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EXPOSING THE DARKNESS

City unveils historical marker to recognize victims

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Along Moore Springs Bridge on what was once Raleigh Road, there's a tree that holds memory. Its limbs cracked from bearing the weight, its soil forever stained by the blood of a lynching victim.

It is the tree where Eugene Daniel was lynched in Chatham County in 1921.

Trees across the county hold dark memories in their roots, too — in the names of Jerry Finch, Harriet Finch, John Pattishall, Lee Tyson and Henry Jones.

This was the premise of a poem by

North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green entitled "I Wanted to Ask the Trees." She performed Saturday at the unveiling of a historical marker donated by the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham and the Equal Justice Initiative between Chatham County's old Agricultural Building and Justice Center, not far south of the old county courthouse.

"I wanted to ask the trees," Green said. "Do you remember? Did you refuse to hold his weight? Did your branches crackle? Did you refuse to hold him? Did you feed his blood to your roots?"

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Staff photo by Nikki Witt

Many in attendance laid hands on the new marker honoring Chatham's lynching victims as the Rev. Evan Harrison prays.

Taking the heat in Siler City



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Firefighters survey the home used for Siler City Fire Department's live burn on Saturday. The fire department is doing two live burns this year, providing training to volunteers and paid staff on responding to house fires. See more photos and find out more about the department's operation, **PAGES B6-B7**.

ELECTIONS 2022: CHATHAM COMMISSIONERS

Glendinning and Delaney face off for vacated Dist. 3 seat

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
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With longtime commissioner Diana Hales vacating

her seat on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, the District 3 race will feature

Democrat David Delaney, the vice president and assistant general counsel for

cybersecurity and privacy for Truist Bank, and Republican Tom Glendinning, a former U.S. Marine who lost to Valerie Foushee in the 2020 race for state senate.

Hales was elected to the office in 2014 and in her eight years of service has advocated for increased focus on agricultural preservation, public-private partnerships and taking action on issues such as climate change and education.

Despite her long service in Chatham, she did not file for reelection. Her Dist. 3 seat occupies the central portion of the county, which includes Manns Chapel, a small part of Pittsboro, Hickory Mountain and a portion of Goldston.

David Delaney is a Chapel

Hill resident who said he's seeking election to "protect and preserve our environment, promote smart development that serves residents and our local economy, and advance equity across our county, from health and education to broadband access, technology education and economic opportunity."

Delaney, who like Hales is a Democrat, is seeking his first term in an elected office. He said his goals as commissioner would be ensuring strategic development as the county grows through a focus on planning.

Glendinning, a Republican, has previously said he's focusing his policies on securing the private sector and lowering taxes. He's said he wants to lower debt and focus on local businesses rather than large-scale corporations to build the economy.

All candidates were sent two questionnaires by the News + Record — the first asked about general goals and qualifications for office; the second asked office specific questions for each role. Glendinning did not submit the second questionnaire by the deadline provided to all candidates.

Qualifications and prior experiences

Prior to his commissioners' bid, Delaney worked for Truist Bank. He says working at Truist helped

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ELECTIONS 2022: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Stickney suspends school board campaign, endorses Winger

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
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Clifford Stickney suspended his campaign on Monday for the Dist. 3 seat on the Chatham County Board of Education and endorsed Jessica Winger.

Stickney said he was "not able to provide the level of engagement and time our children and schools require," according to a statement on his

campaign website.



Stickney

"I firmly believe our current District 3 board member must be replaced," he said.

Del Turner is the incumbent Dist. 3 representative on the school board; she's been on the board since 2010.

Winger, seeking office for the



Winger

first time, has been a vocal proponent of an optional school masking policy and actively advocated for a return to in-person learning when

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CANDIDATE FORUM

CN+R to host event Oct. 20

Candidates for the Chatham County Sheriff and N.C. House Dist. 54 races have been extended invitation for a public candidate forum scheduled for the evening of Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center.

The forum will begin with a brief reception at 6 p.m., followed by a question and answer session with candidates moderated by CN+R Publisher Bill Horner III.

The newspaper is working with candidates in other races for a second forum the following week. More details will be released in the coming week.

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 Siler City Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, at the Wren Memorial Library multipurpose room in Siler City.

• **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

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.

• **Chatham County** is seeking individuals to apply for several upcoming vacancies on its advisory committees — the Environmental Review Advisory Committee, Agriculture Advisory Board, and Appearance Commission. Service on committees is a great way for interested residents to have a voice on issues of interest and make a difference in the community. Individuals must be 18 years old and a resident of Chatham County to serve on advisory committees. The deadline to apply for the openings is Friday, September 30, by 5 p.m. Online application forms can be found at www.chathamcountync.gov/CommitteeAppointments. If applicants would like an email or printed copy of the form, they may contact Lindsay Ray at 919-545-8302 or lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov.

• Beginning October 6, 2022, **Chatham Community Library** will host a science fiction film series every Thursday throughout the month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This program is free and open to the public, at the Chatham Community Library, Holmes Family Meeting Room. The films in the series are: Thursday, October 6: Forbidden Planet (1956). A starship crew in the 23rd century goes to investigate the silence of a distant planet's colony, only to find just two survivors, a powerful robot, and the deadly secret of a lost civilization. - Thursday, October 13: The Fifth Element (1997). New York cab driver Korben Dallas didn't mean to be a hero, but he just picked up the kind of fare that only comes along every five thousand years: a perfect beauty, a perfect being, a perfect weapon. Together, they must save the world. - Thursday, October 20: I, Robot (2004). In 2035, technophobic homicide detective Del Spooner of the Chicago Police Department heads the investigation of the apparent suicide of leading robotics scientist, Dr. Alfred Lanning. Spooner's investigation reveals a trail of secrets and agendas within the USR (United States Robotics) corporation and suspicions of mur-

der. - Thursday, October 27: Gravity (2013). Sandra Bullock plays a brilliant medical engineer on her first shuttle mission, with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalski (George Clooney) in command of his last flight before retiring. But on a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes. -- 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.

• Community members interested in improving their health with the use of alternative medicine are invited to a special event hosted by **Chatham Community Library**. The program "Building Functional Immunity with Plant Medicines" will be held on Saturday, October 8, at 2:30 p.m. in the Holmes Family Meeting Room. This program is free and open to the public. Tim Keim, Clinical Holistic Health Practitioner of Ayurveda and certified Yoga Therapist, will discuss how plant medicines can help protect the body from viral illnesses such as annual colds, flu, and other viral infections with safety and ease of use.

• **Chatham County Parks and Recreation** announces October Events - Kicking off the month, community members are invited to participate in the third annual Chatham County Challenge. This is a virtual walk, run, or bike challenge taking place from October 1-31. Bikers are challenged to complete a 100k (62 miles) and runners/walkers are challenged to complete a 50k (31 miles). There is no cost to participate, and registration is available at <https://ccparksandrec.recdesk.com> until September 30th. Individuals who complete the challenge will receive a free T-shirt, and the participant with the most miles logged in each category will also receive a \$25 gift card to the local business, New Horizons.

#2 -The second annual Sidewalk Chalk Festival has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at The Park at Briar Chapel located at 1015 Andrews Store Road, Pittsboro. All Chatham County artists - amateur and professional alike - are invited to draw their chalk creations and residents also are invited to spend the morning in the park enjoying the artwork, a coffee station, live music from Eric Sommer, and other vendor stations. There will be three categories: Family (group with kids 12 and under), Teen (ages 13-18), and Adult (ages 19+), as well as a crowd pleaser award. Artists are encouraged to pre-register online at <https://ccparksandrec.recdesk.com>, but registration will also be available on site the day of the event. A tabletop drawing option is available upon request for those who are not able to draw on the ground.

• **The CCCC Rehabilitation Technician Class** is designed to provide entry-level education and

training to perform routine rehabilitation tasks and an overview of what the field of rehabilitation therapy entails. This class will begin October 18 from 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through December 13 at the CCCC Chatham Health Sciences Center, Pittsboro. For more information, call 919-545-8652 or email to tneedham@cccc.edu.

• **Chatham Community Library** is designated as an ecoEXPLORE Loan Spot, a location where those participants can use their library card to check out equipment to aid in their observation of the natural world. Any Chatham County Public Libraries card holder will be able to check out a Discovery Pack from the Chatham Community Library. Discovery Packs have been provided by ecoEXPLORE, and contain kid-friendly binoculars, bug net, a birdcall, a trail camera and more. Kid scientists are encouraged to record their natural discoveries and submit them via the ecoEXPLORE website. In addition to lending Discovery Packs, Chatham Community Library will host programs presented by ecoEXPLORE science educators. Families with children in grades K-8 are invited to join the library for an Intro to ecoEXPLORE on Saturday, November 12, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chatham Community Library Holmes Meeting Room. Program facilitators will give an overview of what it means to be a citizen scientist, how to participate in ecoEXPLORE, and then head outside to practice making a scientific observation. For more information, contact Youth Services at youth.services@chathamlibraries.org.

• Wrapping up the month, **Chatham County Parks and Recreation's** annual Trunk or Treat Fall Festival is returning on Saturday, October 29th, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Southwest District Park located at 15124 NC-902, Bear Creek. This free, family-friendly event will include pumpkin carving, pumpkin painting, Halloween themed games, Halloween themed crafts, a photo booth, and a magician, from 2 to 4 p.m. Following those activities will be the Trunk or Treat from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, individuals may contact Mallory Peterson at the Parks and Recreation Department at 919-545-8553 or mallory.peterson@chathamcountync.gov. Information and updates will also be shared on Chatham County Parks and Recreation's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

• **The Silk Hope Rurians** host a Benefit Bingo on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of each month. This month's last event will be held September 29, at the Silk Hope Community Center. All are welcome.

• **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 directives. 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. 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,

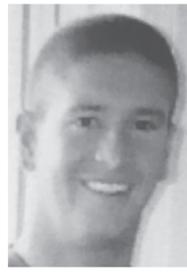
or to donate, visit ChathamArtsCouncil.org.

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



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 - 0 Pete Roberson (61.21 Acres)
 - 180 Thompson Street (.30 Acres)
 - 1562 Hadley Mill Road (15.489 Acres)
 - 0 Stone Street (50.72 Acres)
 - 1604 Bonlee School Road (110.49 Acres)
 - 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)
 - 1447 Old US 1 (.870 Acres)
 - 0 Chicken Bridge Road (10.051 Acres)
 - 00 Manns Chapel Road (49.41 Acres)
 - 2328 Andrews Store Road (24.385 Acres)
 - 0 Pearteman Teague (23.1 Acres)
 - 00 Roberts Chapel Road (123.87 Acres)
 - 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)
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 - 18 Pearteman Teague Road (2 Acres)
 - 4831 Old Graham Road (2.774 Acres)
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 - 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)
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 - 0 Pearleman Teague (23.1 Acres)
 - 00 Roberts Chapel Road (123.87 Acres)
 - 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)

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- 175 East Salisbury Street (Pittsboro)
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- 52 Gentle listing missing here
 - 1475 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
 - 550 Callie Lane (Bear Creek)
 - 3871 S. Plank Road (Sanford)
 - 76 Millbrook Drive (Pittsboro)
 - 5144 Rives Chapel Church Road (Siler City)
 - 200 Valley View Lane (Pittsboro)
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 - 4233 NC Highway 902 (Pittsboro)
 - 130 Estes Drive (Chapel Hill)
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 - 745 Mert McManus Road (Bear Creek)
 - 2349 S. Main Street (Goldston)
 - 206 Olympia Street (Siler City)
 - 8798 Sylvan Road (Liberty)
 - 488 NC 87 N (Pittsboro)
 - 76 Fox Chapel Lane (Pittsboro)
 - 354 A Mountain View (Pittsboro)
 - 238 Oakwood Lane (Pittsboro)
 - 218 A Poplar Street (Chapel Hill)
 - 58 Lily McCoy Lane (Pittsboro)
 - 1637 Briar Chapel Parkway (Chapel Hill)
- RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 6 Units**
- 4513 Bumphus Road (Chapel Hill)
 - 107 Hawks Spiral Way (Pittsboro)
 - 85 Herndon Creek Way (Chapel Hill)
 - 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
 - 6490 Snow Camp Road (Snow Camp)
 - 94 Pine Cone Loop (Pittsboro)

PROPERTIES CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT

- LAND (Representing Sellers) 6 Units**
- 13120 Strickland Road (16.25 Acres)
 - 0 Hamlets Chapel Road (42.805 Acres)
 - 0 Pearleman Teague Road (23.1 Acres)
 - 10681 E US 64 Hwy (3.97 Acres)
 - Lot 1, TC Justice Road (5.272 Acres)
 - 0 Callicutt Road (60.376 Acres)

- RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers) 6 Units**
- 298 CD Thomas Road (Siler City)
 - 390 New Salem Church Road (Pittsboro)
 - 5470 US 15 501 Hwy (Pittsboro)
 - 5472 US 15 501 Hwy (Pittsboro)
 - 872 Old Graham Road (Pittsboro)
 - 9849 Twisted Oak Trail (Snow Camp)
- RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 2 Units**
- 903 Woodland Drive (Siler City)
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Hlavac's resignation creates open seat

CN+R Staff Report

The resignation of Melissa Hlavac last Monday has left a vacant seat on the Chatham County Board of Education, which has initiated a process for appointing a new member to fill the term which will expire December 2024.

Interested parties are to submit the following application, letter of interest and resume by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The application can be found on the school district website at www.chatham.k12.nc.us or picked up in person at the administrative offices at 369 West

St., Pittsboro, 27312.

Completed applications, letter of interest and resume should be submitted to Kristin Guthrie, board clerk, at kguthrie@chatham.k12.nc.us, or may be mailed or delivered to CCS's administrative offices.

Hlavac, in announcing her resignation, cited a need to devote more time to personal and professional endeavors. Her resignation was effective immediately.

"I feel honored and privileged to have served on the Chatham County Schools Board of Education for nearly eight years," Hlavac said. "We've worked hard, navigated challenging decisions, and treated each other with respect, all while not betraying our deepest values. I'm proud of our board for its collective accomplishments on behalf of CCS as well as its steadfast support for our students, teachers, staff and administrators."

The board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, in the media center of George Moses Horton Middle School to interview the applicants. The board will make its selection by majority vote that evening. The new board

member will be sworn in at the regular session meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, in the media center of Chatham Grove Elementary School.

In order to serve on the Board of Education, a candidate must:

- reside in school board residency District 1
- not be a convicted felon
- not have a current conflict of interest situation with the school district
- must be a registered voter
- must be at least 21 years of age

The application can be found at bit.ly/3drZtGL.

BOARD

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CCS was in a hybrid or remote learning schedule.

"I am grateful to have Mr. Stickney's endorsement and I believe his passion to change the direction of the school board is sincere," Winger told the News + Record Thursday. She said she has spoken with several of Stickney's supporters since he suspended his campaign.

Turner declined to comment on the decision.

"[Stickney's supporters] have committed to stand with me because they know that the current school board is not acting in their best interest," Winger said.

While the school board race is non-partisan, Winger has frequently made appearances with the Chatham County Republican Party. Turner has also frequently appeared with the Chatham County Democratic Party.

"I will be one of the first people in line to vote for this change on November 8th and I encourage everyone reading this to vote for Ms. Winger," Stickney said. "I am encouraging all my [supporters] along with all the voters of Chatham County to support and vote for the best candidate for the job and not just along party lines."

Early voting begins Oct. 20; Election Day is Nov. 8.

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SEAT

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him develop community partnerships and gain experience including cybersecurity, law enforcement, emergency preparedness and response, strategic planning, and leadership development. He has also served on several community organization boards including NAACP and the Chatham Chamber of Commerce. He also co-founded Innovate Chatham, which aims to help serve the county's digital equity and inclusion needs.

Glendinning has served on several legislative taskforces and boards including water quality, recycling and planning. He also serves on the Chatham County Board of Adjustment and is in his sixth term on the board. He previously served on local boards for more than 30 years. He also touts that he was on boards that helped craft the 1984 Water Quality Act and the 1993 Recycling Act.

Goals for office

Delaney's top goal is ensuring incoming developers abide by social and environmental standards. He also hopes to allocate new funding toward equity-based programming to close achievement gaps, especially as it pertains to broadband access and education.

He said the socioeconomic divides in the county also create different challenges. For example, he said broadband access is a big issue for the western, more rural part of the county. Meanwhile, in the north and eastern portions of the county he believes, "large residential developments have substandard wastewater systems and overcrowded roads." Glendinning said his legislative goals include lowering taxes and "[protecting] property and personal rights for all, including seniors, according to the constitution." He also wants to create "safer schools" by giving more authority to parents and citizens in the educational sector.

He has also previously said topics surrounding

language of laws and ensuring low taxes are key issues facing the county. He said the biggest issue facing Chatham is "making sure that law enforcement officers, officers of the courts, and state and local officials have the necessary ability to use judgment and common sense in applying judgment & justice." He has also frequently sited discrimination against seniors and farmers in the tax structure as a focal point of his platform.

Addressing growth

With the announcement of WolfSpeed, VinFast and other major economic development projects, one of the biggest areas of focus for Chatham's commissioners will be addressing growth in a sustainable fashion.

Delaney said he welcomes the growth, so long as the environment is kept in mind in the process. He also said these new large employers have the potential, if not executed properly, to draw attention away from local businesses. Therefore, Delaney said as commis-

sioner he would "work toward more regional and state-level collaboration so we can plan effectively with neighboring cities, counties and utilities. We must also enable small-business growth and innovative ways to preserve and use Chatham's rural landscapes."

He said commissioners have the opportunity to ensure small business innovation works hand-in-hand with industrial development by making investments in public infrastructure, collaborations with neighboring communities and sound zoning decisions.

Other issues are also expected to come with growth including increased strain on stormwater and wastewater infrastructure, population booms and need for increased affordable housing. Delaney said growth and managing its challenges are both possible and necessary. He said he believes current Chatham residents want growth because they want the innovation that comes along with

it. He said the issues that do emerge can be solved through effective planning guidelines such as maintaining a sound Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to enable new land uses.

Glendinning has previously said there needs to be a way to bring jobs close to Chatham to ensure people stay in the county and grow the local economy. He also believes the best way to manage growth is by "[empowering] and [equipping] our Planning Department Board with all that they need to make sound recommendations."

Glendinning has been critical of the ways Chatham's board has gone about growth. He said the county has given incoming corporations too large of a tax break.

A complete copy of David Delaney and Tom Glendinning's submitted questionnaires will be made available on our website chathamnewsrecord.com.

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VIEWPOINTS

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Mead Fest unites community, showcases Renaissance fun

PITTSBORO — I've always been intrigued by Renaissance fairs.



TAYLOR HEEDEN
Columnist

From the costumes to the characters who attend these types of events, it all encapsulates the stories of oddity and whimsy we remember from childhood. Stories of princesses, knights in shining armor, dragons and more are enough to fascinate anyone interested in "tales as old as time" itself. Luckily enough, Chatham County has its own Renaissance fair — Mead Fest. This annual event hosted by Starrlight Mead, the meadery based out of The Plant in Pittsboro, features plenty of medieval fun, including, but not limited to, sword fighting knights, archery-inspired games, a Viking dining hall, mead tastings, vendor booths, medieval music (including a rendition of "In Da Club" by 50 Cent) and more.

I decided to make my way

down to 213 Lorax Lane on Saturday with my roommate Ashley (who happens to be a mead lover) to experience firsthand what Mead Fest had to offer.

The event began at noon, but by the time I parked behind bmc brewing at 12:20 p.m., parking lots there were nearly full. We decided to get food at one of the food trucks, where I had some delicious carnitas tacos before heading down to look at the various booths and activities.

Hundreds of people walked around The Plant visiting the merchant booths. Some had organic goodies such as fresh honey and spices, while others had Renaissance clothing items like corsets and knight helmets.

There were also events people could watch, including a sword-fighting show, which displayed knights in armor duking it out with large swords until the referee, also dressed in medieval garb, declared a winner each round.

The undisputed star of the show, though, was the mead — an alcoholic beverage made with fermented honey that was available, along with many other beverages, at the festival.



Courtesy of Starrlight Mead

Patrons at Saturday's Mead Fest were able to sample various flavored meads in Starrlight Mead's taproom.

My roommate and I signed up to do Starrlight Mead's tasting, where we tried eight different meads. I've had Starrlight's peach mead before, which I loved. However, some of the mead flavors at the tasting were slightly outside my comfort zone (shout out to you, Wildfoam).

Despite being hesitant to try some of the flavors, I enjoyed all of them. My roommate ended up buying two bottles of mead, including the Wildfoam flavor we were so surprised by. I got Starrlight's Honeyed

Chai mead, infused with anise, cardamom and other spices commonly found in chai.

I also tried a cider flight from Chatham Cider Works, which has the best cider I've ever tried. The flight included a traditional spiced cider, lemon elderflower cider, pepper-infused cider and coffee cider (yes, you read that right). I was surprised by how much I loved the nontraditional ciders; in fact, the pepper one was my favorite.

While sipping on cider under some trees, I thought about how things like Mead Fest make

Chatham County an interesting community. Chatham is home to plenty of unique spaces, including The Plant itself, as well as people who make the community what it is.

From meeting new friends at mead tastings, winding through crowds of lifelong and new residents, seeing parents let their children run around as fairies, princes, witches and warlocks, and seeing the joy the faux jousting brought to people are just a small part of the amazing places — like The Plant — and events, like Mead Fest, that highlight the distinct charm Chatham possesses.

It also reminded me how much Chatham will continue to change, especially with Wolfspeed and VinFast making their way to the area. Events like Mead Fest and places like The Plant, though, will remain havens where residents and nonresidents can gather to truly enjoy the amazing community provided here.

I'll toast some mead to that.

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The unplanned kindness of strangers

My wife and I camped last weekend with our three young children at Hanging Rock State Park.



ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN
Hope Matters

Three days and two nights in the woods took a heroic packing effort by my beloved. Pulling away from the house in our minivan loaded with supplies, she gave me a half-smile: "I wonder what we forgot."

Necessity is the mother of invention, and half the fun of camping is finding ways to make do. When you forget a hammer for the tent pegs, you use a rock. When the propane on the stove doesn't work, you cook over the campfire.

But some things are essential — like coffee — especially after a night with three kids tossing and turning like wiggly puppies in your tent.

The Hanging Rock General Store is located only a half-mile from the park entrance. A smiling cashier had a fresh pot ready to go and sold me a bag of ground beans. I returned to the campsite like a conquering hero to my bleary-eyed bride.

Duly caffeinated, I thought we'd trek up to the famous overlook that gives the park its name. Change in plans — the kids wanted to swim! We hiked to a waterfall below the mountain with pools of water so cold that your bare feet burned. That will wake anyone up! My older sons eventually explored the rocks downstream while my daughter collected leaves into a colorful pile. She called it a "fruit salad."

Hiking back, we sang "This Land is Your Land" to pass the time and were almost to the minivan when I reached into my pocket for my keys and ... felt nothing! I hustled back to the falls, muttering a decidedly different tune. When I arrived, a child chirped, "Here you go!" She held my keys triumphantly in the air.

After that adventure, the granola bars and apples we'd packed were not going to cut it. We drove into the next town and the Danbury General Store, which boasted a cheeseburger daily special. The proprietors had replaced the gas pumps with picnic tables, and we enjoyed our food with a view of the blue sky and green hills. I'm not sure I've ever had a better burger, especially not for \$3.99. As we finished, the cook came out with little paper bags filled with candy for the kids. Talk about a hero!

I'm grateful for so-called everyday heroes, like firefighters and police officers, who put their lives at risk to serve and protect. Doctors, nurses and EMT workers save lives, while teachers, social workers and many others assist people in life-giving ways. I just took my family on a little trip.

Yet, camping provided the opportunity to get out of my usual element. Not everything went according to plan, but the unforeseen challenges also gave rise to helping hands and smiling faces. I'm not naïve about the hardship and cruelty in the world. But I'm grateful for the kindness of strangers.

When we returned to our campsite, my wife took a well-deserved nap in the tent. Our kids talked tough about not being tired, but one by one, they eventually laid down. I heated water on the fire for another cup of coffee and watched the leaves dance in the gentle breeze and dappled light. I couldn't have planned it any better.



Soup's on ... or is it?

There was a story in the Sunday paper some time ago that the Campbell Soup Company was in the midst of tinkering with its product line.

Immediately, as my boyhood friend Bobby Joe High used to say, I got my "dandruff" up and wondered

how they could do away with the tomato and chicken noodle (that's two different varieties, not one) which carried me through much of my childhood and even now brings comfort to my weary soul when needed.

Turns out that's not the case at all, although there are some major changes coming down the road ... or stove top.

Those two varieties that were such a part of my existence are not being phased out, thank goodness. Instead, seems the company officials and chefs are turning their hats and spoons toward the — as the story called them — "younger, finicky" customers. Now, the experts say, that group has left behind the tried and true for what it calls "heartier varieties with more sophisticated flavors."

Sophisticated? For canned soup? Give me a break, please.

The old flavors, they say, are too bland and in the next few years the almost 150-year-old firm plans to introduce 50 new products, including soups and sauces. Among them, for instance, is Moroccan Style Chicken and Spicy

Chorizo. Not sure exactly what this is. These days, the chicken soup which soothed my soul and worked on countless colds and bouts of flu are made with such ingredients as tomatillos (whatever they are), coconut milk and shiitake mushrooms.

I'm not one to throw out all spices and flavorings. I've even graduated to a black pepper variety that tastes like Worcestershire sauce and is good on everything from soup to scrambled eggs, but I'm pretty sure tomatoes and coconut milk don't belong on the same table, at the same time, with some mushrooms.

What's going on, I am told, is that many of these new varieties have already been tried in "trend-setting" cities like Portland and London and the "Millennials," folks in the age group from roughly about 18 to the early 30's, are the solid-gold greatly-wanted market share group. It is members of that segment who, for instance, are now big fans of Green Thai Curry Skillet sauce, served over a delicious bowl of tofu.

But I ask: have you seen what Portland has turned into the last few years? At least the part that's still standing after the street fires and riots. Do you want your taste buds and dietary habits to be guided and influenced by folks who do things like that?

It was chicken noodle and tomato that got me through all sorts of childhood bouts of the flu, bad colds and those serious episodes of "I don't want to go to school today." That and my mama letting me nestle down in her big ol' bed with the thick pillows and the

radio by the bedside where I could listen to Bill Jackson and Wally Ausley all day long on WPTF. It was there that she brought me a big stack of comic books, all the soup I could hold and Zesta saltines lathered with creamy Peter Pan peanut butter. Lots of times the tomato soup would come with cheese toast or pimento cheese sandwiches, even cheese melted into the soup.

Now today when I get sick, I pop a bunch of pills and continue on, thereby infecting everyone I meet while I'm sick. No doubt the world — mine and everyone else's — would be much better off if I'd forget the pills and just load up on old chicken noodle or tomato, crawl into the sack and hunker down with some comic books and listen to old rock and roll or some quality Bluegrass (since Bill Jackson and Wally Ausley aren't with us anymore).

And if grilling juju root with tofu sauce or Sliced Sow Snout Supreme gets the push toward becoming the offering for comfort soup, I believe I'll just stay uncomfortable. I'd rather find my soup tastes to be determined by the good folks of rural Chatham County than Portland.

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VIEWPOINTS

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Walter Petty: race is about records, positions

TO THE EDITOR:

You may have seen attack ads about my time on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, accusing me of missing meetings while still being paid.

There are those who would have you believe I neglected my duties on the board by misrepresenting the facts.

Most people know the facts including those making the accusations, but it's time to set the record straight for those who do not.

The Democrats criticized me for missing meetings that coincided with some important facts. They used a clipped quote from the (Raleigh) News & Observer dated April 16, 2019:

"The demands on my schedule have become increasingly difficult to manage," he said... "Petty was absent from the March meeting and had missed several other engagements last fall while away on business."

What they left out from the same article:

"Petty's business installs and services electrical generators that provide backup power for other businesses across

the Southeast. He was gone much of the fall as his company helped in recovery efforts after Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and Hurricane Michael in the Florida panhandle."

I was away, providing emergency power to people in need. Those included fire departments, emergency medical services, nursing homes, etc., in eastern N.C. devastated by Hurricane Florence.

If they want to attack me for missing a meeting while helping people in emergency situations, so be it.

There is another fact, but it is personal, so I didn't talk about it much. During this time, our youngest son was suffering from a neurological condition that greatly impacted his health. Over four years of 24 hour care was required before he passed away. By spring of 2019 my father's health had declined, so I resigned in April. In May, my father passed.

My opponent, Rep. Robert Reives II, missed legislative votes in the summer of 2021 to take care of his mother. It was the right thing for him to do, and I commend him for putting his family first. I am disappointed that some people think it's OK to attack me for doing the same.

This election should be about

our records and our policy positions.

Walter Petty
Siler City

The writer is the Republican candidate for the N.C. House Dist. 54 seat.

Our conversation about wastewater is far from finished

TO THE EDITOR:

Optimistic Candide says: Il faut cultiver notre jardin — we must cultivate our own garden. He means that our responsibility is local, and we must focus on our own actions. Think global, act local.

When we send garbage scows to sea we end up with swirling eddies of plastic. When we consume coal-generated electricity from afar we cause the trapping of heat and melting of glaciers. We can't just send our problems away, we must deal with them.

Romans had wastewater issues. They simply exported it. We've overcome the temptation to pipe sewage into a handy river, but we're happy to make sludge into someone else's problem and to allow flimsy systems for disposal of liquid. We say sludge is cheap fertilizer and then we dump it in poor

communities.

We should be aware of all the consequences of conventional wastewater solutions.

- Generation of greenhouses gases
- Lack of knowledge of "chemicals of emerging concern"
- Sending undesirable substances into poorer communities
- Relying on engineering improvements rather than first principles

Climate change is complicated. Every sign points to individual action. We can't rely on Progress Energy for a solution; we must take personal responsibility. Efficiency, alternate sources and incentives have potential.

At Fearington, environmentalists meet as the Green Scene. Let's remember their principles of personal responsibility for everyday trash and apply them to our wastewater problem:

- Reducing is vital:
 - Sewer bill tied to water bill
 - Incentives for less use — newer appliances
 - Awareness campaigns
 - Building code changes
 - Free water audits
 - Meaningful penalties fund this program
- Reusing is easy:
 - One greywater circuit per

household — \$1,000 property tax credit

- Electricity from methane
- Recycling is the goal
- New products
- Sequestration for later use
- Carbon tax credits
- Other considerations:
 - Community values
 - Dependable operators
 - Our legacy
 - Public ownership and revenue

Almost none of the above possibilities were considered in the Northeast Chatham Wastewater Study Commission report, not even to be dismissed out of hand. Appendix 8, Enhanced Management of Decentralized Wastewater Systems, leaves the door open as part of an interim solution, but the focus is on partnerships and export.

Costs are hardly mentioned in the final report. Major infrastructure would be needed for the preferred Durham solution, and of course operation costs will continue.

Environmental considerations are not discussed and are evaluated by a simple check box. The conversation deserves to include climate change, greenhouse gases, sequestration and justice.

Chatham is our garden, ours to cultivate.

Warren Reed
Pittsboro

Agony and ecstasy in revising 'Roadside Eateries'

There is agony and there is ecstasy in revising my favorite book, "North Carolina Roadside Eateries."



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

The book I wrote about local eateries near our state's interstate highways was published by UNC Press in 2016, and we knew it would require regular updates as some old eateries closed and new ones opened.

Sure enough, by 2020 we had lost such favorites as Wilber's in Goldsboro, Allen & Son in Chapel Hill, Bill's in Wilson. These were special losses for all North Carolinians because they had become legendary gathering places.

The loss of these and more than 15 others pushed me to go to work. I found substitutes for the lost classics and added a bunch of other good ones. By April 2020 I had a revised version completed and ready for publication that fall or the following winter. Amazon had already listed the revision and displayed the new cover on its website.

Then something happened: COVID-19.

Just as I was going over the final page proofs, I got a call from UNC Press. My editor said, "We don't know which of your restaurants can survive the battle against the virus. Let's talk about what we should do."

I understood and agreed. It was obvious that COVID was killing restaurants all over the country. We needed to delay publication.

We put the publication date on hold, but we didn't stop working, getting ready for when it would be time to publish again.

The good news is we are just about ready.

The bad news is that during COVID, we lost about 20 more of my favorites: Little Creek Cafe (Mars Hill), Judge's Riverside (Morganton), Snack Bar (Hickory), Smith Street Diner (Greensboro), Margaret's Cantina (Chapel Hill), Toot-n-Tell Restaurant (Garner), Carolina BBQ Buffet (Kenansville), Holland's Shelter Creek Fish Camp (Burgaw), Dixie III Restaurant (Asheboro), Hill's Lexington Barbecue (Winston-Salem), Price's Chicken Coop (Charlotte), Acropolis Cafe & Grille (Cornelius), The Cook Shack (Union Grove), Wink's King of Barbecue and Richard's Bar-B-Q (Salisbury), Tommy's Bar-B-Que and Captain Tom's Seafood Restaurant (Thomasville), Angelo's Family Restaurant (Graham), Linda's (Pembroke), Holt Lake Bar-B-Q & Seafood (Grahamfield), and Broadnax Diner (Seaboard).

I miss all these places, and there are a few that I really grieve.

The Snack Bar in Hickory was my model of a community gathering place where food was served cheerfully by a wait staff that had been there forever. It was home to the Liars Club where a group of retirees gathered about 6:30 for breakfast. Then they would go home to rest awhile before coming back for coffee about 10:30.

Holland's Shelter Creek Fish Camp near Burgaw was wonderfully located on the waters around the Cape Fear River. Sadly, it was flooded and destroyed. It has relocated to Holly Ridge north of Wilmington, a little too far from an interstate to be in the book. But still a great place for seafood.

Margaret's Cantina in Chapel Hill was a favorite of my daughter's family and, thus, a place where we have many good family memories. I miss it very much.

When I worked as an interim official at UNC-Pembroke, Linda's was an important place to meet and get to know some of the significant Lumbee people who were so welcoming to me.

Is there any good news? The best news, perhaps, is about Wilber's in Goldsboro. If we had published in 2020, we would not have included the favorite eating place for fans of eastern North Carolina barbecue. It was closed and its founder Wilber Shirley was dying. But now, although Wilbur, sadly, did die, his restaurant has been resurrected. By all accounts it is thriving under new ownership, and it will have an important place in the revised "Roadside Eateries."

If you have a last-minute suggestion of a community eating place near an interstate, send it to me at nceateries@yahoo.com

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Let's make medicaid expansion work

Are Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, Republican House Speaker Tim Moore, and Republican Senate leader Phil Berger about to strike a deal to expand North Carolina's Medicaid program?



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

I don't know. The three leaders have been negotiating for months. While they broadly agree on the expansion itself, Berger's chamber is the only one to have passed a bill — by a 44-2 vote — and it included some deregulatory measures to expand the supply of medical services to North Carolinians.

Special-interest groups that benefit from the current regulatory structure dislike the Senate version. Hospitals, in particular, strongly dislike the idea of having to compete for your business, which is what the bill's certificate-of-need reforms would encourage. Many House members disagree with the Senate's approach, as well. So does Cooper. Still, they'd rather enact it than nothing, so the governor has publicly called for the interest groups to give in. A few days ago, the hospitals offered what they termed a compromise, though Berger called it more "public relations than a substantive or serious proposal."

If North Carolina acts on Medicaid, we certainly ought to accompany expansion with the Senate's pro-competition reforms. We need to reduce the actual cost of delivering health care, not simply transfer the bill from patients or employers to taxpayer-funded Medicaid. While our leaders have been negotiating, however, events in a neighboring state have reopened an issue once thought dead: work requirements.

As originally written, the Affordable Care Act didn't really leave state governments any choice in the matter: they had to expand Medicaid. After the U.S. Supreme Court struck down that part of the bill in 2012, many Republican-led states signaled that they were willing to forego the massive federal subsidies attached to Medicaid expansion because of their concerns about long-term fiscal impact and increased dependency on public assistance (Medicaid is already America's largest welfare program).

Allowing states to require work in exchange for Medicaid enrollment would have made expansion more palatable. The Obama administration sounded at first like this

might be a real option, but it soon became clear that President Obama would never allow the enforcement of serious work requirements.

The next administration saw things very differently. During President Trump's four-year term, 13 states received federal waivers to implement work rules for Medicaid. Several other states were in the process of seeking such approval when President Biden won election. States were instructed not to bother submitting such applications. All previously granted waivers were rescinded.

Most of these work requirements had never been implemented, anyway. Progressive groups had successfully sued to strike them down. The cases hadn't yet reached the U.S. Supreme Court when the Biden administration rescinded the waivers. Earlier this year, the Court declared the cases moot.

But what if Biden's action was itself illegal? That's what the State of Georgia argued in a lawsuit filed in January. Last month, a federal judge sided with Georgia, calling the administration's actions arbitrary, capricious, and contrary to "reasoned decision making." For now, at least, Georgia is authorized to proceed with its work requirement for non-disabled Medicaid recipients.

Given this development, I think Berger and Moore ought to reemphasize, as a condition for compromise, another provision of the original Senate bill: a work requirement for the childless adults who make up the majority of potential beneficiaries of Medicaid expansion. Cooper and Democratic lawmakers won't like it, of course, but would they truly prefer no Medicaid expansion at all? I think Cooper knows his negotiating position will probably be weaker after the 2022 election. Democrats might also conclude that the Biden administration will refuse to grant such a waiver, anyway, and thus there'd be no risk in allowing Republicans to include work requirements in an expansion bill.

If that's true, what would be the point of including it? Well, I would argue that as a general proposition all public-assistance programs — cash, nutrition, housing, and health care — should have work requirements. Let the president say otherwise. Then let voters say what they think about that in 2024.

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TO MONTGOMERY AND BACK

We walked where history was made

Traveling to the home of the Civil Rights movement and the Confederacy with a group from Chatham County

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

MONTGOMERY, Alabama — The birthplace of both the Civil Rights movement and the Confederacy feels smaller than any other capital city I've visited.

None, though, loom larger when it comes to historical significance.

Park yourself at just about any spot along Dexter Avenue, the wide lane sloping gently down from the capitol building toward the heart of Montgomery's downtown, and with a good arm and a baseball you can hit nearly a dozen landmark locations from a critical 150-year period of Southern — and American — history.

There's the Alabama state capitol itself. Jefferson Davis took his oath there as president of the Confederate States of America; a century later, staunch segregationist and four-term governor George Wallace planted his feet on the same steps and declared, famously, "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever."

Not far away is the first White House of the Confederacy.

And there's Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, where an unknown 26-year-old pastor, hailing from Atlanta, would be asked to become the voice for the city's disenfranchised.

There's a statue of the diminutive Rosa Parks not far from the spot where she declined — politely, with dignity, and with a larger aim in mind — to give up her seat on a city bus, defying the same vituperative driver who'd had her arrested a dozen years before and igniting a firestorm.

Dozens of slave traders once had offices along the street. Nearly 60 markers dedicated to the architects of Alabama's and Montgomery's mass slave trade have been erected around town over the years. Today, you can also see the Civil Rights Memorial Center, the Southern Poverty Law Center, a museum devoted to the Freedom Riders, and the home where that young Dexter Avenue Baptist Church pastor, Dr. Martin Luther King



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Members and friends of the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham, who spent time last week in Montgomery, Alabama. This photo was taken just outside the EJL's Legacy Museum, built on what used to be one of the city's most prominent slave auction spaces.

Jr., lived. And you end right back on the steps of the capitol — the destination for a determined group of rabble-rousers who, in the spring of 1965, would leave from Selma, some 55 miles west via a meandering two-lane road, on a walk that would change history.

A trip delayed

I spent a few days in Montgomery last week. Some 50 or 60 of us were

supposed to have made this journey by bus in the fall of 2020. But COVID-19 prompted a series of postponements; after coronavirus concerns canceled the bus, our group shrank to a dozen or so — mostly members of the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham and some friends and relatives.

The CRC-C has been working to, among other things, recognize Chatham's lynching victims

in a partnership project with the nonprofit Equal Justice Initiative, based in Montgomery. My wife Lee Ann and I drove from North Carolina and joined the group for tours of the EJI's two groundbreaking public efforts: The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

The Legacy Museum is designed as a "narrative museum," purposed, in the words of EJI founder Bryan Stevenson, to

"confront our nation's silence and to change the distorted narrative that too many have been taught." It focuses on the history and legacy of slavery and abuse against African and African American people.

"The enslavement of black people has created a legacy of separation, inequality, and anguish that will persist until we address that legacy more honestly," Stevenson writes.

The story of that two-centuries legacy is told in clear and unmistakably stark ways at the Legacy Museum. The three hours we spent was barely enough time to understand how the elaborate narrative of racial inferiority shaped our country.

"The way to right wrongs," crusading writer Ida B. Wells said, "is to turn the light of truth upon them." And that truth is beginning in the late 1700s, more than 12 million African men, women and children were kidnapped and sold into slavery in the Americas.

In Montgomery, for example, just prior to the Civil War, two-thirds of its residents were enslaved.

That labor led to the creation of generations of wealth for thousands of

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MARKER

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Green's poem was one of several emotionally charged remembrances at Saturday's marker unveiling. The ceremony also featured a letter to Daniel, who was lynched just days after his 16th birthday, from his great-great-great-nephew, Cameron Sanders.

"Dear Uncle Eugene," Sanders' letter read. "I guess what I really want you to know is that we have not forgotten you and if I am blessed to have a son, he will know your name and your story."

Sanders, 19 and a student at Central Carolina Community College, and Daniel are separated by 97 years. Perhaps, Sanders said, if Daniel had been allowed to live and grow old then the two could've met.

"We acknowledged your life, that you were a teenager just like I am today," Sanders said in his letter. "And that you did not deserve to die the way that you did."

Sanders now lives less than three miles from Daniel's former home on East Stone Road, but many of Daniel's direct descendants moved away from Chatham County to escape the stigma of the tragedy and the trauma of his tragic death.

An unjust past

The legacy of Daniel, along with the other lynching victims in Chatham County, is now permanently etched into the county's landscape. The vibrant blue marker with yellow lettering erected Saturday marks a dark history of injustice and intolerance.

It recounts the stories of each lynching, including that of Daniel:

"On September 18, 1921, a white mob lynched a 16-year-old Black boy named Eugene Daniel after he was falsely accused of assaulting a white girl. The mob took Eugene five miles east to an area near Moore's bridge, hanged him with a chain, and shot his body repeatedly. The next day, at least 1,000 spectators came to view Eugene's hanged remains. No mob participants were held accountable for lynching these Black men, women and children."

The marker also tells the stories of the other five victims.

On September 28, 1885, a white mob of more than 20 men stormed Pittsboro's jail on the suspicion that a group of Black Chatham residents had conspired to murder members of the Gunter family. The raid came after a coroner's jury

issued a report suggesting the four people were guilty of the murder. Court documents show the convictions made by the jury were largely hearsay from white witnesses. The men then abducted and lynched Harriet Finch, Jerry Finch, Lee Tyson and John Pattishall despite no evidence of their guilt. Later, their bodies were found hanging from trees less than a mile from the jail.

In 1899, Henry Jones was accused of raping and murdering a white woman named Nancy Welsh in Bear Creek. The day after Welsh's body was found, a white mob of more than 50 men abducted Jones while he was sleeping in his home and lynched him.

The Chatham County lynching victims are part of the more than 120 who were killed by racial terror in North Carolina between 1865 and 1950.

Engaging in the lover's quarrel

The unveiling ceremony also featured remarks from prominent local officials including Congressman David Price, N.C. Senator Valerie Foushee and Chatham County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Karen Howard. Each representative showed the importance of recognizing the past in the work toward a more just future.

"Even a painful remembrance should be seen as an expression of our patriotism," Price said. "There are three kinds of patriots — two bad and one good. The bad patriots are the uncritical lovers of their country and the loveless critics of their country. Good patriots carry on a lover's quarrel with their country."

He said this is the kind of patriotism Chatham was achieving through the unveiling of this marker because the county was recognizing its flaws and embarking on steadfast determination to amend those flaws. The congressman said he believes true patriotism requires honest history.

The ceremony continued with performances from local youth dance groups — the Ebone Soul Steppers and Chatham Dance Connection — as well as vocal performances from the Woods Charter School Choir.

Attendees of the ceremony were then led outside to the location of the new marker as the choir sang "This Land is Your Land" to the strums of a ukulele. The song of unity was written in 1931, 90 years before Eugene Daniel was lynched, but the choir chose the song as the background to the march to-



Staff photo by Nikki Witt

Cameron Sanders, the great-great-great nephew of Eugene Daniel, shared a letter he wrote to his uncle who was lynched more than a century ago. Sanders read the letter at Saturday's historical marker unveiling ceremony.

ward the marker because of its sense of collective patriotism.

Once the crowd gathered around the new marker, CRC-C Co-coordinator Bob Pearson — who was instrumental in the four-year project to erect it — reminded everyone of the work that preceded Saturday's unveiling.

"We are here today because history requires that this story be told," Pearson said. "Others now and in the future can read this marker and learn and be inspired by it to continue to bring justice to our community."

He said justice cannot be achieved without truth. The process of erecting the marker first began with the founding of the CRC-C four years ago by Pearson and Mary Nettles. Pearson said the CRC-C was meant to reconcile Black history in the county and seek a progressive way forward.

According to EJI, the Historical Marker Project erects narrative markers in public locations describing the devastating violence, today widely unknown, that once took place. These projects and the other engagement efforts that community coalitions develop center the African American experience of racial injustice, empower African American community members who have directly borne this trauma, and invite the entire community to use truth to give voice to those experiences and expose their legacies.

While marking the history of lynching has been the primary focus of the CRC-C, Pearson said this was just the first step.



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Bob Pearson of Pittsboro, who helped organize CRC-C and led the effort to place the memorial marker, watches as Chatham County Commissioner Karen Howard receives it on behalf of the county.

One of the next steps Pearson said the CRC-C may devote energy toward is recognizing the enslaved Africans who were brought to Chatham County with European settlers. Currently, the Historical Museum in Pittsboro has a plaque of "the first settlers of Chatham County," but Pearson said it includes only white European names.

He said another focus in creating a more just community is intentional growth — meaning providing new jobs to underserved communities. The county has more than \$9 billion of economic development promised between the recently-announced VinFast and Wolfspeed projects, which have combined to pledge more than 9,000 new jobs here.

"We have a very bright future ahead of us," Pearson said. "We have the ability to shape this community into a model of a just society and a just community here in Chatham County. We want not only economic development, but judicial development, scholastic development, social development, cultural development. We want to ensure people of color have access to these jobs too."

Pearson said the community is on the right path for a brighter and more equitable future for all Chatham residents of past, present and future.

Removing the scab

After the cover was lifted to reveal the marker, Howard formally accepted the gift from the CRC-C and EJI. She said it was a momentous occasion for the community.

"The thing that touches me most about this day is the faces in the crowd," Howard said. "I know it is absolutely essential that we change institutional practices, but more than that we need to be changing the hearts and minds of people."

She said the marker is a small step in healing and taking action toward a more anti-racist community. While reconciliation of the past is never a finished process, Howard said it begins with taking ownership of all aspects of our shared history.

"Wounds that are left to fester in dark moldy places don't really heal," she said. "We had wounds around lynching in Chatham County that were allowed to fester, shrouded in lies and darkness and secrecy of shame and we have exposed them."

Howard said it would be more damaging to let the stories of these Black and brown people die in silence than to share these injustices with dignity and understanding. She said there is no shame in telling this history.

The unveiling ceremony concluded with participants placing a hand on the new marker, representing each member of the community being part of the living history in Chatham.

For more information about the marker visit www.eji.org/projects/community-historical-marker-project and to learn more about CRC-C visit www.crc-c.org

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A view from the west side of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, not far from the location where marchers were beaten by state troopers and local law enforcement officers on 'Bloody Sunday' — March 7, 1965.

HISTORY

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MORE FROM MONTGOMERY:

Visitors from Chatham County share insights from last week's visit to the Equal Justice Initiative's museum and memorial in Montgomery, Alabama. **PAGE A14**

families across the South and elsewhere, but the abolishment of chattel slavery — with the passage of the 13th Amendment — did little to change the dehumanization of Black Americans.

The 12-year period of Reconstruction after the Civil War helped to re-establish white supremacy in the South. "Free" Black people continued to be refugees in their own country; at least 4,000 were lynched in racial terror killings in a dozen states between 1880 and 1940, including 120 in North Carolina and six here in Chatham. Segregation, bigotry and injustice were prevalent; mass incarceration and poverty became persistent by-products that are still with us.

It's a well-evidenced truth some deny or downplay. Even as knowledgeable as I felt I was about that legacy, what I saw, heard and learned in that brief museum visit — an experience difficult to encapsulate or summarize in words — brought me to my knees.

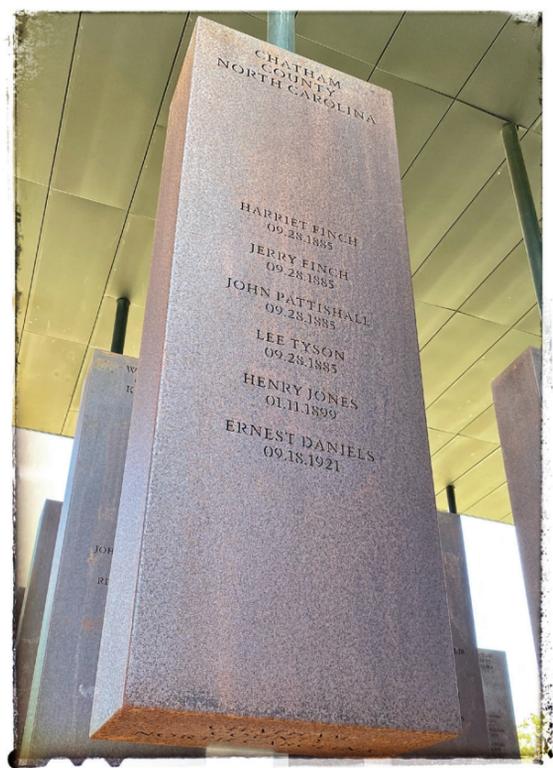
We next visited the Memorial, situated upon the crest of a hill and overlooking downtown Montgomery about a mile from the museum. It occupies six acres of outdoor space and includes spectacular gardens, sculpture, poetry and more.

It effectively contextualizes racial terror, primarily with more than 800 suspended six-foot corten steel monuments. Each represents a geographic location (typically a county) where lynchings occurred and contains the names of victims and dates of those acts of terrorism. There are also stories of those murdered, the paper-thin — if not outright mendacious — rationalization for killing that, even for the heyday of white supremacy, boggles any rational mind.

From the Memorial, we crossed the street to the Peace and Justice Memorial Center, a gathering place for educational events. There, we finished the day meeting with Laurel Hattix, an EJI Law Fellow, who shared the EJI story and answered our questions about EJI's work and plans.

Selma and the March

Our group solemnly disbanded the next morning. Lee Ann and I spent part of the day in Selma; the former cotton trading center some 55 miles west of Montgomery is now one of the poorest cities in the country. Jim Crow and segregation ruled for a century until "Bloody Sunday" in 1965 — which



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

There are more than 800 six-foot tall corten steel monuments — one for each location in the U.S. where a racial terror lynching occurred — at the EJI memorial. (Chatham's last victim, Eugene Daniel, was mistakenly identified as 'Ernest Daniels' in some press accounts after his 1921 lynching; the EJI plans to correct the spelling of his name.)



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

A life-sized statue of Rosa Parks in downtown Montgomery, located near the site where thousands of slaves were auctioned. Parks worked as a seamstress at a nearby business when, on Dec. 1, 1955, she chose to be arrested — rather than give up her seat on a city bus — for violating (legally, as it turned out) local segregation laws.

led to an unimpeded march two weeks later ending with 25,000 people entering Montgomery to protest the lack of voting rights for Black Americans — sparked more change. That led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which provided federal oversight and enforcement of already-given constitutional rights for all Americans.

Like John Lewis and other 1965 activists, leaders and score of volunteers and supporters of equality and justice, we walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. When we finally left, we made it back to Montgomery in less than an hour — not five days, like Lewis and MLK and hundreds of others. But like Lewis, change was a part of our journey.

Later that night, we found ourselves once again near the steps of the capitol. A few years

after he was left paralyzed from the waist down in an assassination attempt, George Wallace was saved. He announced he'd become a born-again Christian; he made numerous public and personal apologies about his beliefs and his actions from earlier in his life.

"I was wrong," Wallace said. "Those days are over, and they ought to be over."

Once, power and glory were Wallace's goals. With his change of heart he realized what he really needed was love and forgiveness.

Traveling to Montgomery, despite its history, wasn't a trip back in time. Rather, it was a reminder that, indeed, some things ought to be over — and the power that results from a change of heart.

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Your Pittsboro Rotary invites you to join us in Chatham County Challenge, a virtual walk, run, or bike challenge from October 1-31, 2022. Bikers are challenged to complete a 100k (62 miles) and runners/walkers are challenged to complete a 50k (31 miles). Participants track their miles through a mobile app called Strava or paper log. Don't delay, registration closes September 30th.

Info/Register: ccparksandrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program

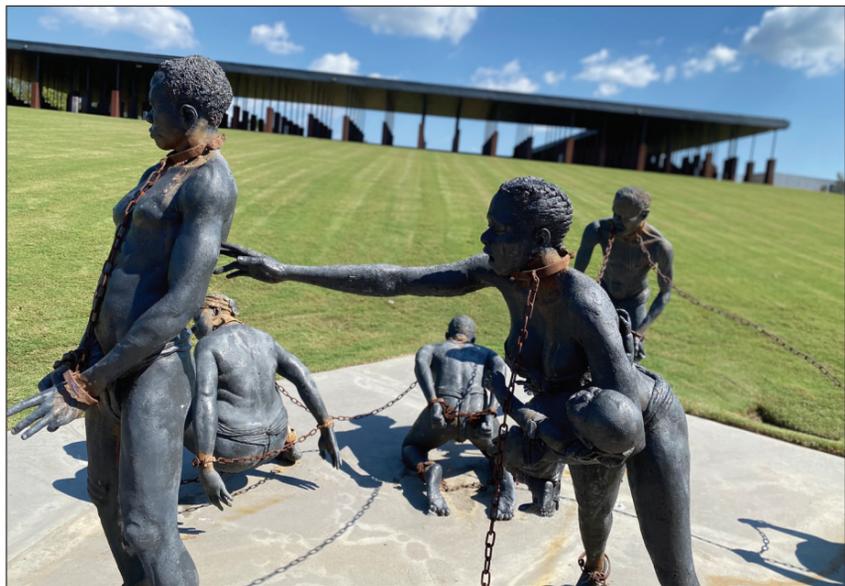
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A group of old friends, long-time Chatham residents, have met with Franklin Gomez, a Jordan Matthews and UNC graduate, over the past several weeks. We want to let all Chathamites know what a great listener he is. He is fully engaged in his role as Commissioner and understands the diverse nature of Chatham County. Commissioner Gomez shows an unusual degree of empathy for our current and upcoming opportunities and challenges. He is open to ideas, plus offers insight on how the County can be successful. We feel he brings a keen understanding and a kind heart to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Thank you.

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This artistic creation by Kwame Akoto-Bamfo depicts the bondage of slavery. This is part of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, a six-acre reflection site in Montgomery.

OBITUARIES

'PAT' LIZZIE WOMBLE MCLAURIN



August 15, 1927 ~ September 22, 2022

"Pat" Lizzie Valerie Womble McLaurin, 95, of Siler City, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

Mrs. McLaurin was born in Chatham County on August 15, 1927, to Thomas Britton and Francine Johnson Womble, the youngest of ten children. She was predeceased by her parents; her devoted husband of 57 years, Clyde H. McLaurin; sisters,

Doris W. Coble, Polly W. Braswell, Ruth W. Ray, Lillian W. Gunter, and an infant sister; brothers, Curtis, "Jim" or Andrew, Pete, and Marvin; and many other dear relatives and friends.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Wilma McLaurin Perry (Mel); and son, "Tommie" Thomas McLaurin (Renee'), and several nieces and nephews.

Pat accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age, was a member of Rives Chapel Baptist Church and attended as long as her health allowed, having grown up in sight of the church. She was active in her church, taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday Night Training Union for many years, and was a member of the Silver Saints.

Pat was a 1945 graduate of Bonlee High School and Valedictorian of her class. She was a 1947 graduate of Campbell Junior College. From 1947 to 1948, she taught at Goldston High School before "retiring" to marry Clyde. After marrying Clyde in November 1948, she became a farmer and homemaker working alongside him. They raised poultry, cattle, and pigs. Her large garden produced many vegetables that she canned and froze to provide for her family and others.

Pat was an excellent cook, who was known for her Candied Sweet Potatoes, Pecan Pies, and many other delicious foods. She always had a big garden and preserved food for the winter. She helped with many meals at the Church as well as preparing food for others in times of need. She also was a talented seamstress and made most of her own and Wilma's clothes for many years. Pat took care of Clyde for several years as his health declined and helped care for her sisters Ruth and Doris in their later years.

The family wants to recognize and thank special nephews Clyde and Clinton Dodson who have faithfully visited and checked on her for many years. The family wishes to thank her many loving caregivers over the past several years, most recently the staff at Cambridge Hills and Community Hospice; and prior to that, the staffs of Coventry House and Laurels of Chatham. Thank you to Dr. Hoffman and his staff for many years of care. The many kind acts of relatives and friends are also appreciated.

Memorials may be made to the Rives Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust or the Rives Chapel Baptist Church General Fund, 4338 Rives Chapel Road, Siler City, N.C. 27344.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at Rives Chapel Baptist Church, 4258 Rives Chapel Rd., Siler City, N.C. 27344 with Pastor William Fields, and Rev. Bob Wachs officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends after the service.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the McLaurin family.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithbuckner-fh.com.

MARY FRANCES DAVIS

Mary Frances Davis, 95, of Siler City died peacefully on September 26, 2022.

Mrs. Davis was the beloved wife of Calvin Davis, who preceded her in death. She loved watching birds, tending to her flowers, and, above all, caring for others. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ulysses and Annie Bray Johnson, and brother John M. Johnson. Surviving are her brother, Clyde Johnson of Dobson, N.C.; daughter, Marsha Davis (James Hearn) of Athens, Georgia; son Gary Davis (Paula Davis) of Salisbury N.C.; four grandsons; Drew Davis (Taren Davis) of Salisbury, N.C.; Spenser Davis (Rachel Davis) of Mt. Holly, N.C.; Bryan Hearn (Kelsey Hendricks) of Nashville, Tennessee; Adam Hearn of Indianapolis, Indiana; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the caregivers of Brookdale and Hospice of Randolph County.

The family will receive friends from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m., on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at Rocky River Baptist Church, 4436 Siler City-Snow Camp Road, Siler City with Rev. Jim Wall officiating.

A private burial will be held at Brush Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Davis family.

HOWARD T. BROOKS

November 30, 1929 ~ September 24, 2022

Howard T. Brooks, 92, of Siler City, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 24, 2022. Howard was born in Chatham County on November 30, 1929, to Herbert and Laudis Brooks. He was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather. He married the love of his life, Faye Willett Brooks on November 6, 1954, in a double wedding ceremony, along with Charles and Maye Cheek, who was Faye's twin sister.

In addition to his parents, Howard is preceded in death by his wife, Faye Willett Brooks; brothers Lyndon Brooks and Everett Brooks; sisters, Mrs. Johnnie Elmore, Mrs. Mattie Lewis Beal, Mrs. Bertha Dowd, and Mrs. Martha Moffitt.

Howard is survived by his sister, Mrs. Mary Gunter of Siler City; son, Ronald Brooks and wife Cyndi of Greensboro; grandchildren, Amanda Brooks, Dan and Christena Hill, and Trevor Brooks. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Charles Cheek.

Howard was a graduate of Bonlee High School. He was an Army veteran who served his country in Korea. He worked at Chatham Motors for over 40 years managing the parts department. He took great care of his wife, Faye, who had dementia for many years. He attended church regularly, and recently attended Shannon Hills Bible Chapel in Greensboro, and also enjoyed gardening, fishing, and visiting with family and friends.

The family received friends on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City. A funeral Service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Sandy Branch Baptist Church, 715 Sandy Branch Church Rd., Bear Creek, N.C., with Pastor Mark Shelley of Shannon Hills Bible Chapel officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Brooks family.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithbuckner-fh.com.

JOHNNY WINBERRY BUTTS

October 26, 1949 ~ September 22, 2022

Johnny Winberry Butts, 72, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Mr. Butts was born in Kinston, North Carolina, on October 29, 1949, the son of Jesse R. Butts Sr. and Willie Winberry Butts.

Johnny was a stand-out athlete at J.F. Webb High School in Oxford, North Carolina, where he was

named the North Carolina Coca-Cola Football Player of the Year and All-Conference in football and baseball. He was also heavily involved with the Future Farmers of America during high school serving as a chapter and state officer.

Johnny was a proud U.S. Marine Veteran serving his country from 1969 -1971. He worked as a licensed real estate appraiser. A former long-time Siler City resident, he was an active member of the Chatham County Democratic Party throughout the 1990's, serving as the group's chairman for several years. Johnny was an avid reader and devoted N.C. State and sports fan. He volunteered many years as a youth sports coach for football, basketball, baseball and softball teams in Chatham and Lee counties.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Jesse R. Butts Jr., and niece, Jessica Butts.

He is survived by his daughters, Natalie Simpson and husband Jimmy of Chapel Hill, and Caroline Butts of Morehead City; son, Johnathan Butts of Myrtle Beach; brothers, Will Butts of Greensboro and Tim Butts of Sanford; grandchildren, Jack, Drew, and Charlotte Simpson; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Butts family.

EDWIN CLARK HOLDER

October 27, 1940 ~ September 20, 2022

Edwin Clark Holder, 81, of Sanford, passed away on

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital.

The family received friends on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Asbury

U.M.C. The funeral followed at 2 p.m. with Rev. Sam Grist officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Holder was born in Lee County to the late Lucious Ham Holder and Margaret Alice Holder. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Allen. He served his Country in the U.S. Army and was retired from Allied Fiber. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty; sons, Michael Holder and Jeffrey Holder, both of Sanford; sister, Carolyn Spivey of Sanford; two grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

The family received friends on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church. The funeral follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Sam Grist officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com.

ESTHER LEE WILLIS RATTZ

December 26, 1949 ~ September 17, 2022

Esther Lee Willis Rattz, 72, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at First Health Hospice House.

The family received friends on Monday, September 26, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Lee Memory Gardens, with Pastor Nicholas C. Smiley officiating.

She was born in Morehead City, the daughter of the late Earl Thompson Willis and Mable Ramona Lawrence Willis. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clayborn Earl Rattz; brothers, Earl Thompson Willis Jr., Carter Ray Willis, and stepson, Timothy Edward Rattz. She was active in Girl Scouts for many years as a leader or co-leader. She was a member and attended Faith Bible Church in Sanford.

Esther Lee is survived by a daughter, Catherine "Kay" Willis of Sanford; two stepdaughters, Kathy Rattz Thomas of Broadway and Belinda Rattz Holt of Olivia; stepson, Clayborn Michael Rattz of Sanford; eleven grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Online condolences are available at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

VICK JR. LYNN

February 11, 1946 ~ September 16, 2022

Vick Jr. Lynn passed away on September 16, 2022.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Mitchel Chapel AME Zion Church, with burial following in the church cemetery.

PAULA MCLEAN MURCHISON

October 28, 1953 ~ September 16, 2022

Paula McLean Murchison of Sanford passed away on Friday, September 16, 2022, at U.N.C. Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

She was the daughter of the late Andrew Lee McLean Sr., and Alice McLeod McLean.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Blandonia Presbyterian Church.

The burial followed at Lee Memory Garden

JESSIE RUTH MCKOY

Jessie Ruth McKoy, 76, of Sanford passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

MARGARET 'MARGO' HOUGHTON HOOKER HOYT MOSER



June 3, 1940 ~ September 6, 2022

Margaret "Margo" Houghton Hooker Hoyt Moser of Fearington Village in Pittsboro, N.C., died unexpectedly September 6, 2022, at the University of North Carolina Medical Center in Chapel Hill, at the age of 82.

Born June 3, 1940, in New York City, Margo was the eldest of four children of Dr. Russell Houghton Hooker and Margaret

Wilson Creighton Hooker of Baltimore, Maryland. The family settled

in 1946 in Pleasantville, N.Y., where Margo spent most of her youth. She graduated from the Foxhollow School in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Margo fell in love early on, marrying James Anthony "Tony" Hoyt of Bethel, Connecticut, in 1960.

They had two children, Kathryn "Cara" and Charles "Charley" Hoyt. The family moved to West

Redding, Connecticut, and, after earning her degree and teacher certification at Western Connecticut

State University, Margo taught English and Social Studies in the public schools. She and Tony divorced in 1974.

Margo moved in 1977 to Reston, Virginia, where an entirely new and exciting chapter of her life

unfolded. At the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she was a speechwriter for Director William

Sessions, and later travelled the world as Unit Chief of the International Operations

Administrative Unit. While in Northern Virginia, Margo enjoyed 13 years of marriage with Jack

Moser, and completed a Ph.D. in Education and Psychology from George Mason University.

One of her proudest accomplishments was "Then and Now: A Family History," a work of over

300 pages tracing the ancestry of the Houghton, Hooker, Hoyt, Creighton and related families.

The book is housed in the Library of Congress.

In 2019, Margo resettled in Fearington Village in Pittsboro, N.C., where she loved living among

Belted Galloway cows and a lively retirement community. Margo was a vibrant and optimistic woman who adored

children, particularly her own grandchildren. She is remembered, in part, for concluding

phone conversations with relatives and chosen family with three simple words: "I love you."

Margo is survived by her children, Cara O'Connell and husband Michael, of Pittsboro, N.C., and

Charles Hoyt and wife Patricia, of Fountain Valley, California; grandchildren, Liza Hoyt; Allison

O'Connell-Dooley and her husband Kip; Brendan O'Connell; Christian Hoyt, his wife Jessie and

great-grandchildren Barrett and Teddy; and John Hoyt and his wife Kaylee; brothers, Creighton

Hooker and his wife Anne, of Bonita Springs, Florida, and Greg Hooker and his wife Sarah, of

Marshfield, Vermont; and nieces and nephews.



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CHATHAM CHAT | ANDY CLAPP

Facing life's storms: pastor authors new 40-day devotion

Clapp shows how hurricanes, meteorological storms can parallel the storms of life

North Carolina pastor and author Andy Clapp's debut novel, "Midnight, Christmas Eve," was released last October, winning the Foundations Award at the Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference in two categories — Contemporary Romance and Screenplay.

His new book, "Eye of the Storm: Withstanding the Fury of Life's Storms," is a devotion examining 40 storms of life and equipping the reader to stand in the storm and emerge stronger in life and faith after the storm passes. He uses hurricanes from the past to show how meteorological storms parallel the storms of life, and demonstrating that the power of God can help us through those storms — including those financial, emotional and anxiety-driven storms.

Clapp has served in ministry for 22 years and is senior pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Alamance County. He grew up in Liberty and attended the University of Mount Olive, where he played tennis for four years. He's pursuing a Master's Degree at Liberty University. Clapp's publishing credits include more than 250 printed articles in a variety of publications. He and his wife Crystal have three children.

We spoke with Clapp about "Eye of the Storm."

Your book's release is pretty timely, coming here during hurricane season. What led you to make the decision to use a hurricane theme in writing a devotional which parallels ocean-going storms with the personal storms we all face here in life?

Hurricane Hugo struck in 1989. As a 12-year-old boy, I was intrigued by the storm and



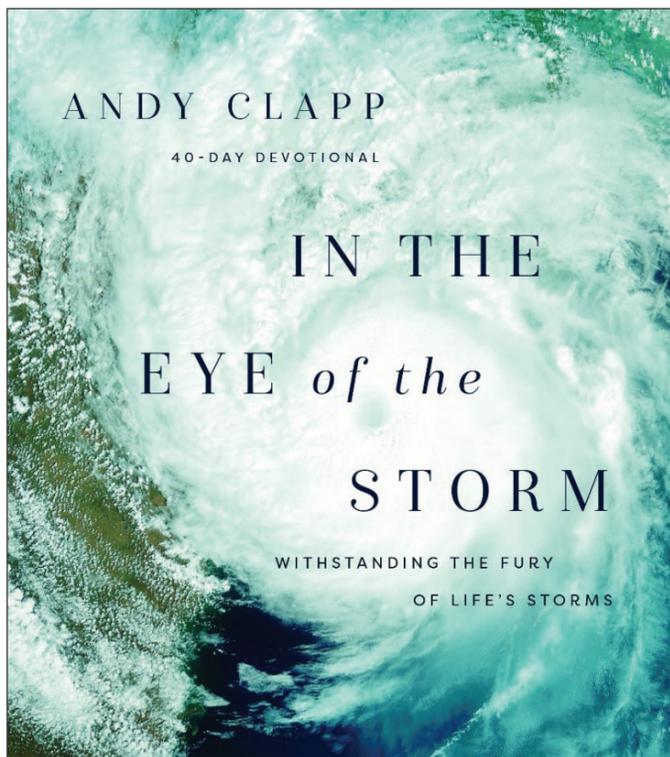
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Author Andy Clapp

those in this area will remember how we felt the effects of it, though the landfall was near Charleston, South Carolina. Since that time, I have watched closely the storms over the past 33 years. The features of each storm are unique, as are the personal storms we face in life. The more I researched the hurricanes, the more I thought about

The devotional includes the stories of some hurricanes many of us in N.C. will remember. How did you tie specific storms to specific life challenges?

I looked at the conditions. With Hurricane Fran, I stayed at Mount Olive College (now the University of Mount Olive) to ride out the storm. When the rage of the storm hit, I truly began to doubt we would make it through as the town took a direct hit. I tied that experience in with a storm of doubts in our lives. Another example came from Hurricane Maria. Maria struck Puerto Rico and Dominica, damaging the infrastructure and cutting residents off from those on the other side of the island. That devotion



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'In the Eye of the Storm' is a 40-day devotion.

centered around loneliness and how we often feel cut off from others at times in life. Some of the storms we experienced in North Carolina that I included in the book include Dennis, Floyd, Hugo, Florence and many others.

As a pastor, how do you counsel those you know about the way we can be strengthened by the experience of a storm?

Our faith is never really tested when the skies are clear and the waters are still. Where our true faith is seen is when we are in the middle of the storm. So often, we learn more about ourselves after the storm and develop certain strengths as a result of a storm we endure. We say we could never get through certain situations until we are faced with those situations and get through them. We get through a storm and we find we have built up

endurance, which helps us get through the next storm. Storms give us perspective, which changes our lives and strengthens our gratitude for the little things in life. Going through a storm brings out what we never believed existed inside of us because those attributes were never tested before. The storm teaches us, most importantly, how to rely on the strength of God rather than only relying on our abilities. We develop a greater appreciation for God when we see how He gets us through the storms of life.

Can you share a story about a storm you've faced — hurricane or otherwise — and how it impacted you?

For years, I battled a storm of depression. The struggle began in high school and continued in college. This was a lifestorm that shook every-

thing in my life. By 1998, I truly felt I had no value. In December of 1998, I decided to end my life, but by the grace of God, He intervened and set me on a new path.

When I was ready to die, He gave me new life. Where I felt I had no worth, the Lord taught me how important I am to Him. Depression robbed me of any joy I could find in life, but that was the point where the Lord became my joy. The storm transitioned my outlook on life, not for a season, but for eternity. I truly found a purpose coming out of the storm.

Who'll benefit from this book, particularly given that it's a 40-day devotional?

My hope is that it will benefit everyone. Every person goes through storms in life and my hope and prayer is to equip them to be able to withstand and grow in their faith. Whether it is a high school student who is struggling with anxiety or doubts, or a senior adult struggling with loneliness, there is hope. With a 40-day devotional, we set the foundation to have hope in Christ before the storm strikes so when the storms hit, we are not shaken.

Why is hope so important?

Hope is important because without hope, we perish in life. We live in a day and time where hopelessness is witnessed all around us. Hope gives us strength and helps us persevere through the storms we face. Christians have a living hope in Jesus and we need the hope Jesus provides in life. Hope pushes us to greater heights while hopelessness leaves us in the deepest valley. There is hope and that hope is available to all people.

You can learn more about Andy Clapp and his books by visiting www.andyclapp.org.



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BY BUCK RYAN & LEI JIAO
Special to the News + Record

you everything you need to know about football.

LEI: Buck, that's a table.

BUCK: Right.

LEI: So is that where we put the beer?

BUCK: No, it's something we jump through.

LEI: Jump through? "We" are going to need beer, Buck.

BUCK: Here, let me help you up on my truck.

LEI: The only thing that will prove is gravity is real — or one of our Chinese expressions:

"That explains why there's not too many people in the West."

BUCK: Welcome to the Bills Mafia, Lei Jiao!

LEI: Oh, Buck, anything that ends with "mafia" can't be good.

BUCK: No, no. The Bills Mafia are known for their generosity.

LEI: So was Al Capone. Do the Bills have any Chinese players?

BUCK: We used to have Ed Wang, an offensive lineman. He was the first player with full Chinese ancestry to be drafted in NFL history. But that was 11 years ago. Asian and Asian American players represent less than 2% of NFL rosters today.

LEI: Anyone famous?

BUCK: Well, there's Tua Tagovailoa (Samoan) in Miami and Kyler Murray (Korean mother) in Arizona. Fortunately for us, Tedy Bruschi (Filipino mother), a real Bill killer in New England, left for ESPN years ago.

LEI: Either Chinese people are too smart to play this game, or maybe our athletes are studying too hard. Do you know what the "N" on Nebraska's football helmets stands for?

BUCK: No, what?

LEI: Knowledge.

BUCK: I guess your cheat sheet was published in Oklahoma.

LEI: I saw your Northwestern Wildcats upset Nebraska to open the college football season last month in Dublin,



Illustration by Ruby Wang

Lei Jiao's 15-year-old daughter, Ruby, pictures what it will be like when her mom meets Buck Ryan's friends in Western New York.

Ireland.

BUCK: Yup. When I was a professor at Northwestern, the football team was so bad, students would chant at games: "That's all right, that's OK, you will work for us someday."

LEI: Ha! Now that's elite trash talk. Can we just stick with vocabulary before we start jumping through anything?

BUCK: Sure, Lei. There's nothing more thrilling than seeing the crowd explode when the field general throws the bomb.

LEI: Oh gee, Buck. Is it because you enjoyed peace for too long on that vast lonely land that you long for such battles?

BUCK: It's fun, Lei.

LEI: Fun? American football is just too violent for me. Remember, China's national sport is ping-pong. We rule in the World Table Tennis Championships — that's our Super Bowl.

BUCK: Come on, Lei, what you saw was probably "tackling."

LEI: Is that when they jump on each others' bodies?

Person? He's got nothing on Ying Zheng, aka Qin (dynasty name) Shi (first) Huang (emperor).

BUCK: Who's that?

LEI: A conqueror who achieved the impossible feat of unifying the Warring States and forming a dynasty that brought us the Great Wall and a mausoleum with a giant terracotta army.

BUCK: Oh, so he was your MVP, circa 221 BCE, eh?

LEI: Right, Buck, but that was blood-spilling, head-chopping, real war. He coined an ancient Chinese expression about leadership.

BUCK: What's that?

LEI: "If you have two quarterbacks, you don't have a quarterback."

BUCK: Ha!

LEI: So this Josh guy has a gigantic fan base, I assume? That happens for us in China, too, but mostly with movie stars.

BUCK: Oh, so not many professional athletes?

LEI: China started having professional leagues only since 1994, two years before Josh Allen was born. Our Badminton Super League is hot. Our national men's soccer team is so bad fans ridicule them as "stinky feet." If we have big sports heroes, they were Olympic gold medalists.

BUCK: It's big business here, Lei. Josh Allen's No. 17 jersey is the top-selling one in the country.

LEI: Hmm, 1 + 7 = 8 — that's a lucky number.

BUCK: Would you like to play catch? I'll get a football and throw it to you. It will help you get a feel for the game.

LEI: Great idea. I'll warm up. (Starts running in place)

BUCK: Here we go, Lei. This is called "passing."

The quarterback, me, throws a pass to you, the wide receiver.

LEI: Oh gee, Buck. Have I put on that much weight?

BUCK: No, Lei, "wide" refers to your position on the playing field. Go over there, run a V-out (drawing in the air), and I'll hit you in the coffin corner of the end zone. Let's see a little toe-drag swag, my friend.

LEI: I'll do my best. OK, make a pass at me.

BUCK: Lei, please don't say that to one of my buddies. Just run now.

LEI: (Shows remarkable speed, but turns the wrong way). Aw, Buck, that was wide right.

BUCK: Definitely don't ever say that to my friends.

LEI: Buck, all this jargon is just too complicated. I have another confession.

BUCK: What's that?

LEI: I'd rather impress your friends by just jumping through that table.

BUCK: Go Bills!

LEI: It looks safer than going over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

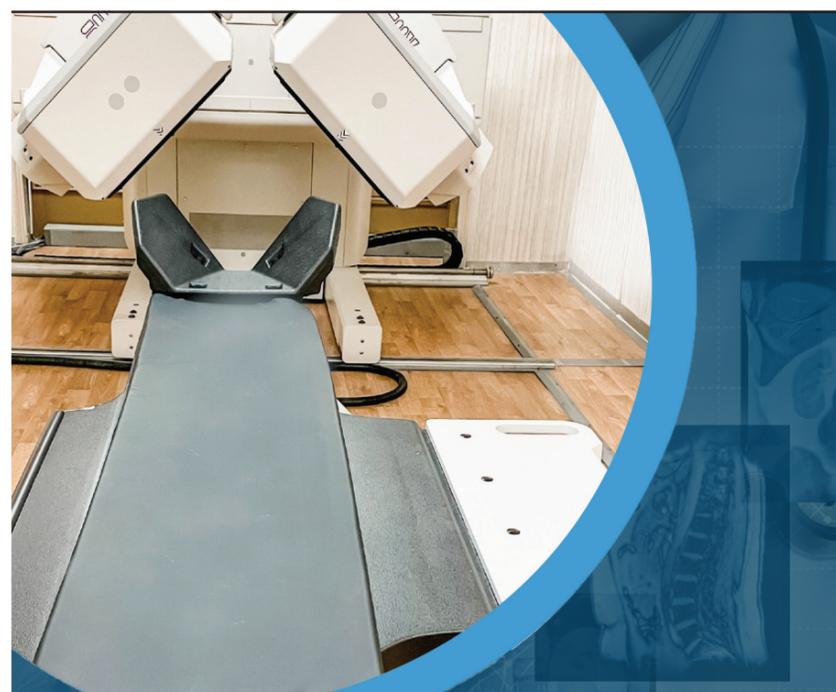
About the authors: Buck Ryan, a University of Kentucky journalism professor; and Lei Jiao, an English lecturer at Wuhan University of Technology, Hubei Province, China, collaborate on articles to advance cross-cultural understanding.

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years of direct experience in the field of grant writing, grant administration, federal or state program compliance. Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer (CLGPO), Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO), Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB), or Certified Professional Contract Manager (CPCM) upon hire. - Bilingual in both written and spoken English and Spanish. -- Anticipated Hiring Salary \$54,703 depending on qualifications. -- **TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR (WATER PLANT)**: Performs intermediate technical work in the operation and maintenance of a treatment plant, conducts regular plant inspections, records readings, and performs preventive maintenance on equipment. -- Required Education and Experience Qualifications: High School diploma or high school equivalency. Possession of a valid NC driver's license. Moderate experience in the operation and maintenance of machinery and equipment.-- Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: Current Grade C or above Water Treatment Operator Certification. Experience in the operation of a water treatment plant. Bilingual in both written and spoken English and Spanish. -- Additional Employment Requirements: Must obtain Grade C Water Treatment Operator Certification within twelve months of hire or within two test-taking attempts, whichever is less. All required certifications and licensures must be maintained with no lapse during the course of employment. - Hiring Salary, \$36,000 (entry level/no certification), \$39,000 Grade C Certification, \$42,000 Grade B Certification, \$45,000 Grade A Certification. -- Please refer to our website for full job descriptions. **To Apply:** This posting is open until filled. A completed Town of Siler City application is required and may be found on our website at www.silercity.org or picked up at City Hall. The application may be mailed or delivered to City Hall, 311 N. Second Ave., PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or submitted via email to dritter@silercity.org. Pre-employment drug testing, DMV check, and background checks are required upon job offer. EOE. -- The Town of Siler City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Siler City's applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, disability, or other legally protected status. S22,1tc

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **JOE ERVIN ROBERTSON**, aka Joe Ervin Robertson Jones, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before December 10, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 8th day of September, 2022. Grace Ann Robertson, Ancillary Administrator c/o Andrea L. Hinshaw 2626 Glenwood Ave., Ste. 560, Raleigh, NC 27608. S8,S15,S22,S29,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executrices of the Estate of **JOE WESLEY BURKE**, deceased, 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 their address, 199 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 8th day of December, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 2nd day of September, 2022. JoAnn Burke Norwood, Co-Executrix 199 Mt. Gilead Church Road Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Frankie Burke Glosson, Co-Executrix 2105 Wildcat Creek Road

Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516 **GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC** P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 S8,S15,S22,S29,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as the Executor of the Estate of **JOYCE SYBIL HICKEY**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 26th day of August, 2022. Jason Hickey, Executor of the Estate of Joyce Sybil Hickey 15004 Barnhardt Ct. Chapel Hill, NC 27517 Chris Gamber, Attorney at Law 2530 Meridian Pkwy, Ste 300 Durham, NC 27713 S8,S15,S22,S29,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DAVID COOPER WHITE All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **DAVID COOPER WHITE**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to William McKinley White, Jr. as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before December 9, 2022, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 1340 Environ Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor. This the 8th day of September, 2022. William McKinley White, Jr., Executor c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty. Galbraith, PLLC 1340 Environ Way Chapel Hill, NC 27517 S8,S15,S22,S29,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BERNICE H. NORWOOD NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **BERNICE H. NORWOOD**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Charles C. Harris as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before December 16, 2022, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 1340 Environ Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor. This the 15th day of September, 2022. Charles C. Harris, Executor c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty. Galbraith, PLLC 1340 Environ Way Chapel Hill, NC 27517 S15,S22,S29,06,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 506 All persons having claims against **HOYT A. SCOTT**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of November, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of September, 2022. Berta Scott, Executrix 1626 Hoyt Scott Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 S15,S22,S29,06,4tp

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM COUNTY In the General Court of Justice District Court Division Orange County **FILE NO. 22 CV 00324 Tiffany LeAnne Beckwith vs JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE PACHECO** Unknown Address Please take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: **ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than November 1, 2022, 40 days after publication and

upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This, the 15th day of September, 2022. NC General Statutes Tiffany LeAnne Beckwith 605 Jones Ferry Rd, Apt TT05 Carrboro, NC 27510 S22,S29,06,3tp

CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified on the 14th day of September 2022, as Executrix of the Estate of **HENRY C. WRUBLE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of December 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 16th day of September 2022. Karen Burdick Executrix of the Estate of Henry C. Wruble 5637 East Angela Drive Scottsdale, Arizona 85254 Attorneys: Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A. 206 Hawkins Avenue Sanford, NC 27330 S22,S29,06,013,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-201 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Priscilla Tankersley Ryder, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Ann Lynette Sims**, 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 day of December 21st, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 22nd of September, 2022. Priscilla Tankersley Ryder, Executor c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-499 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Jonathan Carroll Burke, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Lonnie Carroll Burke**, 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 day of December 21st, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 22nd of September, 2022. Jonathan Carroll Burke, Administrator c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-500 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Jonathan Carroll Burke, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Nancy B. Burke**, 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 day of December 21st, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 22nd of September, 2022. Jonathan Carroll Burke, Administrator c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-514 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Kenneth Andrew Wright, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Susan F. Daniel**, 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 day

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KATHY MELISSA MANNING NORTH CAROLINA The undersigned, Ann S. Shackelford, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **CAMILLA DETERMAN SARAVALLI**, 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 21st day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 22nd day of September, 2022. Ann S. Shackelford Executrix c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tp

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CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY Application to Fill Vacancy on Chatham County Board of Education The recent resignation of Ms. Melissa Hlavac on September 12, 2022, has left a vacant seat on the Chatham County Board of Education. The Board has initiated a process for appointing a new member to fill the term which will expire December 2024. Interested parties are to submit the following application, letter of interest and resume by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The application can be found on the school district website at www.chatham.k12.nc.us or picked up in person at the administrative offices at 369 West Street, Pittsboro, 27312. Completed applications, letter of interest and resume should be submitted to Kristin Guthrie, board clerk, at kguthrie@chatham.k12.nc.us or may be mailed or delivered to her at Chatham County Schools, 369 West Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the media center of George Moses Horton Middle School to interview the applicants. The Board will make its selection by majority vote that evening. The new board member will be sworn in at the regular session meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the media center of Chatham Grove Elementary School. In order to serve on the Board of Education, a candidate must:

- reside in school board residency District 1,
- not be a convicted felon,
- not have a current conflict of interest situation with the school district,
- must be a registered voter,
- must be at least 21 years of age.

S22,S29,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-525 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Ann S. Shackelford, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **CAMILLA DETERMAN SARAVALLI**, 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 21st day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 22nd day of September, 2022. Ann S. Shackelford Executrix c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KATHY MELISSA MANNING NORTH CAROLINA



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CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **KATHY MELISSA MARRING**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Amanda Valmassoi as Executrix of the decedent's estate on or before December 23, 2022, 113 English Place, Morrisville, NC 27560, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executrix. This is the 22nd day of September, 2022. Amanda Valmassoi, Executrix

113 English Place
Morrisville, NC 27560
S22,S29,06,013,4tp

TOWN OF SILER CITY, NC

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing Notice
The Town of Siler City will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 3, 2022 to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the CDBG Housing, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development programs. Suggestions for potential projects will be solicited, both verbally and in writing, from all interested parties. The expected amount of CDBG funds will be discussed along with the range of projects eligible under these programs and a review of previously funded projects. The hearing will begin at 6:30 pm and will be held at 500 North Second Avenue in Siler City, NC 27344. Further information can be obtained by contacting Town Finance Director Tina Stroupe at tstroupe@silercity.org or 919-742-4731. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such as arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Tina Stroupe at 919-742-4731, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or tstroupe@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Tina Stroupe al tstroupe@silercity.org o 919-742-4731 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. S22,S29,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 536
All persons having claims against **CHRISTINE SHIELDS LANGLEY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This is the 29th day of September, 2022. Pamela Gay Cockman, Executrix
2385 Alston Bridge Rd
Siler City, NC 27344
S29,06,013,020,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 641
All persons having claims against **ELEANOR LEWIS CORLEY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This is the 29th day of September, 2022. Elizabeth Lewis Corley, Executrix
181 Manco Dairy Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312
S29,06,013,020,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 523
All persons having claims against **CEDRIC LOCKLEAR**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This is the 22nd day of September, 2022. Grady Locklear, Administrator
385 Rolling Meadows Lane
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
S22,S29,06,013,4tp

PUBLIC SALE STORAGE SUMMIT
43 Jordan Lake Commons Dr
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Pursuant to NC Statue 44A shall conduct a public sale of storage spaces 109, 113, and 132. Located at 163 McGhee Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, Chatham County. Sale shall be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st day of October, 2022. All successful bidders shall take possession and remove contents of the space immediately. For information on submitting a bid, call 919-969-9877. Farrell Storage reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any item from the sale. S22,S29,2tc

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against the estate of **ROBERT GEORGE DUNN**, of Chatham County, NC, who died on July 8, 2020, are notified to present them on or before December 28, 2022 to David Dunn, Executor, c/o Maitland & English Law Firm, 2 Couch Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Michele L. English
MAITLAND LAW FIRM
2 Couch Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Attorney for the Estate
S29,06,013,020,4tp

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLICATION
TAKE NOTICE that the lienor, identified below, will publicly sell the manufactured home, also identified below, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 44A-2(d)

and 44A-4. Lienor hereby provides the following information in connection with the sale of the manufactured homes:
(1) The name and address of the lienor: Cambridge Southeast, LLC, c/o Manning, Fulton & Skinner, P.A., 3605 Glenwood Ave., Ste. 500, Raleigh, NC 27612.
(2) (a) The name of the person(s) having legal title to the properties and (b) the name of the person(s) to whom the lienor dealt: (a) Loretia Gail Sutton, 197 Alex Watson Road, Siler City, NC 27344 and (b) DiTech Financial LLC c/o CT Corporation System, 160 Mine Lake Court, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27615.
(3) Description of the property: 1999 Redman Manufactured Home; ID # 13844697, located at 80 Hyatt Court, Siler City, NC 27344.
(4) The amount due for which the lien is claimed: \$4,140.00, plus reasonable costs and expenses of this sale first arising after this notice.
(5) The place of the sale: Chatham County Courthouse, Main Entrance, 40 East Chatham Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312.
(6) The date and hour when the sale is to be held: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.
S29,06,2tc

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All persons having claims against **CHRISTINE SHIELDS LANGLEY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This is the 29th day of September, 2022. Pamela Gay Cockman, Executrix
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Siler City, NC 27344
S29,06,013,020,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 641
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181 Manco Dairy Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312
S29,06,013,020,4tp

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CHATHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
The statewide general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. To see a listing of polling places, visit our website at www.chathamcountync.gov/boe. All persons who are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections may vote in this election. The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence. One-stop early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, October 20, 2022, to Saturday, November 5, 2022:
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New Hope Baptist Church - 581 New Hope Church Road, Apex, NC 27523
DAY DATE TIME
Thursday 10/20/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday 10/21/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday 10/22/2022, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday 10/23/2022, 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM
Monday 10/24/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday 10/25/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday 10/26/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Thursday 10/27/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday 10/28/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday 10/29/2022, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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Wednesday 11/2/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Thursday 11/3/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday 11/4/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 11/5/2022, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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can fill out an absentee ballot request at votebymail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the board of elections. The request must be received through the website or by the CHATHAM Board of Elections by 5 p.m. November 1, 2022. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Chatham County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voters near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multi-partisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and witnesses. In the general election, voters will select candidates for: US Representative for Congressional District 9, State Senate District 20, NC House of Representatives District 54, District Attorney District 18, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 3, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 5, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 8, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 9, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 10, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 11, NC Superior Court Judge District 15B Seat 1, NC Superior Court Judge District 15B Seat 2, NC District Court Judge 15B Seat Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 3, Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 4, Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 5, Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court, Chatham County Sheriff, Chatham County Board of Education District 3, Chatham County Board of Education District 4, Chatham County Board of Education District 5, Chatham Soil and Conservation District Supervisor (2 seats), All persons who are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections may vote in this election. The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Questions? Call the CHATHAM Board of Elections Office at 919-545-8500 or send an email to elections@chathamcountync.gov Laura Heise, Chairman
CHATHAM COUNTY Board of Elections
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SCHEDULED ABSENTEE MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2022, GENERAL ELECTION
5:00 P.M. at the Board of Elections Office
984 Ste. D, Thompson Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312
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Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
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Tuesday, November 8, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M. (Election Day)
Post-Election Meeting Dates
Thursday, 11/10/2022 - SAMPLE AUDIT - 10:00 A.M. SAMPLE AUDIT - 2:00 P.M.
Thursday, November 17, 2022 - 4:00 P.M. - PROVISIONAL / SUPPLEMENTAL ABSENTEE MEETING
Friday, November 18, 2022 - 11:00 A.M. - CANVASS Meeting information will be available on the Chatham County homepage at www.chathamcountync.gov. Please call the office or check the website prior to Meeting times. Meeting times may change, or the meetings may be cancelled. Other necessary election business may be discussed at these meetings.
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO
The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and at Chatham County Agriculture Center to consider the following items:
1. ZTA-2022-05, Proposed Text Amendments to the Town of Pittsboro Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING. The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, on the Planning Department page under "Current Planning" at https://nc-pittsboro.civiclplus.com/, and are available for inspection through e-mail. Please give reasonable notice to the Pittsboro Planning Department at (919) 533-5480 if accommodations for individuals with disabilities or impairments are required. The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software, and in person. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website at www.pittsboronc.gov. Please sign up with the Town Clerk, Carrie Bailey by 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2022 if you wish to participate. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Interim Town Manager, Hazen Blodgett, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at cbailey@pittsboronc.gov by 4 p.m. on October 10, 2022.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **BARBARA BRANDEIS ALOTIS**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before January 3, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 29th day of September, 2022. Mark O. Costley, Personal Representative
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All persons having claims against **MARGARET HOOKER MOSER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be

pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 29th day of September, 2022.
Kathryn H. O'Connell, Executor
568 Roberson Creek Rd

Pittsboro, NC 27312
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Michael Jay Hilliard, Executor
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TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN

CARE seeks to give vet care to feral feline friends

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

Chatham Animal Rescue and Education, also known as CARE, has a reputation of helping all animals, including feral cats. The organization has its own “Trap, Neuter and Return” program in which people can bring in feral cats to be spayed or neutered for a discounted rate.

CARE Board President Joan Cunningham said the program was developed in an effort to help lower shelter populations and in turn, lower the euthanasia rate of feral cats.

“We work with people who have found themselves in a situation where they have more cats than they can handle and want to do the right thing and don’t want to take them to the animal shelter,” Cunningham said.

Feral cats differ from the typical stray — they aren’t socialized with humans and are fearful of people. Once they reach a certain age, these felines are unlikely to become social, loving pets and are much happier outside with less human interaction.

“In the case of feral cats, once the cats go to the animal shelter, they never come out,” Cunningham said. “You can’t adopt feral cats out, so they end up being euthanized, and they end up accounting for the largest percentage of animals euthanized at any animal shelter these days.”

These felines tend to lash out when humans approach them, which makes

adoption difficult. According to the National Feline Research Council, it is estimated there are between 50 and 70 million wild or feral cats in the United States. The large population can be explained with the way cats reproduce — females can have three litters of kittens a year, with each litter normally four to six kittens.

“We work with individuals who have sometimes multiple cats in a farming situation where they’ve just allowed the cat population to get out of control,” Cunningham said. “People just wake up one morning and find a pregnant female cat who just had six kittens under their front porch, and they don’t want to take them to the shelter, but they can’t afford to fully vet that cat ... So we work with them to try to help them get vetted and taken care of.”

Feral cats can be helpful to humans, despite their lack of socialization. Cats are hunters by nature, so some people will house feral cats in their barns to hunt for mice and other vermin. These are called working barn cats, Cunningham said.

“Some animal shelters ... have a working cat program where they try to place them in greenhouses and farm settings where they can live and not necessarily have to have a lot of contact with humans,” she said. “They do their job of catching vermin and sort of pay their way by being helpful around the farm ... or wherever they’re placed.”

Cunningham said she and other

board members discussed creating an initiative to help vet feral cats in need of care. She said there were conversations about having a working cat program, but board members felt it wasn’t a permanent enough solution.

“That can only handle a small number of cats, so it’s not the only effective solution,” Cunningham said. “It can work in conjunction with other more progressive programs.”

Instead, CARE developed what Cunningham calls a Community Cat Program, which provides Chatham residents a way to trap feral cats to be spayed or neutered to prevent overpopulating the local shelters.

The program helps to provide discounted vouchers — \$30 for adult cats and \$15 for kittens under five months — to members of the community to spay or neuter feral cats in their neighborhoods.

“There are thousands of stray and feral cats in Chatham County, and without a progressive, active, positive program to deal with the overpopulation, the population is just going to increase dramatically,” Cunningham said. “And not only is it healthier for cats to be spayed and neutered, but it cuts down on overpopulation.”

The program is dependent on the public reporting potential feral felines to CARE. From there, CARE creates a profile for the individual cat, creating for them a voucher to present to one of the partnering veterinarians with

CARE.

“It’s up to them to make the appointment and to do the transporting and the trapping,” Cunningham said. “If trapping is necessary and if people don’t have traps, or have never used traps, we consult with them — they come to our office, we let them borrow as many traps as they think they need in order to get the cats.”

The program so far has been an overwhelming success, she said. CARE helped more than 220 feral cats with vet care through the community cat program in 2021, according to its annual impact report. Cunningham said she hopes the organization can continue to help any cat in need through the spay/neuter program she and her board instated.

In fact, Cunningham said she would like to see more programs like this at the county level, since it would help Chatham’s community cat population even more.

“[I want to see] a public-private partnership, where the animal shelter once or twice a month, provides a spay-neuter clinic for feral cats,” she said. “That’s been extremely successful (in other communities) and has reduced significantly the number of feral cats that have ended up at the shelter. That’s the sort of thing that I think Chatham needs.”

Reporter Taylor Heeden can be reached at theeden@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @HeedenTaylor.

Chatham Arts Council kicks off its 2022-2023 season

2022-23 season of Artists-in-Schools features new faces and familiar favorites

From the Chatham Arts Council

PITTSBORO — The Chatham Arts Council is excited to kick off its 2022-23 Artists-in-Schools Initiative season this month with visits to all elementary and K-8 schools in the county, as well as its Virtual Academy.

From African drumming to jazz ensembles to theatre artists, students will experience live performances and take part in engaging workshops, all designed to strengthen connections with core curriculum. Artists include Gaspard&Dancers (modern dance), Diali Cissokho (West African music), Phillip Shabazz (poetry), Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana (Flamenco dance), Mike Wiley (theater), Black Box Dance Theatre (modern dance), The Magic of African Rhythm (African drumming, dancing, storytelling and visual art), John Brown (jazz music) and Willa Brigham (textiles).

Since 2015, AIS has been bringing professional teaching artists into schools to help make deeper curriculum connections through art and music. AIS began in just two elementary schools, and this season, the

Initiative will be at 15 elementary schools, plus middle grades at three K-8 schools. The CAC has a vision to be in every single Chatham public school, every year, by 2025.

“If you’ve seen a live theatre performance, a live music concert, visited an art gallery in person, you know the incredible power of experiencing art first-hand,” said CAC Artistic Director Cheryl Chamblee. “But access to art experiences is not equal for all sorts of reasons. Many families in our community just don’t have the resources.”

The Chatham Arts Council is working to bring professional arts experiences to all children in our community through our Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative. CAC partners with public schools in Chatham County to provide artist residencies to kids, ensuring the arts really are for everyone. Unique in the region, the Council does not require schools or teachers to find funding, making equitable access available to public schools across our county, regardless of resources.

Studies show that the arts help students develop innovative problem-solving skills and build

self-confidence — providing a creative outlet and offering a path for processing trauma.

Students across the country were deeply impacted by two years of uncertainty, loss and isolation, and artists residencies for many have been a way to open back up.

“Some of our students needed more opportunities like this to make sure they come out of their shells,” shared a 5th-grade teacher at Siler City Elementary.

Making direct curriculum connections

Research shows that students who participate in the arts are not only more resilient; they are also more academically successful. According to Americans for the Arts, they are four times more likely to be awarded for academic achievement, four times more likely to participate in academic fairs, and three times more likely to be elected to student government. CAC’s AIS artists will be creating deeper curriculum connections in a variety of ways:

- Nationally recognized theatre artist Mike Wiley: social studies and writing
- Modern dance company Black Box Dance Theatre: science, math and dance
- Grammy-nominated jazz musician and educator John

Brown: social studies and music

- West African musician and storyteller Diali Cissokho: math, social studies, dance and music

- Poet Phillip Shabazz: writing and poetry

- Spanish dance company Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana: social studies, math and dance

- Modern dance company Gaspard&Dancers: social studies and dance

- Two-time Emmy Award-winner Willa Brigham: writing and sewing

- The Magic of Africa Rhythm, a group that focuses on the African concept of Ngoma, the “rhythmic thread” that links drumming, dancing, storytelling and visual arts together: social studies, science, dance and music

“Over the years I’ve performed and led multiple AIS residencies,” said Mike Wiley, one of the inaugural AIS educators. “And in that time I’ve grown more and more proud of the Chatham Arts Council’s vision and ability to see the overwhelming need for the arts at the intersection of history, culture, race, and social change. The audiences of young people, as well as educators, continue to be deeply engaged in learning about how far we’ve come as a nation, and how much farther our ancestors would like us to go. Because my family and I

live and love here in Chatham County, it’s uniquely important to me that the families in our community benefit personally and locally from the history that has shaped our country nationally.”

About Arts for Resilient Kids

CAC educates children through the arts via four initiatives in our Arts for Resilient Kids (ARK) program. In addition to the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative, ARK includes Truck-and-Trailer Roving Performances, bringing mini arts parades directly into Chatham neighborhoods,

ArtAssist for Kids, offering access to arts materials and after-school arts lessons to children with the most need, and ClydeFEST, an old-fashioned kids’ folk art festival that has delighted kids of all ages for the last 20 years.

In the 2022-23 ARK season, two Truck-and-Trailer events are currently scheduled: Love’s Creek in Siler City in early November and Nature Trail in North Chatham in early May. ClydeFEST is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023 (rain date April 23). More information about all of these events will be available on the CAC website in the coming months.



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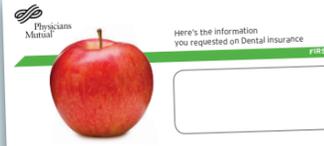
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REFLECTIONS FROM MONTGOMERY

Chatham impressions from a visit to the EJI

Nearly a dozen Chatham residents, most of them members of the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham, spent part of last week in Montgomery, Alabama. Originally planned for 2020 but delayed by COVID-19, the trip's focus was to spend time at The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, flagship projects of the nonprofit Equal Justice Initiative's (eji.org). Here are impressions from the experience from some members of the group.

'... the full and accurate truth'

I grew up in a small town in eastern North Carolina in the middle of Lost Cause mythology. Black history was left out of my education. I needed re-education in American history that tells the full and accurate truth. Training through Greensboro's Racial Equity Institute was transformative to my understanding of the inequities that persist in American society because of the horrors and injustices of the past.

And wonderful museums such as the Legacy Museum and Memorial for Peace and Justice at EJI, the Rosa Parks Museum and others in Montgomery and elsewhere bring history to life through photos, videos, artifacts and animations. Immersion in the history of slavery, the Civil War, the broken promises of Reconstruction, lynchings, segregation, violence perpetrated on peaceful Black and white protesters during the Civil Rights struggle and current struggles for fairness in the criminal justice system has fueled my dedication to learning, personal awareness and action.

On this trip I added my name to the Wall of Justice at the Civil Right Memorial Center, committing myself to continue to work for racial equity, justice and healing.

Vickie Atkinson, CRC-C secretary

'... a painful truth'

After visiting The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, I was most impacted by the room with the sign, A MAN WAS LYNCHED YESTERDAY. The room also displayed hundreds of jars of soil from around the United States, with the name of the person lynched, date and year lynched and a short story educating the public about the lynching.

In addition to the stories I have heard, I was able to see and read about a painful truth that needs telling of a long history of racial injustice and wrongful convictions against people of color.

Mary Nettles, CRC-C president

'... heart-wrenching, uncomfortable'

I thought I knew ... enough.

But I didn't. My 1970s and 1980s high school education had given me glimpses of the horrors of our American forebears' treatment of fellow humans. But I didn't realize until adulthood just how recently so many atrocities occurred — and how widely accepted and covered up they were.



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

The Dexter Avenue Baptist Church became the 'headquarters' of the Montgomery bus boycott, an event which help catapult its new pastor, 26-year-old Martin Luther King Jr., into the spotlight as an effective spokesman against racial injustice.

Equally poignant are the stories of victory and survival and forgiveness and faith. Last week's visit to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama, connected historical and emotional dots for me, and, though heart-wrenching and uncomfortable, the experience deepened my understanding of what I thought I knew.

If you've ever stood on the same ground where a historically or spiritually significant event occurred — or touched the same bricks, stone, or wood as respected or beloved figures from the past — you know its power to move you. In Montgomery, in Selma, on the Edmund Pettus bridge, at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, past merged with present, layer upon layer of powerful emotion: resolve, strength, determination, non-violence, love — deep love. Let's never cease proclaiming the truth that we are all equal in the eyes of God and need to treat each other as such.

Lee Ann Horner

'The scale ... was truly astounding'

I think what most struck me about the Museum was the way it connected slavery and incarceration. The 13th Amendment, which outlawed slavery, made an exception for "punishment for crime." After reconstruction was ended, the Southern states used this loophole to incarcerate large numbers of former slaves, often for nebulous offenses like loitering, and to lease these "convicts" out to planters in need of farm labor.

In some ways this convict leasing was worse than slavery. At least slave owners had an economic incentive to preserve the life and health of the slaves they owned; planters who leased convicts had no reason not to work them to death. The scale of this practice was truly astounding. Late in the 19th century more than 70% of the budget of the state of Alabama came from receipts from convict leasing.

Ped Frazier

'... a truly national tragedy'

Four things struck me about the trip to Mont-

gomery. First was the courage of EJI to tell the whole story of the entire country's involvement in slavery, the slave trade, and the benefits of the slave trade north and south. I saw graphically that slavery was a truly national tragedy.

Second was how many ordinary citizens throughout our history stepped forward to do extraordinary things.

Third, the sheer inhumanity of the institution of slavery deeply impressed me, especially the breakup of family lives and deliberate cruelty to individual slaves.

Finally, I admire the focus on the work that remains to be done. All that has happened is also a pointer to reconciliation, and I liked that goal especially.

Bob Pearson, CRC-C co-coordinator

I am so thankful that I was able to go on this trip to Montgomery, Alabama. It was both educational and inspiring.

I had heard that the Legacy Museum had expanded and represented one of the most complete depositories of information from slavery to mass incarceration. It did not disappoint. Not only is there massive amounts of information but they have used technology very well to communicate in a very effective way. Most memorable for me was the first-hand accounts of the slave experience coming from a hologram of the person in a cell. It was as if we were speaking with the person.

But most memorable of the trip was the visit to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Situated on a hill overlooking Montgomery, the Memorial sits solemnly receiving the visitors into its core. As if absorbing us into the pain and loss represented by the hundreds of hanging columns, each representing a county where lynchings have occurred. We found our own column for Chatham County where six persons were hanged.

Coming away, we both grieve and resolve to never forget. This trip was not an end but a beginning.

Mike Dillon



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WORTH THE WAIT

Chatham Central earns first win of season with comeback against Jordan-Matthews

BY EVAN ROGERS
News + Record Correspondent

SILER CITY — When Chatham Central defeated Jordan-Matthews last season, it was the Bears' first win over their arch-rival in 59 years.

The historic snapping of a near six-decade-long drought appeared to end a curse that loomed over Chatham Central. Yet, the win didn't quite eliminate every daunting streak Jordan-Matthews boasted over the boys from Bear Creek, N.C.

Left for Chatham Central was another feat it hadn't done in the 21st century — knock off Jordan-Matthews on the Jets' home turf. But after the rivalry tilt was postponed from Friday to Monday night, the Bears powered their way to another program-defining win, defeating the Jets 18-6.

"This is the first win at J-M in who

knows how long," senior quarterback Hasten Paige said. "Any win against J-M is big no matter what sport it is. This win is a once-in-a-lifetime feeling."

However, before any signs of the Bears' triumph could take hold at Phil E. Senter Stadium, the Jets' offense came out firing. On an early 3-and-10, Jordan-Matthews went deep into its playbook, reeling out a hook-and-ladder play to pick up the first down.

The Jets (0-6, 0-2 Conf.) used more trickery later in the same drive, as a double-pass play was called on a fourth and long. But a Bears defender reached up a paw and batted down the initial pass — seemingly ending Jordan-Matthews' first drive.

With most of the Chatham Central (1-4, 1-0 Conf.) defense jogging to the side-

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Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Chatham Central junior running back Devonte Johnson ran for 133 yards and a touchdown Monday night.

FOOTBALL

Seaforth can't capitalize on hot start; Northwood steamrolls Cedar Ridge

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

The Seaforth football team couldn't string together its second win in a row this past Friday, falling at home to Graham High, 20-12.

The Hawks (1-5, 1-1 Conf.) actually controlled the start of the game, scoring a short touchdown on their first offensive possession and adding another on a long end-around by sophomore Noah Lewis to go up 12-0 within the game's first 10 minutes.

But that was the last time Seaforth would reach the end zone.

Graham (2-4, 1-1 Conf.) scored on its next possession to cut the game to 12-6 before halftime. On Seaforth's first drive of the third quarter, the Hawks made it deep into Red Devil territory before the drive stalled out at the Graham 22-yard line, where they turned the ball over on downs.

After taking over possession, Graham put together a long drive that ended in a touchdown pass that tied the game at 12-12 entering the final quarter of play. After the two teams exchanged punts, the Red Devils marched down the field and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 2:12 to play. The Hawks ended up fumbling on the first play of their next drive, ending the would-be comeback attempt.

"It's very encouraging, sim-



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Seaforth sophomore Noah Lewis runs for a touchdown in the Hawks' 20-12 loss to Graham on Friday.

ply because we've been close in some games that people didn't expect us to be close in," said Seaforth head coach Terrance Gary. "Things are growing each week. They know we're probably not making it to the state championship this year.

We're just trying to build the opportunity for future teams to be able to do that."

Seaforth should have a good opportunity to get back in the win column in Week 7, as it

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GIRLS TENNIS

Seaforth tops Central in matchup of county's top 2 teams

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

PITTSBORO — One of the most hotly contested matches of the 2022 girls tennis season happened Monday, as Seaforth hosted Chatham Central for a conference meeting.

As the top two teams in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference, Monday offered an opportunity for the Hawks and Bears to get some breathing room in the league standings. At the end of the day, it was Seaforth who came out victorious with an 8-1 win over Central.

The Hawks began the match by winning all three of their doubles matches, securing the first points of the day. On Court 1, Seaforth junior Evelyn Atkins and sophomore Bailey Shadoan defeated Central seniors Ellie Phillips and Olivia Brooks, 8-5. The Hawks won by a score of 8-1 in each of the final two doubles matches.

In singles play, Atkins earned a three-set win over Brooks at No. 1 singles, splitting the first two sets before rallying to win the third in a tie-breaker, 12-10. Shadoan took care of Phillips in straight sets at No. 2 singles, while junior Lauren Keeley, and sophomores Makenzy Lehew and Carolina Bowman also earned singles wins.

The lone Chatham Central player to win her singles match was senior Jaylee Williams, who defeated Seaforth sophomore Lillian McFall in straight sets (6-2, 7-6) at No. 3 singles.

The win improved Seaforth to 8-2 on the season and 6-0 in conference play. Before Monday, the last defeat suffered by the Hawks came on Sept. 6 against Carrboro, which is currently 8-3 overall.

Leading the charge for Seaforth this season has been Atkins, who is 5-3 at No. 1 singles and 3-3 in No. 1 doubles along with Shadoan. The Hawks' top doubles pair so far this fall has been Lehew and junior Lauren Keeley, who are 4-1 at No. 2 doubles.

In singles play, only two players, Lehew and sophomore Claire Coady, are undefeated. Lehew is 5-0 at No. 5 singles, while Coady is 2-0 at No. 5 and 3-0 at No. 6 so far this season.

The loss for the Bears, meanwhile, dropped them to 9-3 overall and 4-2 in the Mid-Carolina Conference standings. Central won the league championship last fall season, finishing the year with a 12-3 overall record and an 8-0 mark in conference play.

Monday's match saw Brooks lose her first singles match of the 2022 season, and she carried a 10-1 mark at No. 1 singles into the team's match against Bartlett Yancey on Wednesday

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BOYS SOCCER

Jordan-Matthews looks like the team to beat in county so far

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

Nearly at the midway point of the conference schedule, the Jordan-Matthews boys soccer team looks again to be the top side in Chatham County this fall.

The Jets are 9-3-1 overall and 5-0 in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference. J-M has won three games in a row, including a 2-0 road victory at Seaforth on Monday. The Jets were originally supposed to play the game at home, but it was moved to the Hawks' home stadium because football was

played at Jordan-Matthews on Monday night.

The change in venue didn't affect the Jets' cohesiveness as a team.

Scoring the goals for Jordan-Matthews on Monday were seniors Paul Lujan and Juanito Hernandez Soto. The Jets have scored at least two goals in each of their past seven games. The last time they failed to do so was a 3-1 loss to Pine Lake Prep on Aug. 27.

Leading the charge in the attacking third for Jordan-Matthews this season is senior Zander Ocampo, who has 16 goals and three assists so far

this season. Soto has eight goals and an assist, while Lujan has contributed two goals and a team-high nine assists in 13 games this season.

The Jets' defense has also been strong so far in 2022. In 13 games, J-M has only allowed 18 goals, or 1.4 goals per game.

In net, seniors Ricardo Rocha and Angel Gonzalez have split time as the Jets' keeper this season. The pair have combined for 52 saves so far this season and play a big part in organizing Jordan-Matthews' back line.

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Nikki Witt

Junior defener Jonathan Campos (4) helped the Jordan-Matthews boys soccer team keep a clean sheet in its 2-0 win over Seaforth on Monday.

SCORES AND SCHEDULES

SCORES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Volleyball

Seaforth 3, Graham 0
 Bartlett Yancey 3, Jordan-Matthews 0
 Chatham Charter 3, Clover Garden 0
 Woods Charter 3, River Mill 0
 Western Alamance 3, Northwood 0

Boys soccer

Southern Lee 4, Seaforth 0

Girls tennis

Chatham Central 9, South Davidson 0

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Boys soccer

Orange 4, Northwood 3
 Jordan-Matthews 3, Cummings 1
 Woods Charter 1, Triangle Math & Science 0
 Leadership Academy 7, Chatham Charter 0

Girls tennis

Chatham Charter 9, River Mill 0

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Girls tennis

Seaforth 9, North Moore 0
 Chatham Charter 5, Burlington Christian Academy 4

Volleyball

Bartlett Yancey 3, Seaforth 2
 Williams 3, Northwood 0
 North Moore 3, Chatham Central 0
 Woods Charter 3, Triangle Math & Science 0

Chatham Charter 3, Southern Wake Academy 0

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Football

Northwood 63, Cedar Ridge 6
 Graham 20, Seaforth 12

Volleyball

Uwharrie Charter 3, Chatham Charter 0

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Football

Chatham Central 18, Jordan-Matthews 6

Boys soccer

Jordan-Matthews 2, Seaforth 0
 Woods Charter 5, Clover Garden 2
 Triangle Math & Science 2, Chatham Charter 1

SCHEDULES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Volleyball

Jordan-Matthews vs. Seaforth (6 p.m.)
 Northwood vs. Cedar Ridge (6 p.m.)
 Chatham Central vs. Graham (6 p.m.)
 Woods Charter at Clover Garden (6 p.m.)
 Chatham Charter vs. Triangle Math & Science (6 p.m.)

Girls golf

Chatham Central, Seaforth and North Moore at Siler City Country Club (3 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Girls tennis

Chatham Central vs. Bartlett Yancey (4:30 p.m.)
 Chatham Charter vs. Southern Wake Academy (4 p.m.)

Boys soccer

Seaforth vs. Bartlett Yancey (6 p.m.)
 Jordan-Matthews at Cedar Ridge (6:30 p.m.)
 Northwood vs. Western Alamance (6:45 p.m.)
 Chatham Charter vs. Woods Charter (5 p.m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Boys soccer

Northwood at Richmond (7 p.m.)

Girls tennis

Northwood at Carrboro (4 p.m.)
 Chatham Central vs. Southern Lee (4:30 p.m.)
 Jordan-Matthews vs. Providence Grove (4:30 p.m.)
 Chatham Charter at Gray Stone Day (4:30 p.m.)

Football

Northwood vs. Person High (7 p.m.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Football

Seaforth at Chatham Central (7:30 p.m.)
 Jordan-Matthews vs. North Moore (7:30 p.m.)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Girls tennis

Jordan-Matthews at Seaforth (4 p.m.)
 Chatham Central at Southern Lee (4 p.m.)
 Chatham Charter vs. Raleigh Charter (4 p.m.)

Boys soccer

Seaforth vs. Graham (6 p.m.)
 Northwood at Williams (6 p.m.)

Here come the Jags

Don't look now, but the Jacksonville Jaguars look like they could make some noise in the AFC this year. Yes, those Jags. The same ones who have finished 6-10 or worse each of the last four seasons and in 10 of the last 11. The same ones who hired Urban Meyer as their coach, only to fire him 13 games into the 17-game season in 2021. The same ones who signed Christian Kirk — who hadn't had a 1,000-yard season yet — to a four-year, \$70 million contract this offseason.

Jacksonville, along with Cleveland, has long been one of the laughingstocks of the league. The team you circle on your schedule as an easy win or the one you pray you catch after you just suffered a loss. But the 2022 Jags look like they've exorcised many of the demons that haunted the franchise's past. Sunday, Jacksonville obliterated the Los Angeles Chargers — among a handful of teams considered favorites in the AFC this season — by a score of 38-10 on the road to improve to 2-1 on the season. The Chargers were, admittedly, not at full strength, but I'm not sure it would have mattered if they were healthy the way the Jaguars executed their gameplan.

Let's start with the quarterback, Trevor Lawrence. The No. 1 pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, the former Clemson star, was touted by many a bust after a rough first season in the league where he had more interceptions (17) than touchdowns (12). But Lawrence looks to have full turned things around and is playing more consistently to the level of play he flashed at times as a rookie. Sunday, Lawrence completed 28 of 39 passes for 262 yards, three touchdowns and zero interceptions. On the year, he's thrown for 772 yards and has six touchdowns to just one interception.

While the stats aren't the flashiest, the eye test shows Lawrence has made some dramatic improvements from a year ago. He's holding onto the ball less, limiting turnover-worthy plays and generally playing with a more efficient manner.

Lawrence has been aided by an improved Jacksonville offensive line that added guard Brandon Scherff in the offseason to go with franchise left tackle Cam Robinson. The Jags have allowed just two sacks through their first three games, a pace that would put them behind the pace they had last year when they finished the year with 32 given up in 17 games.

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The offensive line has also played a large part in Jacksonville's success running the football. The Jaguars currently rank 10th in the league in rushing yards per game (123.3) through three weeks. Jacksonville has a unique tandem of backs, with James Robinson serving as the more traditional north-south runner and Travis Etienne getting a lot of the third-down work. Robinson is currently ninth in the NFL

in rushing (230 yards), while Etienne has run for 112 yards and has caught eight passes for 81 yards so far in 2022. Defensively, Jacksonville has allowed just 10 points over the last two weeks, which included a 24-0 shutout of the Colts in Week 2. The Jags are currently seventh in the league in total defense (306.7 yards allowed per game) and No. 1 in the league in rushing yards allowed per game (55.0).

The Jags have playmakers at every level, and several have stepped up in a big way so far this season. On the defensive line, No. 1 overall pick Travon Walker already has a sack and an interception. Fellow first-round pick and rookie linebacker Devin Lloyd leads the team in total tackles (24), passes defended (6) and interceptions (2) and veteran corner Shaquill Griffin has been lock-down in coverage.

Finally, perhaps the biggest reason for the Jags' improvement is the coaching of Doug Pederson, former Super Bowl-winner with the Philadelphia Eagles who is clearly 800 times better a coach than Meyer was for this Jacksonville team. Pederson has bought a basic competency to the locker room that is perhaps taken for granted with most professional organizations. But with a new leader lighting the way, the Jags look like they've completely bought in, and I expect them to continue to play competitive football the entire season and win the AFC South.

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travels to face Chatham Central away from home. The Bears are currently 1-4 and are averaging 6.0 points per game through their first five games this season.

Northwood 63, Cedar Ridge 7

Playing on the road for the first time in three weeks Friday night, the Northwood football team dominated Cedar Ridge, 63-6, to improve to 3-3 on the season and 1-1 in conference play.

The Chargers opened their conference schedule last week with a 57-7 loss to Williams, but they looked sharper this time around. On top of its usual strong rushing attack, Northwood also had success passing the ball and made big plays on the defensive end to force turnovers.

"Any time you get a win, it's something to celebrate," said head coach Chris Kenan. "Regardless of the opponent, it means you came out and executed more than the other team."

The Chargers overwhelmed the Fighting Red Wolves (1-4, 0-2 Conf.) from the start, as an interception by Will Smith on Cedar Ridge's first drive set Northwood up with 1st-and-goal at the 2-yard line. The very next play, junior fullback Ryan Brinker ran the ball in for the team's first score of the game.

Northwood extended its lead on its next drive thanks to a 38-yard touchdown run from receiver Antoine Brewington, and after one quarter, the Chargers held a 14-0 lead. The second quarter saw head coach Chris Kenan's team hit another gear, though.

After starting the quarter with another short touchdown by Brinker and a 3-yard score by junior Ashton Elliott, Northwood gave up its first touchdown of the game on a 50-yard kick return. The Chargers answered back immediately, however, as senior



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Seaforth sophomore quarterback Joshua Brown attempts a pass during the Hawks' 20-12 loss to Graham High on Friday.

Jackson Shaner received the ensuing Cedar Ridge kickoff and returned it 79 yards for a touchdown to put Northwood up 28-6.

Northwood added 21 more points over the next nine minutes and entered halftime with a 49-6 advantage. Starting the third quarter with a running clock, the Chargers maintained their dominance and scored two more touchdowns to put the score at 63-6 at the

final whistle.

Northwood will try to get above .500 this Friday as it hosts Person High. The Rockets are 3-2 and had a bye in Week 6. In Week 5, Person defeated Cedar Ridge, 76-8. The Chargers defeated the Rockets, 21-7, last season. In that game, Northwood senior running backs Dashaun Vines-McSwain and Jalen Paige combined to run for 301 yards and two touchdowns.

"For us, it's simple. I just want to see the guys block and tackle," Kenan said of his team's upcoming game. "If you do that, your chances of winning the game are a lot higher, regardless of the opponent. You have to block, tackle and execute."

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CLIPBOARD Q&A

Powell taking on new responsibilities as senior at Virginia Tech

Cera Powell is a 2018 Northwood graduate and one of the top former Chatham County athletes competing at the college level.

Powell is a senior for the Virginia Tech volleyball team, currently 8-5 on the season after a loss to Georgia Tech on Sept. 25.

Playing her fourth season with the Hokies, the 6-foot Powell has taken over as the team's top offensive option. Powell currently leads Virginia Tech with 129 kills, 36 more than the next closest player.

The volleyball standout is also the sister of current Northwood junior Drake Powell, who recently committed to play basketball at UNC-Chapel Hill. Powell is recognized as a top-50 recruit in the Class of 2024 in 247Sports' composite rankings.

Cera spoke with the News + Record on Monday about her senior season, the aftermath of the COVID pandemic and her brother's recruitment.

What have these past few months been like? Try putting in perspective what it means to be in your final season at Virginia Tech.

CERA POWELL: These past few months, we've been working really hard. We've had a lot of new people — transfers and freshmen. We came in during late June to get started training, and I think that was super helpful. I think a lot of our new people have really bought into wanting the program to be better than it has been. I think



Dave Knachel

Former Northwood standout Cera Powell currently leads the Virginia Tech volleyball team with 129 kills, 36 more than the next closest player.

that's been super beneficial to the program as a whole.

You've been with the program for a while now. What has it been like taking on a new role offensively this season as well as acting as a senior leader?

This year has been different, because I've had to take on a different role. The support of my teammates, them believing in me and my coaches believing in me, has helped a lot. There's been times ... I'm not really a vocal leader. I'm more of a lead by example type of person, but this year I've had to take on more of a talking role. Any time I have to speak to the team in a big group

setting, there's one person on my team who is always like, "It's O.K., you got this." They know I hate public speaking, but everyone here trusts you and respects what you have to say. Just the reassurance from my teammates and the support from my coaches has been super helpful.

Your college career has been anything but normal after dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. What was it like going through all that with the team, and how does it feel knowing we're almost past it?

It's a super weird feeling. I feel like I've been here forever, but at the same time it feels like I've barely been around. I really

liked our COVID season because we got to play in the fall and the spring. I always like playing games more than I like having practice. And the spring of my junior year, that was my first time having a spring offseason training program. We also had a coaching change with the COVID year. At least I think it was. All the years are running together. We didn't really have much time with our coaches before everybody was sent home. I think this past spring season really helped me understand what the coaches are looking for and really improve my game from their perspective and my own perspective. And it's paying off now.

Your brother recently committed to play basketball at UNC-Chapel Hill. What has it been like watching him go through this process, and what advice have you given him about competing at the next level?

I just told him, you have to choose a school where, if your sport wasn't there, or if coaches change and they didn't want you on the team anymore, would you still want to be going there and be a normal student? That was a big thing for me when I started. Coaches aren't permanent and volleyball or whatever sport you play isn't forever. You want to be in a place you'll like. His recruiting process was a little different than mine ... I wouldn't want to say he was nervous, but he was getting a lot of attention. I told him to just calm down. The coaches see potential in you going through their program, so if you keep doing what they're doing, if they want you, they want you. Growing up we were all UNC fans. Both of our parents went there and it was the closest school nearby. We went to a lot of games growing up. It's so cool watching him be able to achieve one of his dreams. It's so cool. He worked so hard. Ever since he was a kid, he was always the hardest worker between himself, me and our other brother Deuce. We always knew he was going to do something big.

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TENNIS

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(late score). Brooks is also 9-2 in doubles along with Phillips, who herself has gone 9-2 at the No. 2 singles spot this season.

Last season, Brooks and Phillips combined to each go

11-1 in singles play and 12-1 as a doubles pair.

Brooks and Phillips are considered one of the top pairs in the entire state. Last fall, they advanced all the way to the 1A doubles state finals before falling to Mount Airy's Carrie Marion and Ella Brant.

Elsewhere in the county,

Chatham Charter defeated Cornerstone Charter by a margin of 9-0 on Monday afternoon. Across the six singles matches and three doubles matches, Charter players only lost 12 of a possible 85 points.

At No. 1 singles, junior Elphie Spillman defeated her opponent by a score of 8-1. So far

this season, Spillman boasts a 6-7 mark in doubles play and a 5-5 record in doubles.

The Knight with the most singles victories this season is senior Lilli Jones, who has gone 8-5 at No. 3 singles.

Chatham Charter is trying to build on a 2021 season that saw the Knights make it all the

way to the state championships of the 1A dual team tournament. Charter ultimately fell to Mount Airy in the championship match.

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line, Jordan-Matthews junior wide receiver Gabriel Brewer scooped up the ball and raced down the field. The deflected ball by the Bears came on a backwards pass, making it a live fumble, so when Brewer trotted into the end zone untouched, the Jets took a six-point lead.

Despite the early confusion, Central head coach Sherman Howze knew the Bears would respond.

“My kids, they take (playing Jordan-Matthews) personally,” he said. “We’re going through health situations and through a number shortage — we’re 25 kids deep. But these guys fight and claw.”

Howze would have to wait until the second quarter for the Bears to answer their early deficit, as costly penalties stalled Chatham Central’s first two drives.

Late in the first half, Paige found senior wide receiver Brandon Toomer on a post route to set up Chatham Central with a 1st-and-goal opportunity. One play later, junior running back Devonte Johnson darted into the end zone to tie the game.

The score cast a spell of silence across the Jet faithful following and delivered a clear message to those in attendance — Chatham Central came to play.

“Today I looked them in the eyes and I knew they were ready,” Howze said. “They were ready Friday, and they were ready today.”

Out of the halftime break,



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Jordan-Matthews quarterback Nick Glover (left) tries to escape Central junior Omar Brower during the Jets’ 18-12 loss to the Bears on Monday.

Chatham Central continued to find success on the ground.

Johnson’s 41-yard scamper on the Bears’ first drive of the second half paved the way for another touchdown by Chatham Central. This time, rather than handing the ball off to the Bears’ lead back, junior running back Omar Brower rumbled his way in for a touchdown.

But Chatham Central’s offensive push was just getting started.

A Jordan-Matthews fumble on the ensuing possession gave the Bears prime field position. Moments later, Chatham Central found the end zone again, as Paige connected with

Toomer for a 15-yard passing touchdown.

In just under five minutes of game time, the Bears flipped their six-point hole into a two-score lead. The sizeable advantage proved to be the difference, as Chatham Central’s persistent ground attack — including Johnson’s 131 rushing yards — helped the Bears secure their first conference win.

And as the boys in red and white gathered around their head coach for the night’s final message, Howze’s focus wasn’t on the past or the streak that everyone knew had been broken. Rather, it highlighted the

Chatham Central 18, Jordan-Matthews 6

CC | 0 | 6 | 12 | 0 | — 18
JM | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — 6

Scoring Summary

JM — Gabriel Brewer 44 run (kick no good)
CC — Devonte Johnson 1 run (pass no good)
CC — Omar Brower 7 run (run no good)
CC — Brandon Toomer 15 pass from Hasten Paige (pass no good)

Team Stats

Chatham Central | Jordan-Matthews
9 | First downs | 5
254 | Total yards | 121
43-210 | Rushing attempts-yards | 21-79
3-5-44 | Passing completions-attempts-yards | 5-12-42
1 | Interceptions | 0
0-0 | Fumbles-lost | 3-3
7-60 | Penalties-yards | 13-125

Individual stats

Rushing: CC — Devonte Johnson 21-133, River Warren 10-63, Brandon Toomer 3-22, Hasten Paige 7-(-10), William Douglass 2-2; JM — Toren Korpela 10-20, Nick Glover 6-12, Michael Scotton 2-0, Gabriel Brewer 2-45, Neil Wiley 1-2
Passing: CC — Hasten Paige 3-of-5, 44 yards, one touchdown, one interception; JM — Nick Glover 5-of-12, 42 yards
Receiving: CC — Brandon Toomer 2-36, Devonte Johnson 1-8; JM — Michael Scotton 3-39, Henry Martinez 1-2, Jayden Staley 1-1

magic number of five. If Chatham Central can reel off five straight victories, the Bears will have a shot at a conference championship.

“The biggest push we needed was this game,” Johnson said. “I feel like (this win) will motivate us to get more.”

Up next

Chatham Central returns home Friday to face Seaforth, which lost to Graham, 20-12, in Week 6.

Jordan-Matthews, meanwhile,

will try to earn its first victory Thursday night at home against North Moore. The Jets’ forfeited last year’s contest against the Mustangs but came into the 2021 meeting having won seven straight over North Moore. The game takes place Thursday because of the threat of inclement weather in the area Friday.

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The Jets are currently the only team in the Mid-Carolina Conference who have yet to lose a league match. The only other team in the conference with a winning record this season is North Moore, which is

5-1-1 on the year. J-M is trying to win its third straight league championship this season and is coming off a 2021 season that saw the team go 20-1-1 overall and lose in the fourth round of the state playoffs.

In the 3A Central Conference, Northwood is 5-6-1 overall and 3-2 in league play. The Chargers also

played Monday night and earned a dramatic overtime win over Eastern Alamance.

Entering that match, Northwood’s leading scorer on the season was junior Ken Vazquez Alonzo, who had 11 goals and three assists so entering the week. Fellow junior Patrick Baquero has eight goals and an

assist, while junior Rui Aguiar had four goals and eight assists.

Northwood also played a home conference game against Western Alamance on Wednesday (late score).

In the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference, Woods Charter has turned things around after a slow start to the sea-

son, going 2-1 in its first two league games. The Wolves defeated Clover Garden School on the road, 5-2, on Monday afternoon.

Woods scored five of its 11 goals on the season Monday night. The Wolves also had a hotly-contested matchup with Chatham Charter on Wednesday night (late score).

Chatham Charter entered the game 1-8 on the season and 0-1 in conference play. The Knights fell to Triangle Math & Science, 2-1, on the road Monday night.

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'WALKING IN MY SHOES'

Chatham native Jennifer Reaves shares her story in memoir

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

GOLDSTON — Jennifer Reaves walked into Goldston's Public Library last Thursday evening, carrying copies of her short memoir, "Walking in My Shoes," ready to talk about her first book with friends and supporters at a meet-and-greet event.

Reaves, a Chatham County native, wrote about the trials and tribulations she faced while growing up in Goldston and Bear Creek. From being raised in a single-parent household to various medical scares, Reaves says she wanted to share her story with others.

But she also used writing as a cathartic experience. "I started writing and it was just like a coping mechanism," Reaves, 46, said. "But while I was coping, I was reliving my whole life."

Reaves was born at UNC Hospitals to her 15-year-old mother, Colleen. Within minutes of her birth, Reaves's lung collapsed and she needed emergency surgery. She survived, but it would be a portend to a difficult life.

Reaves and her mother moved to Bear Creek to live with her foster



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Jennifer Reaves (sitting) signed copies of her book for friends, family and fans of her work on Sept. 15 in Goldston.

grandmother — to whom she dedicated the book — when she was 3 years old. Her "Granny," as Reaves called her, became an important part of her support system.

"I wanted to highlight the love my Granny and my mom had, being shown love throughout your time and when I say they took care of us, they took care of us," Reaves said.

Reaves idolized her Granny; she helped Reaves overcome a speech impediment, cooked Reaves's favorite meals, and was one of the reasons she got involved in her local church.

"Prayer has held an important part in my life," Reaves said. "Granny was

a Christian, a Sunday school teacher and she helped me to overcome a lot of things in her life."

"Walking in My Shoes" details those joyous moments in Reaves's childhood and teenage years, but also her hardships. When she was a freshman at Chatham Central High School, Reaves became involved in extracurricular activities. But she had more medical problems, including an emergency surgery.

"I also had shallow hip sockets, so I have screws and pins in my hips that had to be done," Reaves said.

Despite what felt like endless health scares, Reaves said she stayed involved in her high school



Staff photo by Taylor Heeden

Several people came to Jennifer Reaves's book signing event recently to support her memoir, 'Walking in My Shoes.'

and studied at ECPI University in Raleigh, where she was awarded a diploma in Business, Finance, Records and Registration. (She ended up working in ECPI's administrative offices for 18 years.)

But shortly after her graduation, in 2000, her Granny died. And soon after that, Reaves's mother got sick and had to have surgery. While in surgery, Colleen went into cardiac arrest and spent 30 days in a coma.

"I went to visit her every day during those 30

days, except on Wednesdays," Reaves said. "It was so hard to see her like that on a ventilator."

Reaves's mother recovered and was sent home. When she turned 25, Reaves was hit with another surprise: she became pregnant with her son, Kolby Alonzo Reaves. The pregnancy was considered high-risk due to Reaves's diabetes and medical history, so she had to attend weekly appointments with her doctor.

"I never had morning

sickness, but my mom told me during the pregnancy to please not have any more kids," Reaves joked.

After Kolby was born, Reaves would face even more hardship. When Kolby was 7, Reaves lost her home, leaving her and Kolby homeless in the middle of an economic recession.

"We stayed with a co-worker and friend of mine, Juansatta Way, during that time," Reaves said.

The young mother was able to save money to get her own place, but by that time, Kolby was starting to show signs of what would later be diagnosed as ADHD — an attention deficit disorder characterized by hyperactivity, mood swings, aggression and lack of restraint.

"I was living in a house where every day, I was told 'I hate you,' by my own son," Reaves said. "In the African American community, mental health is something that isn't really talked about, almost like it doesn't exist, but it's something that's really there and it's important to talk about."

So why share those struggles? She wanted to let others who've also been in vulnerable situations know they aren't alone.

"I've always been determined, and I've always been able to get through a lot of things," Reaves said. "This book is shared with people so that it can help somebody else because a lot of people go through things, but you don't know it because they don't say anything about it. So I felt like it was time that I needed to get this out."

At the end of the book, Reaves addresses her readers directly in the form of an author's letter titled "Be Encouraged." She tells readers that while life may be difficult, there is always a way through it all.

"Your shoes may be alcohol, anger, blood pressure, cancer, child abuse, drugs, depression, domestic violence, gunshot wounds, HIV, homelessness, insecurities, loss of a parent or child, obesity, molestation, poverty, rage and the list goes on," Reaves writes. "Keep the faith, seek professional help if you need it, but most of all, remember God is always with you."

Reaves's book is available on Amazon, where she self-published "Walking in My Shoes." The current version, also known as the New Spiel, is the first of several books Reaves plans to write. She said she wants to dabble in fiction writing, and she wants to write a sequel to her memoir sometime in the future.

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FIRE SAFETY

Siler City Department holds first of two live burns to train firefighters this fall

BY MAYDHA DEVARAJAN
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SILER CITY — Firefighters from across Chatham County gathered at a house off Alston Road early Saturday morning. But those witnessing the smoke billow from the two-story, century-old house were there not as first responders, instead serving as trainees and participants in the first of two live burns held by Siler City Fire Department this fall.

A live burn serves as a training opportunity to prepare firefighters for the reality of tackling a house fire. Firefighters, both volunteers and paid staff, met at the town's fire department early Saturday before heading to the house that had been donated by a local family in the town.

David Reeves, a fire rescue instructor with the department, said oftentimes, residents already looking to demolish their homes will work with fire departments to use it for live burn training.

"It's a lot cheaper to do it this way," Reeves said. "And if we can get training out of it, then it's a two-fold thing."

Participants in the live burn ranged from junior volunteers under the age of 18 who were only allowed to observe the fire to longtime firefighters with years of experience in the field who actually entered the home. Aside from Saturday's live burn, the Siler City Fire Department plans to hold another controlled burn this year in October.

The frequency with which live burns are held often depends on whether someone in the community has an older home that they are looking to donate, Fire Chief Scott Murphy said.

The process of donating a home requires a level of coordination. From the family approaching the department to the day of the live burn, the process took around two months, according to Murphy.

The department must obtain a permit through the state to pollute the air for the purposes of the training and the house must be inspected for asbestos. The North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal also runs a N.C. Live Fire Instructor Program, a five-year process for live fire instructors to receive proper permits.

Shannon Monteiro is the owner and a member of the family which resided in the home. Several other relatives, many of whom had lived in the house for years, came to watch the burn, sitting in lawn chairs nearby and video calling others in to see. Monteiro said the family plans to put a new house on the same property; two of her nephews, incidentally, work in the fire department.

"It's nice that we were able to do it like this, for them to be able to train in," Monteiro said. "But it's just hard [to see]."

A number of different departments surrounding the county were present at Saturday's controlled burn, including those from Pittsboro, Silk Hope, Bonlee, Bennett and Colridge. Though it's not necessarily a requirement for all the department's firefighters to undergo a live burn training, Murphy said interior firefighters are required to attend controlled burns. The department also sends staff to programs at community colleges in the nearby area, like



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

A Siler City firefighter makes his way into the house used for the department's live burn on Saturday.



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Firefighters prepare to enter the Siler City house being used for the fire department's live burn.



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One firefighter watches for the moment to enter the home used for the Siler City Fire Department's live burn.



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Firefighters hose down flames at Siler City Fire Department's controlled burn.

Central Carolina Community College, Randolph Community College and Guilford Technical Community College, that have fire control classes.

Still, Murphy says the experience of witnessing a live burn at a house offers something unique in terms of the educational experience as opposed to participating in a controlled burn in a building made from concrete blocks that holds heat differently.

"It is valuable for us to show them fire behavior, how fire builds, and then how we can go in and put it out," Murphy said.

Reeves, the fire instructor who also served as accountability officer for the burn on Saturday, echoed that sentiment. Reeves used to teach courses at Guilford Technical Community College and said he's seen

dozens of live burns.

"It's such an absolute, irreplaceable, valuable learning experience for the students, simply because we can do it in a controlled manner," he said.

Forty-two individuals showed up to participate in the live burn on Saturday. In five crews led by a certified instructor, firefighters went into the home group by group to put out the fire after it was set and reset by the appropriate staff. Other staff monitored the perimeter of the site, watching in case temperatures climbed too high or the fire looked to spread in unmanageable ways.

The department tries to avoid holding burns during hotter months of the year, as temperatures inside the home may reach between 1,200 and 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit, Murphy said. The department

responds to about 560 calls in a year, and average around 15 to 20 fire calls, according to the fire chief.

"We're not the busiest department in the county; North Chatham and Pittsboro run more calls than we do," Murphy said. "But I think we probably run more house fires than most of them just because of our density and population."

Last year, Siler City's fire department was awarded one of North Carolina's best fire suppression ratings and the best score it had received in the last three decades. The rating represents the department's general preparedness.

"Most rural departments (fall) into the 9S category," N.C. Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey said in a press release at the time. "While lower ratings

do not necessarily indicate poor service, a higher rating does suggest that a department is overall better equipped to respond to fires in its district."

When it comes to fire safety for civilians, Murphy said smoke detectors are key.

"You'd be shocked at how many smoke detectors we put up," Murphy said. "That you go in the house and the smoke detectors there, but there's no battery."

He highlighted the "Get Alarmed Chatham County" program, which offers free smoke detectors to residents.

Siler City Fire Department's next live burn will be on Oct. 1 at 822 North Chatham Ave.

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Smoke billows from the home on Alston Road, as firefighters from different departments across the county wait to enter the Siler City house used for the controlled burn.



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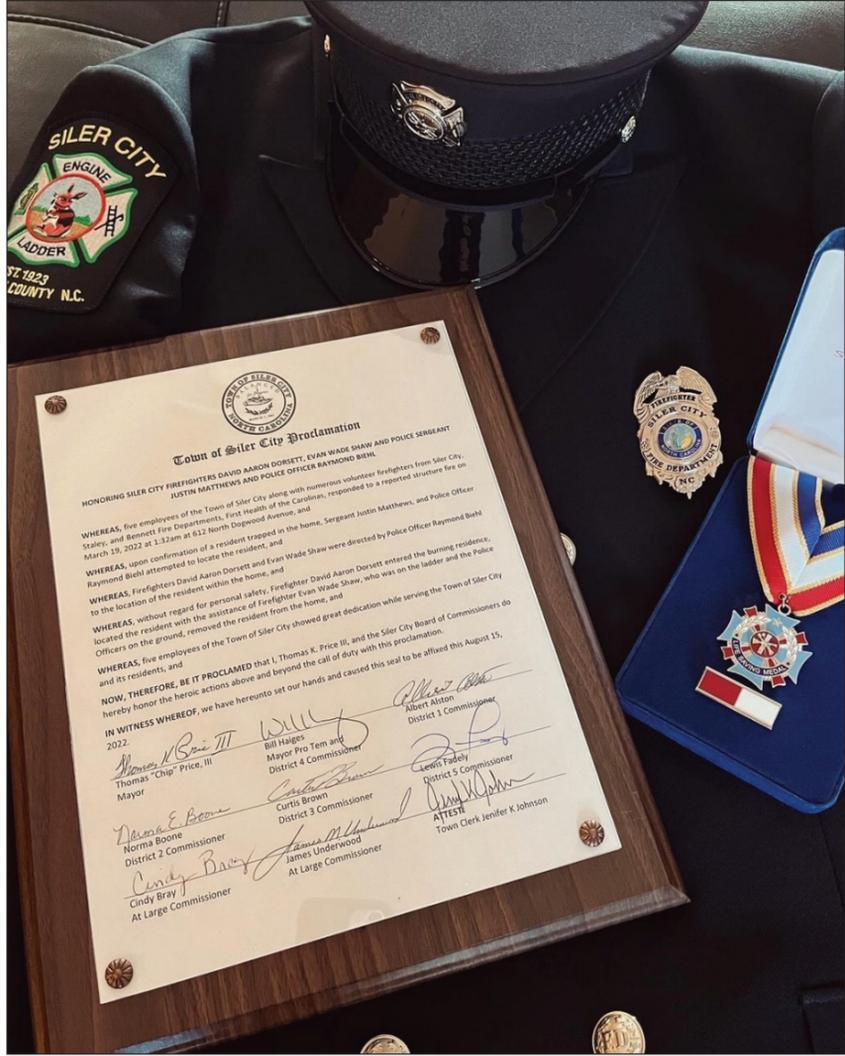
Firefighters on the porch of the Alston Road house used for Siler City Fire Department's controlled burn.

AN INSIDE LOOK | SILER CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Murphy, Siler City's Fire Chief, shares insights on operation



Courtesy of the Siler City Fire Department



Courtesy of the Siler City Fire Department

Those receiving recognition in the ceremony at the Siler City Fire Department earlier this year were, from left, Aaron Dorsett, Brenda Snipes, Justin Matthews and Evan Shaw.

This town of Siler City proclamation honored firefighters David Aaron Dorsett, Evan Wade Shaw and Siler City Police Department officers Justin Matthews and Raymond Biehl.

SILER CITY — The town's fire department is nearing a full century of service to its residents, providing life-saving care through its staff and volunteers. We spoke with Fire Chief Scott Murphy about the department's operation and its recent ceremony honoring some of its staff.

Are there any changes coming in the department?
As far as growth, we will continue to try and forecast what our citizens' needs are now and what they will be in the future. I can say that we know we need renovations to our current station. We also know we need a sub-station to not only cover the CAM (Chatham Advanced Manufacturing) site, but also our customers in our fire district that are currently considered a class 9E or Class 10 for their fire insurance premiums. We know that with the growth in eastern Chatham County currently on the move and the projected growth, it will eventually filter along the U.S. Hwy. 64 corridor west toward Siler City. And that may create the need for another sub-station on that side of our district along with additional personnel and apparatus. This all costs money, which historically has fallen on the taxpayers.



Courtesy of the Siler City Fire Department

Siler City Mayor Chip Price reads the proclamation honoring fire department and police staff for their life-saving measures.

ment by our residents, our taxpayers. So, we take that into careful consideration when we go before the town manager and town board for capital and personnel requests. And Town Manager Hank Raper has addressed those issues while working on a capital investment plan for all town departments.

year or so. Talk about potential CAM site construction and improvements, the Toyota plant in Randolph County, and several housing development proposals that we have seen in the last year will directly impact our services. Siler City Fire Department will eventually transition into a small predominantly career department. As our call volume will increase. We have been very fortunate that our dedicated volunteers over the years have stepped in to fill this gap. Our transition is inevitable.

What about growth, as Siler City grows?
I see our department's dynamics changing dramatically in the next five to 10 years depending on growth over the next

You recently held a ceremony recognizing some of your staff for their actions from an incident back earlier this year... Can you share the details?

Sure, here is a run-down on the incident that occurred on March 19, 2022:

At 1:32 a.m. that Saturday morning, Siler City, Staley and Bennett fire departments, along with Siler City Police Department and First Health of the Carolinas, were dispatched for a house fire on North Dogwood Avenue. As departments were being dispatched, personnel were updated by Chatham County Communications to possible occupants still in residence. Siler City Police Department arrived on scene first and confirmed the entrapment with visible fire showing.

I arrived, confirming the police department's report, and requested a working fire re-alert and advised Engine 912 (two personnel) to ladder the bedroom window and to attempt a rescue.

Siler City Police Department Patrolman Biehl made contact with the trapped occupant with a 6-foot stepladder,

but due to high heat and smoke, he was unable to reach the victim. With a roof ladder positioned to the window, Firefighter Aaron Dorsett entered the bedroom window without the protection of a hose line, located the unconscious victim on the bedroom floor and managed to lift the victim to Firefighter Evan Shaw on the ladder who pulled the victim to safety with the help of Siler City Police Department officers.

The patient was transferred to First Health EMS for transport. As rescue was being completed, additional arriving personnel extinguished the fire and completed searches of the rest of the residence due to conflicting reports of multiple victims. Both the victim and Officer Biehl were transported to UNC-Chapel Hill for injuries.

The resident has been released from the hospital and Officer Biehl is back on duty. The fire's cause was determined to be accidental, because of combustibles too close to an electric baseboard heater.

This was an awesome outcome for everyone involved!

Tell us a little bit about the Siler City Fire Department's operation ...

The Siler City Fire Department was established in 1923 with 12 charter members. Thomas Dark was elected our first fire chief. We will be celebrating our 100th anniversary next year, hopefully around October 2023. We are a combination department, which means that we have limited career staff along with volunteers. We currently have six career staff who work 24-hour shifts along with Fire Chief . We currently have three part-time firefighters, and 20 volunteer firefighters.

What would a potential volunteer need to know?

We are always looking for volunteer firefighters. But along with that, there is a level of commitment that we expect. It is not just that you join and get a t-shirt. It takes time and a lot of training to reach certain areas of our operations. Our volunteers are required to make a percentage of correct responses on exams and a certain amount of training hours to stay on our department.

And what do Siler City residents need to be aware of?

We still do free smoke alarm testing along with every other department in Chatham County. This area still continues to be our hardest hurdle to cross. People need to realize that smoke detectors are your first line of defense for against a fire. And they save lives.

Addresses are also very important — not only for our responses — but for law enforcement and also EMS. If your address is not clearly marked, it will delay a response, and time is one thing we cannot get back.



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A live burn instructor speaks with a crew of firefighters during the Siler City Fire Department's live burn on Saturday.



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A firefighter at Siler City Fire Department's live burn prepares to reset the controlled fire before the next crew enters the building.



Council on Aging Activities Calendar

October 3rd through October 7th

Monday, October 3rd

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie** (masks required)
- 9:15 a.m. - **Chair Yoga w/Liz** (Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. - **Matter of Balance** (Chatham Grove Community Center, RSVP Liz)
- 11:15 a.m. - **Cornhole & Shuffleboard**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 2 p.m. - **Geri-Fit**

Tuesday, October 4th

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie** (masks optional)
- 9 a.m. - **3G's Men's Group**
- 9:30 a.m. - **Tai Chi for Arthritis** (Chatham Grove Community Center)
- 10 a.m. - **Woodcarvers; Bingo w/Joe**
- 1 p.m. - **Rummikub**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9:45 a.m. - **Chair Exercises w/Olivia**
- 1 p.m. - **Rook; Book Club**

Wednesday, October 5th

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 10 a.m. - **Chair Yoga w/Liz** (in-person and Zoom); **Coffee & Games w/Chatham County Sheriff's Department**
- 1 p.m. - **Open Art Studio**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 8 a.m. - **Veterans Benefit Assistance**
- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **Bible Study**
- 1 p.m. - **Cornhole**
- 2 p.m. - **Crafting w/Kathryn** (Making Fascinators to Wear to Tea)

Thursday, October 6th

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie** (masks optional)
- 9:30 a.m. - **Blood Pressure Screening**
- 10 a.m. - **Crafts and Conversation; Let's Move w/Jackie**
- 11 a.m. - **VOTE 411 Early Voting Options and Candidate Information presented by League of Women Voters**
- 1 p.m. - **Bridge**
- 1:30 p.m. - **Line Dancing**
- 3 p.m. - **Gentle Yoga w/Liz**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9:30 a.m. - **Matter of Balance w/Liz**
- 10 a.m. - **Bocce; Horseshoes; Music Jam Session**
- 1 p.m. - **"Bring Your Own Project" Gathering**
- 3 p.m. - **Mocktails & Trivia**

Friday, October 7th

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie**
- 11:15 a.m. - **Balloon Volleyball**
- 1 p.m. - **Card Games/Euchre**
- 3 p.m. - **Jukebox Live! w/DJ Rick**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **Muffins with the Manager**
- 7 p.m. - **Friday Night Dance** (fee required to attend)

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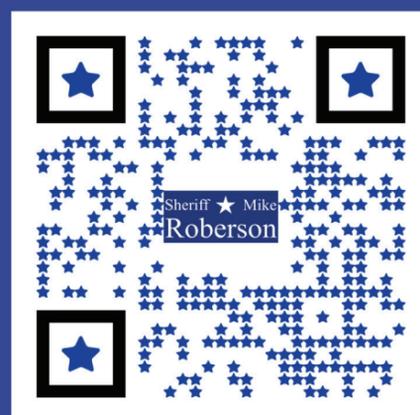
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Failure to Plan: Is it Planning to Fail?

Benjamin Franklin once said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail." But as you chart your financial course, what steps should you take to help you keep moving forward to where you want to go?

Consider these suggestions:

- **Establish and quantify your goals.** Throughout your life, you'll have short-term goals, such as an overseas vacation or a home renovation, and long-term goals, the most important of which may be a comfortable retirement. You'll want to identify all your goals and put a "price tag" on them. Of course, it's not always possible to know exactly how much it will cost to achieve each goal, but you can develop reasonably good estimates, revising them as needed.

- **Create an investment strategy to achieve your goals.** Once you know how much your goals will cost, you can create the appropriate savings and investment strategies to potentially help you reach the needed amounts. For your retirement goal, you will likely need to contribute regularly to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But for shorter-term goals, you may need to explore other types of investments. For all your investment moves, though, you'll need to consider your risk tolerance. You won't want your portfolio to have such a high-risk level that you're constantly uncomfortable with the inevitable fluctuations of the financial markets. On the other hand, you won't want to invest so conservatively that you jeopardize your chances of achieving the growth you need to reach your goals.

- **Control your debts.** We live in an expensive world, so it's not easy to live debt-free. And some debts, such as your mortgage, obviously have value. But if you can control other debts, especially those that

carry high interest rates, you can possibly free up money you can use to boost your savings and investments.

- **Prepare for obstacles.** No matter how carefully you follow the strategies you've created to achieve your goals, you will, sooner or later, run into obstacles, or at least temporary challenges. What if you incur a large, unexpected expense, such as the sudden need for a new car or a major home repair? If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments – and every time you do that, you might slow your progress toward achieving your goals. To help prevent this, you should build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses.

- **Review your strategy.** When you first created your financial strategy, you might have planned to retire at a certain age. But what if you eventually decide to retire earlier or later? Such a choice can have a big impact on what you need from your investment portfolio — and when. And your circumstances may change in other ways, too. That's why it's a good idea to review your strategy periodically to make sure it still aligns with your up-to-date objectives.

None of us can guarantee that our carefully laid plans will always yield the results we want. But by taking the right steps at the right times, you can greatly improve your chances.

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CHURCH NEWS

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Homecoming services will be held at Emmaus Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 2, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m.

A church-wide luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Bring some food and/or a dessert to share.

The church is located at 2430 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Rd. in Pittsboro.

CALVARY FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services will be held Monday, Oct. 3, through Friday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m.

each night at Calvary Faith Baptist Church in Siler City. Pastor Tim Isley will be the speaker.

The church is located at 2891 Siler City-Snow Camp Rd. in Siler City.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of Siler City congregation and pastor, Jason Brogan, invite you to celebrate our 133rd Homecoming at 11 a.m. on Sunday on Oct. 9. Former pastor Jim Wall will bring the Homecoming message, with special music by the Adult Choir and Rick and

Charlene Sullivan.

A covered dish luncheon will be held in the church fellowship hall following the service.

The church is located at 314 N. 2nd Ave. in Siler City. Visit <http://silercityfbc.org>.

EMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP

U-DAY (stands for our unique population, those with special gifts and talents that God loves) will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Siler City Bray Park Soccer Field, sponsored by Emmanuel Fellowship Church of God

in Christ. This free event is designed for parents with children and adults with special needs.

Call 919-799-0271 for details.

MT. VIEW AME ZION CHURCH

Mt View AME Zion Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 9. AME Zion Durham District Elder Dr. Ricky Frazier will provide the morning message, and lunch will follow.

The church is located at 3538 Mount View Church Rd. in Moncure.

NEWS BRIEFS

Library to host 'Building Functional Immunity with Plant Medicines'

PITTSBORO — Community members interested in improving their health with the use of alternative medicine are invited to a special event hosted by Chatham Community Library.

The program "Building Functional Immunity with Plant Medicines" will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 in the Holmes Family Meeting Room. This program is free and open to the public.

Tim Keim, clinical holistic health practitioner of Ayurveda and certified yoga therapist, will discuss how plant medicines can help protect the body from viral illnesses such as annual colds, flu and other viral infections with safety and ease of use.

Residents may also visit the libraries' website www.chathamlibraries.org, or contact the Library at 919-545-8084 or rita.vanduin@chathamlibraries.org for more information on this and other events and programs.

Chatham Parks & Rec lists October events

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department is planning events for people of all ages this October. From the Chatham County Challenge, the Sidewalk Chalk Festival, and Trunk or Treat Fall Festival, there is something for everyone this fall.

Chatham County Challenge

Kicking off the month, community members are invited to participate in the third annual Chatham County Challenge. This is a virtual walk, run or bike challenge taking place from Oct. 1-31, 2022. Bikers are challenged to

complete a 100k (62 miles) and runners/walkers are challenged to complete a 50k (31 miles). There is no cost to participate, and registration is available at <https://ccparksandrec.desk.com> until Sept. 30. Individuals who complete the challenge will receive a free T-shirt, and the participant with the most miles logged in each category will also receive a \$25 gift card to the local business, New Horizons.

Sidewalk Chalk Festival

The second annual Sidewalk Chalk Festival has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 15, at The Park at Briar Chapel, located at 1015 Andrews Store Road, Pittsboro.

All Chatham County artists — amateur and professional alike — are invited to draw their chalk creations and residents also are invited to spend the morning in the park enjoying the artwork, a coffee station, live music from Eric Sommer and other vendor stations.

There will be three categories: Family (group with kids 12 and under), Teen (ages 13-18), and Adult (ages 19+), as well as a crowd pleaser award. Artists are encouraged to pre-register online at <https://ccparksandrec.desk.com>, but registration will also be available on site the day of the event. A tabletop drawing option is available upon request for those who are not able to draw on the ground.

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

Wrapping up the month, Chatham County Parks and Recreation's annual Trunk or Treat Fall Festival is returning from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Southwest District Park located at 15124 N.C. 902, Bear Creek. This free, family-friendly event will include pumpkin carving, pumpkin painting, Halloween themed games, Halloween themed crafts,

a photo booth and a magician, from 2 to 4 p.m. Following those activities will be the Trunk or Treat from 4 to 5 p.m.

"No matter your age, where you live, or your interests, we have something for you this fall," says Chatham County Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Burnett. "We are excited to continue to host multiple annual events, and we are grateful to have these opportunities to connect with our community."

For more information, individuals may contact Mallory Peterson at the Parks and Recreation Department at 919-545-8553 or mallory.peterson@chathamcountync.gov. Information and updates will also be shared on Chatham County Parks and Recreation's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

Chatham County Nickels for Know-How referendum set for Nov. 17

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Nickels for Know-How Referendum will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Kristina Britt, the county's referendum chairman, said one polling place has been established in the county, located at the Chatham County Extension Center, 1192 U.S. 64 Business in Pittsboro.

Britt explained that the referendum is being held to let users and producers of feed or fertilizer decide whether they wish to continue the self-assessment program. This program has been in place since 1948, and the law requires that a new referendum be held every six years.

A 2/3 favorable vote will mean that growers are willing to continue to support agricultural research and education. The assessment is 15 cents per 100 pounds on feed and fertilizer produced in North Carolina. The funds, about \$1.4

million annually, are collected by the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services and then allocated by the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation's 148 volunteer board of directors to support agricultural research and extension projects at North Carolina State benefitting agriculture in North Carolina.

For more information on the referendum, please call the Chatham County Extension Office at 919-542-8242.

Brewery CARE partner to benefit homeless cats, dogs in Chatham

PITTSBORO — Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) has partnered with Pittsboro-based bmc brewing in the production of a craft beer called Peace Love Paws Blonde Ale.

A portion of the proceeds from sales of the beer will be donated to CARE to provide veterinary care, food and supplies to CARE foster dogs and cats available for adoption in Chatham County.

"This easy drinking blonde ale is a smooth American classic that any beer lover can enjoy" said bmc brewing's John Rice. "It's the perfect brew to enjoy with your furry friends."

"We are delighted about this partnership and the close collaboration with bmc brewing," said Joan Cunningham, president of CARE. "CARE is extremely grateful for their creativity, generosity, and willingness to support the dogs and cats of our community."

Peace Love Paws is currently available at the tap room at bmc brewing in the Beverage District at The Plant on Lorax Lane in Pittsboro and at Breakaway Café in the Veranda at Briar Chapel. It will soon be available in cans for purchase at bmc, Breakaway Café and other local venues to be announced.

Next 'QuitSmart' program set for Oct. 6

The Chatham County Public Health Department is conducting free virtual QuitSmart classes to help people quit smoking beginning in October.

The QuitSmart program is three times more effective than other quit smoking programs and is based on the most current research. The classes will be held starting Oct. 6 with an information session, followed by three meetings. The deadline to register is Oct. 5. All sessions will be virtual and led by a trained and nationally-certified instructor.

The classes are just the tip of the iceberg. Participants will also receive, also for free:

- 2 weeks of nicotine replacement patches
- QuitSmart materials
- Support from other participants

• Personalized pre-quit and 12-week quit plan

The class dates are below. All sessions are held on Zoom, from the comfort of your own home, from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays (Oct. 6, 13, 27 and Nov. 3).

If you or someone you know has questions or wants to sign up for the class, please email Program Lead Anna Stormzand at anna.stormzand@chathamcountync.gov or call the CCPHD office at 919-542-8271 and let them know you want to sign-up for the October QuitSmart classes. You can also learn more at www.chathamcountync.gov/quitsmoking.

Pittsboro Truist intern selected as scholarship recipient

CHARLOTTE — Madison Homovich, a senior at the University of Georgia, and Blake Todes, a junior at the University of Texas at Austin — summer interns at Truist Insurance Holdings, the 6th largest insurance brokerage

in the U.S. — have been selected as recipients of a \$5,000 scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year, as announced by The Council Foundation.

Homovich, from Pittsboro, interned at the Raleigh office of McGriff, the company's retail insurance division, while Todes, from Houston, worked in the Houston Office of CRC Group, a leading national wholesale distributor of specialty insurance products.

"Congratulations to Madison and Blake on this exciting recognition," said Kenya Odoms, Truist Insurance Holdings' chief talent officer. "Our internship program at Truist Insurance Holdings gave 77 students the opportunity to find out what it's like to work for an insurance brokerage. And it provided us with the opportunity to get to know these potential new teammates in a hands-on work environment. That win-win situation has now moved to the next level, with two of our outstanding interns being awarded Council Foundation scholarships to help them complete their education."

The Council Foundation's mission is to bring fresh, diverse talent into the brokerage sector by way of internships with member firms of The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers. In awarding the scholarships, an independent selection committee looks for candidates who have the potential to excel as leaders and contributors in the commercial insurance brokerage business sector.

The Council Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable educational organization instituted by the Washington, D.C.-based Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers. Part of the Foundation's core mission is to secure the future of the commercial insurance brokerage business by attracting and developing tomorrow's talent.

The interns are among 75 college students across the country who received Council Foundation scholarships this year.

CORA to host information session for 'Community Without Hunger'

PITTSBORO — Join CORA on Oct. 6 at the Farrington Village Barn for a community conversation on the fight against food insecurity in Chatham County.

CORA staff and board members will share insight on the past year, highlight the pivotal moves made to meet the increased need, and share exciting news about the new building, renovations, and our ambitious vision for the future. The session will be held 8 to 9:30 a.m. at 2000 Farrington Village Center Pittsboro.

Please learn more and register for free at https://bit.ly/CC_CORA.

Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Hankins at rebecca@corafoodpantry.org.

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Sheriff's Office responds to physical confrontation at Northwood

From Chatham County Sheriff's Office

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Sheriff's Office was notified of a physical confrontation in progress in the parking lot of Northwood High School in Pittsboro last Tuesday morning. Student Resource Officers (SROs) on campus immediately responded to the parking lot where they encountered multiple students and adults engaged in a physical altercation.

Because of the nature of the incident, Northwood High School was placed under a precautionary lockdown

Tuesday as additional units responded to separate and interview all parties. The scene was quickly secured and restrictions were lifted to allow all students to transition as usual to their next classes. No weapons were involved and no medical attention was required.

"Students' safety and well-being is Chatham County Schools' top priority," said Chatham County Schools spokesperson Nancy Wykle. "We are grateful to the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this matter and their continued partnership with the district. Any students



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Sheriff's Office
Nashawna Sheree Bagley (left) and Gloria Ellen Young (right).

involved will be held accountable following board policy guidelines and the Student Code of Civility. Adults involved are no longer allowed on school grounds. We will continue to follow our safety processes and the protocols we have in place to protect the security of our students

and staff."

Sheriff Mike Roberson commends his deputies as well as members of the Pittsboro Police Department, who responded due to the school's location within city limits, for working swiftly to contain the incident and charge those responsible for the disturbance.

Two adults and two juveniles have been implicated in the incident. The adults, Nashawna Sheree Bagley, 47, of 127 Broadmoor Dr., Apt. 207, Pittsboro, and Gloria Ellen Young, 43, of 1140 West 3rd St., Siler City, are accused of physically assaulting one another and have each been

criminally charged with simple assault, affray, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. They are due to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Oct. 19.

"We will not tolerate violent acts or unruly disruptions in or around our schools," Roberson says. "As adults, we are responsible for providing our children with safe, inclusive and constructive learning environments. We must model respect, professionalism and kindness to one another in all that we do in order to cultivate those same behaviors in our homes and schools."



Staff photo by Nikki Witt

The Takiri Folclor Group performs at the Hispanic Heritage Festival, festooned in bright colors.

Hispanic Heritage Fiesta welcomes 5,000 patrons

BY ILANA DUBESTER
 Hispanic Liaison Executive Director

After a three-year hiatus because of COVID-19, this year's Hispanic Heritage Fiesta on Sept. 17 attracted 5,000 people to downtown Siler City in a celebration of Hispanic arts and culture. Fiesta is hosted annually by the Hispanic Liaison in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Fiesta opened to the sounds of mariachi, and the crowds enjoyed diverse Latinx rhythms, traditions and foods throughout the day. There was live music by Mariachi Mexico 2000 and Descendientes de Tierra Caliente, performances by folkloric dance groups, games for youth, and over 70 booths from nonprofits, government agencies, businesses and craft vendors. Piedmont Health Services brought their new health clinic bus to offer COVID-19 vaccines for children and adults.

We're thrilled to have hosted our most successful Hispanic Heritage Fiesta yet. The crowds began arriving early and Fiesta was busy all day long. We're very grateful to everyone who attended, our volunteers and the 57 event sponsors who made this year's Fiesta possible.

A Frida Kahlo 'Mojiganga'

One of Fiesta's highlights was a parade of traditional outfits and quinceañeras featuring a 10-foot tall "mojiganga" (giant puppet) of Frida Kahlo, which as designed and built by the Liaison's staff member, Elena Gonzalez, with help from her husband, Juan Carlos Gonzalez. The "mojiganga" paraded through two blocks of N. Chatham Avenue alongside children, youth and adults in traditional outfits from various Latin American countries.

The "mojiganga" will be on display at the N.C. Arts Incubator's gallery through Oct. 15 alongside paintings from Leticia Alvarez, a Mexican artist from Raleigh who is the featured artist for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Words from local officials

Several local leaders helped welcome the crowds at the Fiesta's official opening. County commissioner Franklin Gomez-Flores, one of five Latinx county commissioners in the state, encouraged participants to reach out to him to talk about issues affecting their lives and share ideas of how to improve our local economy, education and more.

Siler City Mayor Thomas "Chip" Price III welcomed participants to the event, thanked the organizers, and discussed the upcoming growth in the town with the announcement of WolfSpeed coming to the CAM site.

"This will bring several changes to the people living here," Price said, encouraging the Latinx community to engage in civic opportunities with the town.

Hannia Benitez, the Hispanic Liaison's Deputy Director, spoke about her role as the chair of the recently established Immigrant Community Advisory Committee for the town. Benitez encouraged everyone to engage in the committee's efforts to improve communication and relationships between Latinx residents and the town.

Fiesta ended with the bursting of a piñata and a raffle with nine prizes.

"It was a beautiful day and beautiful celebration of our community and our cultures," Benitez said. "We could not be prouder of our staff and volunteers who worked so hard to organize a great Fiesta."

Pittsboro commissioners talk water plant, local ABC quarterly report

BY MAYDHA DEVARAJAN
 News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Town commissioners debated Monday night submitting a letter of intent to the state for a FEMA grant to conduct a feasibility study exploring alternative energy sources in the expansion of the town's drinking water plant, but ultimately voted against the move.

Commissioner John Bonitz, the sole vocal yes, proposed the letter, advocating the town explore the use of innovative technologies — such as solar or solar plus batteries — based on the expectation that Pittsboro will eventually expand its water plant. Currently, the plant, with its new Granulated Active Carbon filtration system, processes around 1 million gallons of water a day.

Bonitz said an expansion, perhaps up to processing around 8 million gallons of water daily, would cost \$2 million to \$6 million in conventional electricity upgrades — an estimate made by former Town Manager Chris Kennedy.

Bonitz said the goal would be to reduce the overall capital project and overall energy bill moving forward. He proposed that the board submit the letter to the N.C. Dept. of Public Safety, saying that FEMA's grantmaking process awards more points to applicants for future projects when the applicant has previously gotten FEMA funding for the feasibility analysis. The FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant supports communities in pursuing hazard mitigation projects and reducing risks they face from natural disasters.

Bonitz also said he inquired from different firms about the potential cost of the study, which ranged from one saying they would do it for free while another said the cost could fall between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

"I think we're going to have more power supply interruptions in the future," Bonitz said. "I think we're going to have more instability. And this would give us the preparation to be resilient in the face of power outages."

Several other commissioners, though, remained concerned about the town taking on the cost of the project and its relevance given the speculative nature of the expansion, particularly

as the potential merger between Pittsboro and Sanford's water and wastewater systems progresses.

"We've got a lot going on with this merger, I'm curious if it's worthwhile to do this — is it going to work out for the town? Is it going to work out for Sanford?" Commissioner Jay Farrell asked. "So if the feasibility [study, they] want to do it at no charge, I can support it but I'm not in favor of \$25,000 for somebody to give us a feasibility survey, and we may not even need it."

Commissioner James Vose reiterated these sentiments.

"If we're going to do a utility merger, I kind of feel like we're trying to solve a problem that they might face one day and trying to imagine what they might be seeing on that day," Vose said. "That just seems like a lot of carts before horses."

Interim Town Manager Hazen Blodgett also echoed uncertainty regarding how the Sanford-Pittsboro merger would impact the water system in considering the letter of intent, and noted the constraints around staff time.

Monday marked Blodgett's first meeting in his new role. Blodgett Chris Kennedy for his assistance in transition-

ing him to the role, also reminding the board that his contract runs through Jan. 31.

"The hiring process for a manager is difficult and time-consuming but I want to thank you guys for being so on top of it," Blodgett said. "Because time will fly by."

Other business

Pittsboro commissioners also heard a quarterly update from the ABC Board. Hugh Harrington, chairperson of the ABC Board and a former Pittsboro commissioner, presented the report, and stated that the board had just received its fiscal audit for 2021-22.

Net sales are down 1.2%. Additionally, mixed beverage sales are up 55% while in-store sales are down 7%, Harrington reported.

"So it's kind of a reverse of what happened when COVID hit two years ago," Harrington said, noting that restaurants and bars have opened back up.

He said construction south of the courthouse impacted access to the ABC Store on Sanford Road. Supply chain issues also affected sales, Harrington said. The store also had at least \$25,000 in overtime during the past year with limited staff.

The distributions to

the town were \$74,000 compared to around \$56,000 the previous year. The improved cash position included an end-of-year distribution of \$19,000 in excess working capital.

He said current trends in the past two months of the new fiscal year show that Pittsboro ABC is up in revenue in retail and mixed beverage sales.

Downtown Development Director Theresa Thompson presented a request for approval of a \$5,000 reimbursement for façade grant funding at Realty World Carolina Properties in downtown Pittsboro, which the board unanimously approved. Costs for the Andrews Realty Company to install a new canopy and a new wall sign to the exterior of the building on 73 Hillsboro St. were around \$15,000. Main Street Pittsboro had previously approved a reimbursement of one half of the cost or \$5,000, whichever amount was less.

The commissioners will next meet 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, at in the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center.

Reporter Maydha Devarajan can be reached at mdevarajan@chathamnr.com and on Twitter @maydhadevarajan.

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ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD "FLY THE COOP"?

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ENDING IN FIVE DIGITS

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- 1 Big name in health insurance
- 6 2010 Apple debut
- 10 Love to excess, with "on"
- 14 "Get lost!"
- 19 Park for mobile campers
- 20 Reuben offerer
- 21 "Bejabbers!"
- 22 Sycophant
- 23 Welcome words to a job applicant
- 25 House badly in need of repairs
- 27 Bake-off dish
- 28 Yoko of art
- 29 Floor layers
- 30 Active Sicilian
- 31 Tampa Bay Rays' stadium
- 36 Org. for some ex-GIs
- 38 Tijuana Mr.
- 39 Makeup of Hawaii
- 40 Yellow-orange fruit
- 44 Bed for sushi

DOWN

- 1 Underground vaults
- 2 Afriqué's Côte d'—
- 3 Attach using paste
- 4 Fish-fowl link
- 5 Devoured
- 6 "Let It Go" singer
- 7 Italian beer brand
- 8 British beer
- 9 Pulled off
- 10 Disobeyers
- 11 "Darby — and the Little People"
- 12 Levied
- 13 Broadway singer Linda
- 14 "Disco" cartoon guy
- 15 Manage, as a problem
- 16 Engrossed
- 17 City in Yemen
- 18 Gore Vidal's Breckinridge
- 24 Ad —
- 26 Reply to an invite
- 29 Traffic snarl
- 32 Skin opening
- 33 Pupul locale
- 34 Really rail at
- 35 Dud

ACROSS

- 47 —wester
- 48 Fish feature
- 50 Prefix with botany
- 51 Dean of Truman's Cabinet
- 54 Agreed-upon time
- 57 Hitter Gehrig
- 58 African land
- 60 Phonies
- 61 Pre-U queue
- 62 Liberalism
- 67 Low-key
- 70 Ram hard
- 71 Winter hrs. in D.C.
- 72 Haifa citizens
- 76 "Doggone it!"
- 77 Additional plateful
- 79 Lupino of "High Sierra"
- 81 Trifled (with)
- 84 Purposes
- 85 D.C. ballplayer
- 86 Certain role-playing game
- 91 Gives, as duties
- 94 Spanish national hero
- 95 Part of ENT
- 96 Ar-tee linkup
- 97 Dandy dudes

DOWN

- 98 Dismissive facial reaction
- 100 One — (long odds)
- 102 Delta rival, once
- 106 Gallic pal
- 107 Spread on "Bonanza"
- 111 End-of-workweek cry
- 114 Formulas of belief
- 116 LA-to-IL dir.
- 117 "Kitchy-kitchy- —!"
- 118 Appliance that cooks batter
- 120 In advance ... or where nine key words in this puzzle might appear
- 124 Whether by land —
- 125 With 112-Down, she had a "Tootsie" role
- 126 Sheik, e.g.
- 127 One of the Osmonds
- 128 Smelting waste
- 129 Deputy: Abbr.
- 130 "Doggone it!"
- 131 1998 Apple debut

ACROSS

- 37 Mr. Flintstone
- 40 Feed the kitty
- 41 Chuckling with glee
- 42 Big burden
- 43 Civil wrong
- 46 Attending
- 46 Ratify
- 48 Royal decree
- 49 Writing fluid
- 51 Swiss peaks
- 52 "Neat!"
- 53 Luau entertainment
- 55 Departing for
- 56 Potent coffee
- 59 Language akin to Thai
- 63 "— bad boy!"
- 64 Bronze metal
- 65 West Yorkshire city
- 66 Key near F1
- 68 Mineo of film
- 69 Month no. 9
- 72 SSNs, e.g.
- 73 Paper bundle
- 74 — instant (very quickly)
- 75 Some NCOs
- 77 Scorch
- 78 Baby's bottle
- 79 Notion, to Luc
- 80 "— noted"
- 82 "The — lama, he's a priest"
- 83 Sumac of song
- 87 World's tallest creatures

DOWN

- 88 Ancient Dead Sea region
- 89 Takes care of
- 90 Punta del —
- 92 San Antonio hoopster
- 93 "Insecure" co-star Rae
- 99 Dog pests
- 100 Part of the conspiracy
- 101 Diet-friendly, maybe
- 103 Turkey's capital
- 104 Like sacred images
- 105 — Scholar
- 107 French for "fathers"
- 108 Bad smells
- 109 Uppity types
- 110 — Lingus
- 111 Having length and width but not depth, for short
- 112 See 125-Across
- 113 "In case it's true ..."
- 115 Poet Dove
- 119 Part of UNLV
- 120 Watering hole
- 121 Notable period of time
- 122 Former big record co.
- 123 Easter entree

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: A FARM BUILDING

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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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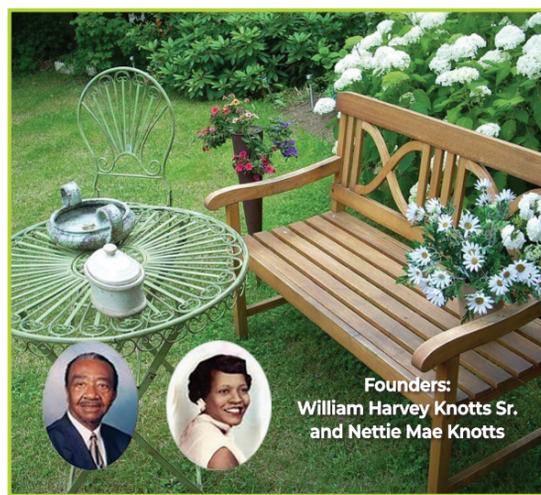
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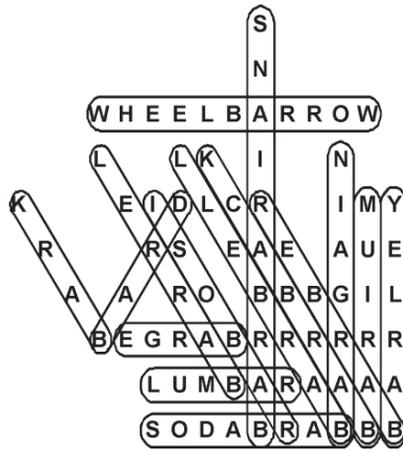


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My Way, or Picture Post-Apocalyptic Wasteland Here

When I was a kid, we lived in the South for a while at various times. And as any human who has been to some type of group eat situation (anything from a baby shower, funeral lunch, bridge game, to anything, really) in the Southeast of this great nation, I was around pimento cheese.



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
 The Curious Cook

My experience was tiny, crustless (read fancy and ladylike) triangles. The thinnest of orange bands running horizontally between two slices of spongy bread, which sported the arresting white of a televangelist's shoes.

What did they taste like? No idea, because my mother, who bless her heart, has a quite limited palate, said it was gross so as a child I never tried it.

When The Kid was little, I once said, "Go ahead, but you won't like it," to a proffered sample in a market called Wellspring.

After hearing what I had said translated on the employee's face, I vowed to never color a new food for The Kid with my opinion. From then on, I said, "Give it a try, you never know; it might be your new favorite food!"

OK, Gentle Reader, enough of proselytizing of my all-wise parenting techniques, back to the main sermon: pimento cheese!

Now that pimento cheese has become trendy, the North has claimed its invention.

Here's what I say to a bunch of jumped-up, beard-wearing, bow-tie-sporting, penny

Classic Pimento Cheese

(Inspired by recipe in Garden and Gun Magazine)

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 (4-ounce) jar diced pimentos, lightly drained
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Cayenne pepper (totally optional)
- 1 ½ cups lightly packed coarsely shredded extra-sharp yellow cheddar cheese
- 1 ½ cups lightly packed coarsely shredded extra-sharp aged white cheddar cheese

In a medium bowl, whisk the mayonnaise, pimentos, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, and cayenne together. Fold in the cheeses with a rubber spatula to thoroughly combine. Transfer to a container, cover, and refrigerate for a few hours before serving to allow the flavors to meld. Before eating, check for seasoning, re-season if necessary, and serve. Use within 1 week.

Pimento Cheese Egg Salad

Gently mix in four roughly chopped, medium boiled eggs. Add a bit a mayonnaise if seems too tight. Serve on anything on which you'd serve egg salad or pimento cheese.

farthing riding "foodies" from Brooklyn, New York:

Sure, Champ, sure you did. Here's the singular irrefutable evidence that proves this desperate grasping attempt at culinary thievery a lie:

Apologist of this theory claim the "dip" (alarm bells should start when they begin by calling it "dip" and not "spread" as it rightfully is) came about when pimentos were mixed into a newly developed farmer's cheese, or as it's known today: cream cheese.

Yup, and Aunt Bea made some banging pickles.

If you use or permit cream cheese in the pimento cheese you serve or consume, I'm sorry, sir, but you are no true Southerner.

You are a misinformed, ignorant Northerner, or a tragically, culinarily neglected Southerner.

Here's the skinny; cream cheese, while delicious and a wonderful binder for all types

of inventions, should never, ever, be in pimento cheese.

Period. Cream cheese is a cheat that detracts, rather than adds to both the flavor and texture of authentic pimento cheese spread.

I do however have my own theory concerning farmer's cheese contributing to the invention of it.

I think it was originally made with sharp, a little less oily, a little more aged, hoop cheese. Really good pimento cheese should be sharp enough to make your eyes water. Aged hoop cheddar is the perfect flavor and texture. Or, if you can't lay your hands on that, cheddar that is so aged it has begun forming tiny crystals within.

Once you've made the real thing, I have no problems with cheesing outside the box. I'm not here to judge, so if you want to add some hot chili-type of product or pile on the cayenne, have fun (as long



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

Pimento cheese done right.

as heat, otherwise known as heightened Scoville units are consensual with your diners). You want to add toasted pecans or put it in an omelet, be my guest.

I say this because I just did something to it that I've never had, nor seen before.

I mixed pimento cheese with egg salad.

I know, on the surface it sounds odd, but in practice, it's awesome!

and really good. The mayonnaise/pimento binder mixes with the egg yolks and becomes almost mousse-like. The pimento and inherent funk of the cheese erases any eggy, sulfuric taint — in flavor and aroma. And if you use a medium-boiled egg, the bright yellow orange is a pretty highlight in the finished product.

Thanks for your time. Contact me at dm@bullcitymom.com.



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