. Hog farmers in Missouri have done so for years. Chicken farmers around Siler City have also. Egg producers in Europe bag the processed chicken droppings and sell it in little

fertilizer bags in the garden stores; they make more money off the fertilizer than they do the eggs!

A fellow from Sanford was going to build a hog farm about a mile east of me and a little west of Steve Sielkop; Steve organized enough opposition that he modified the farm plan. I have never noticed ANY odor. Tried to drive in there a few weeks ago, but the gate was locked about a mile in from Alston Bridge Road. I told him I would not object at all if he would live there. That was 20 years ago. I think he still lives in Sanford.

I would imagine that \$32 million would stimulate some city slicker executive at Smithfield to bring in a knowledgeable farmer from N.C. State to teach them how to compost hog manure. Congratulation to Mona

Lisa Wallace, et. al. Good job!

A researcher at State developed the slat system that allowed raising hogs out of the mud. The manure initially was washed out from under the slats and hogs into lagoons. It was not long before we learned it stunk less and made better fertilizer composted rather than just spraying the slurry directly onto crops and pasture. Nitrite turns to nitrate and does not stink. Or Smithfield can ask the chicken people. I might add that the beef feedlots have been slow to adopt composting too, but are catching on. Properly composted, manure can produce methane that can be captured and used to run tractors, trucks, cars; and generators for electricity.

John R. Dykers Jr., MD
Siler City

How slavery ruined the South's environment

We have taken down the Silent Sam Civil War monument on UNC Chapel Hill's campus and the statues of Confederate soldiers on many courthouse plazas.

But there are other monuments to the Civil War and slavery that cannot be removed — unfortunately.

In "Scars on the Land: An Environmental History of Slavery in the American South," David Silkenat explains how over a 200-year period slavery made possible environmental disasters that cursed and continue to curse our region.

Silkenat says the slave owners in America's South saw their landscape as disposable.

Using intensive farming methods made possible by slavery, southern plantation owners wore out their farms. Rather than rehabilitating the land as they exploited it, they simply bought new land to replace what had been ruined.

Sometimes, the replacement land could be purchased nearby. Other times, the owners and slaves from worn-out plantations would move from North Carolina to fresh lands in Alabama or Mississippi, with the enslaved people walking all the way.

In Virginia, Thomas Jefferson noted in 1793 that he did not use manure to fertilize or replenish his worn-out tobacco fields "because we can buy an acre of new land cheaper than we can manure an old acre."

Twenty years later Jefferson acknowledged that the intensive farming by his slaves had left his soils inert.

But the environmental damage associated with slavery was not limited to farmlands.

In North Carolina, for instance, intensive enslaved labor made possible the exploitation and destruction of the magnificent longleaf pine forests that covered our state. To secure the pitch and tar from the pine trees, enslaved labor tapped, and scratched the surface, taking the "blood" the trees needed to sustain themselves, leaving only ghosts of once-magnificent forests.

Silkenat wrote, "Intensive extraction conspired with environmental factors to expedite the forests' destruction. Scarification caused by repeating chipping made the trees vulnerable to wood-boring insects such as the ips beetle, the turpentine bore,

and the black turpentine beetle. Stripped of their bark, the pine trees stood defenseless against these insects. A turpentine-borer epidemic in 1848-1849 along the Cape Fear River devastated the heart of North Carolina's longleaf pine."

Also, in North Carolina, the use of enslaved labor during the gold rush days before the Civil War made possible the extraction of gold but left a ruined landscape behind.

In South Carolina, the rice plantations that made that state wealthy before the Civil War, required an enormous commitment of enslaved labor to dig and manage the canals and other waterways that provided the right conditions for the crop. Those canals and their upkeep, adjustment, and repairs destroyed the natural environment and left the coastal lands permanently affected. Similarly, along the Mississippi River, the construction of levees to protect farmlands from flooding required enslaved labor. Continuing maintenance and repair demanded a long-term commitment of enslaved labor. The adjustments to the normal ebb and flow of the river still make for the continuing disruption of the great river's natural flow.

In cotton and tobacco fields, hardwood and pine forests, rice fields, goldmines, rivers, and levees, slavery brought about even more damage to the environment. Although the author sets out many more examples of damage, he acknowledges that "the environmental devastation chronicled in this book pales in comparison to the brutality of American slavery on human bodies and souls. Yet looking at slavery through an environmental lens reveals how the chattel principle poisoned everything it touched."

Note: The book's author, David Silkenat, a senior lecturer in American history at the University of Edinburgh, has strong North Carolina connections. His wife's parents live in Chapel Hill. His father-in-law, Willis Whichard, was a North Carolina supreme court justice and dean of Campbell University's law school. Whichard himself is the author of an important new book, "A Consequential Life: David Lowry Swain, Nineteenth-Century North Carolina, and Their University."

D.G. Martin hosted "North Carolina Bookwatch," for more than 20 years.

To view prior programs: <https://video.pbsnc.org/show/nc-bookwatch/episodes/>.

Fictional readings? Hardly.

There's nothing better than curling up with some great fiction and a glass of sweet tea. But

who would have suspected that transcripts of the Jan. 6 House committee hearings are fiction? The most powerful man in the North Carolina Senate (and arguably our state), Sen. Phil Berger, likened the hearings to "fictional readings" in a WRAL-TV interview. During this same interview, he declared he believed Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson would be a "great governor."

Berger doesn't live in Fantasy Land, however he evidently visits sometimes. His party described the insurrection as "legitimate political discourse" and many still insist the 2020 election was stolen. It was Honest Abe, one of the founders of the Republican Party, who said, "You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time."

The only fiction surrounding Jan. 6 emanated from a defeated president who refused to accept the truth. We saw former President Donald Trump incite and encourage the mob armed with guns and other weapons. We heard their angry epithets and watched their actions. Seeing and hearing is believing!

Another transition of power, this time from Great Britain, took a different turn. Like Trump, former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was a great campaigner who couldn't govern. But there is one significant difference. When it became obvious Johnson's ruse was over, a host of his Ministers — people who enjoyed great power and influence — stood up en masse and resigned, putting their country's interests ahead of their personal interests. We never saw a similar dramatic demonstration from those surrounding Trump.

Senator, I don't blame you for attempting to paint the Jan. 6 House committee hearings as fiction. At best, this interpretation is an attempt to divert attention and discussion away from topics unattractive to you.

Our legislature just concluded what must be considered a mediocre, timid and unresponsive short session. N.C. General Assembly Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue correctly summarized it, saying, "To have \$9 billion and not invest some of it in our greatest resources is a form of sabotage."

With so much money available and so many areas of need, why was this such a lackluster session? The only explanation heard was that with inflation soaring, our lawmakers believed there would be an economic slowdown and wanted to be prepared to deal with it. They increased our

state savings reserves to \$6 billion, justifying it by saying that in 2009, when Democrats were in control, they failed to prepare for the recession. They are correct about that, but \$6 billion? The 2009 downturn, the worst since the Great Depression, did not last long or plummet enough to require anywhere close to this amount. That can't be the real reason for such a tepid session.

Leaders were afraid to allow Democrats — or the public — any opportunity for input while crafting the \$27.9 billion budget. Only a handful of top Republicans were involved, and lawmakers had about 48 hours to view the 193-page document before voting. Even then, leaders employed a parliamentary maneuver to prevent amendments to it.

This budget failed to fully fund education, falling some \$785 million short of an agreed-upon plan. They did raise teacher pay an average of 4.2% and increased starting teacher pay to \$37,000 — still the lowest in the Southeast and \$6,000 in inflation-adjusted dollars lower than what teachers made in 2015. They could find increased funds for private schools, however, and even the 3.5% increase for state employees won't help. Our state has been miserly in increasing employee pay and isn't competitive in attracting and keeping talented people.

And just when we thought North Carolina might join most other states by expanding Medicaid to citizens who couldn't afford health insurance, squabbles between the House and Senate prevented action. They struck out in legalizing sports gambling, even though anyone wanting to do so already can, and failed to further expand broadband internet funding for rural areas.

Lawmakers put a bandage on the hemorrhaging transportation funding shortfall by diverting 2% of our state sales tax revenues (escalating in future years) for transportation. This will initially fund some \$194 million more a year, but remember it will reduce by that same amount, funds for other government operations. For about 20 years we've known we needed a more reliable transportation funding source than gas taxes. This isn't it.

We ask again why this was such a disappointing Assembly session? Berger himself gave us the answer in his television interview, saying that he and other legislative leaders are waiting to learn the outcomes of the Nov. 8 General Election. They are hoping to once again regain veto-proof majorities and pass legislation Gov. Cooper won't be able to override. Maybe they can hold the majority on the Supreme Court. If successful in doing so, Republicans will once again have virtual control of state government. Without restraints, count on bolder action in 2023, like additional restrictions on abortion, voting, further reductions in gubernatorial powers and more controls over boards and commissions.

This, dear reader, is not "fictional reading."

POLICY

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and the Sheriff's Office to better communicate with the public about matters of general public safety and our various programs here at the Sheriff's Office," Stevens said in an email exchange with Miller shared with the News + Record. "When our agency accounts were first created, we never anticipated the amount of public interest in our pages and never envisioned that the platforms might be used as a public forum."

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office official Facebook Page, Chatham County Sheriff's Office-NC, currently has 10,000 followers. This page, however, differs from Sheriff Roberson's personal account — Sheriff Mike Roberson — which has 4,900 followers. The personal account is used for the sheriff to post his own photos and other information he deems important; until recently, comments were still allowed but are now, like the official department page, limited.

The Sheriff's Office's page, Stevens said, is used to share important updates from local government departments and other official information from the sheriff and his staff. Until early July, posts by Roberson or Sheriff's Office staff typically received dozens, and sometimes hundreds, of likes and shares.

The Sheriff's Office echoed Stevens' sentiments in its announcement of social media policy changes. The office said the decision was made as part of a natural evolution of audience engagement over time.

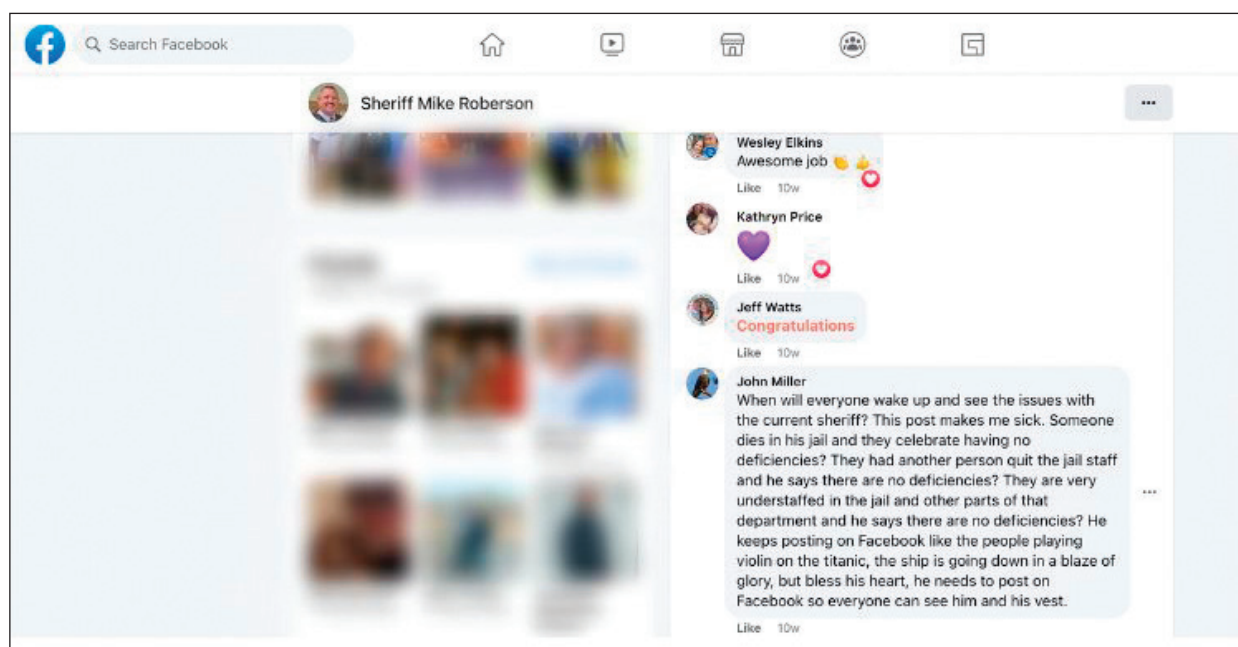
"Our relationship with our audience has developed organically over time, evolving in new and exciting ways with each passing week," the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Facebook page said on a July 7 post announcing it was turning off commenting. "Although we love reading your encouraging feedback and words of support, we have decided that the commenting feature will be restricted for future posts to encourage visitors in need to utilize the 'direct messaging' feature instead."

The post said the office will now receive social media feedback through direct messages on Facebook Messenger because comments on the page "can easily be missed or go unanswered."

"It is our hope that converting to a direct message response system will 'turn down the volume' just enough for victims or those in need of assistance to be heard loud and clear," the post said.

Sara Pack, the chief public information officer for the Sheriff's Office, told the News + Record the department is "constantly learning and adapting our policies and practices based on our own review of internal processes and input we receive from others," and that the department wants to not lose its "personal touch" with the community.

"Conversations about the advantages of promoting direct messaging as a means of connecting more meaningfully with residents had taken place long before July 7th," Pack said. "However, when Mr. Miller contacted our office via email, he shared some frustration with Facebook's limitations and how it impacted him personally. During the decision-making process, his story, among others, was taken into account along with our staff's previous discussions and user experiences. Such changes are always carefully weighed



Facebook screenshot

Sheriff Mike Roberson's frequent social media posts often draw praise from county residents, but also occasional scorn — such as these comments from a local law enforcement employee who posts under the name 'John Miller.'

and evaluated prior to implementation, and we are grateful to Mr. Miller for expressing his feelings and providing us with another point-of-view to ponder before taking action. We hope he will continue to reach out to us with any future concerns as we appreciate constructive feedback and the opportunity to grow and improve."

Miller said he believes the new policy is a "disaster waiting to happen" because the same issues of unresponsiveness and missed messages are likely to occur.

"The new policy was made because of my comments and pointing this out to Rik Stevens, I mean that much is obvious," Miller said. "It's apparent [the sheriff] just likes to get himself photographed, he has an image to uphold and he will protect that at all costs."

Miller said his comments toward the sheriff were never vulgar but rather represented negative opinions of the job the sheriff is doing. Despite what Stevens said, Miller said he still believes he was blocked by the Sheriff's Office, which would be cause for viewpoint discrimination — a violation of the First Amendment protections provided to citizens when criticizing public officials.

First Amendment implications

According to an analysis by the UNC School of Government, previous U.S. Supreme Court cases — Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia v. Trump, and Davison v. Randall — have held that government officials violated the First Amendment rights of citizens by blocking them based on the content of their comments. The analysis finds that these cases deem social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, constitute public forums.

In this case, Miller could not be blocked by the official account of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office simply because the office does not agree with his comments.

"We have, in the past, blocked some individuals from posting to the Sheriff's Facebook page for reasons that did not relate to speech that we deemed to be protected under the First Amendment," Stevens said in an email to Miller. He said previous blocking was done primarily because of unsolicited posts attempting to sell goods/services. "Notice, however, that you are not (and never were) on this list of blocked individuals. At this time, no individuals are on the 'blocked user' list."

Beth Soja, a First Amendment attorney with Stevens Martin Vaughn & Tadych in Raleigh, said deleting comments on official government office posts isn't allowed without credible threats.

Soja's work focuses

on government transparency and freedom of information, especially the North Carolina open meetings and public records laws. In an interview with the News + Record, she said removing specific comments or blocking users based on opinion alone would constitute a First Amendment violation.

"Removing comments based on viewpoint is not permissible," Soja said via email. "But the question of whether a public official can wholesale prevent commenting under these circumstances — when they have allowed it previously — is less settled; however, this is certainly less problematic because they are no longer engaging in viewpoint discrimination. It seems what they are trying to do is convert their Facebook page from a public forum to a pure vehicle for government speech."

Soja said the move by the Sheriff's Office to turn off all commenting, especially with clear communication about the change in nature of the page, is likely permissible under the law. She added, however, the change from allowing comments to blocking them makes the situation a bit murkier.

Amanda Martin, an attorney with SMVT who has argued First Amendment and libel cases in North Carolina for three decades, agreed with Soja's analysis. She said it is probably legal to change the nature of the page.

One of the justifications for the change provided by Stevens and the Sheriff's Office was that large accounts with more than 5,000 followers already had limited comments and because of Facebook company policies. He said the current page has more than 10,000 followers so the comments are already limited.

"What we found in reviewing account settings is that the ability to post comments may have been restricted to those 5,000 unique users," Stevens said. "Which presents an obstacle which cannot be amended without making significant changes to the account. Again, this is a limitation imposed by Facebook itself, not the Sheriff's Office."

Facebook's actual policy, however, differs from this analysis.

"You or the person you want to add have reached the friend limit. You can have up to 5,000 friends on Facebook," the company's terms of service say. "If you need to connect with more than 5,000 people, you can change your personal account to a Facebook Page."

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office account had already changed into a Facebook Page, rather than a personal account.

"I think a public official who did want to actually engage with the public and not be limited to 5,000 participants does have an avenue to do that," Martin told the News + Record. "Someone choosing the more limited

structure does not want to have wide audience engagement."

An election on the horizon

Regardless of the legality of the situation, Miller said he believes restricting the ability of the public to comment on a local official's platform is wrong.

"[Roberson] is trying to control the narrative," Miller said. "I'm being honest ... He's grasping at straws and just doesn't have the longevity. He acts like a politician, not a law enforcement officer."

Those sentiments are widely shared on Facebook by his opponent in the upcoming November election. Marcus Globuschutz, a 28-year law enforcement veteran, won Chatham County's Republican sheriff primary in May.

"I think it's shameful that the Sheriff's Office has cut off the citizens from communication," Globuschutz told the News + Record. "It's

oppressing their First Amendment rights to free speech. As sheriff, I would never allow that to happen."

Globuschutz said the policy change is one reason to "change the whole atmosphere of the Sheriff's Office."

"We need to create an atmosphere where people are willing to come to work and they feel supported by their sheriff," he said.

On July 14, Globuschutz utilized his campaign website to post a blog post entitled "Defender of your Rights!!!" The post was made in direct response to the current Sheriff's Office's changes in social media policy. In the post, he said Roberson does not respect the First Amendment. The post was originally shared on Globuschutz's Facebook page on July 10.

"I came to this conclusion: Sheriff Mike Roberson can't answer the tough questions from the public," Globuschutz wrote in a blog post. "Instead of being able

to explain why there are so many vacancies, why he is spending our tax dollars so freely and why he is allowing the drug dealers to peddle the poison in our neighborhoods; he cuts off the public's voice."

The post goes on to cite statutes in North Carolina law that establish social media as a public forum and calls out Roberson for hindering free speech. Globuschutz said he views being sheriff as the first line of defense for Chatham County's constitutional rights, including free speech.

Miller said he understands using a pen name does diminish the credibility of his previous comments and his story, but he believes there are broader implications than just Facebook.

"I posted all this stuff because the true story is not getting out there," Miller said. He said his ultimate goal was to inform the public about the department's problems. "The sheriff needs to be gone. It starts at the top, and the top is currently a mess."

Pack says Roberson remains committed to serving the county and that the department is responsive.

"Overall, feedback and response to the change has been very positive," she said. "We have received dozens of messages from residents in need of assistance or posing genuine questions about services, employment opportunities, and more. With direct messaging, we can communicate and respond to residents one-on-one to ensure they receive appropriate care and attention."

Reporter Ben Rappaport can be reached at brappaport@chathamnr.com or on Twitter @b_rappaport.

Avoid These Estate-Planning Mistakes

When many people hear the words "estate planning," they assume it's just for the wealthy. But that's not the case because everyone can benefit from an estate plan. And when you're creating one, you'll want to avoid some common mistakes.

Before we look at those mistakes, let's go over what estate planning is designed to accomplish. Essentially, an estate plan allows you to pass on your assets in the way you desire. But it can also specify other actions, such as naming someone to care for your minor children if you were no longer around. In creating an estate plan, several key documents are involved, including a will, a trust, a financial power of attorney and a medical power of attorney or a health care directive.

Now, let's consider a few estate-planning mistakes:

- **Not communicating your plans** — You'll need to inform your family about whom you've chosen as executor — the individual who will administer your estate — and whom you've named as the trustee — the person who will manage your trust's assets. (You can also choose a trust company to handle this duty.) And to help avoid unpleasant surprises when your estate is being settled, consider letting your children or other close relatives know who will be receiving what.

- **Not reviewing your plans periodically** — Once you create your estate plans, don't forget about them. Over time, your personal situation may change — you may experience a remarriage or bring in new children. Your interests may change, too — perhaps you'll become deeply involved in supporting a favorite charitable organization. Given these and other potential changes, you'll want to review your estate plans once in a while to see if they need to be modified.

- **Not updating beneficiary designations** — Every so often, you may want to review the beneficiary designations on your life insurance policies, investment accounts and retirement assets. As mentioned, changes in your life, such as remarriage and the addition of new children, may affect your beneficiaries. Beneficiary designations are powerful and can even supersede your will, so you'll want to update them as needed. Also, if you have a 529 education savings plan, you'll want to name a successor owner — someone who can take over your 529 if you were to pass away.

- **Not re-registering assets placed in a trust** — A living trust offers you many potential benefits, such as the ability to bypass the time-consuming and highly public process of probate when it's time to settle your estate. However, just establishing the trust, by itself, may be insufficient — you likely also need to re-register assets, such as your investments, so they are officially owned by the trust, not by you. This is essential for the trust to work as you intended.

Here's one other mistake — not getting the help you need. Estate planning can be complex, so you'll want to work with an attorney, and possibly with your financial advisor and tax professional, too.

By avoiding key mistakes and working with a qualified team of professionals, you can create and maintain an estate plan that will help you leave the legacy you desire.

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AT A GLANCE

Here's what's especially noteworthy in this year's state budget

- The \$27.9 billion spending plan, approved July 11, provides adjustments to the two-year budget Gov. Roy Cooper signed back in November.
- The budget vote: it passed in the Senate, 36-8, and in the House, 82-25.
- Under a section called "Alternate Grants," a handful of N.C. counties and municipalities received disbursement for designated projects. Siler City's on that list, in line for \$2 million, which the town will use for water and wastewater projects.
- As previously reported by the News + Record, the budget finalizes funding that will directly benefit Chatham's two megasites. It includes \$1.2 billion related to the arrival of VinFast at Moncure's Triangle Innovation Point: \$400 million in incentives from Chatham County, a \$450 million appropriation for site improvements, a \$316 JDIG (Job Development Investment Grant) for VinFast, spread out over 32 years, plus \$38 million worth of community college training for the electric vehicle manufacturer and a \$50 million Golden Leaf Foundation Grant. The budget also includes \$112.5 million in economic development funding mostly evenly-split between the Chatham Advanced Manufacturing site in Siler City and the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite, the location of a battery plant being built by Toyota.
- The budget was written primarily by the Republican-led majority legislature.
- A large portion — \$16.5 billion of the \$27.9 billion total budget — will go toward funding education on the state and local level.
- Pay raises: teachers will get an average raise of 4.2% this year; state employees will get a 3.5% raise. Retired state employees and retired teachers will get a 4% cost-of-living bonus this year.
- \$1 billion from the budget will go into a new fund called the "State Inflationary Reserve," to be used for unanticipated higher costs for state-funded projects.
- Medicaid Expansion — something Gov. Roy Cooper has sought for N.C. for years — wasn't included in the budget, but it now seems to have wide bipartisan support and is likely to be more formally considered by the legislature at a later date.
- With the passage of the budget, the bulk of the General Assembly's work is done for the year. Both houses will be in session for one day on Tuesday, July 26, and one day each month until the end of the year. All 170 members of the N.C. House and N.C. Senate are up for election in November.

- Bill Horner III

BUDGET

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that help the state."

Reives said there's a balance between responsible spending and "making things better" for people.

"But if people can't walk out of that budget process — if they can't walk out with a 600-page document and tell you how your lives got better, then we've made a mistake," he said.

The budget is, for the most part, a "true spending budget," but that wasn't enough for Reives. When asked about a recent survey that said 63% of state residents felt elected officials weren't doing enough to improve the standard of living for North Carolinians, Reives said he concurred.

"It just didn't do it," he said. "It didn't do what it should have done."

But part of what it did do was provide Chatham County with \$600 million — including \$450 million for infrastructure improvements in and around Triangle Innovation Point (the former Moncure Megasite) and another \$112.5 million to be split between Siler City's Chatham Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) site and the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite between Siler City and Asheboro. Another \$2 million was earmarked for water and wastewater work in Siler City.

Those were elements he said he fought for, and wasn't about to turn down — which is why he voted for it. Even so, Reives criticized the structure of funding

provided for things like broadband access across the state, calling it "a big failure" on the part of his colleagues.

"We're spending more money on broadband than we ever have," he said. "This would have been a prime opportunity to jump on that because you've got so much money ... it would allow you to get over some of the obstacles. We could have literally repealed two statutes, and we could have taken this budget and literally had internet from the mountains to the coast without blinking. You've got people who are never going to get internet under the plan that we've got right now."

Reives also said opportunities in the budget to invest more in education — in part to create a better learning environment for students — and affordable housing were partially squandered, along with easing the burden of health care costs and addressing statewide infrastructure, including crumbling state roads.

He's hopeful, though, those issues will ultimately be addressed at the state level. Reives cited a recent CNBC.com story, published last Wednesday, which ranked North Carolina as America's top state for business in 2022. The story's author said N.C.'s strong economy and a "turbocharged" track record of innovation were factors in putting it atop the list. But another was the fact that "state leaders keep managing to put aside their very deep political divisions to boost business and the

economy."

The CNBC story quoted Alexander H. Jones, writing in the blog Politics North Carolina: "Divided government is working in North Carolina. Cooper and the Republicans have worked together hand-in-glove."

"We're the best state in the country to do business in right now," Reives said. "And I know that both sides of the aisle would say, 'Oh, this happened because of the Democrats.' Or, 'This happened because of the Republicans.' But here's the truth: the reason North Carolina got better is because we've gotten past partisan differences."

The state needs leaders, he said, who will, "whatever their party, will walk in trying to figure out solutions for people who work every day."

Too often, he said, solutions are "thrown to the side" because no one wants to compromise and "nobody wants anybody else to get credit." In the past year, though, that happened less frequently.

So he remains hopeful — and also thankful the budget's passage will, no matter what, create permanent positive changes here.

"We're getting money that is going to benefit the county no matter what," he said — in the form of real, tangible improvements to Chatham's two megasites that will last, regardless of what happens in the economy or two industries locating there.

"All of these things help the county specifically," he said. "That's good for us."



OBITUARIES

REDA FOUSHEE PARTIN



July 8, 1935 ~ July 11, 2022
Reda Foushee Partin, age 87, of Moncure, died Monday, July 11, 2022, at home.
Mrs. Partin was born in Harnett County on July 8, 1935, to the late Carl Foushee and Lessie Byrd Foushee. She was also preceded in death by six brothers, Russell Foushee, Cliff Foushee, Elton Foushee, Garland Foushee, Vernon Foushee, and Ross Foushee, and two sisters, Colleen Boone, and Bronnie

Acron.
Surviving relatives include her husband, William Fred Partin; one daughter, Dianne DeWitt and husband Howard of Moncure; one son, Don Partin, and wife Carolyn of Raleigh; five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.
The family will receive friends Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at Gum Springs Baptist Fellowship Hall. The funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. at Gum Springs Baptist Church with Pastor Jackie Franks presiding. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Reda's memory to Liberty Homecare & Hospice Services, 1005 Carthage St., Sanford, N.C. 27330.
Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.
Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Partin family.

EDWARD RALPH SCHWERIN



Edward Ralph Schwerin Jr., 77, died in the early morning of July 9, 2022, at his home in Siler City, North Carolina. He was surrounded by his children and beloved partner, Charlotte. Ed had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March of this year.
Edward grew up in Five Points, Raleigh, and graduated from Broughton High School and N.C. State.
Edward is survived by his beloved partner, Charlotte Vetter; his son, Michael Schwerin; daughter, Tamela Schwerin; his sister, Julia Schwerin Earp; and his dog Sammy. He is also survived by his grandson, Arlo Estill; his son-in-law, Lyle Estill; his step-grandchildren, Jessalyn Kiesha and Kaitlin Estill and his great grandchildren, Margot Kiesha, Aidan Zafer Kiesha and his ex-wife, Anne Schwerin. Ed was preceded in passing by his grandson, Zafer Estill.
Edward's burial will be held July 24th at 10 a.m. at the Sanctuary of the Burrow in Moncure, North Carolina, with a Second Line jazz band, Bulltown Strutters. He will be buried next to his grandson, Zafer.
His service and Celebration of Life will be held at 12 noon on July 24 at his dream home, Rockin' Horse Farm in Siler City. All are welcome to celebrate this great man's life.

passed away in her home on July 16, 2022.
Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Burial will follow at Chatham Memorial Park.
Victoria was born in Detroit, Michigan, to Hazel and Samuel Dennis Wood. She attended Wayne State University where she attained a degree in photojournalism and UNC-Greensboro where she obtained her MBA. She was employed by Volvo-White Corporation and later became a teacher at Pleasant Garden Elementary School. Victoria was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Julia's Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Elaine Ragin and brothers Dennis Wood and Martin Wood.
She is survived by her husband of over 50 years; her brothers London, Holland and Juarez Wood; a son, Thomas.
In lieu of flowers, please send a photo memory of you with Victoria or a special message posted on the funeral home's obituary website.
Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Thekkekandam family.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com.

RAYMOND CRAWFORD PETTIT

December 3, 1929 ~ July 17, 2022
Mr. Raymond Crawford Pettit, 92, of Siler City passed away Sunday, July 17, 2022, at his home.
Raymond was born in Stokes County on December 3, 1929, the son of Hubert Francis and Mary Ella Lane Pettit. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed spending his time walking through the woods, deer hunting and fishing. Raymond was a lover of all sports, especially golf. He took pleasure in listening to gospel and country music, playing his guitar and singing. Raymond cherished his entire family. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Johnny Pettit and wife Cheryl; four brothers and eight sisters; one grandson and one great granddaughter.
Mr. Pettit is survived by his wife of 73 years, Mae Cameron Pettit; children, Don Pettit and wife Phyllis of Siler City, Linda Goodman and husband James of Siler City, and Doris Holt and husband Richard of Sanford; grandchildren, Kim Lilly and husband Stephen of Siler City, Jill Messer of Snow Camp, Donna Stevenson and husband Scott of Siler City, Tammy Everett and husband Rob of Wagram, Jennifer Woodell and husband Ryan of Siler City, Gavin Holt and Carrie Council of Greensboro; and eight great-grandchildren.
The family received friends on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City.
Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, 1225 Mt. Vernon Springs Road, Siler City, with Rev. Ray Gooch and Rev. Bill Browder officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.
Memorial may be made to the Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church.
Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Pettit family.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com.

MATILDA ANN MAULDIN MILLER

September 17, 1943 ~ July 11, 2022
Matilda Ann Mauldin Miller, 78, of Siler City passed away July 11, 2022 at UNC Hospital.
A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Siler City with Pastor Barry Gray officiating.
Matilda was the daughter of Grant Eugene and Novella Crutchfield Mauldin, and a member of First Missionary Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Petenia Murdock.
Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Howard Weldon Miller; son, Myron B. Miller of Siler City; daughter, Carla M. Frazier of Greensboro; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild; sisters, Joan Cheek of Ramseur, Shirley Emerson of Sanford, Cynthia Brooks of Bear Creek, Sandra Mauldin of Pittsboro, Felecia Mauldin of Siler City; and brother, Timothy Mauldin of Siler City.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com.

LYMAN DARDEN JARMAN

August 16, 1943 ~ July 16, 2022
Lyman Darden Jarman, 78, of Siler City passed away at his home on Saturday, July 16, 2022.
Friends are welcome to come by Smith & Buckner Funeral Home on Wednesday and Thursday to sign the register book and view pictures of Mr. Jarman.
Darden was born in Greene County on August 16, 1943, the son of Tom and Frances Sutton Jarman. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam. He spent many years serving his community, holding titles in the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, Siler City and Liberty Police Department, as well as the Georgia Highway Patrol. He was an owner of American Service Center in Siler City. Darden was a member of Rehobeth United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents.
He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Pam Joyce Jarman; children, Barrett Jarman of Siler City; English J. McNeese of Siler City; Robbie Jarman of Goldsboro; Sharon Cutler of Columbus, Georgia; nine grandchildren; brothers, Roger, Wayne, Stewart and Jackie; sisters, Raye Powell, and Carol Jarman.
The family requests no flowers be sent; instead please send memorials to the Rehobeth UMC Cemetery Fund, 850 Kildee Church Rd., Ramseur, N.C. 27316.
Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Jarman family.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com.

ROY MOORE

January 25, 1940 ~ June 11, 2022
Roy Moore, 82, passed away Monday, June 11, 2022, at home.
The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Needham's Grove Baptist Church with Pastor D.J. Harry officiating. The body will lie in state at the church prior to the service from 12 to 1:45 pm. Joyce-Brady Chapel will be open on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from 2 to 5 p.m. for friends to sign the register.
Roy was born in Moore County, to Rancie Lee Moore and Nora Scott Moore. In addition to his parents Roy was preceded in death by his sister, Louise Maness; brothers, Rancie (Bud) Moore Jr., John Moore, Marvin Moore, Paul Moore and Howard Moore. Roy served in the National Guard and worked at Union Carbide, Milliken Mills and farmed for several years. He retired from Renfo.
Roy is survived by wife of 57 years, Loretta Allred Moore; sons, Wesley Moore and Scottie Moore; daughter, Christina McNeill; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters Wilma Davis, Valleen Maness and Betty Garner.
Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Needham's Grove Baptist Church, 359 Needham Grove Church Rd., Seagrove, N.C. 27341.
Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebrady-chapel.com.
Joyce-Brady Chapel is honored to serve the Moore Family.

Mr. Pettit is survived by his wife of 73 years, Mae Cameron Pettit; children, Don Pettit and wife Phyllis of Siler City, Linda Goodman and husband James of Siler City, and Doris Holt and husband Richard of Sanford; grandchildren, Kim Lilly and husband Stephen of Siler City, Jill Messer of Snow Camp, Donna Stevenson and husband Scott of Siler City, Tammy Everett and husband Rob of Wagram, Jennifer Woodell and husband Ryan of Siler City, Gavin Holt and Carrie Council of Greensboro; and eight great-grandchildren.
The family received friends on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City.
Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, 1225 Mt. Vernon Springs Road, Siler City, with Rev. Ray Gooch and Rev. Bill Browder officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.
Memorial may be made to the Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church.
Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Pettit family.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com.

NEILL ALLEN 'HOSS' THOMAS JR.

August 5, 1942 ~ July 17, 2022
Neill Allen "Hoss" Thomas Jr., 79, of Lillington, formerly of Sanford, died Sunday, July 17, 2022, at Emerald Nursing and Rehab Center. He was the son of the late Neill Allen Thomas and Luzene Howard Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Neill Allen Thomas III and sister, Mary Beatrice Thomas Brownlee.
He is survived by his daughter, Kelli Thomas Rattz of St. John's, USVI; and sisters, Rebecca T. Rosser of Broadway, Roetta T. Taylor of Lillington, and Eloise T. Rosser of Broadway.
Private family services will be held at a later date.
Online condolences can be made at www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com
Arrangements are by the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway.

VICTORIA MARILYN WOOD THEKKEKANDAM

August 5, 1945 ~ July 16, 2022
Victoria Marilyn Wood Thekkekandam, 76, of Siler City

YENIFER JASMIN ARUJO LOPEZ

Yenifer Jasmin Araujo Lopez, 17, passed away on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at her residence in Richmond County, N.C.
Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford. Mask required.

GEORGE WESLEY PARRISH

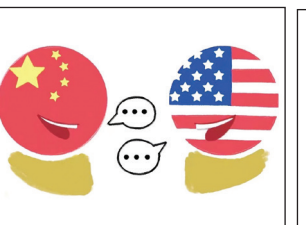
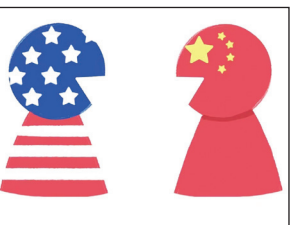
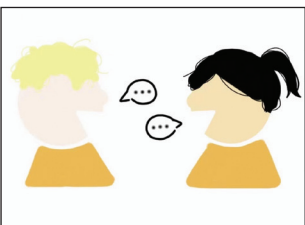
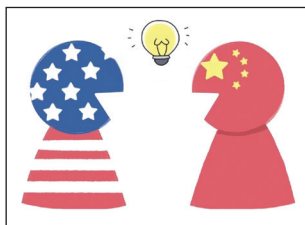
Mr. George Wesley Parrish, 81, transitioned into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at The Laurels of Chatham in Pittsboro.
Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill. Mask required.

LAVERNE DELOIS (HICKS) MCDUGALD

July 16, 1951 ~ July 14, 2022
Laverne Delois (Hicks) McDougald, 70, of Broadway, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at her residence.
Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford. Mask required.

MOISES PINEDA-JACO

October 6, 1953 ~ July 16, 2022
Moises Pineda-Jaco, 68, of Siler City passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at his home.
Professional services entrusted to Knotts and Sons Funeral Home.



Emoji #1 Emoji #2 Emoji #3 Emoji #4 Emoji #5 Emoji #6

A BUCK-LEI EMOJI

Wait, what's that word I'm looking for? I got it now, the perfect sentiment to end my sentence.

BY BUCK RYAN AND LEI JIAO

Special to the News + Record

Editor's note: Journalism professor Buck Ryan in Kentucky and English lecturer Lei Jiao in Wuhan, China, pursue cross-cultural understanding through good stories — this time how emojis with exceptional design led to their induction into the Smithsonian.

BUCK: Lei, it all started with a Chinese dumpling.
LEI: Stop, Buck, you're making me hungry.

BUCK: Well, that was the story for two Chinese-ish women trying to punctuate their texts to say they were dying for dumplings.
LEI: "-ish"?
BUCK: That was their term. I know you're red-blooded Chinese — I guess these women felt a little pink.
LEI: Aw, Buck, if only we had an emoji to end that sentence. I see three for "pin" — a safety pin, a push pin and a map locator pin — but nothing for "pink," or kind of Chinese.
BUCK: That's the whole

point! These heroic women made it their mission in 2015 to have a dumpling emoji added to the list of internationally approved visual punctuation.
LEI: You're kidding.
BUCK: No, and we're going to do the same thing, Lei Jiao. Get your daughter, Ruby, on the horn. We need an artist, fast!
LEI: Whoa, Buck Ryan. Ruby is a busy girl. You'll have to tell me more about your madcap scheme. What're you thinking?
BUCK: Well, Lei, this is something I've been thinking

about for a long time — maybe 14 years now — ever since I interviewed Hal Saunders for a documentary about China, "Citizen Kentucky/Citizen China: Hope for a New Century" (KET, 2008).
LEI: Who's Mr. Saunders?
BUCK: Harold H. Saunders served in the U.S. State Department under six presidents. He worked on the Camp David Peace Accords between Israel and Egypt in 1978, negotiated to get American hostages released from Iran in 1981, but his China connection might

intrigue you more.
LEI: Oh?
BUCK: He acted as a decoy for Henry Kissinger to keep the press off his trail as Kissinger made his secret trip to China in 1971.
LEI: Ha! Nothing to see here — just cracking the Cold War ice.
BUCK: Right, Lei. Over the years, Hal would do a 180 on how he viewed "normalizing" relations between the U.S and China.
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EMOJI

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LEI: Huh.
 BUCK: As Hal told me, once U.S.-China relations were determined by only four men—Nixon and Kissinger and Mao and Zhou. Now those relations are shaped by citizen-to-citizen interactions, which have power beyond government policy.
 LEI: That's a radically profound notion, Buck.
 BUCK: Yes, Lei, enough to humble any control freak. You can learn more from Hal's book, "Politics Is About Relationship: A Worldview for the Citizens' Century" (revised 2014).
 LEI: I wonder what Henry Kissinger thinks about that?
 BUCK: Well, he and former President Jimmy Carter wrote positive blurbs for Hal's first edition in 2005. It outlined how concerned citizens outside government can bring about social change.
 LEI: So why am I calling Ruby?
 BUCK: We need an emoji for that!
 LEI: For what?
 BUCK: Something to express a notion as tasty as a Chinese dumpling—the power of citizen-to-citizen interactions to change the world.
 LEI: Right.
 BUCK: As the rhetoric gets hotter between our governments, we need to put "the People" back in "We the People" and "the People's Republic of China." Only an emoji can save us now!

LEI: That's a radically insane notion, Buck.
 BUCK: Aw come on, Lei. We can change the world one emoji at a time. Think of the power.
 LEI: What power?
 BUCK: The power to communicate clearly! Do you know what the word "emoji" means?
 LEI: It's Japanese, right?
 BUCK: Yes, for "picture character." And do you know what Oxford Dictionaries announced as the 2015 Word of the Year?
 LEI: No, what?
 BUCK: The "face with tears of joy" emoji—not a word at all.
 LEI: You're making me laugh until I cry, Buck.
 BUCK: Seriously, Lei. I guess you missed the first Emoji Spelling Bee, eh?
 LEI: When was that?
 BUCK: The next year, 2016, in San Francisco. The prize was awarded by Finland's director of public diplomacy, who helped to launch her nation's official emoji. It's not too late to catch the wave, Lei!
 LEI: Buck, you're killing me. Get serious.
 BUCK: OK, Lei, imagine I text you, "The police are here." What happens?
 LEI: I would start to get anxious and worry something bad happened to you.
 BUCK: Right, Lei. Then comes something magical: I end the text with a smiley face emoji. Poof! All that anxiety disappears, right?
 LEI: Right.
 BUCK: We're living on the edge, Lei. It's a digital world of nuance. Goodbye, face-to-face communication — hello, virtu-

al exchanges.
 LEI: I see that.
 BUCK: Tone of voice and meaning gets lost. We are so easily misunderstood! Emojis can help us get our points across clearly.
 LEI: So where did you get that idea?
 BUCK: From listening to "Sidedoor: A Podcast from the Smithsonian," with support from Public Radio Exchange, or PRX. I stumbled on an old episode entitled "Love in the Time of Emoji."
 LEI: Smithsonian?
 BUCK: Yes, every once in a while a new emoji is so elegantly designed that it makes its way into the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum in New York City.
 LEI: Like what?
 BUCK: Well, according to the museum's website, "In 2020, Cooper Hewitt acquired the Person with Headscarf and the Inter-skintone Couple emoji for the museum's permanent collection."
 LEI: And you think a Buck-Lei emoji is next?
 BUCK: Yes!
 LEI: Buck, you're crazy.
 BUCK: We can do it, Lei. We're not alone.
 LEI: Oh?
 BUCK: Enter Emojination! Its motto is "Emoji By The People, For The People: We give voice to the people about emojis."
 LEI: Really.
 BUCK: Yes, Emojination can help us. It wants to make emoji approval "an inclusive, representative process."

LEI: We'll need a real fighter with a lot of luck on our side.
 BUCK: Got someone in mind! Emojination's co-founder, Jennifer 8. Lee, a film producer, author and journalist.
 LEI: Well that middle initial is a lucky number in China.
 BUCK: Lee explained on the podcast how she raised money, maybe \$21,000, to buy a seat at the table to get the dumpling emoji approved.
 LEI: What table?
 BUCK: The Unicode Consortium, a non-profit corporation that develops standards for characters. So if I send you a heart from the U.S., it doesn't show up as googly-eyed poop in China.
 LEI: Buck, you're making my head hurt. This sounds impossible. How long will it take?
 BUCK: If we're lucky, our emoji would be available to writers around the globe in 18 months. It's a byzantine approval process.
 LEI: See?
 BUCK: No time to waste, Lei!
 LEI: Tell me again, how can Lee help us?
 BUCK: She learned a lot as vice chair of the Unicode Emoji Subcommittee. Emojination celebrated worldwide success with its campaigns for the hijab emoji and the dumpling emoji.
 LEI: You're making me hungry again, Buck.
 BUCK: This will be Ruby's greatest challenge! Not since taking the Zhongkao standardized exam will she conquer such a hill.
 LEI: Buck, you're asking the

kid to climb Mt. Everest. OK, I'll ask her.
 BUCK: Thanks, Lei. Just let me know what she thinks.
 LEI: Buck, I got your answer. Ruby is game on one condition.
 BUCK: What's that?
 LEI: When she's finished, we go out for dumplings.
Let us know which one of these Buck-Lei emojis, drawn by Lei Jiao's daughter, Ruby, is your favorite. Or maybe you have a better idea. Join the fun! Cast your vote or submit your entry to the News + Record Emoji Contest. Send us a note to emoji@chathamnr.com.
About the authors: Buck Ryan, a University of Kentucky journalism professor, and Lei-Jiao, an English lecturer at Wuhan University of Technology, Hubei Province, China, collaborate on articles to advance cross-cultural understanding.
You can read their two-part series on U.S.-China relations, first "A new Cold War recipe: Take China's overconfidence, add our misperceptions, then dip it in a batter of 'strategic ambiguity'" at this link: <https://chathamnewsrecord.com/stories/a-new-cold-war-recipe-take-chinas-overconfidence-add-our-misperceptions-then-dip-it-in-a-13488>
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HONORS

SCHOOL HONORS

GRADUATES ELMIRA COLLEGE

Evelyn Schoenberger of Pittsboro was among the graduates celebrated at the Elmira College Commencement for the Class of 2022, when she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Elmira College is located in Elmira, New York.

ITHACA COLLEGE

Winter Faulkner of Pittsboro

graduated from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services.

DEANS LIST

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

William Key of Pittsboro has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List of Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester,

N.Y. Key is in the Industrial Design program.

Widener University

Emma Wilcock of Pittsboro has been congratulated for achieving Dean's List status during the Spring 2022 semester at Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Patrick Rubinas of Pittsboro

has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire, for the Spring 2022 semester.

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Joseph Lozada of Siler City has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Western Carolina University, located in Cullowhee, N.C.

CHANCELLOR'S LIST

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

The following Chatham County students have been named to the Chancellor's List for the Spring 2022 Semester at Western Carolina University, in Cullowhee, N.C.:

- Jose Arellano, Snow Camp
- Morgan Barnes, Pittsboro
- Noan Oyan, Pittsboro
- Nathan Rogers of Snow Camp



During these dog days of summer, it's not always easy to stay cool, but we have the solution! Get ready to dip your toes and swing your paddles at the newest amenity at Chatham Park. We are excited to announce that Paddles, a swim, and pickleball amenity – is the perfect place to relax by the pool or engage in a rousing game of pickleball. We celebrated the opening in July, and our members have taken full advantage of this beautiful addition to the area.

Paddles Swim & Pickleball is located in Vineyards at Chatham Park adjacent to Knight Farm Community Park and features a six-lane competition-style pool, a kiddie pool, and a concession stand. Members can enjoy umbrellas, individual loungers, and outdoor showers. Outside of the swim area, there are eight pickleball courts, so bring your neighbors and your best game!

Not familiar with pickleball? Easier to learn than tennis with less stress on the joints than aerobics, pickleball is a great way to stay healthy and meet your neighbors! It is the fastest-growing sport in America, with more than 10,000 courts nationwide.

Don't live in Chatham Park? No problem! Paddles is a private membership facility with memberships open to everyone.

"We are so excited to open this gorgeous new amenity," said Vanessa Jenkins, Executive Vice President of Preston Development Company. "We welcome anyone from the area who would like to become a member, residents and non-residents alike."



Paddles is just one more example of the incredible growth happening in our live, work, play, and learn master-planned community in Pittsboro, North Carolina. For more information on our current amenities, and homes, or how we fulfill our promises for more balanced lifestyle opportunities, visit our new Vineyards Information Center located at Paddles Swim & Pickleball at 500 Vine Parkway.

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OFFICE SPACE RENT

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RENTAL APARTMENTS

POWELL SPRINGS APTS. Evergreen Construction introduces its newest independent living community for adults 55 years or older, 1 and 2 bedroom applications now being accepted. Office hours: Tues & Thurs, 9 to 4 p.m. Call 919-533-6319 for more information, TDD #1-800-735-2962, Equal housing opportunity, Handicapped accessible, A2,tfncc

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS now for one bedroom apartments, adults 55 years or older. Water included, appliances furnished, on-site laundry, elevator, keyless entry. Section 8 accepted. No security deposit. Application fee \$25 per adult. Call Braxton Manor, 919-663-1877. Handicap accessible. Equal Housing Opportunity. Jy14,tfncc

MOBILE HOME SALES

TWO BEDROOM, one bath mobile home on five acres in Siler City, city water, no pets, call (919) 260-1354 leave message. Jy14,21,28,Au4,4tp

FOR SALE

FARM ANIMALS, seven Black Angus Bulls: three Registered Bulls, 4 Pure Stock. Price ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Call 336-362-8887, Dale, Jy21,28,Au4,11,4tp

TV ANTENNAS - Come by MacPage Communications at 102 North Third Avenue, Siler City. 919-227-6698, Jy14,21,28,3tc

AUCTIONEERS

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mates. 919-258-3594 N9,tfncc

HELP WANTED

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TOWN OF SILER CITY, CUSTODIAN: Performs a wide variety of custodial and light maintenance duties in order to provide a clean, orderly, and safe work environment in assigned Town buildings. - Required Education and Experience Qualifications: High school diploma or high school equivalency. Possession of a valid NC driver's license. - Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: Prior experience in custodial and/or maintenance work. Bilingual in both written and spoken English and Spanish. - Hiring Salary \$31,984/year. Please refer to our website for a full job description. **UTILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER**: Performs intermediate skilled and semi-skilled work in the installation, replacement, repair, and maintenance of water and sewer lines. Required Education and Experience Qualifications: High school diploma or high school equivalency. Experience in construction-related utility work. Possession of a valid NC driver's license. Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: Possession of a NC Class B commercial driver's license upon hire. Bilingual in both written and spoken English and Spanish. Additional Employment Requirements: Must obtain a NC Class B commercial driver's license within six months of hire. All required certifications and licensures must be maintained with no lapse during the course of employment. - Annual Hiring Salary \$31,984.00. Please refer to our website for full job descriptions. **TO APPLY**: This posting is open until filled. A completed Town of Siler City application and resume is required for consideration. The application may be found on our website at www.silercity.org or picked up at City Hall. The application may be mailed or delivered to City Hall, Attention: Human Resources, 311 N. Second Ave., PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or submitted via email to dritter@silercity.org. Pre-employment drug testing, DMV check, and background checks are required upon job offer. **EOE**. The Town of Siler City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Siler City's applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, disability, or other legally protected status. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided necessary accommodations. Jy21,1tc

HOME CARE SEEKING - Now hiring for immediate positions in Pittsboro/Siler City: Certified Nurse Aides and Personal Care Assistants - Competitive Weekly Pay, CNA's start at \$12.00/hr. & up for extra care cases - Total Life Care, Call (919) 799-7275 or visit 106 Village Lake Rd., Ste. A, Siler City for more info or to apply. Jy7,14,21,28,4tc

FURNITURE FRAME BUILDERS NEEDED, Charter Furniture, Liberty, NC - \$2500 Signing bonus to those candidates who have a min. of 2 years frame building experience with a licensed furniture company; Signing bonus of \$2,500 payable in three installments as per the following: \$500 paid after 3 months of continuous employment, \$1,000 paid after 6 months of continuous employment; \$1,000 paid after 12 months of continuous employment - All payments subject to normal taxes and withholding. Responsibilities: Frame Builders work either individually or as a team to assemble the wooden frames for sofas, loveseats, and chairs; Assemble wood frames or sofas, loveseats and chairs using pneumatic staple guns; Positions pre-cut frame parts and glues, staples, or screws them together to fabricate furniture frame, using pneumatic staple gun and glue applicator; Trims and smooths edges of frame, nails, screws, bolts and glues pre-cut frame parts and attaches legs, arms, and back pieces using pneumatic staple gun; Nails screws, or bolts plywood or other material to frame; May cut wood parts, according to specifications, using power tools; May attach hardware to wooden furniture frame; May be designated according to part or pieces assembled as Arm Builder, Back Builder, or Center Frame/Floor Frame Builder. Other duties to be performed as directed by supervisor(s). - Pay: \$16.00 - \$18.00 per hour. -- Contact Rhonda Goldston at Charter Furniture (336) 622-2201, Ext. 219. Jn30,Jy7,14,21,4tc

FOOD SERVICES STAFF, Pittsboro Christian Village is accepting applications for Server, Pantry Cook, and Cook. Apply in person 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday, at 1825 East St. in Pittsboro. Jy14,tfncc

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shape layers of padding over inside back and tacks material to complete inside upholstery of product. May use grooved foam rubber padding and work excess material into grooves to produce channeled effect securing material with buttons using needle, thread and cotton. Inspect the overall quality of assembled product. Comply with all Health and Safety guidelines within the work place. Maintain a clean and orderly work area. Perform other duties as required or assigned. -- Job Type: Full-Time, Pay: \$18.00 - \$35.00 per hour. Jy7,14,21,28,4tc

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 288
All persons having claims against **ROBERT THOMAS BOONE, JR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 23rd day of June, 2022. Carol Ann Rinzler, Executrix 4 Neptune Dr. Groton, CT 06340 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 356
All persons having claims against **DEBORAH LYNN PARYZ**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27th day of June, 2022. Jonathan Joseph Paryz, Executor 1028 St. Cloud Loop Apex, NC 27523 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 312
All persons having claims against **DENNIS COOK aka DENNIS ROSS COOK**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27th day of June, 2022. Adam Cook, Executor 114 Vintage Hill Cir Apex, NC 27539 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 334
All persons having claims against **BARBARA ANDREWS JONES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27th day of June, 2022. Ashley Rabbitt, Executrix 115 Matt Dr Bell Buckle, TN 37020 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 339
All persons having claims against **ALFONSINA MARIE THYLSTRUP**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27th day of June, 2022. Celeste D'Emilio, Executrix 6065 70th Avenue Ridgewood, NY 11385 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tp

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified on the 17th day of June, 2022, as Executor of the Estate of **RAYMOND C. LAUVER**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of September, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 30th day of June, 2022. Franklin Street Trust Company, Executor of the Estate of Raymond C. Lauver Post Office Box 57579 Durham, North Carolina 27 717 G. Rhodes Craver Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 165
All persons having claims against **WILMA M. ROBINSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of October, 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 July, 2022. Jamie Robinson, Executor 1513 Duet Dr. Siler City, N.C. 27344 Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 371
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 371
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 371
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 371
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 371
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SHIRLEY C. STROWD**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 4041 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 7th day of October, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 29th day of June, 2022. John Wayne Strowd, Jr. 4041 Mt. Gilead Church Road Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 371
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the 7th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 7th day of July, 2022 Ira A. Hallman, Sr. and Timothy Lee Hallman, Executors of the Estate of **MARGIE LEE COLLINS HALLMAN aka MARGIE LEE HALLMAN** c/o Samuel Gray, P.O. Box 1381, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526 Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ESTATE OF ALLEN MARK FEINBERG, 22-E-347
All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against **ALLEN MARK FEINBERG**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before October 7, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. Matthew Jon Feinberg, the fiduciary, is fully authorized to receive and administer all assets belonging to the state. C/O Pierce Law Group PLLC 3020 S Miami Blvd, Ste 201 Durham, NC 27703 Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 357
All persons having claims against **NANCY W. MccOY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of October, 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 July, 2022. Teresa M. Crumley, Executrix 759 Newbern Ave Asheboro, NC 27205 Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 357
Having qualified as Executors of the Estate of **MARGIE LEE COLLINS HALLMAN aka MARGIE LEE HALLMAN**, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before

EXECUTOR NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **TAD WHITCOMB JONES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against

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Place of Sale: Chatham County Courthouse
Description of Property: **Exhibit A** BEING all of Lot 106, containing 0.14 Acres, more or less, as shown and described on Plat entitled, "Harmony Hills Subdivision Phase One", dated July 17, 2002, prepared by Stalling Surveying, and recorded in Plat Slide 2003-10 and 2003-11, Chatham County Registry, together with the right of access, ingress and regress across the roads in Harmony Hills Subdivision as shown on Plat, reference to which is hereby made for greater certainty of description. (1) The above described property is subject to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Harmony Hills Subdivision, recorded in Book 991, Page 124, Chatham County Registry. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and utility lines and rights of way in existence over, under or upon the above described property. PIN: 8752-15-62-9628 Property Address: 1703 Signing Sound Way, Siler City, NC 27344 Record Owners: Trazon Euell Mason Address of Property: 1703 Singing Sound Way Siler City, NC 27344 Deed of Trust: Book: 1698 Page: 709 Dated: July 19, 2013 Grantors: Trazon Euell Mason and wife, Rahma Mateen Mason Original Beneficiary: State Employees' Credit Union

CONDITIONS OF SALE: Should Time of Sale: **10:00 a.m.**

the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of Forty-five Cents (45¢) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). This sale is made subject to all unpaid taxes and superior liens or encumbrances of record and assessments, if any, against the said property, and any recorded leases. This sale is also subject to any applicable county land transfer tax, and the successful third party bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax. A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property: an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. Dated: 4/27/22 Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P. Posted on 5/4/22 Jy14,Jy21,2tc

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JEAN G. WATERBURY**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 14th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of July, 2022. Joyce A. Waterbury AKA Joyce W. Weston, Executrix, Estate of Jean G. Waterbury Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,Au4,4tc

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 21 SP 8 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Martin W. Pinnock and Lucinda P. Pinnock (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Martin W. Pinnock) to Michael J. Broker, Trustee(s), dated June 8, 2006, and recorded in Book No. 1270, at Page 271 in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on July 28, 2022 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in Goldston in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: The land referred to is described as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Gulf Township, Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a railroad spike in the southern right of way line of Audubon Lane, the same being a common corner between the lands of Herman Stout and Mrs. Caudle, and runs thence as the Caudle line South 37 degrees 42 minutes East 150 feet to an iron stake, southwestern corner of the Caudle land; thence North 52 degrees 18 minutes East 150 feet to an iron stake, the southeastern corner of Caudle land in the western right of way line of a proposed street known as Durham Street; thence as the said proposed street line South 37 degrees 42 minutes East 252.3 feet to an iron stake with white oak pointers; thence as the J.D. Johnson line South 11 degrees 35 minutes West 220 feet to a large cedar tree, an old corner between J.D. Johnson, Stout, and Gwen; thence as the Gwen line South 14 degrees 20 minutes West 128.7 feet to an iron axle on the hillside, another corner with the Gwen Land; thence South 76 degrees 35 minutes West 109.1 feet to a solid iron bar, another of the Gwen corners; thence South 55 degrees West 23.25 feet to an iron pipe, corner with the lands of Frank D. Hayes as shown on the map thereof recorded in Map Book 6, Page 69, Chatham County Registry; thence as the line of Hayes and E.M. Harris, Sr., North 36 degrees 55 minutes West 320.9 feet to an iron pipe, the E.M. Harris corner in the line of the David W. Fields property; thence as the Fields line North 52 degrees 05 minutes East 38 feet to a solid iron rod in the ditch; thence North 32 degrees 30 minutes West along the lines of David W. Fields and Mrs. Earl Stout and near along the center of the ditch 261.4 feet to an iron pipe in the southern line of Audubon Lane North 52 degrees 18 minutes East 174 feet to the point of beginning and more particularly shown on a map by Hal T. Siler, Registered Land Surveyor, dated June 26, 1987, entitled, "Property of John Russell Wilkins, Jr. and wife, Karen T. Wilkins." Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 96 Audubon Lane, Goldston, North Carolina. BEING the same property conveyed to Martin W. Pinnock and Lucinda P. Pinnock by Deed dated 02/01/05 recorded 02/04/05 in Book 1157, Page 518. Parcel/Tax I.D.#: **9167** Commonly known as: **96 Auburn Lane, Goldston, NC 27252** Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are expressly disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in its sole discretion, if it believes the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068 https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com Firm Case No: 3891 - 13339 Ju14,Ju21,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22-E-373
All persons having claims against **RUBY MAE SCURLOCK**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 14th day of July, 2022. George C. Scurlock, Jr., Administrator c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 97035 Raleigh, NC 27624 Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,Au4,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 367
All persons having claims against **EVA LOUISE TRACY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of October, 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 July, 2022. Kelly Tracy Pincus, Executrix c/o Howard, Stallings, From, Atkins, Angell & Davis, P.A. 5410 Trinity Road, Suite 210 Raleigh, NC 27607 Post Office Box 12347 Raleigh, NC 27605 Jy21,Jy28,Au4,Au11,4tp

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP
The Town of Siler City CDBG Program, in an effort to promote fair housing opportunities, is sponsoring a Fair Housing workshop on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Multipurpose Room, Wren Memorial Library, 500 N. Second Avenue, Siler City, NC. This event is free and open to the public. Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact Jack Meadows, Director of Planning & Community Development, at 919-742-2323 or jmeadows@silercity.org (TDD# 919/807-4420 or Relay North Carolina TTY# 1 800/735-2962) by Friday, July 22, 2022. Accommodations will be made for all who request assistance with participating in the workshop. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Jack Meadows, Director of Planning & Community Development, at 919-742-2323, or at City Hall, 311 North

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 381
All persons having claims against **JAMES LEE MCDIARMID**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of October, 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 July, 2022. Matthew McDiarmid 9474 Hwy 87 N Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,Au4,4tp

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-105 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Alton Rayvon King, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **BERTA FAYE JOHNSON KING**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 12th October, 2022, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 14th day of July, 2022. Alton Rayvon King, Executor c/o Marie H. Hopper, Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,Au4,4tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22-E-369

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This the 21st day of July, 2022. Barbara Myers McKinley, Executor c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 97035 Raleigh, NC 27624 Jy21,Jy28,Au4,Au11,4tc

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This the 19th day of July, 2022. Ahylea Michelle Willard, Administrator 422 A Greenlawn Drive Asheboro, NC 27203

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **MOYNA BLAIR MONROE**, late of 500 Carolina Meadows, Apt. 10, Chapel Hill, Chatham County, North Carolina 27517, the undersigned do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Jean Gordon Carter, McGuireWoods LLP, P.O. Box 27507, Raleigh, NC 27611, on or before the 21st day of October, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of July, 2022. Blair Cameron Kendall and Logan Adair Kendall, Co-Executors of the Estate of Moyna Blair Monroe Attorney: Jean Gordon Carter McGuireWoods LLP P.O. Box 27507 Raleigh, NC 27611 Jy21,Jy28,Au4,Au11,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20 E 551

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This the 19th day of July, 2022. Edward L. Morrow, Sr., Executor 3091 Moon Lindley Rd. Snow Camp, NC 27349 Jy21,Jy28,Au4,Au11,4tp

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HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **ELEANOR MARIE JASION**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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Notice to Creditors NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JEFFREY**

LEE HOLDER, late of 2404 Piney Grove Church Road, Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina 27344, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4145 Randolph Church Road, Liberty, NC 27298, on or before the 24th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 21st day of July, 2022.

Lisa L. Moore, Administrator of the

Estate of Jeffrey Lee Holder Pamela E. Whitaker Attorney at Law 4145 Randolph Church Road Liberty, NC 27298 (336) 622-3553 Jy21,Jy28,Au4,Au11,4tp

ON-LINE SALE AT STORAGE AUCTION

Siler City Self Storage ("Lienor"), P.O. Box 143, Siler City, North Carolina, will hold an online sale at StorageAuction.com (https://www.storageauctions.com) beginning Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 and ending August 16th, 2022. The following person is subject to this online sale: Unit 1018, Thomas Garcia 1509 Wrenn Smith Rd. Siler City, NC 27344 Jy21,1tc

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SILK HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

TO: Each member of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department and the community (all adults age 18 or older who are residing in the Silk Hope Fire District). Please take notice of the annu-

al meeting of the membership of the Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. The meeting will be held on August 2, 2022 at 8 p.m. at the office of the corporation which is the fire station which is located at the intersection of S.R. 1003 (Silk Hope Rd) and S.R. 1346 (Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd). The business to be conducted at the annual meeting is as follows: The election of four directors. 2. Any other business which may lawfully come before the meeting is held. Tony Bristow, Secretary Jy21,Jy28,2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

An offer of \$1,600.00 has been submitted for the purchase of certain property owned by Chatham County, Parcel ID #0000189, which is located at Old US 421 N. and Ward Rd., North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, BEGINNING at an iron stake 100 feet South of the most Southwest corner of the intersection of Holiday Street and County Road (formerly known as the upper Chatham Road) running South on West side of said County Road 100 feet to an iron stake; thence West 180 feet to an iron stake in Randolph-Chatham County line; thence along said County line North 100 feet to an iron stake; thence East 18- feet to an iron stake which is the BEGINNING. This plate contains 18,000 square feet, more or less. Parcel Number: 0000189. This description comes from the instrument recorded at Deed Book 1608, Page 0689 of the Chatham County Registry. Persons wishing to upset the offer that has been received shall submit a bid with their offer to the office of the Clerk to the Board, 12 East Street,

P.O. Box 1809, Pittsboro, NC by 5:00 P.M., **July 31, 2022**. At that time the Clerk to the Board shall review the bids, if any, and the highest qualifying bid will become the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer to an amount not less than **\$1,730.00**. In order for a bid to be considered, the bidder must be current on payment of all property taxes owed to the County.

A qualifying higher bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid. The deposit must be made in cash, by cashier's check, or by certified check. The County will return the deposit on any bid not accepted and will return the deposit on an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. If the final high bidder refuses at any time to close sale, their deposit will be forfeited to the County. The process of advertising and accepting upset bids will continue until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid will be reported to the Board of Commissioners. The County Board of Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will do within 90 days after the final upset bid period has passed. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids at any time.

The buyer must pay with cash, by cashier's check, or by certified check at closing. Inquiries about the property and the sale may be made to the Clerk to the Board, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC, or at telephone (919) 542-8200 during normal business hours. Jy21,1tc

'PROVIDING THE BACKBONE'

Volunteers keep COA engine revving

BY JIMMY LEWIS
Chatham County Council on Aging

PITTSBORO — There are vertebrates, and then there are invertebrates.

Linda Saum knows that a Chatham County Council on Aging minus its robust volunteer corps results in a team less able to respond to the needs of a burgeoning senior population.

What about with outreach programs such as Meals on Wheels, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program? Without volunteer assistance, these efforts — and others — slow to a sluggish crawl and are unable to stand on two feet.

"The volunteers provide the backbone of the Council on Aging as far as the way we can deliver the programs to the participants," Saum said. "They're the means to the end, basically."

Akin to a maestro, Saum, the Council's volunteer coordinator, directs the efforts of this orchestra of some 200 members on a daily basis. While the SHIIP and VITA programs are more seasonal offerings, the Meals on Wheels program, five days a week, strikes at the heartbeats of the Council.

Volunteers serve as the eyes and ears for staff while engaging these homebound senior meal recipients in conversation. They will also notice



Courtesy of Rodney Dietrich

A sampling of the roughly 200 individuals that make up the Chatham County Council on Aging's volunteer roster gathered June 1 at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro for its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

small intricacies that may yield clues that further follow-up is needed or a client is unwell.

"They are very diligent about their people," Saum said of the Council's array of volunteers. "They know when something is off. Someone may not spot when someone is not feeling well, but that volunteer will."

While the call for volunteers is constant, the need is amplified within the Meals on Wheels program. Substitute drivers can become necessary within the span of a week, leaving Saum or other Council

staff as the final line of defense to ensure that meals are received. Therefore, the depth of the substitute base becomes critical.

"If there are two routes that don't have a driver, then I'm looking to staff to help cover those," Saum said. "Most of the time, the volunteers are good about letting me know ahead of time. But sometimes, I'll get a call from six volunteers in one week that they can't do it, and now I'm looking for six substitutes!"

For those apprehensive about volunteering for the

SHIIP and VITA programs, free training is available and no specific background or area of expertise is required. SHIIP assists seniors in making informed decisions about their Medicare supplements, while VITA provides free tax assistance to those who qualify based on income. While the Council generally serves the 60-and-over population, there is no age restriction to be a VITA client.

"The VITA team, they definitely mentor new people," Saum said. "We had two or three new people this year that

were very apprehensive about it, but VITA is done in a big room and they all help each other."

Volunteers find rewards in their labor and quickly build connections with clients, particularly in the Meals on Wheels program.

"We have some long-term volunteers — way longer than I've been here," Saum said. "They form those attachments. When we have to change a route, let's say somebody comes into a home and they're not on the route anymore or unfortunately, they pass away, it affects the volunteers greatly. Although they are grateful to meet someone new, they're concerned about the person that is no longer there."

Indeed, loyalty and dedication to a worthwhile cause stir and create a sense of purpose. Whether it's a Meals on Wheels driver, a SHIIP counselor, a VITA preparer, or someone assisting in activities at centers in Pittsboro and Siler City, one phone call is usually all it takes.

"Once you connect with the Council, and this has been my experience personally, you're invested," Saum said. "You're invested in these folks, and you feel that you're doing a great service by providing them help."

For more information regarding volunteerism at the Council, call 919-542-4512 or email Saum at linda.saum@chathamcoa.org.

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'FEELS LIKE A DREAM'

Northwood grad, Michigan State commit Olivia Porter fuels late comeback in East-West All-Star Game

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO — Last week, Olivia Porter took a flight from Michigan to Raleigh for the final game of her high school career.

And just like she's treated any basketball road trip during her time in Pittsboro — by car, bus or plane — it was just another business trip for the Northwood star.

Porter shined during the annual N.C. Coaches Association East-West Women's Basketball All-Star Game at the Greensboro Coliseum on July 11, amassing 10 points on 3-of-10 shooting, 5 rebounds and 2 assists in her high school curtain call.

Her 9 fourth-quarter points helped lift the West over the East in a comeback thriller, 62-55.

"It was good, it was really competitive from the jump," Porter told the News + Record. "We had a very slow start, but once everybody got acclimated and started hitting shots, we really started playing well. We had fun and that's all that really matters. Obviously, the win makes it better, but it was just having fun with each other."

Trailing by 8 points entering the fourth quarter, 53-45, the West outscored its cross-state opponents, 27-12, in the final period to seal the win.

"The fourth quarter's kind of when I went off," Porter said proudly. "It all started with a

(3-pointer), then I really started going crazy in transition and making my layups, finishing shots and hitting free throws."

Porter said she wasn't happy with the way she played in the opening half, when the East got out to an early double-digit lead, but when you're playing against some of the top competition in the state, slumps are expected.

Of the 20 players featured in the showcase, nine of them are headed to Division I schools this fall, with nearly all of them committed to playing basketball at the next level in some fashion.

Yet, once the fourth quarter rolled around, Porter's signa-

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Photo by Nick Stevens/HighSchoolOT

Northwood grad Olivia Porter shoots a 3-pointer in the NCCA East-West Women's Basketball All-Star Game in Greensboro on July 11. Porter finished the evening with 10 points, 9 of which came in the fourth quarter in the West's 8-point win.

NEXT STOP: LOUISIANA

West Chatham 12U team takes title, advances to World Series

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

CARTHAGE — When spectators gather in Alexandria, Louisiana, next week for the 2022 Dixie Youth Softball Ponytails (12U) World Series, the first pitch they'll see will come from the arm of a Chathamite.

That's because last week in Carthage, the West Chatham 12U All-Stars rolled through the Dixie Youth N.C. State Tournament — outscoring their opponents, 67-19 — en route to an undefeated 2022 state title and a World Series berth, the organization's first 12U title since 2016.

The title comes on the heels of the organization's 10U state title last season, which propelled the All-Stars to the Dixie Youth Angels (10U) World Series, where they finished third — an experience that half of this year's 12U squad remembers well.

"My daughter, Natalie Garner, was the only girl that came back from (the 12U runner-up team last year), so you mix her in with the six girls that were coming off of the 10U team that won the state championship last year," Aaron Garner, West Chatham 12U's head coach, told the News + Record, "and you've got seven girls with state tournament experience on this team. I think that really helped us a lot."

The team is a dynamic hodgepodge of athletes from around Western Chatham County, including four players from Bennett, two players from Goldston, three players from Silk Hope and one player, Lillie Poe, from Bonlee, along with one player from each of West Chatham's 15U squads, which totaled 12 athletes from six different



Submitted photo

The West Chatham 12U All-Stars (from left: Hadley Brewer, Lillie Poe, Adison Gardner, Logan Thompson, Ruby Parks, Natalie Garner, Blair Hill, Mollie Oldham, Ella Parks, Lilly Allen, Aubrey Covington, Nora Baxter) pose after defeating Pembroke in the N.C. Dixie Youth Softball Ponytails State Championship on July 13, 14-2, to punch their ticket to the Dixie Youth World Series in Louisiana.

youth teams.

But West Chatham looked about as close to a cohesive unit as possible despite having hardly any pre-made chemistry with one another — and practicing together for just a month — before the state tournament.

A smashing debut

Without a district tournament due to District 5 not having enough teams to fill out a bracket this season, West

Chatham's first organized game as a team came in the tournament's first round against Cherryville.

And, in what would be a familiar theme for most of the tournament, West Chatham dominated its cross-state opponents.

"We jumped out on them there," Garner said. "My pitchers, Natalie Garner and Logan Thompson, held Cherryville to three hits in four innings and only gave up like one run in

the first four innings. They did a great job."

Poe, one of the tournament's shining offensive stars, led the team in the opener with a 3-for-3 afternoon, including two doubles and a triple, while Lilly Allen added a pair of doubles herself.

West Chatham's first-round game — a 12-5 trouncing of Cherryville — began a double-digit scoring trend that'd

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The Orioles and Mariners are proof that baseball makes no sense. And it never will.

There's something strange, yet awesome, happening in Major League Baseball.

Few sports are as wacky and unpredictable as baseball — hence why we've had eight different World Series winners in the last eight years — and that's how it's always been.

From fans making massive snakes out of beer cups wrangled together from Section 201 to Dock Ellis throwing a no-hitter on LSD to Vladamir Guerrero Jr. posting eerily identical stats as his father, baseball is full of oddball moments, perplexing numbers

and unusual happenings.

This year is no different. Right now, we're witnessing a pair of hot streaks that hasn't happened like this since ... well, ever.

On July 13, MLB saw two teams earn victories and extend their winning streaks to 10 games: the Baltimore Orioles and the Seattle Mariners. You read that right.

Two sub-.500 franchises — the O's having been 35-44 just before their streak began and the Mariners having been 37-42 — went on identical winning streaks that somehow hit the 10-game mark on the same day (July 13), each of which have resulted in that team reaching a .500 record or better.

Thanks to a well-written and well-researched column by The Athletic's Jayson Stark

published last week — which is worth the weird, wild and wonderful read — I discovered that this is, indeed, the first time two sub-.500 teams have done that at the same time (besides the first week of the season) in MLB history.

Besides all of the similarities that the two streaks possessed, the fact that these streaks have existed at all, even separate from one another, is baffling.

Let's start with the Orioles. I've been an O's fan since the early Buck Showalter era.

Early in my Orioles fandom, I was blessed to see young stars like Manny Machado and Jonathan Schoop, along with older veterans like J.J. Hardy and Adam Jones, grace the field at Oriole Park at Camden Yards (OPACY, for short) in Baltimore.

In 2014, the O's made it all the way to the ALCS in one of the most thrilling seasons in decades for the franchise. (They ultimately lost to the Kansas City Royals.)

Since then, however, there's been a whole lot of mediocrity occupying OPACY.

In the seven seasons since 2014, the Orioles have posted just one season above .500 — along with another, 2015, right at .500 — and have been toward the bottom of the AL East every year, with their highest finish being third place in both 2015 and 2016.

Their record over the last seven seasons? 423-609.

That's the worst record in MLB over that span.

Over the last three seasons, however, the O's have been historically bad.

According to Stark, from 2018-21 — excluding the COVID-shortened 2020 season — the O's were a whopping 180 games under .500, joining a club of only six other teams in major league history to hit a mark that astounding.

So, fast forward to 2022, when Baltimore took its 35-47 record and rattled off 10 consecutive victories — sweeping the Texas Rangers, Los Angeles Angels and Chicago Cubs in the process — to find its head above water at the halfway point of the season. It was the first time the franchise had a 10-game winning streak since Sept. 1999.

The Orioles' streak ended just two days after hitting its 10th entry, having dropped

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VICTOR HENSLEY
Sports Editor

PORTER

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ture confidence kicked in, propelling her to a monster fourth quarter that fueled the West comeback.

“In the fourth quarter, I really started playing like myself,” Porter said, “just really embracing it and going at people’s necks because I didn’t want to lose.”

Porter is the second Northwood women’s basketball player to be selected to compete in Greensboro, the first of which was Kristian Eanes, who scored 6 points to go along with 7 rebounds and 3 assists in the West’s close loss to the East, 74-71, in 2017.

Eanes was one of many Northwood supporters in the stands to cheer on Porter, who had plenty of hometown support at the Coliseum, including familiar faces like Northwood state champions Myla Marve and Caroline Allen, along with former Charger McKenna Snively and a plethora of alumni and coaches.

Porter said that the outpouring of kind words



Photo by Nick Stevens/HighSchoolOT

West guard Olivia Porter (24) brings the ball up the floor in the NCCA East-West All-Star Women's Basketball Game in Greensboro on July 11. Porter is one of just two Northwood players ever selected to play in the event.

helped her realize what she meant to the Northwood community, despite having played just one season as a Charger.

“A guy at the end of the game was like, ‘You put Chatham County on the map, thank you so much,’ and it’s just crazy,” she explained, “how I can impact people and the younger generation, being as young as I am. It’s kind of chilling.”

Her fourth-quarter explosion for the West will not only be her final moment on the court

representing the Chargers, but after committing to Michigan State a couple of weeks ago, it may also be her final moment as a member of a North Carolina-based team.

If you ask her, a come-from-behind win was a nice way to put a bow on her illustrious high school career that spanned two states in Alabama and North Carolina.

“It kind of feels like a dream,” she continued. “It’s like, ‘Wow, I’m really doing



Photo by Nick Stevens/HighSchoolOT

West All-Stars guard Olivia Porter (in red) attempts to drive past the East's Journee McDaniel in the 2022 NCCA East-West All-Star Game in Greensboro on July 11.

the things that I’m doing and I just played in my last high school event.’ Luckily, I got a W.

“Now I’m 31-1, essentially,” Porter said, tacking an extra victory onto

Northwood’s impressive 30-1 title-winning season last year. “It was just great to end my high school career on such a high note, losing only one game my senior year.

I really couldn’t ask for anything more.”

Reporter Victor Hensley can be reached at vhensley@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @Frezeal33.

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last for three of the remaining four games, including two straight blowout wins over Moore County, 15-7, and Pembroke, 18-2, in the second and third rounds, respectively.

The third-round matchup against Pembroke was not only the team’s first mercy-rule win, having been ahead by 16 runs after four innings, but also West Chatham’s first no-hitter, with the duo of Natalie Garner and Thompson striking out seven batters in a pitching clinic.

As the tournament progressed, one thing remained constant: West Chatham’s balanced play.

No matter the date, time or opponent, West Chatham made it a point to deliver both superb pitching and lights-out hitting, pummeling opponents with a near-perfect mixture of offense and defense.

“There were a couple of games where everybody in the lineup got at least one hit,” Garner said, praising his team’s offensive versatility. “Our bats were hot. Our pitching was on point. I was really proud of the girls.”

The All-Stars’ only true test came during the semifinals in a rematch with Moore County out of the losers’ bracket, where they trailed, 3-2, entering the top of the sixth inning.

“(Moore County) had thrown its best pitcher the night before just trying to win and get to that game, so their best pitcher wasn’t available against us,” Garner explained. “They came in and had a girl that was throwing really, really slow and it really threw us off a little bit. Even though our pitchers did their job, we just couldn’t hit that slow pitch.”

Moore County needed to collect just three more outs to enact its revenge on West



Photo by Alyson Gardner

The West Chatham 12U All-Stars hoist the trophy after defeating Pembroke, 14-2, in the N.C. Dixie Youth Softball State Championship on July 13.

Chatham, but after walking the inning’s first three batters and loading the bases, things only got worse.

Natalie Garner proceeded to rip a two-RBI liner to center field to nearly clear the bases, giving West Chatham a 4-3 advantage in the game’s final inning. Then, consecutive singles from Blair Hill, Nora Baxter and Aubrey Covington, followed by a stand-up double from Poe, broke the game wide open for the All-Stars.

By the time Moore County forced the third out, West Chatham was ahead by 5 runs, 8-3, having scored a whopping 6 runs in the sixth.

West Chatham’s Ella Parks closed the game out on the mound, striking out three batters between the fifth and sixth innings, sending her team to

the title game with an improbable comeback victory.

“They stayed focused, they weren’t hanging their heads in the dugout and nobody was saying, ‘Hey, we’re down’ or ‘We’re going to lose.’ Nobody got upset,” Garner said. “They just continued to do their job and when the stars lined up, man, they were ready.”

From Carthage to Alexandria

In the championship game, West Chatham took on Pembroke, over which it’d earned its largest win of the tournament in the third round. As was the case with Moore County, Pembroke had “expired all of its pitching,” Garner said, in a come-from behind, extra-innings win over Lumberton

to make its way into the title game.

Even though West Chatham lost the opening coin toss — which Garner called “the only thing we lost in the tournament” — making them the visiting team, the All-Stars still tore up Pembroke’s pitching from the get-go, scoring 8 runs on 9 hits in the top of the first inning.

Despite having to deal with a little bit of rain and a struggle with command, West Chatham’s pitchers were in bend-don’t-break mode. Over the first two innings, Natalie Garner amassed five strikeouts, but balanced it out with four walks and three hit batters, leading to just one earned run.

By the end of the fourth inning, West Chatham had taken a 14-2 lead over Pembroke as

it controlled every facet of the game, triggering the mercy rule and securing the 2022 state title for the All-Stars.

“We didn’t talk about (winning the championship) a lot because we didn’t want to jinx ourselves,” Garner said, laughing. “We had a lot of girls that didn’t wash their jerseys the whole tournament because they were really worried about luck. ... And some of these girls that won it last year (on the 10U team) are now back-to-back state champions. That’s a big feat in itself.”

Now, West Chatham will represent North Carolina as one of six teams still standing at the 2022 Dixie Youth Ponytails (12U) World Series in Louisiana, beginning on July 30.

Without much time to prepare, Garner said he feels confident that his team, coming off of such a strong showing in Carthage, has what it takes to make plenty of noise in Alexandria.

“We’ve got three practices to get ready and we’re just trying to stay as sharp as we can, you’re not really teaching them anything right now,” Garner said. “We don’t really know what kind of pitching we’re going to see down there — we didn’t really see a whole lot of overpowering pitching in the state — so you never know. ... We just need our pitchers to stay sharp, just throw strikes, and need our girls to play error-free ball.”

“The whole experience is going to be the whole deal,” he continued. “Whether we win, lose or draw, the experience is going to be something that even the ones last year haven’t seen. The infield’s all turf, the outfield’s all grass, so they won’t even be stepping on dirt.”

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BASEBALL

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two out of three games to the Tampa Bay Rays just before the All-Star break to fall back to .500 at 46-46, but the fact that it happened at all still leaves me speechless.

Since calling up former No. 1 overall pick Adley Rutschman on May 21 — one of my personal highlights of the year — the O’s are 30-22, the eighth-best record in MLB over that span.

While I’m in no position to try to explain how or why the O’s have been on a tear — perhaps one of the players found a lucky penny lying heads-up on Eutaw Street? — I can safely say that this is the most fun I’ve had as a fan in a long time.

Mariners fans, however, might have me beat on

the optimism scale.

By now, most people are aware of the elephant in the room, one that’s been following the Mariners around for over two decades:

They haven’t made the playoffs in 20 seasons, the longest postseason drought in North American pro sports.

As has seemingly happened plenty of times during that unfathomable streak, the Mariners had a shot on the final day of the season last year ... but, as luck would have it, both the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox earned wins in Game 162 that eliminated Seattle for the 20th straight year.

This season, though, the Mariners seem determined to climb out of the pool of embarrassment they’ve been treading in since George W. Bush

was in office.

Cue the streak. As of publication, Seattle is in the midst of a 14-game winning streak that it took into the All-Star break, having lost just one game in all of July (a 3-1 loss on July 1 to the Oakland Athletics) and swept four-straight series against the San Diego Padres, Toronto Blue Jays, Washington Nationals and Rangers.

Just like the O’s streak, this is a historic run for the Mariners, marking the second-longest win streak in franchise history (15 games, 2001).

It’s a streak that’s been fueled by 21-year-old rookie All-Star Julio Rodriguez — who nearly won the MLB Home Run Derby on Monday, falling just short in the Finals against Nationals’ slugger Juan Soto — and a boatload of sheer mo-

mentum.

When the Mariners began their victorious spell, they were five games under .500. Now, they’re nine games over .500 at 51-42 and are in sole possession of the No. 2 wild card spot in the American League, just a half-game back of the Rays for the top wild card position.

It’s still yet to be seen whether or not Baltimore and Seattle’s recent success will last (or lead

to postseason berths), but one thing’s for certain.

The teams that have acted as the doormats of baseball for years might not be the doormats any

longer. Reporter Victor Hensley can be reached at vhensley@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @Frezeal33.

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THE CLIPBOARD | JASON LEE, SEAFORTH MEN'S GOLF

Lee credits Ching, Stewart for program's 'strong start' in inaugural season

The Seaforth Hawks, by all accounts, weren't supposed to have this much success in their inaugural golf season. Around campus, teams from men's tennis to women's soccer had strong showings in Seaforth's first year. Men's golf should be firmly on that list.

With five players on the roster — three who'd barely picked up a club before joining the team — the Hawks crushed it, taking the top spot in their first match against county foes Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews. While they found themselves near the middle of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference pack by the end of the year, the Hawks had plenty to show for their first season on the course, including two state qualifiers in freshmen Griffin Ching (T-11th, +14) and Gray Stewart (T-44th, +31).

This week, the News + Record spoke with Jason Lee, former men's golf head coach at Seaforth, to discuss the challenges of starting a program, the perseverance of his freshmen and the potential of the entirety of this youthful Hawks roster. Since the conclusion of the season, Lee has moved on to become the golf pro at Falls Village Golf Club and will no longer be coaching Seaforth, which is on the hunt for its next men's golf coach.

This interview has been lightly edited for length and clarity.

With last year being Seaforth's first as a men's golf program — and a school — how would you describe the journey of your inaugural season?

JASON LEE: The first couple practices of the year were just to see who we've got that's interested in the program and who's willing to play for the next couple of years. The first two seasons are mainly just to grow, just to get our program started off the ground, so we weren't really looking to compete as much as we did this year, but, obviously, it worked out. We had two great players, Griffin Ching, who was Mid-Carolina Conference Player of the Year, and Gray

Stewart, who was a great No. 2. They both made it to states, so they kind of helped the team get started. They already had a little bit of experience with playing golf, playing tournaments, as well, so they kind of helped get off to a strong start.

With Seaforth only having freshmen and sophomores, I'm sure you had a much smaller pool to choose from when it came to filling out the roster. What was the overall interest level in the team going into the season?

I was completely unsure because the girls' season passed in October and I wasn't involved in the girls team, but then when November or December came around, Jason Amy — Seaforth's athletic director — reached out because I was the head golf pro at The Preserve at Jordan Lake right across the street and asked me to be the head coach. Originally, I wasn't even sure if anyone would have a full roster to compete or anything, and we'd just say, "We started this off, let's get on a good note," but then luckily, we had kids come out and had five on the roster all season.

Once you had the roster filled out, where did your team go from there? What was the regular season like as a first-time program?

Our season started in February and went on until about late May, including states. Our first match was with us, Chatham Central, Jordan-Matthews and two other schools in our conference. We actually finished in first place in our first match ever. It was pretty awesome. We were like, "If this is how we're going to start the season with such a young team, such a young program, from the get-go, we could look forward to something like this." And then from then on, it's just the kids learning how to play in tournament situations. We had a couple of second- and third- place finishes, we never got last. Every week we had a match, then we

Jason Lee

ROLE: Head Coach, Men's Golf

EXPERIENCE AT SEAFORTH: One season

NOTES:

- He has played golf since he was 7 years old
- He is currently the head golf pro at Falls Village Golf Club
- He played golf at two different colleges: Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, and Reinhardt University in Waleska, Georgia

Seaforth Hawks (2021-22)

CONFERENCE: Mid-Carolina 1A/2A

STATE QUALIFIERS: 2

STATE FINISHES:

- Griffin Ching (freshman; T-11th, +14 (158))
- Gray Stewart (freshman; T-44th, +31 (175))

had a spring break bye week. Every week, the kids were out there four to five times a week, practicing Monday through Thursday. For a majority of the team, they had very limited experience in playing the game, so it was just mainly for them to get exposure, getting over the learning curve for this season.

Since over half of your team didn't really have much golf experience entering the year, how were you able to get them ready and prepared for the season?

Luckily, it's just kind of my background. I've played at a lot of different levels. I've been playing the game of golf since I was about 7 years old. I played at junior level, high school and then played college golf down in Atlanta, so I've had a lot of exposure playing tournaments, playing at a fairly higher level and it just kind of helped me figure out what to do and what not to do with young players, kind of like what I did when I was growing up, and use that experience to help them and guide them on the right path, if they're interested, for the long term.

Obviously, with two freshmen and a sophomore that weren't as experienced, we had a lot of growing to do. It was mainly in range sessions, making sure we get the fundamentals down, not really worrying

about the good shots or the bad shots, but worrying about the good shots as they come and just kind of progress from there. Building confidence is a huge part of the game, so as the kids start seeing a lot and hitting better shots at the range, that kind of translates to the course. They did a great job. They worked at it, starting from 3:30 to 6 p.m., rain or shine. It was mainly on them; I just helped provide the guidelines for them to succeed.

You mentioned that having confidence is crucial to play golf, mainly because of how mental the game is. With your two state qualifiers, Griffin Ching and Gray Stewart, did they seem to have that confidence going into the year?

Griffin had a little bit more on-course confidence because he's played in a bunch of tournaments. The great thing for him, being with the team, was that it kind of brought him out of his social shell. He was a little bit more of an introverted, quiet kid, but as the season progressed, they got to know one another, they competed with each other and they just formed better friendships, better relationships. That kind of helped him grow, instead of in more of a golf way, it helped him grow as a person. It got him out of his shell, taught him how to meet new people,

talk to new people.

Then, for Gray, he came in with a lot of confidence as a person, but vice versa, on the course his experience was kind of lacking a little bit, so he kind of had a lot of self doubt. For all of them, as they progress, as they keep practicing and as they win rounds, especially Gray and Griffin, they're playing better and shooting better scores. You could see their confidence rising each week.

Griffin and Gray were both able to make it all the way to states in their freshman season, a feat not many players in the 2A classification accomplished. How were they able to be that successful in their first year?

It was a year-long preparation. Griffin, even without me there, he would always practice. He put in the time and effort to get to that place. It paid off, all the work that he put in throughout the whole season. And at the biggest stage for him currently at the high school state level, he performed the best he could. He's a 14-year-old kid competing with 17-18-year-olds out there, so I think he did great and it shows the potential of what he can do in upcoming years.

Then, for Gray, he's fairly green, fairly inexperienced, so him proving it to himself was one of the biggest accomplishments he did at states. He proved to himself that he could go out, not play great, and still make it to states and then perform at states, at the highest level. It just shows the potential that both of them have to really be successful at the game.

Ever since I've been around the game, I've seen so many kids with talent at a young age that kind of get complacent and that's kind of my hope for them is that they don't realize that, "OK, this is good enough," and to keep practicing so they can keep progressing to the junior and senior level. I want them to look back and say, "I was so bad, I was such a bad golfer, but I still made it to states, so how much better can I actually get?" That's really my goal for them.

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Former Siler City candidates apply for at-large commissioner seat

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The town’s board of commissioners is set to appoint a new at-large commissioner Monday for Mayor Chip Price’s unexpired at-large seat, choosing from between two familiar applicants.

Lifelong Siler City residents Donald Matthews and James “Jay” Underwood — Matthews is an associate pastor at First Missionary Baptist Church, and Underwood a retired Siler City police officer — each sent letters of intention of the board to be considered for the at-large seat Price gave up, which expires in 2023, when he won the vacant mayor’s seat.

Both applicants were on the ballot in Siler City’s May 17 municipal elections; each finished second in their prospec-

tive races. Underwood lost to incumbent Cindy Bray in the race for her at-large seat, while Matthews finished second in the three-person mayor’s race.

In the application letters submitted to the board, Matthews and Underwood laid out reasons why they felt they’d be the best fit for the board. Matthews said as a life-long resident, he has been involved in his community and has taken part in various community service projects, including spearheading an effort to recognize historic Black-owned businesses along Birch Avenue. He said he wants to continue this service by becoming the next at-large commissioner.

“I have broad experience in creating and administering programs, board governance, committee membership, leadership, community involve-

ment and Christian ministry,” Matthews wrote.

Matthews, who’s 64, said those in the community can attest to the service he’s provided to the community.

“If you are looking for an individual who has the ability to serve with excellence, execute with due diligence, develop transferable leadership skills, and keep the advancement and progress of our city at heart, I would appreciate an interview to discuss your goals and my qualifications,” Matthews wrote. “I am confident I have the qualifications to make an immediate contribution to Siler City’s current board of commissioners and the Siler City community at-large.”

Underwood’s letter shared a similar goal — he wants to continue to serve his community beyond what his previous

position allowed him to do. The retired officer also pointed to his at-large commissioner campaign, where he lost to Bray by fewer than 50 votes.

“I used my own personal funds to start my campaign, purchasing many needed items out of pocket,” Underwood, who’s 51, wrote. “I ran a clean and honest campaign.”

Underwood wants to become the next commissioner at-large for the same reason he joined the police department in 1993 — to serve his community in an effort to make it better.

“This position on the board would allow me to continue to give back to the town that has given me and my family so much,” wrote Underwood, who retired as a major in Siler City’s police department after a 29-year career there. “I want to make sure that our town is

prosperous and a place that our future youth is proud of and wants to return to after completing their education.”

Commissioners decided during their Monday meeting to hold a special meeting to interview the two candidates — Donald Matthews and James “Jay” Underwood — for the vacant at-large commissioner seat at 6:30 p.m. on July 25 at Wren Memorial Library’s multipurpose room. The candidates will be allowed five minutes for opening statements, 30 minutes to answer questions from the board and five minutes for closing remarks. The meeting will be open to the public.

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CHATHAM CHAT | MAIA FULTON-BLACK

Community Assessment’s author shares insights from new report

Providing ‘better understanding of disparities’ is helpful to agencies involved, community

The newest edition of the Chatham County Community Assessment has been published.

This collaborative effort between the Chatham Health Alliance, the Chatham County Public Health Department (CCPHD), and Chatham Hospital was assembled with the help of a large group of people, but the assessment’s primary author is Maia Fulton-Black. This week, we speak with her about the assessment and how it will be used.

Fulton-Black is the population health data scientist at the Chatham County Public Health Department, where she has worked for almost two years. She was named CCPHD Employee of the Year for her efforts on the 2021 Chatham County Community Assessment and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Vermont native, she holds a Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology/biostatistics from Tufts University. She has previously worked for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, focusing on public health data, health equity, program evaluation and survey methodology.

You’re listed as the editor of the Community Assessment, so let’s start with a high-level view: why is this assessment (done every three years) so vital, and why is the information it contains important?

The Chatham County Community Assessment process is a unique opportunity to not only gather timely, nuanced local data on topics not available through any other sources, but also serves as a point of collaboration between many community-focused partners and community members themselves throughout the county.

Crucially, this assessment takes a wide view on the idea of “health,” diving into many aspects of well-being, from “nuts and bolts” things like eating fruits and vegetables to mental health, housing and food security, experiences with discrimination, and access to child care. This information helps us understand what issues are affecting Chatham community members, where there are areas

of inequity and need for resources, and how those things are changing over



Maia Fulton-Black

time. Many organizations, including the three major partners (Chatham Health Alliance, Chatham Hospital, and the Chatham County Public Health Department) use the assessment to inform how to best serve the community in the future.

As you put together the assessment and worked through the data, can you talk about one or two surprises — one or two findings that were particularly unexpected?

The sharp increase in unintentional overdose deaths in the past several years, culminating in Chatham County’s rate exceeding the overall state rate for the first time in 2021, was a notable finding in this year’s assessment. Of course, this is a much larger-scale issue, but it really hits home to see our local numbers reach new highs and only highlights the important work that many community members and organizations are doing together to both increase access to support services and reduce harms from substance use, misuse and abuse.

Another interesting finding that I would love to explore more was that 16% of adults in Chatham County (and more than 25% of Hispanic/Latinx adults) said that having no sidewalks where they needed to walk was a barrier to their everyday transportation.

What data/results were you and others most troubled by or concerned about?

The breadth and depth of the impact of systemic racism and other forms of marginalization across all areas of health explored in this assessment are troubling to see. For example, Black/African American and Hispanic/Latinx residents were nearly four times as likely to experience poverty in 2020 compared to the overall county average, which in turn impacts housing, access to health care, food security and so much more. This finding underscores the importance of a continued commitment to equity

from CCPHD and our partners.

Additionally, the increase in poor mental health indicators, such as stress, depression and anxiety, in both youth and adults is concerning. This trend unfortunately mirrors what we are seeing in mental health metrics at the state and national levels as well. Based on these findings, mental health was selected, alongside substance use, as a priority area for strategic planning for the next three years by the Chatham Health Alliance.

What’s the methodology you and others working on aspects of this assessment use to follow-up? And what are the key steps and milestones in that process?

We use a cohort approach where households are randomly selected to reflect the adult population of Chatham County. Those who consent to join the cohort are invited to participate in annual surveys, as they have done each year since 2018. We try to contact those selected through as many avenues as possible in order to give everyone a chance to participate, including via mail, email and phone calls.

In this cycle, we sought to expand the cohort in order to be able to break down the data by demographic groups, such as age, race/ethnicity, gender, etc. This was a major milestone for the cohort survey, offering a better understanding of disparities among different populations in Chatham that can be obscured by overall outcomes for the county.

One of the key findings addressed in the assessment was worsening mental health indicators. How much impact can local strategies have on that particular problem?

Mental health, along with substance use, was selected as a priority area for the next three years by the Chatham Health Alliance. It is important to recognize that mental health is deeply intertwined with many other aspects of health and well-being explored in the assessment. As our results show, stress, anxiety and depression are often related to money and employment, concern over personal and family health issues, experiences with discrimination, and more. Therefore, collaboration

on this issue is key to making positive changes and the collective impact of many working around these common priorities has great potential to move the needle and positively impact the community.

How will the stakeholders and agencies involved collaborate to address issues raised in the assessment?

The Chatham Health Alliance is currently convening its subcommittees (Equity; Access to Comprehensive Health Services; Economic Stability and Resilience; and Healthy Eating, Active

Living) to develop strategic plans, also known as Community Health Improvement Plans, around priority issues raised in the assessment. The Alliance is a great place for community members and organizations interested in organizing around local health issues to convene and work together.

We are also working to make the results of the assessment available to everyone who is interested through a variety of avenues including sharing infographics on our Facebook page and taking a closer look at

some issues with our topical fact sheets (including gun violence and safety, illicit substance and prescription drug abuse and more to come). We hope that this will encourage local organizations and community members to learn more about health in Chatham County and get involved in the issues they are passionate about.

To read the full Community Assessment, go to <https://www.chatham-countync.gov/home/show-publisheddocument/60-843/637922593587487258>.



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- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom) 🧘📶
- [Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Exercise Program w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at Bray Park Pool, Siler City) 🧘
- [Strong & Fit w/Olivia](#) at 12:30 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧘
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧘
- [Caregiver Support Group](#) at 6:00 PM (via Zoom) 📶

Tuesday, July 26

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘

Wednesday, July 27

- [Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Exercise Program w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at Bray Park Pool, Siler City) 🧘
- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom) 🧘📶
- [Strong & Fit w/Olivia](#) at 12:30 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧘

Thursday, July 28

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧘

Friday, July 29

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
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CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board ends state of emergency, discusses first payment from opioid settlement

BY MAYDHA DEVARAJAN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — In a relatively quiet first session since officially approving the new fiscal year budget, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners terminated the county's state of emergency, saw the appointment of voting delegates to two upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners conferences and reported the first received payment from a \$26 billion national opioid settlement agreement.

During the manager's report, County Manager Dan LaMontagne announced that Chatham County received its first payment of \$111,719 as part of the national opioid settlement, of which North Carolina will receive \$750 million over the next 18 years. Chatham County is expected to receive \$2,907,865 between 2022 and 2038, according to the Community Opioid Resources Engine for North

Carolina. The Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances is currently looking at how to use the settlement money, LaMontagne said. The partnership will be meeting with a contact from the Opioid Response Network to see how the network could potentially assist the county with prevention and recovery from the opioid epidemic, he said.

Chairperson Karen Howard later said in the meeting that she thinks it's wise to take advantage of the Opioid Response Network's expertise, particularly with regard to harm reduction.

"I think it's taken us a long time to get to understanding addiction as something more than bad behavior," Howard said. "And as something that, you know, we're not going to stick it behind a closed door and pretend it doesn't happen in all of our communities. And so if we want to have meaningful improvement in lives and saving lives and sparing chil-

dren living in certain circumstances, I think we're going to have to really have broad, bold conversations about how we spend that money."

Other business

- Howard issued the proclamation terminating the county's state of emergency, which was originally put into place on March 17, 2020, at the start of the pandemic. The termination aligns with when North Carolina's state of emergency lifts on Aug. 15 at 12:01 a.m., which Gov. Roy Cooper had announced earlier this month.

- During the meeting, the board also heard one public comment about environmental concerns and introduced Deon Bailey, a Northwood High School junior, who was selected as the 2022 YouthVoice Representative with Chatham County 4-H.

- The board also appointed Commissioner Diana Hales and Howard to serve as voting delegates for the Aug. 13

'... I think we're going to have to really have broad, bold conversations about how we spend that money.'

KAREN HOWARD, chairperson

NCACC Annual Conference and Nov. 16 NCACC Legislative Goals Conference, respectively.

Howard expressed that the board should be mindful of unanimity regarding its goals for Chatham so that they have a greater chance of ensuring the goals are a part of NCACC's agenda, which covers all of North Carolina's 100 counties. In response, Hales proposed looking at Chatham County's Property Tax Relief program, specifically in raising the maximum income needed to qualify for the program while still maintaining the tax exemption. The program has a stipulation that disabled individuals or those 65 or older are eligible

for an exemption of \$25,000 or 50% of the appraised value of the homeowner's permanent residence, and currently sets the maximum income at \$31,900.

Hales said that number has increased in the past few years. "This is not Chatham exclusively," Hales said. "As our property values are rising, you know, maybe is that a way to help benefit the real low-income?"

- The board ended the meeting by going into closed session to discuss issues regarding "the location or expansion of industries or other businesses," the agenda states, including agreement on a tentative list of incentives for economic development.

The board's next meeting has been moved from Aug. 15 to Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Historic Courtroom in Pittsboro.

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A PLACE TO LISTEN AND LEARN

CORE holds in-person Social Justice Exchange, focusing on community and reconciliation

BY MAYDHA DEVARAJAN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — For Karinda Roebuck, it's all about community.

Roebuck is the executive director of Community Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE), formerly Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity. And whether it's through cross-cultural caucuses or social justice exchanges — one of the organization's latest initiatives — the Chatham-based, volunteer-led group is "re-creating what a non-profit would look like," Roebuck says, all the while keeping community, reconciliation and education at its core.

Since December, the organization has been hosting a monthly Chatham Social Justice Exchange online as a place to gather for meaningful conversation through a lens of racial equity and justice. But last Thursday marked the first time community members could do so face to face.

For two hours, a small

group gathered in a meeting room at the Chatham Community Library, turning over ideas and sharing personal testimonies.

Roebuck emphasizes that participants in the social justice exchange aren't required to have a specific background or training in equity work. In a previous Q&A with the News + Record, Roebuck had stated that the monthly gatherings are meant to "meet people where they are, wherever that happens to be on their journey."

"This is a space where people can have first point of contact with CORE," Roebuck said. "You don't need any prior experience with equity, no prior training with equity. If you're interested in social justice, come to talk to us. And we will engage in conversations, and we will model what equity looks like in our conversations."

The exchange began with a check-in, during which those present were asked how they were arriving to the space. Participants then

brought up experiences or thoughts they felt like sharing, with the conversation flowing freely from person to person.

While Thursday's event largely centered around racism and white privilege in the U.S. and in Chatham County, Roebuck said previous discussions have also focused on intersections with environmental justice and education.

Cathy Holt, 68, was one of CSJE's participants on Thursday. Holt, who is white and works as a yoga teacher in Pittsboro, said she'd never attended one of the exchanges before, but came because she was motivated to move beyond talking to her friends about politics and the state of the world.

"Just sitting around and talking about how sh*tty the world has gotten, it's just making us feel sh*tty," Holt said. "It takes some action."

Though it was her first time in the space, Holt said it was a "wonderful opportunity" for learning

and engagement with other Chatham County residents.

"I felt like it was people with big hearts that were here, it's why they were here," Holt said. "So I think anyone would feel fairly comfortable."

CSJE was born out of an initiative called the Saxapahaw Social Justice Exchange, which was co-founded by LaShauna Austria, a community organizer, faith leader and owner of Seeds of Change Consulting and Kindred Farms. Austria now partners with CORE to facilitate the Chatham exchanges, which are a part of the organization's Community Reconciliation Project.

According to CORE's website, the project in part centers on developing relationships to establish networks of support, recognizing the effects of systemic inequities and structural biases and providing space for a learning community. Other aspects of the organization's reconciliation arm include the People of Color and White

Anti-Racism Caucuses, which offer spaces to address the impacts of racism and racial trauma.

CORE's reconciliation project has a holistic behavioral health focus, which Michelle Wright, the group's equity and community engagement initiatives lead, said is crucial. Racial trauma impacts both a person's physical and mental health, she said.

"The experience of racialized America is not separate from how you move through the world," Wright said. "So we start using language like 'oppression,' and what it means for you to live in a society that oppresses you or your community and things like that, and so there's really not a way to have this conversation without addressing mental health. Because it's a thought process."

Similarly, focusing on experiences of mental health is important to community connection, Wright said.

"To be able to build relationship means that

we have to be able to meet people with levels of vulnerability, and [be] able to take these deep dives again into your well-being and your identity," she said. "And that all is enwrapped in your mental health."

A tangible representation of this is the "marketplace," which wraps up each of the exchanges. Community members offer what they have and ask for what they need, whether it's seed sharing or employment opportunities. The marketplace is one of Roebuck's favorite parts of CSJE.

"So often in our mindset, we're so used to the zero sum game, right? But we can see that that myth of scarcity is false, and that there's abundance in our community," she said.

Beyond the social justice exchanges and caucuses, CORE also participates in community organizing and hosts local events, most recently in celebration of Juneteenth. The group also holds educational workshops and training sessions.

Moving forward, Roebuck says CORE is hoping to expand to other counties — hence the name change from "Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity" to "Community Organizing for Racial Equity." Even within the county, the group is looking to increase participation in the social justice exchanges among community members living on the western side of Chatham. In the future, the group may hold the exchanges on different sides of the county every other month to achieve this goal.

"Our goal is to think of this as an opportunity for us to expand beyond Chatham and to have a social justice exchange network," Roebuck said.

The Chatham Social Justice Exchange is held on the second Thursday of every month, and more information about the event can be found on CORE's Facebook page.

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CHATHAM IS **BOLD!**



MY COVID EXPERIENCE | JOSH SMITH

Not vaccinated, but cautious. Here's our family's story.

BY JOSH SMITH
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Editor's note: The News + Record asked Josh Smith, who recently recovered from COVID-19, to share his experience.

Like the rest of the world, life changed in March 2020. This thing called COVID-19 put us all in quarantine. I was a little afraid of it, to be honest. Not so much for myself, but for my wife and especially my kids. What was it? Would we get it? Would it cost us our lives? These were all questions that I struggled with early on as we tried to learn more about COVID.

Our family personally knew some of the first people in North Carolina that got it. For some, it was flu-like. For one of my dear friends, it was 10 days in the hospital, and for much of that time, it was touch-and-go on whether he would survive.

Our family first got COVID in August 2020. My wife Amy had not been feeling well and went to the doctor where

she tested positive. At that time, quarantine times were pretty long — up to 24 days — if you had been in direct contact. After talking with the health department, though I was feeling fine, I decided it would be best for me and our three kids to get tested.

The next day we all were tested. I tested positive, along with my 17-year-old. My 13-year-old and 7-year-old were negative. Let the quarantine time begin!

Mixed symptoms

For our family, Amy had it the worst. She had days of flu-like symptoms including, fevers, headaches and body aches, fatigue cough and a brief loss of taste. For my son and I, we had about a day and a half of being really tired, and then we were good. We had none of the “classic” symptoms of losing taste and smell, headaches, etc. Honestly, had it not been for Amy testing positive and feeling sick, we would have probably carried on with life as normal.

Speaking of normal, one of the most puzzling things about COVID for me is how it affects



Courtesy of Josh Smith

Josh and Amy Smith.

people differently and how some get it and some don't. When Amy had been diagnosed, we did our best to quarantine her away from the rest of the family. When my son and I tested positive, we kind of accepted that our entire family would get it, considering our house is one level and at the time my boys shared a bedroom. We kind of took the thought of, “Since three of us have it, the other two are going to get it, so let's get it over with.”

The strange thing is, it would be nearly a year later before my other two would ever get COVID. Because of this, we were in a study with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on household transmission. For six weeks through the fall of that year, we were tested and checked for antibodies. The results confirmed three of us had antibodies to COVID and had had it, and my two youngest had not.

Fast forward to July of this year where we have

just finished off our second round with COVID. My wife and kids had gone to a family gathering for the Fourth of July and returned home with the new variant of COVID. From that gathering, over 20 members of Amy's family have had it. Our personal experience this go around, along with the family members that got it, seems to confirm what most of the experts have said. This variant seems to be much more contagious, but the symptoms are far less severe. Most have described it as a bad cold with a few comparing it to the flu. Stuffy noses, cough, sore throats, fatigue and an occasional fever seem to be the symptoms that we had.

Not vaccinated

One of the common questions that I have been asked is “Are you vaccinated?” I am not. I am certainly not against anyone getting the vaccine and would probably encourage some with certain preexisting conditions to get it. Many of my family and friends have received it and I have no issue with that choice.

I do believe that each person should look at their personal health and make an educated decision based on their own health. I have been blessed to be fairly healthy and seemingly have a pretty robust immune system. Both times with COVID I have done well. Between that and the fact that it is impossible to know the long-term effects — if any — of the vaccines, I chose not to have one. But again, just as COVID affects different people in different ways, there is no one size fits all answer to best handle it.

I would encourage everyone to just use common sense. If you have been exposed to someone directly, consider getting tested. If you are sick, feel bad or have been exposed, be mindful of other people. While you may be able to handle the effects of COVID on your body, the person you come in contact with at the store or in the office may not be able to and it could have more serious effects on them. I would say be cautious, use lots of soap and water, but don't be afraid. Life is too short to miss out on living life.

MY COVID EXPERIENCE | ERIC WOLAK

A health professional's experience with a surprise infection

BY ERIC WOLAK
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Editor's note: The News + Record asked Chatham Hospital's Eric Wolak, who recently recovered from COVID-19, to share his experience.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit North Carolina in March 2020, I was the nursing director for Medicine and Inpatient Oncology at UNC Medical Center. By March 2020, we had already done so much preparation to care for COVID patients. However, in March, things went from conceptual to reality. Two of my seven units became COVID units. This included a COVID ICU and a COVID acute care unit. At that point, my entire professional and personal life centered on COVID — and did so for a solid year, probably more.

At home, my wife and I canceled so many plans. We canceled vacations, weekend getaways, family reunions and time with friends. We no longer went out to dinner. We no longer went to comedy clubs. Our lives were very focused on protecting ourselves and those we love. And in January 2021, I transitioned from UNC Medical Center to the chief operating officer and chief nurse officer of Chatham Hospital. While I was in a new role, my focus remained the same — navigating a healthcare environment through the pandemic.

When the vaccine became available for healthcare



Eric Wolak

professionals, I received mine as soon as I could. My wife was actually part of the Moderna study trials and ended up receiving the vaccine as a test group in August 2020, although she did not know it at the time. We were so thrilled when case counts started plummeting in the spring of 2021, and she and I both started putting our lives back together. Unfortunately, that celebration was short-lived with the emergence of the Delta variant in the summer/fall. Then, of course, there was the Omicron variant in winter.

We had both received our boosters in fall 2021, so while case counts started climbing, we felt secure in knowing we had as much protection as possible. As we all have learned, this virus mutates frequently, and each mutation seems to more easily evade the body's immunity.

Masked, boosted

By this point in the pandemic, we started doing what most people were doing — we lived our lives as safely as possible. We wore masks in grocery stores, when we got haircuts, worked out at the gym, ran errands and while attending large indoor events. We socialized with those we knew were vaccinated and enjoyed time with family and friends,

with a preference for attending outdoor events.

While we knew the vaccine and boosters we had received were not as effective in preventing illness, we knew that they remained very effective at reducing hospitalizations and death. This made us feel better as we eased back into “normalcy.” I will note that my wife and I are both under the age of 50, so we have only received one booster, per current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Then it happened. It was a Sunday a few weeks back and I was feeling just a bit tired. I had a long workout session earlier that day, so I chalked it up to overexerting myself. I went to bed pretty early that night, but woke up coughing at around 11 p.m. I performed an at-home test and the results were immediately positive. I was shocked. I thought back to where I could have gotten it and recalled an outdoor event I had attended a few days earlier. That must have been it. I went back to sleep and woke up early the next morning and called work. Luckily, I felt well enough to continue working, albeit remotely. That first day I felt, by-and-large, fine. I was only coughing sporadically and with some cold and flu medicine in my system, I continued with my virtual meetings.

My wife had recently recovered from COVID several weeks earlier — she was also infected while at an outdoor party. When she tested posi-

tive, I immediately moved into a different room in the house and we kept away from each other. She wore an N95 mask any time she left the room and I wore one any time I was closer than six feet to her. Because of this, I was able to avoid infection, that time.

She was out of town visiting her sister that weekend I tested positive. When she came home that Monday, since she had just recovered, we were not as strict about keeping away from one another. However, I did move into another room (again), mostly so I would not keep her up with my coughing. And I started coughing a lot!

'I could barely move'

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week did not go as well as Monday did. I had low-grade fevers, general malaise, muscle aches, headaches, an incredibly sore throat and extreme lethargy. I pride myself on working out six out of seven days a week. However, on those three days, I could barely move.

By Friday, I started feeling much better, but continued to have lethargy, especially by 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. That continued until Sunday, exactly one week from my positive test.

I am now “fully” recovered. I am outside my 10-day isolation window and back at work. I say “fully” recovered because I still have a lingering cough.

What has this experience taught me? First and foremost, it has taught me that the pan-

demic is not over. The current reported case count (which is around 150,000 cases daily) is a significant under-count. This is because most people are able to test at home — like I did — and those results are not reported anywhere. While this makes understanding how many actual cases are occurring very challenging, I am thrilled testing is more accessible than it was earlier in the pandemic. My wife and I actually got our at-home tests free from the federal government. You can order your free at-home tests online at covid.gov/tests.

The experience also taught me that physical distancing and masks work. As I mentioned, my wife tested positive several weeks before I did. But I was able to avoid infection by staying in a different room, staying six feet or more away from her and her and I both wearing masks if we were within six feet of one another. While she and I both ended up getting COVID at outdoor events, we were very close to others at these events. Moving forward, I think it's something to be more thoughtful of as we continue to navigate through this pandemic.

Finally, this experience reinforced to me that while, clearly, these new variants are able to infect people despite being fully vaccinated, the vaccines are still keeping people out of the hospital. To me, that is what is most important as a healthcare provider.

Affordable connectivity program for internet service available for Chatham County residents

From Chatham County Government

PITTSBORO — Chatham County announces that qualifying residents can now access the Affordable Connectivity Program, a Federal Communications Commission program. The new long-term benefit will help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households struggling to afford internet service.

The \$14 billion Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a \$100 per household discount toward a one-

time purchase of a computer, laptop or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider.

“We know that affordable internet access has been a barrier for many across the county,” said Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne. “And hope that this support through the Federal Communications Commission will ease that burden for residents.”

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as Supplemental Nu-

trition Assistance Program, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children or Lifeline;

- Participates in one of several Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard), Tribal TANF or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;

- Is approved to receive benefits under the Free and Reduced Price School Meals program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility

Provision;

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or by (1) going to affordable-connectivity.gov to submit an online application or print a mail-in application and (2) contacting their preferred participating broadband provider and selecting a plan. Additional information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit is available at www.fcc.gov/ACP or by calling 877-384-2575 between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST any day of the week.

SILER CITY COMMISSIONERS

Board discusses amending residential requirement for municipal elections

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
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requirement to run for commissioner or mayor.

“I don’t think it’s unreasonable to ask if somebody has lived here or in their district for at least a year before they run for that office,” Price said. “That gives them the opportunity to get to know the people, know what’s going on and be factual about what’s happening.”

The current residential requirement to run for office in Siler City is 30 days, which is what is required to register to

vote after moving to town.

Morgan said the town would have to go to the North Carolina General Assembly to request the requirement change, which he said could take up to a year to approve.

The board is also looking to extend the mayor’s term from two years to four, which would also require the General Assembly’s approval.

Morgan said there may be a way to change the mayor’s term by amending Siler City’s town charter, but it is some-

thing he would have to look into more.

“Amending the local act would have to take place in the General Assembly, which elevates it to the level of state law,” he said. “I can call the Board of Elections and speak with them about that.”

Other business:

• Commissioners decided to hold a special meeting to interview the two candidates — Donald Matthews and James “Jay” Underwood — for the

vacant at-large commissioner seat at 6:30 p.m. on July 25 at Wren Memorial Library’s multipurpose room. The candidates will be allowed five minutes for opening statements, 30 minutes to answer questions from the board and five minutes for closing remarks. The meeting will be open to the public.

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‘RETHINKING THE WAY WE RUN’

Siler City braces for growth spurt amid economic development announcements

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
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a number of them,” Meadows said.

Town Manager Hank Raper said the town will likely see its own major economic development announcement through the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing Site (CAM site) in the near future. With it, the town needs to prepare for the inevitable increase of traffic and population.

“If you have something at the CAM site — that’s a large industrial park — you’re talking about a substantial number of jobs ... you’re talking very large,” Raper said. “It would require rethinking the way we run and operate and provide services because we’d have a new population in town, expecting a different level of service — that takes on many facets.”

Siler City is unique for developers for numerous reasons, according to Raper.

He said at most municipalities, developers are landlocked — by other towns, bodies of water or other natural terrain — on where they can develop. But Siler City is different.

“Our city can essentially develop on all sides ... we’re not butting up against any other town, so it creates a tremendous opportunity for us,” Raper said. “We literally could grow all the way

around in a circle around the jurisdiction of our city. So it’s exciting — it means that there’s a very high upside and very high growth capability for Siler City.”

With the growth comes some challenges, according to Raper. As population increases, the town will have to expand its service capability to accommodate new residents and current residents.

“When you can grow on one side, you know where to put a fire or police station, but when you grow on all four sides, you don’t know where to go or where to put it,” Raper said. “So you have to play to some degree with the understanding that you may have to be flexible and nimble in the process.”

Another challenge the town will face is increased car traffic. Meadows said as a part of the planning process, his staff has worked to make sure developers undergo traffic impact studies, as well as look at existing infrastructure, to ensure those issues are mitigated.

“Major infrastructure was done years ago in preparation for some of these (developments),” Meadows said. “I truly believe that we’ve gotten some bones to have gotten this today.”

Both Raper and Meadows believe

more single-family subdivisions, such as the recent approved 214-lot neighborhood, are coming to Siler City, and the town needs to start planning for the future to avoid as many growing pains as possible.

“I think we’d have to add quite a bit of staff and expand the scope of services that we’re providing, particularly in operations when it comes to police, fire and public works,” Raper said. “I think there’ll be increased demand from the citizens for service, so I think we’ll have to adapt as people move here, and we’re going to constantly have to ask them for input.”

The approval of the large subdivision indicates many things, according to Meadows, but he said it shows developers and investors are interested in what Siler City has to offer.

“It shows that there is a potential that people want to move and live here, which is the other part that is exciting to us,” Meadows said. “It means the community is drawing people in, they like our community and that’s a good thing.”

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Two Chatham County students receive the 2022 John Henry Tripp Scholarship

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Livestock Association has awarded the John Henry Tripp Scholarship to two Pittsboro natives, Bailey Jones and Victoria Smith.

This memorial endowment is dedicated to the memory of long-time association member, John Henry Tripp, who passed away in 2011.

Tripp was not only a livestock producer, but a Chatham County Deputy Sheriff until his first retirement. Follow-

ing that career, Tripp worked to oversee the operation of the Chatham County Waste Management Convenience Centers. With his outgoing personality and off-farm careers, he was able to associate with many friends over the whole county and beyond. When the association voted to begin building funds to support educational pro-



Bailey Jones

grams, Tripp was the driving force in raising money. The association sold raffle tickets to fund this program, and it is estimated that John Henry sold at least 75% of all the raffle tickets which fund this endowment. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in agriculture or agribusiness to be eligible.



Victoria Smith

Jones is currently a sopho-

more at N.C. State and grew up in Pittsboro, North Carolina. She hopes to pursue a career in food animal veterinary medicine. Jones is completing an internship on a beef cattle ranch in Nebraska where she is learning about beef production in another part of the country. She is greatly enjoying her time in Nebraska, but is excited to return to N.C. State to continue her journey this fall.

Smith grew up in Pittsboro where she runs her own little

hobby farm with various animals. At a young age, Smith started participating in various 4-H and Future Farmers of America events. Through these experiences, she quickly became in love with agriculture, specifically caring for livestock. She is very excited to begin her journey at N.C. State this fall studying animal science. She hopes to continue her education in veterinary school and become a large animal veterinarian.

CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

Report: Accelerated growth projections create need for 2 new elementary schools by 2027-28

An expanded Moncure School, additional classrooms at Pollard and redistricting will help accommodate growth, board is told

BY BILL HORNER III
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PITTSBORO — Student population growth from new residents within Chatham Park and projected growth from new industries such as VinFast and FedEx will necessitate the construction of new elementary schools within the planned community's Northern Village and Southern Village — to open in time for the 2027-28 school year — and the rebuilding of Moncure School, Chatham County Board of Education members were told Monday.

A presentation led by Chief Operations Officer Chris Blice and Director of Maintenance and Construction Randy Drumheller said Chatham County growth projections have accelerated in the last few months.

A December 2021 projection estimated that about 1,000 additional students from new families moving to Chatham Park would enroll in CCS between 2022-23 and 2031-32. New projections, though, show that number could be closer to 3,000 students. Two new elementary schools, an expanded Moncure School, additional classroom space at Margaret Pollard Middle School and redistricting in some portions of the county would accommodate the growth, Blice and Drumheller told the board at its regular meeting in the Central Services board room at CCS's central office on West Street in Pittsboro.

ORED's involvement

Thomas Dudley, the program manager for the Operations Research and Education Laboratory (ORED), also took part in the presentation. ORED is a part of the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at N.C. State and offers data-driven facilities planning solutions to school districts across North Carolina and three other states. ORED's work addresses district population and enrollment projections, determining the

location of new school sites, creating new attendance boundaries, and examining demographic balance.

Those accelerated growth projections and school capacity needs in Chatham County will be reassessed in January after ORED completes a full land use study; new projections will also include potential enrollment growth economic development in the western part of the county.

But for right now, indications show:

- a new elementary school in Chatham Park's Northern Village, to be designed beginning in 2024, would relieve projected overcrowding at Perry Harrison Elementary and will provide needed classroom capacity for both Chatham Park and Perry Harrison/Chatham Grove PreK-5th grade students
- a new elementary school in Chatham Park's Southern Village, also to be designed beginning in 2024, would address the projected elementary student needs there and could serve as temporary "swing space" to facilitate the possible demolition and reconstruction of the current Moncure School, which serves a K-8th grade student population

• depending on a feasibility study, the larger rebuilt Moncure School — to be designed beginning in 2026 and open in the fall of 2029 — would address enrollment needs from the projected non-Chatham Park K-8th grade student population growth and the projected new Chatham Park Southern Village 6th-8th grade student population, which will be impacted by new industries VinFast and FedEx, which plan facilities nearby.

Given current serviceable enrollment capacity, Seaforth High School, Northwood High School and George Moses Horton Middle School are large enough to meet projections, but capacity at Chatham Grove Elementary will need also addressed, Blice said.

The most significant chal-

lenges, though, are at Perry Harrison Elementary, which has a capacity of 694 students, and Moncure School, with a capacity of 444. New 10-year projections put student enrollment at those schools at 1,250 and 1,334 students, respectively.

Blice called those numbers "conservative."

Funding for the construction of new schools and expansion of current schools will need to be secured from Chatham County through its Capital Improvement Plan process. No cost estimates were provided or discussed.

Board member David Hamm said the school system needed to be aggressive in thinking about accommodating student needs.

"We're on the side of the 8-ball right now," he said. "We don't need to get behind the 8-ball."

A full copy of the presentation can be found at https://simbly.eboardsolutions.com/meetings/TempFolder/Meetings/ORED%20Update%207.18.2022_329926cdtymc5q4k3x-jvthjemzoe1o.pdf.

In other business, the board:

• voted unanimously, after hearing a presentation from Chief Finance Officer Tony Messer and School Nutrition Business Manager Cecile Teague, to increase the price of school meals by 50 cents. Breakfasts will now cost \$2 each, while lunches will increase to \$3.50 each. The price increases are driven by mandated increased wage costs for nutrition staff and higher delivery prices for food.

• unanimously approved an updated 2022-23 School Nutrition Manager pay scale, which provided pay adjustments to accommodate the new minimum hourly wage for school nutrition workers. The move this fiscal year to a higher minimum wage — \$15 per hour for all permanent, full-time state employees — impacted about

The 2022-2027 plan, formulated during a series of focus groups, the superintendent's 'listening tour' and community surveys, will be shared at CCS' convocation in August and presented publicly shortly after. Moran and Wykle provided an overview of the not-yet-completed document, which the pair described as a 'living document' with measurable goals and progress monitors addressing more than 100 strategies and a dozen or so major goals.

half of CCS's nutrition staff. The \$250,000 cost of the higher pay scale will be mitigated by meal price increases.

• heard a first read of a draft of CCS's new "One Chatham," its five-year strategic plan, from Dr. Amanda Moran, assistant superintendent for academic services & instructional support, and Public Information Officer Nancy Wykle. The 2022-2027 plan, formulated during a series of focus groups, the superintendent's "listening tour" and community surveys, will be shared at CCS' convocation in August and presented publicly shortly after. Moran and Wykle provided an overview of the not-yet-completed document, which the pair described as a "living document" with measurable goals and progress monitors addressing more than 100 strategies and a dozen or so major goals.

• heard a request during the public comments portion of the meeting from Mary Nettles, the president of the Eastern Chatham branch of the NAACP, requesting permission for a mural to be installed at George Moses Horton Middle School. The mural, to be paid by for the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham and designed by noted Durham-based artist David Wilson, would honor Horton and other African Americans who contributed to Pittsboro, including Rev. Rufus V. Horton, Edgar Bland, Lillie Rogers and Isaiah Taylor. Nettles said the mural would be placed on the outside back wall of the building at the

school housing 6th through 8th graders.

• heard Seaforth High School student Hannah Ajayi read her winning essay from a contest sponsored by the Equal Justice Initiative, based in Montgomery, Alabama, in partnership with the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham and Chatham County NAACP branches. Students were asked to examine the history of a topic of racial injustice and to discuss its legacy today; Ajayi's essay appeared in the May 19 edition of the News + Record.

• heard an update from Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson about CCS's summer training and learning for staff. Jackson provided key dates for upcoming orientation sessions. A back-to-school celebration will be held at Mosaic on Aug. 20, while convocation is set for Aug. 24, open houses on Aug. 25 and the first day of school on Aug. 29.

• heard a plea from parent John Richardson, who cited what he described as "lies" from President Biden and Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, as part of "overwhelming evidence" of the harm masking to prevent COVID-19 spread causes to students. "I don't want us to go down that road again," Richardson said, referencing mandatory masking policies for students."

• recognized Janice Frazier, the assistant superintendent for human relations, who's retiring this month.

Board member Melissa Hlavac was absent from the meeting.

Chuck Smith, Chatham Park's landscape architect, recognized

PITTSBORO — Charles "Chuck" Smith, vice president of planning and development for Preston Development Company, was recently elected to the Council of Fellows by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Election to the Council of Fellows is among the highest honors the ASLA bestows and is based on the honoree's works, leadership/management, knowledge and service.

"Chatham Park is immensely proud and excited to have such an accomplished talent to guide the planning and design of this forward-thinking neighborhood," said Vanessa Jenkins, executive vice president of Preston Development. "Our award-winning team, coupled with the recent impressive economic developments in Chatham County, ensure this community is in a perfect position to fulfill the growing needs of this area."

Smith has designed golf courses, parks, greenway systems and other public spaces throughout North Carolina and has overseen the development

of over 15,000 acres of large master-planned communities in the state.

Currently, he is spearheading planning and development for Chatham Park, a forward-thinking sustainable community that will improve residents' quality of life.

"We are creating a small sustainable city," said Smith. "The Internet of Things allows us to decide what we want to include in our technology-based opportunities to make Chatham Park a premier residential community. The list of possibilities will continue to grow, but the planning is required now while our streets and utilities are in the installation phase so that we will be ready for the future."

Smith has planned and directed the implementation of a wide array of sustainability technology in Chatham Park. For example, the Water Recovery Center combines high technology and natural systems processes to produce



Chuck Smith

reusable water while treating wastewater. Such water conservation efforts will become increasingly important as this region grows and there is more demand for water supplies.

The solar farm is another important demonstration of Chatham Park's commitment to sustainability, as are the requirements placed on builders to construct highly energy-efficient homes. The builders are also required to plant pollinator plants to further the honey bee population vital to food production; the first beehives have been installed, with many more to come.

"Such unique features of Chatham Park are the direct result of the outstanding talent planning and directing this development," according to Jenkins.

Smith said it is important to him that communities of the future are designed with social and environmental responsibility.

"This is why," according to Smith, "Chatham Park has dedicated such substantial resources to solve these

kinds of problems. There are very few opportunities that exist anywhere in this country where you can be a part of and help lead the creation of a smart, sustainably focused community."

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AFTER ALL THIS TIME IT'S KIND OF BECOME "MUSCLE MEMORY."

UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE THE MUSCLE I USED TO.

YOUR MEMORY ISN'T THAT GREAT EITHER.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

BIRTHDAY PICNIC FOR A BABY BOOMER:

THERE'S BEER AND WINE IN THE BLUE COOLER, SODA AND WATER IN THE RED COOLER, AND BOOST AND ENSURE IN THE YELLOW COOLER...

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

I DID IT, MAY! I DEVELOPED A STRAIN OF GRASS THAT STOPS GROWIN' AT PRECISELY THREE INCHES! NO MORE LAWN MOWIN'!

EV'RYBODY'S GONNA WANNA PLANT THAT! THERIN LIES THE RUB... WE'LL BE RICH!

IT STOPPED GROWIN' AT PRECISELY THREE INCHES SO...NO SEEDS.

DOH!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I DON'T TRUST ATOMS!

WHY NOT??

THEY MAKE EVERYTHING UP!!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I'M WITH TROOP 45. I HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S COOKIE ORDER. WE'RE BACKING UP THE VAN NOW.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

"He deliberately got a hearing aid so he could turn me off!"

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

DOWNFALL

ACROSS

1 Washed-up star
8 Baryshnikov's nickname
13 Exhortations
20 Fast, in music scores
21 Foppish scarf
22 Hangs around
23 Punctilious attention to neatness
25 Contrary to
26 Perfumed hair dressing
27 Time of note
28 Special attention, in brief
30 Beginning
31 Krispy Kreme offering topped with colorful bits
36 Enlarged
41 Classic no-calorie soda brand
42 Deep anger
43 Stimulate
44 Missy
47 Court events
48 Arthroscopic surgery site
49 Garden plants with heads of clear blue blooms

52 Euro divs.
53 Feats
54 "Gotta run!"
55 Logger's chopper
56 China's Mao — -tung
57 Mary — cosmetics
58 Stimulate
60 Neighbor of Rwanda
63 Family dog, e.g.
64 Env. contents
67 1984 Eurythmics hit that's apt for six related words in this puzzle
72 See 58-Down
73 French painter Jean
74 Egg white
75 Tach stats
76 Gore and Unser
77 Everybody
79 Atty.'s org.
80 & others
82 Sight-related
85 Pay money for
86 Spongy, glazed dessert
90 Hotel offering
91 Weather phenomenon with a more famous "brother"

93 Mauna —
94 Ward off
95 Peat source
96 "— Complaint" (Philip Roth novel)
98 Altimas and Maximas
100 Gift lists for expectant mothers' parties
104 Car identifier
105 Letters after lambdas
106 Quaker grain
107 Some narrow strips of land
113 Revises jointly
115 Use lots of flattery, say
118 Egypt's — Stone
119 Latin for "everything"
120 Metallic shooting marble
121 Jerry Garcia's band, informally
122 "I — drink!"
123 Its capital is Mogadishu

DOWN

1 Lock holder
2 Food for Fido
3 Thin
4 Software test version
5 "By Jove!"
6 Novelist
7 Hemingway
8 Tacit assent
9 Language of New Zealand
9 Honshu, e.g.
10 — -fi movie
11 Horse farm attendant
12 Oakland ball team
13 Tony winner
14 Seasoned stews
15 Farm with its buildings
16 From Galway, say
17 "Brooklyn —" (sitcom)
18 Made a hand motion
19 Old booming jet, for short
24 For each
29 Stab on a bank sign
32 Bouncy stick
33 DIYers' sets
34 Lubricants
35 Leisure shirts
36 Pitcher's asset
37 "Where — sign?"
38 Tools for light cleaning

39 Will topic
40 Artful
45 In the know
46 Luxury brand of Toyota
48 Lock opener
50 Toils away
51 Hertz car, say
53 Info
56 Cravat clasp
57 Dog refuge
58 With
72-Across, "Actually, I do!"
59 "— haw!"
61 Ref's cousin
62 FedEx rival
63 Pizzeria order
64 Port in east Argentina
65 Apple's Cook
66 Hosp. staffers
68 Advanced math, in brief
69 Puzzle cube creator Erno
70 Astound
71 Confers honor on
76 Pitcher's asset
77 "The Wizard of Oz" lady
78 Resting atop
81 "Bill & — Bogus Journey" Journey"
82 Spheres

83 Dismiss as foolish
84 From the capital
85 Roseanne of Lomé, e.g.
86 Year's 365
87 Actor Billy of "Titanic"
88 Barbie's guy
89 Hosp. areas
91 "Fist City" singer Lynn
92 Foul-smelling
96 Daintily little
97 Packed away
99 Enjoys a lot
101 Stogged in water
102 Gorbachev's wife
103 Addams family cousin
108 Cherry holder
109 Duke Ellington's "Take — Train"
110 Small peak
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113 Old PC screen
114 In the dumps
116 French article
117 Old spy gp.

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
 Unlisted clue hint: MINK —

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| Bandanna | Cravat | Muffler | Oxbow |
| Boa | Dog collar | Neckerchief | Scarf |
| Bolo | Dog tag | Necklace | Shawl |
| Cowbell | Garland | Necktie | |

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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
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Boa Dog collar Dog tag Necktie Shawl
Cowbell Garland Necktie

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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The power of pernil

This missive, Gentle Reader, was supposed to be one of those “Here’s your starting point, but go ahead and change anything to suit your taste” recipes. This time a bowl.

But it’s not. Because when I took my first bite of it, the tastes and textures were all so good and so well-suited for each other that flavors began zipping around my gob.

The base of your bowl is brown rice; three parts water to rice with about a teaspoon of salt added to the water. Bring to a boil, cover, and lower temp to medium-low until the water has cooked away, 30-45 minutes. When the rice is almost

cooked add one cup of frozen corn kernels.

On top is chopped avocado and Cherub tomatoes.

But in the middle is pernil, one more absolutely, mind-blowingly delicious dish from Puerto Rico. This traditional Three Kings’ Day pork dish is neither quick nor easy, but the payoff is the Caribbean answer to the best Eastern N.C. barbecue you’ve ever had. If you have a pork shoulder within reach and some time on your hands, you could do a lot worse.

The reason I’m giving you a recipe from the New York Times and not somebody’s grandmother’s is because without having a kitchen full of tropical ingredients granny’s is going to be difficult to impossible to recreate. Puerto Ricans travel from the island with an extra suitcase, filled with herbs and other components that are



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

A tasty dish including pernil, a Puerto Rican-style pork.

impossible to acquire in the states.

The Times gives you the clos-

est flavor to authentic without a ticket to San Juan (not that that’s a bad thing).

Thanks for your time. Contact me at dm@bullcity.mom.

Pernil

3 tablespoons olive oil
5 teaspoons fresh sour orange juice (or equal parts lime and orange juice)
4 teaspoons dried oregano
8 to 9 teaspoons kosher salt

1 teaspoon black pepper
For the pork shoulder:
1 (8- to 9-pound) bone-in, skin-on pork shoulder, preferably with skin covering the entire top layer
1 teaspoon kosher salt

From the New York Times Cookbook

For the adobo:
8 to 9 large garlic cloves, finely minced

Prepare the adobo by combining all the ingredients and grinding in a large pilón or mortar and pestle, or simply mixing together well in a small bowl.

Prepare the pork: Rinse and dry meat well with a clean towel. Place pork skin-side down on a large rimmed sheet pan and poke deep, 1-inch holes throughout the meat and in the fatty layer with a paring knife, being careful not to pierce the skin. You can’t have too many holes.

Pour over adobo in batches, using your fingers to push adobo deep into the meat. If you’re worried about your hands smelling like garlic — which they will! — wear gloves.

Set out a long sheet of plastic wrap, layering with subsequent sheets as needed to ensure you can securely wrap the entire pork shoulder. Transfer pork to plastic wrap and wrap tightly, adding sheets of plastic as needed to ensure pork is completely airtight and juices are contained. Let marinate in the fridge overnight if possible, or at least 2 to 3 hours. Set on a rimmed baking sheet or disposable aluminum foil pan in case it leaks.

Once the pork has marinated, heat oven to 400 degrees. Working over the sink, carefully remove pork from plastic wrap, discarding any remaining adobo. Place the marinated pork shoulder skin-side up in a deep roasting pan, and wipe the skin with a clean cloth. Rub skin with 1 teaspoon salt.

Loosely tent foil over the pork shoulder, spraying the foil with cooking spray or brushing with oil in any areas that may touch the skin, as it will stick. Transfer to the center of the oven.

Roast in the oven for 1 hour, then carefully remove the foil and rotate the pan. Continue roasting for another 2 to 3 hours, rotating every hour or so, and watching closely. Add water to the pan as needed when juices evaporate. The meat is done cooking when the juices run clear and the thickest part of the shoulder registers 160 degrees with a meat thermometer. The skin may take more time to crisp, but watch closely so that it does not burn. Tap the top of the skin with the back of a knife or metal spatula, and listen for a decidedly hollow sound.

Remove from the oven and let rest for 10 to 15 minutes, then transfer to a large cutting board. If desired, remove the skin from the roast by slicing it along the underside of the bone with a long, sharp, slender knife. Run the knife underneath the skin starting from the bottom until loosened, then lift the skin from the meat. Use kitchen shears to cut into serving pieces, and let them rest in the warm oven until ready to eat. Trim excess fat from the meat if desired, and slice as desired, in large chunks or slices, to serve.

Note from me: There is a garlic citrus marinade called “Mojo Criollo.” It’s in just about every grocery store these days. Giving the pork the occasional drink of this stuff while it’s cooking will only make it better.



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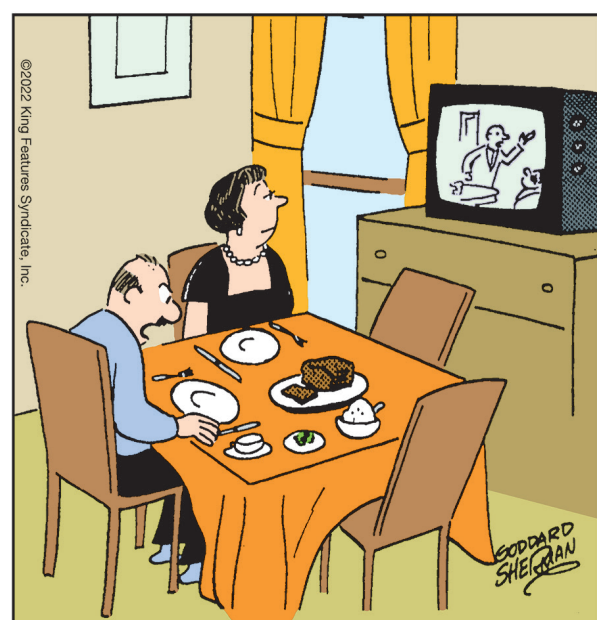
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