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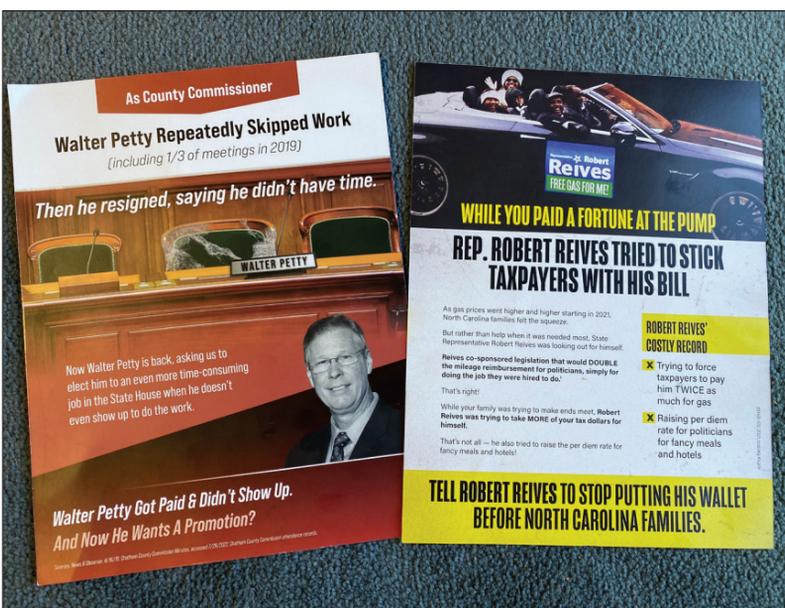
Petty, Reives denounce negative ads

BY MAYDHA DEVARAJAN & BEN RAPPAPORT
News + Record Staff

The race for the Dist. 54 seat N.C. House of Representatives has gotten personal, with both candidates decrying mailers sent to constituents containing what they believe are inappropriate and unfair attacks.

Incumbent Rep. Robert Reives II, who holds the Dist. 54 seat — which includes all of Chatham and a portion of Randolph County — took to Twitter last week in a video directly appealing to his opponent, former Chatham County Commissioner Walter Petty, to refrain from “dragging (his) family” into the political campaign.

In the two-minute video, Reives said he had already addressed the issue directly with his opponent, whom he did not name.



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Examples of negative political mailers sent to Dist. 54 voters.

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ELECTIONS 2022

Incumbent faces former commissioner in N.C. House race

BY MAYDHA DEVARAJAN
News + Record Staff

The contest for Chatham’s N.C. House of Representatives seat will see incumbent Rep. Robert Reives II face off against former Chatham County Commissioner Walter Petty in this fall’s mid-term elections.



Petty



Reives

Reives, a Democrat originally from Sanford, has served in the General Assembly since 2014 and is an attorney with Sanford law firm Wilson, Reives, Silverman & Doran. He was elected as House Democratic Leader in late 2020 and represents District 54, which encompasses Chatham County and a portion of Randolph County, and now lives in Goldston.

His Republican opponent, Walter Petty, is a lifelong resident of Siler City who began a long stretch of service as commissioner beginning in 2010. Petty stepped down in the middle of a four-year term in his Dist. 5 board seat in April 2019, at the time citing the demands of his growing business, Atlantic Power Solutions — a generator sales and service company.

Each candidate provided responses to two sets of questionnaires provided by the News + Record.

Goals for office + policy issues

If re-elected, Reives said his legislative priorities include supporting the establishment of a nonpartisan redistricting commission; pushing for legislation to raise the age limit for the purchase of handguns and assault rifles, banning bumper stocks and high capacity magazines and expanding background checks to purchase a firearm; and pushing to revisit Medicaid expansion in North Carolina.

Reives said political gridlock has prevented Medicaid expansion from happening in the state and that rejecting federal funds for that purpose in the past was “irresponsible.”

“We are close this year, and I believe that expanding Medicaid would be a transformational shift for our state,” he said. “Hundreds of thousands of people who lack insurance today would gain coverage. That would be good for the health and well-being of our neighbors, as well as a boon for our economy. It is both morally and fiscally sound policy, and would help lower insurance rates for everyone.”

Petty’s priorities as a legislator would include supporting and enhancing education while “requiring accountability in performance along with a parent’s bill of rights and increased school security,” as well as supporting public service agencies such as law enforcement, EMS and fire and rescue departments.

When it comes to expanding Medicaid, Petty told the News + Record he’d support

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175TH ANNIVERSARY

Pittsboro Baptist Church celebrating past while living in present, planning for future

BY BOB WACHS
News + Record Correspondent

PITTSBORO — While there’s some uncertainty to the exact date Pittsboro Baptist Church came to be, there’s no doubt that now there’s a big celebration going on to commemorate its anniversary.

An inscription on the cornerstone taken from the first meeting house, built in 1847, reads “Baptist Church Organized in 1817,” but no record of location, members or building can be found for that church. So when members today speak of a church birth date, they mean 1847 when that meeting house was completed in November at a cost of \$1,200. The building was the dream of a handful of people who posted construction bond after resolving in 1845-1846 to organize a church.

That means this year marks 175 years of ministry and missions. Members have already



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Kathy Shaffer, who's helping to coordinate the 175th anniversary activities at Pittsboro Baptist Church, looks around the church's sanctuary. The milestone is being celebrated through October.

been celebrating that milestone and will continue through the middle of October.

But prior to celebrating, such a major event has to be planned by numerous people over a long haul.

“As we saw 2022 approaching,” Kathy Shaffer, chairperson of the church’s Heritage Committee, said, “we started nagging people. And I’m good at that. We were aware of the two dates, but thought it best to go with the records we had so that

makes 175 years this year.”

It was around 2015 when the work on this year’s plans began, Shaffer said.

“Tripp Harmon, our pastor at the time, and our deacons signed on to the project, and we put a group together to start research and to make plans.”

A Heritage Committee — consisting of Shaffer, Judy Beaver, Diane

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‘FAIR AND LEGITIMATE RESULTS’

Voter integrity protected here, Chatham’s elections director says

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

Free elections and election integrity are essential pillars of American democracy, but Chatham County’s elections director says she tells skeptics and those who make inquiries about the voting process that she’s confident that every vote counts.

Pandora Paschal, who’s been the executive director of the board of

elections for the last 13 years, says her answer to questions about integrity in the local process has been consistent over the years.

“I believe we produce fair and legitimate results, and as a matter of fact, I know we do,” Paschal said. “Looking at elections in Chatham County, we’ve had some of the highest voter turnout [in the state]. I think that speaks volumes for

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ELECTIONS 2022: CHATHAM COMMISSIONERS

Dist. 4 matchup features Godfrey, Kenlan

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
News + Record Staff

The northwestern district of Chatham County will see a change in its county representation in November with a race featuring Democrat Katie Kenlan, an educator, and Republican Joe Godfrey, a service operations supervisor at Siemens Industry, for the Dist. 4 seat.

The seat on the commission board is now occupied by former Chatham County School Superintendent Robert Logan, who was appointed to fill the term of former Commissioner Jim



Godfrey



Kenlan

Crawford. Crawford resigned from the seat in December; Logan opted not to seek a full term as commissioner.

Kenlan’s platform focuses on climate
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ON THE AGENDA

• **The Chatham County Board of Education** will at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, at George Moses Horton Middle School's multipurpose room for a special meeting to interview candidates for the vacant Dist. 1 seat. The board will also meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, at Chatham Grove Elementary's media center for its regular meeting.

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

• **The Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, at the county's historic courthouse.

• **The Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors** will meet on Thursday, October 13, at 7 p.m. at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, 1192 US 64 W Business, Pittsboro (west side entrance) in the conference room. All meetings

are open to the public. To be added to the agenda or for more information, please call 919-545-8440.

• ONGOING

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

• **The League of Women Voters** of North Carolina announces the availability of VOTE411.org for the 2022 Midterm Election. The League's nonpartisan online election resource offers voters a "one-stop shop" for all things election related as they prepare to cast their ballots. Early voting runs from Thursday, October 20 to Saturday, November 5. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. VOTE411.org is a comprehensive resource on voting information where citizens can learn about the policy positions of candidates on their ballot, get detailed instructions on registering to vote, find an early voting location, confirm their election day polling place,

and take the guesswork out of the absentee-by-mail process.

• **Beginning October 6, 2022, Chatham Community Library** will host a science fiction film series every Thursday throughout the month from 6 to 8 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. Spoon-

er's investigation reveals a trail of secrets and agendas within the USR (United States Robotics) corporation and suspicions of murder. - 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.vanduijnen@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.recodesk.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

CLARIFICATION

The story "Glendinning and Delaney face off for vacated Dist. 3 seat," published in the Sept. 29-Oct. 4 edition, may have inferred that David Delaney served on the boards of a local NAACP branch and Chatham Chamber of Commerce. While he is a member of both organizations, he does not hold a leadership role at this time. The story has been updated to reflect this information.

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.recodesk.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.

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- 354 A Mountain View (Pittsboro)
- 138 Oakwood Lane (Pittsboro)
- 218 A Poplar Street (Chapel Hill)
- 58 Lily McCoy Lane (Pittsboro)
- 1637 Briar Chapel Parkway (Chapel Hill)
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- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
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- 94 Pine Cone Loop (Pittsboro)
- 903 Woodland Drive (Siler City)

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- Lot 1, TC Justice Road (5.272 Acres)
- 0 Callicutt Road (60.376 Acres)
- 0 Olives Chapel Road (75.43 Acres)
- 12190 E US 64 Hwy (15.158 Acres)
- 0 US 64 Hwy W (11.396 Acres)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers) 1 Units

- 298 CD Thomas Road (Siler City)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 2 Units

- 650 Half Dollar Road (Chapel Hill)
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Braswell, Cindy Hayes, Susan Griffin, the late Barbara Jones, Laura Outz and Marilyn Tyndall — began meeting and working. They pulled information from every source they could find during meetings at the church, located on West Salisbury Street. During that time, Harmon left as pastor to take on another ministry role and the church and committee eventually welcomed the Rev. Allen Blume as an intentional interim.

“The transition team we had in place at that

time was a good one,” Shaffer said. “But then we got behind — as did many churches — when COVID came along. Eventually, we were able to gear up again in the spring of 2020 with lots of prayer and various committees working and reporting on what we wanted for the celebration.”

As the months went by, more people got involved and the committee adopted a motto for the event — “Building Our Future on History of Faith.” At the first Heritage Committee meeting, Blume pointed out to the group that Pittsboro Baptist Church is “shaped by its

past,” and the group’s purpose was to gather up as much history as possible without evaluating it. Coincidentally, the work of the Heritage Committee and that of the pastor search committee went almost hand-in-glove as the Heritage Committee, as Shaffer said, “brainstormed the information we felt was important to someone interested in becoming our pastor.”

As those topics grew, more and more sources of information came to light, including church conference minutes, Sunday School classes, Women’s Missionary Society activities, church newsletters and bulletins

and directories, church histories and archives from The Biblical Recorder. While some areas had gaps in their information, others had almost overwhelming amounts that convinced the committee their research was done and it was time to use that information to plan for the celebration.

From all the work there came such a plan, a schedule of events that does its best to cover such an undertaking. On Aug. 28, a Christmas ornament and painting done by church member Jeff Christian, an artist, were unveiled as mementos and are available for purchase. On Sept. 17, church members and friends celebrated with a “kick off” day at church property on N.C. Hwy. 902 with a cookout, games, a puppet and magic show and Bluegrass music by the Wood Family Tradition.

As the celebration moved along, morning worship services featured bulletin covers from the past, a variety of songs and hymns by the choir, led by Marilyn Tyndall and Paul Larusso, and a “history parade” of former members and pastors who made their marks in Christian service. Among them are William A. Lineberry, the first pastor; Pearl Johnson, a missionary to China from 1915 until 1949; Julia Bland, who served as organist for 50 years; George Griffin, a son of the church who taught at Wake Forest College for 33 years and was chairperson of the Department of Religion there from 1962 until 1969, and Joanna Foushee, an early member of the church who sold her jewelry in the 1880s to purchase a silver communion set the church used at the Oct. 2 worship service.

Before Foushee personally could donate the items to the church, she became ill and bedridden and unable to attend worship services. Undeterred, shortly before her death, the church family came to her home to celebrate the Lord’s Supper using that set. Shortly afterward, she died at age 38.

The culmination of the



Staff photo by Peyton Suckles

Kathy Shaffer, who’s helping to coordinate the 175th anniversary activities at Pittsboro Baptist Church, studies photos of church pastors and leaders from over the years. The milestone is being celebrated through October.

birthday celebration will be this Sunday, Oct. 9, at the annual homecoming service when the guest speaker will be the Rev. Todd Unzicker, secretary-treasurer of the N.C. Baptist State Convention. Former pastors and staff will be recognized, a 175th-anniversary video will be shown, remembrance candles will be lit, and there will be a Noon covered dish lunch. After lunch, a time capsule to be opened in 2047 on the occasion of the church’s 200th anniversary.

“Putting this together has involved a lot of people and a lot of work,” Diane Braswell, who served on the Heritage Committee, said in a classic understatement. “But it’s been good. We’re excited about our past but are looking forward to the future.”

The Rev. Peter McDonald, who became church pastor last November, sees the celebration as a blessing. In a recent issue of the church newsletter, The Spiral, he wrote, “Our opportunities are growing at Pittsboro

Baptist Church and we need your help in being a part ... We’re on mission together to reach the lost, disciple the church and love others in the way of Christ that they may know Him and follow Him.”

The 175th-anniversary celebration, he said, is a way to celebrate the history while moving into the future. “We’re excited,” he said, “and welcome people to be a part.”

A word in the 150th birthday celebration program perhaps sums up the church’s vision. It says, in part, “The journey for Pittsboro Baptist Church that the brave men and women in 1847 first envisioned for our church has been an interesting and eventful one. Along the way we have dreamed and fumbled, built and rebuilt, but always there has been a love for each other and for our Savior Jesus Christ that gave us the victory ... It is that faith that must and will keep us moving on our next landmark birthday.”



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issues, including land preservation, improving wastewater infrastructure and smart growth strategies. Godfrey is interested in improving the county’s affordable housing stock, lowering taxes and limiting what he calls “wasteful spending.”

While their platforms

differ in many arenas, both agree on the need to protect green spaces as the county continues on a rapid path of development.

Qualification and county involvement

Both candidates are lifetime Chatham residents. Godfrey grew up on a farm in Pittsboro, where he has lived for

more than 50 years. He says growing up in the county means he understands first-hand the pain the rapid development has caused.

“I feel I can relate to how much our families struggle to make ends meet because of inflation and bad decisions by the current administration,” he told the News + Record.

Godfrey’s involvement in the county also includes being a member of Baptists on Mission and a former coach and referee for Chatham County’s recreation department.

Kenlan, also a lifelong Pittsboro resident, is the daughter of Elaine Chiosso, the executive director of the Haw River Assembly. Kenlan said the speed of development is also one of the things that inspired her to run for office. While Godfrey believes the development may harm the local economy, Kenlan is more focused on development’s potential destruction of natural resources.

“I want to make sure development is done thoughtfully, so we don’t sacrifice the beauty of the natural world that makes Chatham so special,” she said.

The Democrat candidate also helps her mother as a volunteer with the Haw River Assembly, and a frequent foster parent at Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE). Kenlan has also previously served as the Hadley Precinct Vice Chair for the Chatham County



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The community that is: Merry Oaks holds a rich history in need of hope

MERRY OAKS — Just off Old U.S. 1 sits a pristine white church, the grass outside always freshly cut. Inside are bright red pews and marbled windows with swirls of pink, purple and blue; four golden light fixtures hang — one from each corner of the ceiling.

It's not the biggest church in Chatham County by any stretch, but it has some of the richest history.

Earlier this month, we ventured to Merry Oaks Baptist Church for the congregation's annual homecoming ceremony. Visiting pastors traveled to Merry Oaks for the occasion, and families of congregation members drove in from out of state to attend the service, which was followed by a Sunday afternoon potluck with all the homemade fixin's.

This year's celebration, however, had a unique aura to it. One of hope, nostalgia and fear of the unknown future.

Merry Oaks Baptist Church has stood tall near Pea Ridge Road since 1888. It's seen generations of family members come and go over the years. Many of the families still



Staff photo by Anna Connors

Members of Merry Oaks Baptist Church and their loved ones share in a Homecoming meal following the church service on Sept. 25.

attending services have ties dating back centuries.

Now, however, that communal history is under threat. Recent plans from the N.C. Department of Transportation show roadways leading to the new VinFast facility at Triangle Innovation Point in Moncure will pass through Merry Oaks.

The current plans from NCDOT show the roadways will displace 27 homes, five busi-

nesses and one historic church: Merry Oaks Baptist.

Plans for the roadways have not been finalized by NCDOT. Updated designs may be available by December or January, and the project team is still in the process of addressing public comments, according to NCDOT Communications Officer Harris Kay.

Kay said phase 1 is estimated to relocate three businesses, 11

homes and Merry Oaks Baptist Church; phase 2 is estimated to impact an additional two businesses and 16 homes.

While members of the congregation are frustrated and upset at the current NCDOT plans, they also believe the future of the church is in God's hands. In nearly a century and a half, the tall white steeple atop Merry Oaks Baptist has been no stranger to trying times.

The NCDOT plans only the latest to come its way.

Still, the uncertainty of Merry Oaks Baptist's future has rallied congregation members and their families, some of whom spent years away from the sanctuary until the homecoming celebration this past month. One congregation member has started a Facebook page called "Save Historic NC Church," which features photos from 50-year-old Easter egg hunts, weddings from the early 1900s and old photographs of some of the congregation members who still attend services there.

The red pews hold more memories than the aging minds of its members can

recall. It holds the beginnings of awkward relationships that later became marriages, the echoes of old choir practices and maybe even the hidden crumbs of cookies made by the preacher's wife every Sunday.

Beyond the walls of the sanctuary, the church is an important symbol because it is the last remaining pillar of the community that once was the town of Merry Oaks.

The community is all too familiar with the casualties of development. The town was once touted as the next big thing in the state — it had a massive dance hall that drew commuters from Raleigh; it was home of the first ever school in the county opened in 1906, and dozens of families lived in rental housing along what is now Old U.S. 1. All of that is now gone. As the Raleigh News & Observer said in an article from 1966, "Merry Oaks is a town that was."

And it remains that way today — an afterthought in the pursuit of industrial progress for the Triangle. "Somewhere

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Baseballness

My favorite sport is baseball.

I've lost many readers with that opening sentence. Baseball is not even in the top five of the most popular sports in America. Despite this, I press on with this column. (Apologies to Bill Horner III and the staff at the Chatham News + Record who are trying to sell newspapers.)

Sportswriter Jason Gay still lauded "the very baseballness" of the sport. What makes the game unique and valuable, even if it is no longer America's favorite pastime?

Even with the new rules that establish pitching and batting clocks, baseball does not have periods, quarters or halves like other sports. Every inning is over when three outs are recorded, no matter how long it takes. This drives some people to change the channel. Our culture likes things fast-paced, high-speed and on-demand.

But timelessness is part of this sport's charm. It's also countercultural. So much of my life runs on a tight schedule. Baseball offers a different perspective: We have as much time as it takes.

Maybe the new rule that times each visit to the pitching mound is a good thing. (There's that scene in the famous baseball movie "Bull Durham" in which players call timeout to discuss wedding gifts.)

But part of "baseballness," since not every moment is action-packed, calls for side conversations. During games I find that I drift back in time, reminiscing with my father or brother about games in the past. Or I explain certain details of the sport to my children, soaking in the moments with them.

The fun is that we lose track of time.

Sitting in the ballpark bleachers, my young kids are distracted by things like pigeons and peanut shells. They devote more attention to their cotton candy than my detailed explanation of the infield fly rule. There's a lesson there as well.

Gay maintains, "(Baseball) is an old game that enforces humility, and that might be the best thing about it."

A strikeout in the next at-bat after a home run reminds us of the ancient dictum that pride goes before the fall. Just as the best hitters fail seven out of every 10 times, some of my efforts to teach my children are a swing and a miss. Parenting, as in baseball, can teach you to make a serious effort yet not take yourself too seriously.

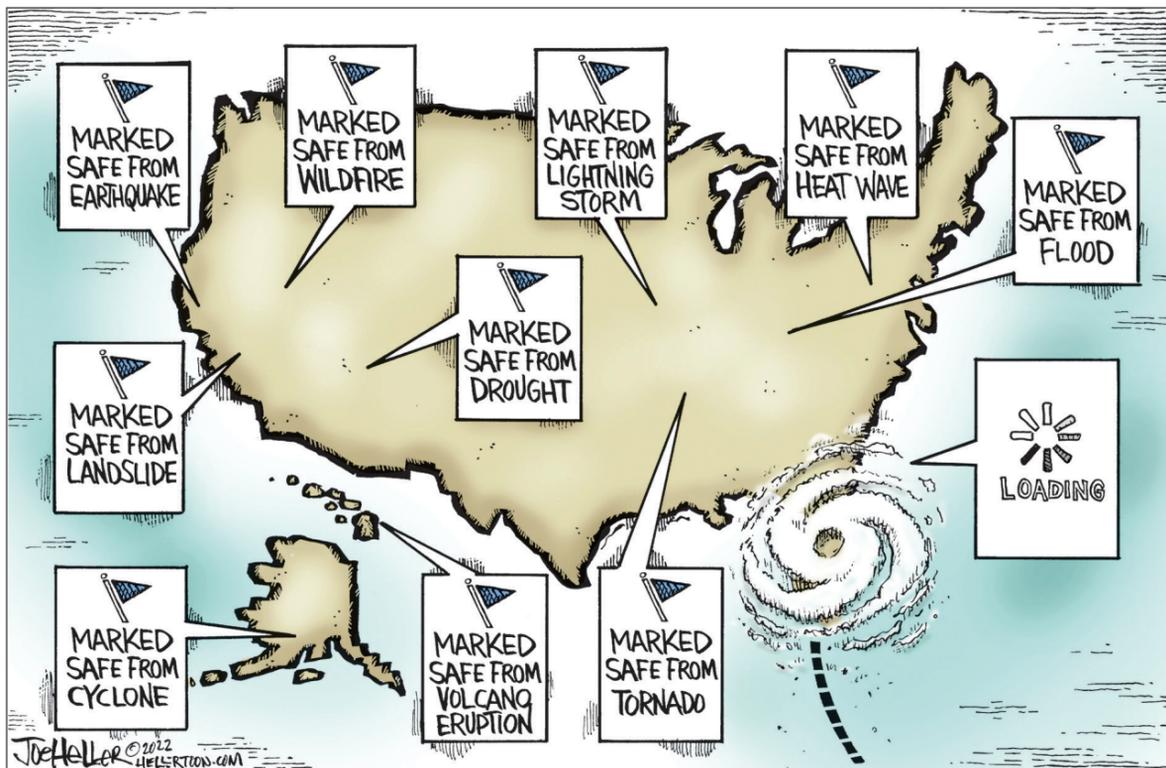
Like losing track of time, such humility is also countercultural. Whether athlete, entertainer or politician, a genuinely humble public figure is about as rare as a no-hitter. To be fair, there are also arrogant baseball players.

But, though every batter steps to the plate as an individual, baseball is a team game. No player wins all by himself.

Perhaps that humble attitude of teamwork is even less popular in our culture than the grand old game itself, and more needed than a left-handed pitcher who throws strikes. Our cultural obsessions with efficiency, entertainment and individualism are not the cures for what ails us. Bravado rings hollow; cockiness is a joyless tune.

But a certain sport could be celebrated and sung — take me out to the ballgame!

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Sticks and stones ...

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me."



JAN HUTTON
This Being Human Thing

Oh, yeah, right! In the interest of honesty, those sticks and stones are going to hurt like the devil and the names can pierce our hearts. Bet you already knew that. Oh my, the cultural "truths" shared with us in the guise of wisdom during our childhoods. Serious head shaking going on.

And speaking of "head shaking," what about all the names I can call myself when upset? (I really don't need outside help with name-calling. Sigh.) Sharing a small inventory of universal possibilities: idiot, fat, failure, loser, stupid or dumb. Defaming poor moi? Ouch. Do I, or any of us, really deserve self-condemnation on a routine basis for being, well, human and fallible? Is shaming ourselves a learning opportunity?

No, no, no. (No!)

Dissing myself would not be among my top three activities of choice. Do you have any idea what self-bellittling does to our very impressionable brains? Oh, jeez, here comes ...

"Our brain has a natural negativity bias to internalize negative experiences more deeply than positive ones."

Whoa. You didn't know you were a brain sculptor,

'Our brain has a natural negativity bias to internalize negative experiences more deeply than positive ones.' Whoa. You didn't know you were a brain sculptor, did you?

did you? Sculpting our beloved brains in a counter-productive manner with critical words? Can we bring our brain sculpting activities out of the closet and into the light?

Our self-dissing just becomes additional fertilizer for the human propensity to go negative. Supporting increased neural pathways to the parts of our brain that are already velcro for the negative? Stop! I want off this particular carousel ride. This is not how I wish to sculpt my brain! And you?

In the larger scheme of things, I must remind myself constantly about upholding my basic humanity. Chipping away at my humanity, bit by bit with self-directed, hurtful words, makes me less available to a world in need and less caring of myself. I want neither. The world needs our "unchipped away" humanity as much as possible.

Up to the challenge?

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A 'Moms for Liberty' candidate would be a big step backward

TO THE EDITOR:

Is school board candidate Jessica Winger a member of Moms for Liberty?
Moms for Liberty began by opposing such health and safety restrictions in schools during COVID-19 as mask mandates. Moms for Liberty then focused on the ways issues such as racism, religion and non-traditional families should be discussed and which books about them should be allowed on school shelves.
The organization has been criticized for harassment toward teachers and school officials, for making it more difficult to educate students, and for deepening division among parents. They are enthusiastic book banners, even demanding the removal of Anne Frank's "The Diary of a Young Girl"!

I no longer have school-aged children, but as a grandmother and former teacher my wish is for students everywhere to be exposed to different and challenging ideas. I want them to learn about their history, and to learn to think critically. I want them to know the good, the bad and the ugly about our country and appreciate the work they must be prepared to do to keep our democracy alive.

I believe a Mom for Liberty member on our Board of Education is a big leap backward. Children deserve better. Teachers deserve support. Board members deserve encouragement.

Let's vote accordingly.

Carol L. Goettman
Pittsboro

Editor's note: Jessica Winger has stated for the record she is not a member of the Chatham County chapter of "Moms for Liberty."

War and our world in chaos

TO THE EDITOR:

Wars have typically been started by older men in power. All wars are fought by young men: those following a family tradition, some seeking adventure, conscripts, some misfits and patriots. A few wars come as a last resort to defense. Some as a failure to find another way of resolution. And some because of an abundance of leadership vainglory.

All wars are wasteful even those few that are necessary. In the end, other than irrigating the battlefields with blood, it generally comes at a loss to all. Decades after all the leaders and generals have died, those that carried rifles and walked, or rode in weaponized vehicles, or flew in close-combat support often find friendship in their equals on the opposing side, the enemy. It

is they who recognize and appreciate the waste of war. Pain and guilt have often subsided by then, but the sadness never fades.

Sometimes anger rises from the gut, but isn't sustainable. It mostly comes up when history is being repeated; then it cannot be squelched; it rages for a short time. Some aspects are long-lasting; the memory of war is forever carried by those who fought it. Sights and smells bring the vestiges of war vividly back to the forefront: an oxymoron! War memories do go away though ... upon death so I've been told.

Wars seem part of the human condition and, therefore, will never go away. Preventing war where and when possible are worthwhile endeavors. A strong military can inhibit the start of war, but the weaponry is so very tempting to use; once started, hard to stop! It can seem purposeless to train for

war and never go. There is a bit of conflict in having a strong army that cannot go unnoticed. As Abraham Maslow postulated: "When all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

In these times with little and medium-sized wars threatening to escalate into larger conflagrations, it is critical to temper the need to resolve conflict using those war tools close at hand. We in the USA are prone to the "Ready-Fire-Aim" approach to problem-solving; the need to take quick action, firing, without true understanding. To "Aim" is the critical often missing or misplaced aspect. Consider exploring all possibilities, to gather support to do everything possible before the irrevocable "Fire" is uttered.

When medals are being awarded to young soldiers, it's too late!

Jim Vanderbeck
Pittsboro

Hurricane Ian reminded us

Hurricane Ian hit us here in North Carolina last week hard enough to get our attention with its heavy rains and winds.

Still all the news stories about Florida's damage and struggles got us thinking about the many hurricanes that have disrupted our lives and damaged our property.

We reach back in our past to names like Hugo, Floyd and Fran. Sometimes our memories get confused.

A new book, "Fifteen Hurricanes That Changed the Carolinas: Powerful Storms, Climate Change, and What We Do Next," by hurricane expert Jay Barnes can help us remember.

Its chapters are: The Great Carolina Hurricane of 1752, The Great Antigua-Charleston Hurricane of 1804, The Beaufort Hurricane of 1879, The Great Sea Islands Hurricane of 1893, The Great San Ciriaco Hurricane of 1899, The Great Asheville Flood of 1916, The Outer Banks Hurricane (1933), Hazel (1954), Gracie (1959), Donna (1960), Hugo (1989), Hurricane Fran (1996), Floyd (1999), Matthew (2016) and Florence (2018).

Each chapter discusses these named hurricanes and gives backgrounds and comparisons of storms that occurred in the same time periods.

I was most interested in storms during my lifetime, beginning with Hazel in 1954. Barnes writes, "By most accounts, it was the most destructive hurricane in Tar Heel history. In North Carolina nineteen people were killed; 15,000 homes and structures were destroyed; 39,000 structures were damaged; thirty counties had major damage; and the storm brought an estimated \$136 million in property losses."

He writes that Hazel was a "benchmark" in the lives of those who endured it and that "Hazel ranks as one of the most destructive hurricanes to strike the United States in the twentieth century."

In 1959, five years after Hazel's epic Category 4 storm, came another high-powered storm, Gracie.

Then only a year later, writes Barnes, "the Outer Banks were struck with the full fury of Donna. High winds, gusting to 120 mph in some locations, ripped away roofs and toppled miles of

telephone and power lines."

Donna was "the first storm to strike with hurricane-force winds in Florida, the Carolinas, and New England within the seventy-five-year records of the Weather Bureau."

In 1989 came Hugo. It was the "most powerful hurricane to strike the United States in twenty years."

In Charlotte, the storm destroyed more than 80,000 trees including many that were more than seventy years old. More than 98% of the city's residents lost power.

In 1996 Fran moved "up the Cape Fear, west of Interstate 40, and into the heart of the Triangle region."

It battered every county in its path, "felling millions of trees and knocking out power over a major portion of the state."

According to National Weather Service reports, Fran was responsible for at least \$5 billion in damages to property, timber and agriculture in North Carolina.

Barnes asserts that because of Fran's impact there will be a whole generation of North Carolinians who will tell their children and grandchildren, "Remember Fran."

Just three years later, Floyd replaced Fran as the state's preeminent weather event. Without question, Barnes writes, "Floyd's winds, tides and tornadoes were dramatic and destructive, particularly along some portions of the coast."

But the rainfall and flooding across the region caused damage for which Floyd will be remembered.

In the same manner, in 2016 Matthew brought rains that the National Weather Service described as "historic."

Fifty counties in North Carolina received federal disaster declarations, and 100,000 homes and 19,000 businesses were damaged or destroyed.

Matthew proved to be a model followed by Florence in 2018, but Florence outdid Matthew.

Barnes writes, "Florence was one for the record books, especially in North Carolina. A total of 44,700 buildings were damaged, eight percent of which were completely destroyed. Overall damages in the Tar Heel State topped a whopping \$22 billion, more than four times the toll from Matthew, easily making it the costliest hurricane in state history."

Should today's teens be optimistic?

The North Carolina of my childhood had an economy very different from that of the average state. Today our economy remains distinctive, though not by as much.

When I started my first paid job in 1979 — teaching 4-year-olds how to tap dance — manufacturing accounted for fully one-third of North Carolina's gross domestic product, 10 points higher than the national average of 23%. On the other hand, our financial sector had not yet vaulted into national significance. Banking, insurance and real estate accounted for 11% of North Carolina's GDP in 1979, vs. the national average of 15%.

Forty years later, in 2019, our state's manufacturing base was still larger than that of the average state: 16% vs. 11%. (That's the last year for which a clean comparison is possible. The onset of COVID-19 skewed the 2020 figures, and we don't yet have granular data for 2021.)

If you work out the ratios, you'll see that the relative contribution of manufacturing to GDP in North Carolina and in the nation as a whole didn't change much during this period. But the actual shares of GDP are much lower. That's not because manufacturing cratered. Output went up significantly. In inflation-adjusted terms, the output of manufacturing businesses in North Carolina was about \$64 billion in 1979. It was \$98 billion in 2019.

What really happened is that service industries exploded. Look at the aforementioned financial sector. Banking, insurance and real estate now account for 21% of the country's GDP. North Carolina's overall proportion is the same, while our banking share is a bit higher than the national average.

To broaden the story a bit, North Carolina is more populous and prosperous than it was back when I was attempting to corral the rambunctious preschoolers sliding across my dance floor. In 1979, some 5.8 million lived in the Tar Heel State. Their average personal income was an inflation-adjusted \$26,665. By 2019, our population totaled 10.5 million and personal income averaged \$48,261. Over those four decades, then, North Carolina's per-capita income rose about 81% in real terms, somewhat outpacing the regional (77%) and national (71%) averages.

I think these statistics are useful for level-setting. They are difficult to square with the extreme claims of partisan activists, professional boosters or professional worrywarts. For example, contrary to what you may have heard, North Carolina has not seen its manufacturing base disappear, or the formerly sunny prospects of its "working people" fade into a depressing dusk. These are gross exaggerations. Mainstay industries such as textile, apparel, and furniture did shed lots of employees — primarily because of technology-fueled gains in productivity, not trade deals — but other manufacturing enterprises began or expanded in our state during the same period, as did many other sectors that hire many people to make, sell or deliver many wonderful goods and services.

On the other hand, it is also true that North Carolina has not always outperformed the rest of the Southeast or United States over the past 40 years. It is true that some communities and groups within our state are clearly struggling to make ends meet. It is true that North Carolina's progress remains hampered by a long list of problems that can sometimes seem intractable. These problems include educational deficits, infrastructure woes, legal and regulatory impediments, declines in family formation, increases in violent crime, and rampant substance abuse.

Some of these problems are worse than they were back then. Some are better. When I was a teenager of modest means in 1979, however, I was largely unaware of broader social conditions. I thought primarily, and optimistically, about my own future and that of my peers. I figured we'd live more comfortable lives than our parents or grandparents had. I figured I'd find a fulfilling career that paid enough to support my future family (though even then I suspected that career might not be tap dancing). For the most part, I figured correctly.

Are today's teenagers so optimistic? Should they be?

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along the line, in its struggle to keep up with the progress, it was simply bypassed in favor of more adaptable locations," the 56-year-old story reads.

Roadways built to Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill cut up the town and took families with it. Then the railway con-

nection between Moncure and Pittsboro moved more people closer to town until Merry Oaks could no longer compete.

The underserved rural town is a victim of the movement toward suburbanization and manufacturing that have plagued small town USA for the last 80 plus years.

Make no mistake though: there are still folks with memories of Merry Oaks fighting

to keep its last legacy alive through that church.

We saw how important that church was to the people still in Merry Oaks when we attended their homecoming services and the heartbreak that would come if VinFast and NCDOT were to fell Merry Oaks' final pillar.

What the NCDOT plans miss is that removing homes, businesses and churches like

Merry Oaks cannot remove the history of the town and the livelihoods of the people who have made it their home.

Members told us whether there is the physical building off Old U.S. 1 or not, there will still be a Merry Oaks Baptist Church — because it is the people that make the church, not the building.

Over the next few months, we hope to tell the history that

remains in Merry Oaks and its importance to Chatham County through a series of reported stories, oral histories and photo portraits that capture the heart of Merry Oaks — a community that still is.

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ADS

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“I’m recording this message because, again, I expect to get attacked,” Reives says in the video. “But dragging in my wife, daughter, wife’s little cousin, and now based on yesterday’s comments, my mother — I think that’s too much. I don’t think that’s what politics should be about, I don’t think people should be doing that just to get a vote.”

Mailers draw complaints

He was referring specifically to one of several mailed campaign pieces sent to Chatham County residents that targeted him. One, paid for by dark money group Carolina Leadership Coalition, said Reives co-sponsored legislation that would double mileage reimbursement for politicians; it included a superimposed image of Reives and some of his family members smiling and waving while in a car together. Under the car is a photoshopped campaign banner for Reives that says “Free Gas for Me.” It then reads, “While you paid a fortune at the pump Rep. Robert Reives tried to stick taxpayers with his bill,” referencing a bill Reives endorsed about per diem reimbursements for gas mileage for public officials that did not pass.

CLC sent out two other mailers attacking Reives, including one accusing him of raising taxes and a second criticizing Reives’ support of Black Lives Matter marches in the summer of 2020, saying the veteran legislator “stood with rioters.”

The other ad that Reives, the Democratic House leader, took issue with came directly from the North Carolina Republican Party. In the mailer, Reives is accused of supporting Critical Race Theory in Chatham County Schools because of his donations to a group called “We Are,” which was co-founded by his wife Cynthia’s cousin, Ronda Taylor Bullock.

The ad also references an opinion story in the Chatham Journal — an online site which has published false theories and anonymous online attacks on some Chatham politicians. The Journal piece falsely suggests equity training sessions for school staff done by “We Are” equate to the teaching of CRT in Chatham classrooms. The CRT piece describes Reives as a “woke politician” who is “just too extreme.”

Reives told the News + Record he was pushed to make a public statement because he struggled with the way the women in his family were used in the mailers.

“Becoming a focal point of a campaign just because you happen to know a candidate is unnerving for people who have not chosen to go into politics,” he said.

Reives said this election cycle is the first time he’s experienced any “nastiness” and that it’s been a difficult campaign personally.

“And it’s really surprising to see that in Chatham, because you just don’t see that kind of stuff in Chatham,” he said.

Still, he said he was reluctant to delve into specific issues within the attack ads to avoid giving further attention to the fliers. But he did express that some constituents voiced frustrations to him about the ads.

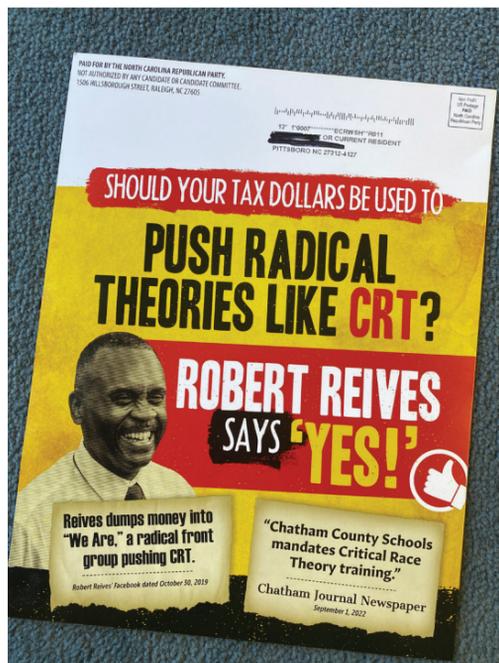
Ultimately, he said he believes if candidates can’t say something to one another on a stage together, then it shouldn’t be in a mailer.

“I think these attacks have real consequences,” he said.

Last year, Reives co-sponsored a bill with bipartisan support, including House Majority Leader John R. Bell (R-Dist. 10), that aimed to expedite legal processes addressing false or defamatory claims made by political campaigns. The bill did not receive a committee hearing and was never acted upon.

Reives also took issue with a comment mentioning details about his mother made by Petty in a letter to the editor published in last week’s News + Record and other newspapers.

In the letter, Petty refuted the contents of ad paid for by the Democratic Party of North Carolina that attacked his attendance record while serving on Chatham County Board of



CN+R photo

A political mailer sent to Dist. 54 voters by the North Carolina Republican Party attacking Robert Reives II.

Commissioners. Petty said he missed a number of meetings because he was carrying out hurricane recovery efforts through his business, Atlantic Power Solutions, a generator sales and service company, and also because he was caring for his son and father who were dealing with health conditions. Petty goes on to write that Reives also missed legislative votes in the summer of 2021 to care for his own mother.

Petty told the News + Record that when he got word that Reives was concerned about one of the ads mailed to voters, he called Reives and agreed that the photo of the family shouldn’t have been included. Petty said he wasn’t involved in the creation of the ad and told Reives he saw it the same time the representative did. Petty also said that he called the state GOP to express that the photo shouldn’t have been included in the ad, but wasn’t aware if those mailers were still being sent out.

Despite the video statement, Petty said he still considers Reives a friend.

“Because I realize these ads that are running aren’t coming directly from him,” Petty said.

He said he would expect Reives to “step up and try and reach somebody” in the manner he did if there was something inappropriate included in a political ad that attacked Petty.

Petty and his Republican colleagues have also claimed the ads attacking him are both quantitatively false and weaponize a nonpolitical issue. One mailer claims Petty missed one-third of Chatham County Board of Commissioners’ meetings in 2019, but public records from the Chatham County Clerk of Commissioners show Petty missed a total of 36 meetings, which is 17% of the 210 total meetings scheduled during his three-year term. In 2019, the year the ad calls him out for missing one-third of meetings, Petty missed five meetings out of 16 total before his April resignation.

N.C. Republican officials cited a News + Record editorial published after Petty decided to resign that was sympathetic to his previous absences as further reason the mailer was false.

“The additional travel and responsibilities have more and more prevented him from attending commissioners’ meetings and functions,” the News + Record editorial read. “He’s also endured the loss of a child. And at the same time, the workload of the board has demanded more of him as well ... It’s most decidedly a loss for Chatham County.”

At the time of his resignation, Petty was the only Republican on the five-member board of commissioners. He maintains that during that time he had legitimate reasons to be absent and he hopes voters don’t fall for what he believes are lies about his record.

“I just hope nobody buys into the lies that I’ve abused my position as a county commissioner,” Petty said. “I was there to serve people.”

Impact of negative attack ads

While the accusations in these ads have gotten personal, they are also dramatized with punchy fonts and bright



CN+R photo

A political mailer sent to Dist. 54 voters by the Democratic Party of N.C. attacking Walter Petty.

colors. Political experts say, however, the likelihood these mailers impact voters in high-profile elections is probably minimal, especially in the current political climate when many constituents are already strongly aligned with a party.

Daniel Kreiss, professor at UNC-Chapel Hill’s Hussman School of Journalism and Media, said the polarization of today means attack ads don’t create the same outcomes they used to. Kreiss said, often, negative attack ads can work to suppress voter turnout, making people less likely to support any political candidate. Today, however, in a deeply divided landscape, negative ads can create a rallying cry for partisanship.

“So it’s sort of like, ‘If you attack my team, I’m gonna like my team even more, and be motivated to defend my team, and then be actually more likely to vote,’” Kreiss said.

When it comes to the use of family in attack ads, thought, he said that typically tends to be completely off limits.

“But either way, again, anytime you use any image, or any references to someone else’s family that also open up yourself to charges from the other side, that you’re politicizing someone’s family and precisely makes you vulnerable to a critique of that sort,” he said.

Travis Ridout is a professor of government and public policy at Washington State University and serves as co-director of the Wesleyan Media Project, which tracks political advertising. He said it’s difficult to determine the impact of direct mailers versus online or broadcast ads because there isn’t enough research examining the comparison.

On one hand, in an environment where constituents are inundated with online advertising, physical mailers may stand out and be more effective, he said. On the other hand, he also said some online ads are placed over and over, and repetition can boost their effectiveness.

With negative ads, factors such as the timing of the attack or the ability to draw media attention can also add to the impact.

“There’s some research showing that negativity, kind of before one has made a voting decision, can be effective in really modifying your opinions,” Ridout said. “But if it’s after you’ve made your decision, then effective negativity may be more to demobilize.”

Attacks that focus on a candidate’s character, family or religion, as opposed to issues, can provoke voter backlash, he said, referencing then-Sen. Elizabeth Dole’s 2008 “godless” campaign ad against Kay Hagan as the two competed for one of North Carolina’s U.S. Senate seats. The ad questioned Hagan’s faith because she attended a fundraiser at the home of someone involved in an atheist advocacy group. Hagan responded with her own ad that has been cited as an aid in boosting support and eventually securing her victory in the election.

In general, the percentage of political ads that are negative and attack opponents has risen from the 1970s to around 2010, Ridout said. Since then, that percentage has plateaued at a fairly high level, he said, though it’s challenging to quantify negativity and how

it’s defined, whether as an ad simply attacking a candidate or one being more uncivil in its tone.

Ultimately, Ridout says, on average, negativity does not work to suppress voter turnout. But he believes its impact on participation does depend on the person and how they will respond to negative ads.

“For some people, it makes them angry, and makes them want to participate,” he said. “On the other hand, there are others who say, ‘Oh my God, they’re just slinging mud. And why would I want to participate in this process? These candidates both look awful to me, because all they can talk about is how awful the other one is.’ So I think it does depend on the individual, and for how that person is going to respond.”

Claims of racial overtones

Some Chatham County residents who received the mailers took issue with them, saying they had racial overtones. One such voter was Pittsboro resident David Scott who said he believed the mailer targeting Reives was racially insensitive. Scott, a lifelong Democrat, said in a text exchange with Petty that he was disappointed because he felt the mailers were dishonest and appealed to “the worst instincts of voters.”

“Pretending that an African American candidate is pro crime hearkens back to the ugliest and darkest politics in the history of North Carolina,” Scott wrote.

Petty backed the claims in the ads in the exchange, though in an interview with the News + Record, said that he could not see the parallels in the ads containing racial overtones and that he will call racial issues what they are and does not tolerate them.

Stephen Wiley, director of the North Carolina House Republican Caucus, had a role to play in the final approval of one of the ads which upset Reives. He oversees many of the mailers sent out by the N.C. Republican Party, including the flier attacking Reives about CRT that invoked his wife’s cousin by calling out “We Are.”

He told the News + Record that all mailed ads criticizing other candidates from his office go through a three-question test: Is it accurate? Do people care about it at the ballot box? And is there no other way voters could find out about the issue?

He said if the ad passes these tests, then he feels “almost a moral obligation” to send the mailer to voters.

“For a negative piece, we have a really high bar for what we will send from our entity,” Wiley said.

He said the proofreading process on negative ads usually has more than 10 people including attorneys and other Republican House staffers.

“I believe we did not editorialize, we just laid out the facts,” Wiley said, referencing the CRT ad. He said that particular ad took a week and a half to approve because he wanted to ensure the ad didn’t come across as attacking Reives for his race, but rather focused on the policy of CRT.

Wiley said he felt it was a valid charge against Reives because he believes most voters do not support CRT in the classroom, regardless of party.

A national CBS poll from February showed 41% of voters who had heard of the topic said they had an unfavorable view of CRT, while 49% said they held favorable opinions of the topic.

As for the ad itself, he said the N.C. Republican House Caucus was not aware of Reives’ familial connection to “We Are” and he maintains the ad is still relevant to voters.

“I had no idea that his wife’s cousin was involved with [“We Are”] because frankly, how would I know?” Wiley said.

Taylor Bullock, the cousin of Reives’ wife, is the co-founder and executive director of We Are, a nonprofit organization that focuses on anti-racism education and provides training to children, families and educators.

Targeted pushback is not new to Taylor Bullock or the organization — in the past year, N.C. Republican politicians Tim Moore and Phil Berger have both posted critical messages on social media about the organization. In particular, Moore, the House Speaker, posted a tweet in April that called We Are an “organization focused on promoting CRT” and linked to a News & Observer article about Wake County’s Millbrook High School being approved for an educator training grant with the nonprofit. That tweet initiated an uptick in targeted responses and negative attention against the organization, Taylor Bullock said.

Though there were no explicit threats, she said some of the online comments made her question whether they constituted communicative violence.

“We didn’t know how far some of these people would take what they were doing,” she said. “And so, you know, these are people who were local, and these are not people from all across the country.”

As a result, We Are increased security measures at its office. Taylor Bullock said she also used additional security measures at her home and communicated with her children’s school about the influx of negative online responses.

Though the mailer about Reives’ donation sponsored by the N.C. Republican Party does not mention Taylor Bullock by name, it references We Are and a Facebook fundraiser for the organization that Reives donated to in October 2019. With the mailer, she said she believes it didn’t have the impact the GOP had perhaps hoped it would, especially because it’s a physical flier that didn’t hyperlink to the organization or use her name.

“But I know who it is, and the people who know me and my family, we know what they put out there,” she said. “And we’re also still being cautious.”

“This is like a win-at-all-costs type election season that we’re in right now, and this is harmful,” Taylor Bullock continued. “And we should all be concerned because white supremacy is common but it is not normal.”

She also said she knows political campaigns have targeted family members, and is someone who has an understanding of whiteness, critical race theory and history and an understanding of what has happened to Black political leaders “at the hands of white supremacy.” But familial attacks in political campaigns are not something she said she’s personally experienced.

“And I think when it hits your family, it’s different,” she said. “Because it’s not something that you study in a book. It’s not history, it’s [happening in] real time.”

Now that the election is less than 35 days away, media experts encourage voters to do their own research on candidates and seek out political fact-checking.

“The world is complicated, but we should also then have a norm though that, you know, you’re not deliberately making false claims, you’re not saying and doing things just to mislead the public,” Kreiss said.

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expansion in N.C., but with some reform.

“Having been on hospital board and knowing the amount of uninsured or underinsured people that come through, knowing the amount of people that need care, and knowing how much expenses hospitals have to write off because they don’t get compensation, there’s got to be a better way than when you parallel that with the supply issues and the people that are not getting services needed and others getting more than they need and not being dished out proportionately,” Petty, who served on the Chatham Hospital Board of Trustees, said.

“We’re a wealthy nation, there’s no reason we can’t care for people and help people that are not able to help themselves,” he continued.

In response to a question about his stance on current laws and access to abortion in N.C. — an issue Republican leaders have said will be addressed in the 2023 legislative session — Petty said “there may be times abortion is necessary when a mother’s life is at risk.”

Reives was more explicit in his responses, saying he supports codifying the reproductive rights previously protected under Roe v. Wade, which was overturned by the Supreme Court earlier this year.

“The right to choose is under attack in North Carolina, but Democrats in the General Assembly currently hold enough seats to uphold any vetoes by Governor Cooper,” Reives said. “We cannot go down the same path as other states that are

outlawing medical procedures and criminalizing women and doctors.”

Growth in Chatham

As Vinfast, Wolfspeed and other major industrial developments break ground and progress in the county, pressures surrounding affordable housing are sure to increase.

Reives said the developments will transform Chatham, and it’s critical that he continues to work with local officials in a bipartisan fashion to ensure they have resources to protect Chatham’s sense of place as thousands of new residents move to the county.

Additionally, Reives said it’s important that “Chatham has a strong voice in Raleigh” to advocate for investments from the state to support infrastructure to keep up with growth. When it comes to affordable housing, he believes Chatham should prioritize those working in public service as well as workers at the various plants coming to the county.

“I believe the best role for the General Assembly with regard to housing affordability is to be a partner, not an adversary,” Reives said. “We need to work closely with local leaders who understand the needs of their communities best.”

Petty similarly noted that Chatham’s growing industrial base will require much more infrastructure — including water and wastewater capacity — than is here now, which will necessitate funding.

“There will be a net positive impact for the state, however there will be regional impacts for us,” Petty said. “The state may not see or feel the water, waste water infrastructure

and high-speed internet issues we are experiencing.”

County and state challenges

When it comes to the most significant issues within the county, Petty said the COVID-19 pandemic exposed challenges with lacking internet services and poor mental health. He also described “education issues” that he said were part of the motivating factor that drove him to seek office, saying the school system is being converted into “an indoctrination system for the Woke,” limiting parents’ ability to speak out.

“We need a parent’s bill of rights passed in the legislature,” he said. “Our parents know what is best for their children and we can’t allow their voices to be pushed aside any longer.”

Petty also said he would “work hard to make sure the voices of N.C. voters aren’t ignored by our Governor,” claiming that Gov. Roy Cooper has vetoed more bills than all other governors combined since N.C. became a state in 1789. (North Carolina governors weren’t given veto power until 1997.)

Petty also believes Chatham has become “a bedroom community,” lacking the development of services, industry and employment opportunities to retain residents working within the county.

“The balance we worked on for the last 10 years is now on the horizon, but once again we are now left to catch up,” he said.

The solution will require coordination between the district representative and the state to secure the appropriate funds, something

Petty said he feels he has the relationships to accomplish.

Across the state, Reives said N.C. should be expanding investment in public education, working to protect access to healthcare and protecting natural resources.

“Locally, that means continuing to support our schools, ensuring the people of Chatham and Randolph counties have reliable access to life saving procedures and medications, and ensuring that our current growth doesn’t pose any threat to Jordan Lake,” he said.

Reives also said he believes the legislature has veered too far in one direction under a single party rule, and greater partisan balance would push legislators with different constituencies and priorities to better negotiate and find common ground.

Reives identified supporting education and strengthening democracy as the most significant challenges facing the General Assembly over the next two years. Specifically, he believes the state should fully fund public schools in North Carolina, and every child should have the opportunity to get a sound, basic education. Additionally, N.C. should see an end to gerrymandering through the creation of an independent redistricting commission, Reives said.

“We should also make it easier for North Carolinians to vote, not harder,” he said.

Prior experiences and bringing Chatham to Raleigh

Ultimately, Reives said he feels he can make a difference because he has a “strong cross-sec-

tion of partisan relationships” built on friendships and prides himself on his relationships with individuals on both sides of the aisle. He also said his breadth of experience living and growing up in an economically disadvantaged area, as well as serving alongside people with economically advantaged backgrounds has prepared him to be “a voice for all.”

He highlighted his work as representative in collaborating with other legislative leaders and the governor to reopen schools and to pass the first state budget in three years.

“I will continue to help bring Chatham County values to Raleigh and to advocate for every member of our community,” he said.

Petty prioritized his experiences of growing up in the district, saying he has a track record in both business and government as a former county commissioner.

“I have spent my entire life in this district,” he said. “I know the people, their values, and our history. I know how loving, kind and caring they are. I know what their family values are and what is important to them. I will ensure this District has a voice in Raleigh.”

To read more about the candidates’ platforms and view their full responses to candidate questionnaires visit chathamnewsrecord.com/elections. The general midterm elections will be on Nov. 8. Early voting runs from Oct. 20 through Nov. 5. To find your polling location, visit vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/.

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Democratic Party.

Goals for office

Ensuring the county properly addresses climate change is Kenlan’s

biggest goal for office. She said she believes all issues stem from our ability to properly care for our environment, and says development and growth have downstream impacts on the environment in the form of burdening our wastewa-

ter systems and need for improved greenspaces.

As her top goals for office, Kenlan said she would prioritize safe drinking water, strong public schools, affordable housing and land conservation. She said this means focusing on

developing a well-thought comprehensive plan that focuses on these issues. And while climate may be an international issue, Kenlan said there are local actions Chatham can take to ensure the community is doing its part.

“I’ll tackle climate change through local actions for green energy and fuel and resilient buildings,” she said. “I’ll work to protect our natural resources and be a champion for clean drinking water, and for solutions to our troubled private wastewater systems.”

Godfrey said his top goals for office are reducing taxes on small businesses in an effort to cope with rapid development. With Wolfspeed, VinFast, FedEx and others occupying spots in Chatham’s two megasites, Godfrey said taxes on other businesses need to remain low to ensure they survive with big corporations nearby.

He also said the county can properly prepare for corporations by investing in education programs at Central Carolina Community College and ensuring there are enough skilled workers to meet local demand.

“Right now, there is no long term solution,” Godfrey said. “It seems that the current board has not planned for rapid growth. We are already behind, so I would work with planning leaders, recreation leaders and other committees to solve these issues.”

Protecting natural resources

Both candidates say they want to do their best to protect natural resources in Chatham, especially when it comes to ensuring clean drinking water and proper wastewater infrastructure. Each vowed to work with the Northeast Chatham Wastewater Study Commission, which was assembled by the current board of commissioners to analyze unique wastewater issues in that

region of the county.

The candidates also agreed that the current strategic plan for wastewater in the county, which is presented in the 2017 Plan Chatham report, is inadequate for the current needs of the community. Since then, the county has grown substantially and will continue on a rapid trajectory with the aforementioned megasite tenants on the way soon; this growth will also inevitably lead to new water issues for the county.

Godfrey said he believes the county doesn’t have a good plan to address these issues, and while he isn’t a wastewater expert, there are plenty of community partners to look to in the Town of Pittsboro and Haw River Assembly.

“There have been multiple violations of quality standards, but again there is no real answer,” Godfrey said. “I will work with the Northeast Wastewater Study Commission to provide a tangible answer for the problems in that area of the county, and keep working with leaders in Siler City as the CAM site [Siler City’s Chatham Advanced Manufacturing megasite] gets up and running. The county should not depend on counties around us to manage wastewater.”

For Kenlan, wastewater is even more of a priority. She said the county should develop a multi-pronged approach to the issue by regulating local laws to ensure pollution is stopped at the source. This approach would include examining the reports from the Northeast Chatham Wastewater Study Commission and beginning progress toward a non-private wastewater treatment plant in Chatham. She also said the county should work to improve testing of well water and support management programs to mitigate flooding threats.

“The county needs to champion clean water for all our residents,” Kenlan said. “Including those in

town jurisdictions, particularly as our Haw and Rocky rivers are being polluted by industrial wastewater.”

Need for housing

While both candidates said there is a need for “affordable housing,” their ideas of what “affordable” means and how the county gets to that goal are different.

Godfrey said the county is in a housing crisis because of failures by the current board of commissioners. He believes the board made poor zoning choices in an effort to lure VinFast and Wolfspeed to the megasites.

“We are already behind in providing any housing for families wanting to relocate to take advantage of these business opportunities,” he said. He added that the county should attempt to build apartment complexes on or adjacent to the megasites so incoming workers can live and work near their new jobs.

Meanwhile, Kenlan said the focus should be on both affordable and “missing middle” housing. The missing middle, she said, refers to the need to bring in workforce and middle income housing in the form of duplexes, triplexes and condos to move away from single-family housing models. She also said she supports increasing downtown density through apartments and tiny homes.

“The county currently lacks nearly 2,000 affordable rental units, and an increasing number of new houses being built are priced beyond middle class earners,” she said. “New affordable housing should have access or proximity to jobs, transportation, services, schools and open space.”

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What Should Alzheimer’s Caregivers Know?

If you have a family member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, or is starting to show symptoms, you will face some real challenges. Navigating the Alzheimer’s experience involves a long journey, and there’s no easy answer for how you can cope with your emotions. But you can at least address some of the financial issues involved to help give yourself a greater sense of control.

Here are some moves to consider:

- **Plan for care costs and identify insurance coverage.** The list of Alzheimer’s-related medical expenses is long and includes ongoing medical treatment, medical equipment, home safety modifications, prescription drugs and personal care supplies. As a caregiver, you’ll want to know the extent of your loved one’s health insurance: Medicare, supplemental policies, veteran’s benefits if applicable, and so on. One big question is how much coverage they might have for adult day care services, in-home care services and full-time residential care services, and other long-term care options. Long-term care is one of the largest health care costs not covered by Medicare, so you’ll want to determine if your loved one has a long-term care policy or another insurance policy with a long-term care rider.

- **Identify assets and debts.** You’ll need to know your family member’s financial position, both what they own — bank accounts, investments, property, etc. — and what they owe, such as credit card debt, a mortgage, lines of credit, and so on. This knowledge will be essential if you’re granted power of attorney to take over your loved one’s finances.

- **Look for tax breaks available to caregivers.** If you’re a caregiver, you may have to pay for some care costs out of pocket. Consequently, you could receive some tax credits and deductions. These benefits vary by state, so you’ll want to

consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility.

- **Ensure necessary legal documents are in place.** As a caregiver, you may need to ensure some legal documents are in place, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which lets you make financial decisions for your loved one with Alzheimer’s, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you make health care and medical decisions on their behalf. It’s important to have these and other necessary documents drawn up before someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or when they’re just starting to exhibit the earliest signs of the disease, so they can understand what documents they are signing. If you wait until they no longer have this cognitive ability, things will get much more challenging. You could apply to become a conservator, which grants decision-making abilities similar to a power of attorney, but the conservatorship process takes time and could involve court procedures. To avoid this potential difficulty, work with your tax and legal professionals to ensure all the relevant legal documents are in-force and updated.

Finally, you don’t have to go it alone. To help deal with the emotional challenges of caregiving, you can find local Alzheimer’s support groups that can offer practical suggestions for coping. As for the financial issues, consider working with a financial professional who can look at your family’s overall situation and recommend appropriate actions.

A diagnosis of Alzheimer’s will change the lives of everyone in your family. But as a caregiver, you can help ease the burden.

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MARJORIE LOWE STACKHOUSE



July 22, 1926 ~ September 29, 2022
Marjorie Lowe Stackhouse went to be in the presence of her Savior on September 29, 2022, at the end of a full life serving her church, community and family alongside the love of her life, Cecil "Stack" Stackhouse. Funeral service was held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at First United Methodist Church, Siler City, N.C. The family greeted friends at 1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall until the service in the main sanctuary at

3 p.m.

Marjorie was born to John and Gladys Lowe on July 22, 1926, in Mishawaka, Indiana, and grew up in Mountain City, Tennessee. Her love and legacy was her five sons, 10 grandchildren and six great grand-children. As a talented piano player and singer, Marjorie was a member of the FUMC church choir for over 50 years. She was employed for 25 years at Planters National Bank in Siler City and as a bank teller, she cared and took pride in caring for her customers. She and Cecil loved meeting so many friends while square dancing 25 plus years with the Siler City Squares, and was a Master Gardener with the Siler City Garden Club. She loved her church and her church family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Cecil Stackhouse; parents, Robert and Gladys Lowe; sister, Lucile Eggers; and brother, Loyd Lowe.

She is survived by brother, Jim Lowe; sons, John (Jenni) Butch, Tommy (Amy), Charles (Robin), David (Terrie); grandchildren, Amy Johnson (Matt), Preston (Kate), Sean (Danielle), Issac (Kim), Christian (Juliana), Lindsay, Becca Morson (Seth), Tori, Ashlyn and Hanna; great-grandchildren, Lilly, Mabry, Ansley, Chanley, Shep and Charlie.

The family wishes to thank Mom's wonderful caregivers over the past three years, who became a part of our family. Many thanks and love to FUMC Rev. William Sabiston. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 212, Siler City, N.C. 27344.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Stackhouse family.

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

ETTA BROOKS THOMAS



November 13, 1935 ~ September 30, 2022
Etta Brooks Thomas, age 86, of Pittsboro, died Friday, September 30, 2022, at home.

Etta was born in Chatham County on November 13, 1935, to the late Edward N. Brooks and Jewel Justice Brooks. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Earl Thomas, three brothers, Donald Brooks, Tommie Brooks, and David Brooks.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Eddie Thomas and wife Jo Ann of Pittsboro, Scott Thomas and wife Donna of Pittsboro, Jeff Thomas and fiancé Sheri Haney of Greer, South Carolina; one daughter, Joette Springle, and husband Jim of Pittsboro; ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Trudy Sturdivant of Pittsboro, and one special friend, Audrey Parker.

The family received friends, Monday, October 3, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory, Griffin Chapel. The funeral service was held Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Moore presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made in Etta's memory to Emmaus Baptist Church Missions Fund, 2428 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

The family would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to Liberty Hospice, Southern Comfort Homecare, and her other special caregivers.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

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

BILLY HOYT ELMORE



January 06, 1937 ~ October 1, 2022
Billy Hoyt Elmore, 85, of Siler City, passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Coventry House, Siler City.

Mr. Elmore was born in Chatham County on January 6, 1937, the son of Charlie H. and Johnsie Brooks Elmore. Billy was a member of Dove Christian Church in Ramseur. He enjoyed being outside spending his free time fishing, and gardening. Billy had a love of hunting. He was a family man, and cherished spending time with his

grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Billy is preceded in death by his brothers, Bobby and Joe Elmore.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sara Joyce Elmore; sons, Robert Elmore and wife Stephanie of Kernersville, Richard Elmore and wife Debbie of Staley, Timmy Elmore and wife Janet of Ramseur, Craig Elmore and wife Sherry, and Chuck Elmore and wife Shelby of Siler City; ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City, with Velma Allen officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a Hospice of your choice.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Elmore family.

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

MARGARET 'MARGO' HOUGHTON HOOKER HOYT MOSER



June 3, 1940 ~ September 6, 2022
Margaret "Margo" Houghton Hooker Hoyt Moser, of Fearrington Village in Pittsboro, N.C., died unexpectedly September 6 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 Pleas-

antville, N.Y., where Margo spent most of her youth. She graduated from the Foxhollow School in Lenox, Mass.

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 traveled 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 Fearrington 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.

Services are private.

LOIS ANN HUNKELE HOBBS

April 19, 1922 ~ October 2, 2022

Lois Ann was born in Newark, New Jersey, the second child of Florence Bippart and Herbert John Hunkele. The family lived in East Orange, New Jersey, where she lived until she left to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Lois Ann married into a family of Quakers, and she quickly adopted Friends' beliefs which shaped much of her life. While her husband Grimsley was in graduate school at Duke University, the Hobbs family helped establish Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Throughout her life, she worked for peace, demonstrating for peace in Ukraine even in her 100th year. She worked for equality of all people; women's rights and anti-racism were life-long themes.

Lois Ann's social activism was only one dimension of the great life force she embodied. She approached her life in Richmond, Indiana, as the wife of a professor of philosophy with gracious enthusiasm, while also raising six children. She and Grimsley also focused their great energy to restore and live in Cox Mill. They ground their own wheat which inspired Lois Ann to bake bread, a practice she continued throughout her life. She frequently blessed her family and many friends with a freshly baked loaf. Her significant interest in gardening was present wherever she lived. Most recently, she helped maintain the garden outside her assisted living apartment and cut flowers to bring to her friends. Earlier, she wrote a regular column about gardening for the Chapel Hill News.

Moving back to North Carolina, when Grimsley became the President of Guilford College, Lois Ann continued to raise her children and found opportunities to travel, camping across Turkey and biking in France. And again, the family restored an old mill, Baldwin's Mill in Chatham County, where they lived and occasionally ground cornmeal. They renewed their active participation in Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

After Grimsley's death, Lois Ann helped to found the community of Arcadia, using Quaker process to make decisions. She built a house and lived there for several years before moving to Carol Woods Retirement Community in 2000. Here, she regularly baked 6 loaves of bread on Saturdays and participated fully in stimulating programs and gatherings. There was nothing she loved more than meaningful conversation with fellow residents! She attended Quaker Meeting in person, and later by Zoom.

Lois Ann shared deep friendships. A conversation with Lois Ann was a treat: you learned a lot and left, knowing she cared about you. She encouraged friends to embrace life, frequently sharing her life's motto: "audace, sempre audace" (be daring, always be daring). Her many friends will repeat stories of adventures and conversations with Lois Ann for years to come. She will be missed — and celebrated. Her significant imprint on Chapel Hill Friends Meeting remains a blessing and will endure to influence future generations.

Lois Ann will be missed by her seven surviving children, six surviving grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Carol Woods Retirement Community auditorium at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 8. Gifts in Lois Ann's memory may be sent to the Carol Woods Retirement Community Employment Development Fund. These gifts will be for the employees of Carol Woods that provided exceptional care for Lois Ann. Donations may also be made to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in her honor.

LYNDA HUSSEY BREWER

September 22, 1952 ~ September 30, 2022

Lynda Hussey Brewer, 71, of Bennett, passed away on Friday, September 30, 2022 at her home.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Pine Mountain Church with Pastor Edwin Moore and Rev. Robert Kidd presiding. The family

received friends in the fellowship hall after the service.

Lynda was born in Moore County on September 22, 1952 to Otis and Virginia Phillips Hussey. She was a Sargent with the Chatham County Sheriff's Dept. where she retired after 23 years of service. She loved animals and drag racing. She also enjoyed cooking. In addition to her parents, she

was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Howard G. Brewer of the home; children, Kris Evan Brewer (Chanel) of Mooresville and Teresa Brewer Miracle (Paul) of Bennett; one grandson; brother, Bobby Hussey (Jeannie) of Clinton, S.C.

Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebradychapel.com.

ERNEST HILLARD HOLT

Ernest Hillard Holt, age 86, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Graveside funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Broadway Town Cemetery with Rev. Wesley Holmes officiating.

Mr. Holt was born in Harnett County, son of the late George Hillard Holt and Vallie Rose Gunter Holt. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, John Henry Holt; sisters, Mary Lee Godfrey, Lola Holt Stone and Betty Godfrey; wife, Frances Mae Holt and his second wife, Nell Varner Holt. Ernest was a Veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are his daughters, Barbara Parker and Carolyn Pressley, both of Sanford; step-children, Sharon Ayers and Richard "Ricky" Varner, both of Denton, Jimmy Varner of Salisbury; brother, George Holt Jr. of Tennessee; four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements are by the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway.

MARY FRANCES THOMAS

December 10, 1939 ~ September 29, 2022

Mary Frances Thomas, 82, of Sanford passed away on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at Westfield Nursing and Rehabilitation.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 2 p.m. at New Life Fellowship Church Cemetery with Dr. Gail Dickens officiating.

She was born in Lee County on December 10, 1939 to the late Hurley Lee Rogers and Edna Jackson Rogers. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Clifford "Cliff" Thomas and three brothers, Robert Lee Rogers, Ronald Gene Rogers and Edwin Rogers. Mary worked at Federal Spinning.

She is survived by her daughters, Connie Thomas Ennis and Judy Thomas Watson, both of Sanford; brother, Paul Jackson Rogers of Broadway; sister, Joyce Rogers Dickens of Marners; five grandchildren, Macie Watson, Lauren Watson Cox, Chelsea Watson Newville, Charlie Cox Hall, and Chad Thomas Cox; five great-grandchildren, Peyton Elizabeth Hall, Karson Blake Hall, Truett Matthew Cox, Thomas Milton Cox and Rylee Kaitlyne Newville.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Meals on Wheels of Lee County and/or charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

ANNIE LOU SPIVEY O'QUINN

December 10, 1929 ~ October 1, 2022

Annie Lou Spivey O'Quinn, 92, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, October 6, 2022 at Lee Memory Gardens with Pastor Tony Ward presiding. Burial will follow in Lee Memory Gardens.

She was born in Lee County to the late Lynwood Alexander Spivey and Mamie Anne Coggins Spivey Batchelor. Mrs. O'Quinn worked as a service manager at Sears. She served at Sanford First Pentecostal Church where she was a choir member, Sunday School teacher, and church secretary. Mrs. O'Quinn was preceded in death by her husband Joe O'Quinn and a son Lynnwood Neal O'Quinn.

Surviving relatives include her son, Bruce Clay O'Quinn of Sanford; her daughter, Jo Anne Westbury of Fuquay-Varina; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

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RAYMOND CLARK CASTLEBERRY JR.

Raymond (Ray) Clark Castleberry Jr., 88, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday morning, October 1, 2022.

Ray was born in Wake County, son of the late Raymond Clark Castleberry and Annie Pearl Seagroves Castleberry Atkins. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his step-father, Lloyd Easter Atkins.

Ray served in the US Army National Guard, enlisting from 1951-1963. Ray was employed by W. Koury Company of Sanford, for 33 years, then entering the used car business.

Ray is survived by his wife of 70 years, Marie McLeod Castleberry; children, Randy Castleberry of Broadway; Shelia Byrd of Sanford; Robin Castleberry of Broadway, Jay Castleberry of Indiana; seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren; brother, Carl Castleberry of Broadway; step-sister, Carolyn Atkins Strong of Sanford.

There will be no services at this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Liberty Hospice of Lee County, 1005 Carthage St., Sanford, NC 27330.

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

PHILLIP RAY BEAL

September 12, 1954 ~ October 2, 2022

Phillip Ray Beal, 68, of Raeford, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2022, at his home.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, at 12 noon, in the chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Thomas presiding.

He was born in Lee County on September 12, 1954 to Gaynell Stone Beal and the late Claudis Earl Beal. He was a Golf Course Superintendent and co-owner of Arabia Golf Club.

Phillip is survived by his wife Martha Ann Hendrix-Beal of the home; daughter, Casey Shun-Mei Beal of Wilmington; and step-daughter, Michelle Quartullo of Doylestown, Pa.; brothers Claudis Earl Beal, Jr. of Siler City, John William "Billy" Beal of Sanford; a sister, Kathy Lemons of Sanford; and four step-grandchildren.

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

MYRTIS MANESS BRADY

October 8, 1929 ~ October 2, 2022

Myrtis Maness Brady, 92, of Bennett, passed away on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at Tara Plantation in Carthage.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022

at 3:00, p.m. at Pine Mountain Church with Rev. Edwin Moore, Rev. Robert Kidd and Rev. Chris Wilson presiding. The family will receive friends before the service from 2:00 pm-2:45 pm. They will return to the fellowship hall following the interment. Joyce-Brady Chapel was open on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm for friends to sign the register.

Myrtis was born in Randolph County to Charlie and Sallie Smith Maness. She was a member of Pine Mountain Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roland W. Brady; sons, Jerry W. Brady, George M. Brady and Donald R. Brady; two grandchildren, brother, Curtis Maness; and sisters, Jessie Caviness, Elizabeth Seawell, Vernell Kidd and Thelma Garner.

She is survived by her children, Rolanda Phillips of Carthage, Wanda Brady of Robbins, Cindy Hancock Phillips of Bear Creek, and Brad Brady of Bennett; sister Shirley Kidd of Bennett; eleven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

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TONY WAYNE ATKINS

March 3, 1962 ~ September

26, 2022

Tony Wayne Atkins, age 60, of Broadway, passed away Monday, September 26, 2022, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

He was born in Chatham County to the late Barbara Wilson Dellinger and Woodrow Junior Atkins. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his granny, Dorothy Horne. Tony worked as a truck driver for Lowes's.

Tony is survived by his wife, Amanda Gunter Atkins; sons, Christopher Wayne Atkins of Broadway, Dustin Grey Atkins of South Dakota; daughters, Courtney Michele Atkins of Bear Creek, Abby Marie Atkins of Liberty; step-son, Allen Salmon of Vass; step-daughter, Lauren Williams of Sanford; five grandchildren; and his dad, Michael Wayne Dellinger of Robbins.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Cool Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Yow and Rev. Ramon Atkins officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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

MRS. CLARA BELL BLUE

Mrs. Clara Bell Blue, age 98, of Cameron, passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at her residence.

The funeral service was held Sunday, October 2, 2022 at Mt.

Moriah Missionary Baptist Church with entombment following at Lee Memory Garden.

MARY BARBARA BUCHANAN KNIGHT

December 6, 1940 ~ September 25, 2022

Mary Barbara Buchanan Knight, 81, of Sanford, passed away Sunday, September 25, 2022 at her home.

She was born in Lee County, NC to the late Lennie Buchanan and Alice Jones Buchanan. Mrs. Knight worked at Federal Spinning. She is preceded in death by her husband, Junior "Simon" Knight, son Rex Wyatt Knight, sister Maggie Lee Poindexter, Mattie Capps, and Betty Joyce Hensley; brother Bennie Buchanan and Lloyd Buchanan.

She is survived by her daughters, Debbie Thomas, Donna Knight, Paula Sloan, all of Sanford, Penny Sowards of Suffolk, VA; brothers, Buddy Buchanan of Broadway and Billy Buchanan of Richmond; sisters, Evie Belle Hodges of Cameron and Lorena Oakley of Sanford; six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the First Apostolic Church, 11:30 am, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, with Pastor George Akers presiding. Burial was in Lee Memory Gardens.

Online condolences are available at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

Pittsboro's water plant wins Area Wide Optimization Award

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro's water plant was recently selected to earn a 2022 Area Wide Optimization (AWOP) Award from the N.C. Division of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Section.

This award was earned by only 66 water treatment plants across the state

and was based on the results of water quality testing throughout 2021.

The AWOP Awards are given annually to water systems demonstrating outstanding turbidity removal, a key test of drinking water quality. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness or haziness of water caused by individual particles that can interfere with disinfection and provide and provide a place for microbes

to grow. Microbes are microscopic particles that occur naturally but can include harmful bacteria and viruses.

While all drinking water systems must meet strict state and federal drinking water standards, Pittsboro's system met high-performance goals far exceeding state and federal standards.

"This is a high honor," said Cory Saulsbury, the superintendent for the

Pittsboro Water Plant. "

We have earned this award numerous times over the past few years, and we plan to keep it up for years to come."

For more information about the 2022 AWOP awards, please visit <https://deq.nc.gov/news/press-releases/2022/09/13/north-carolina-honors-66-drinking-water-treatment-plants-awop-awards>.

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VOTERS

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the participation and also the trust factor. I don't think people would be voting in a process if they didn't trust it."

While curious inquiries about the election process have always existed, they've increased since the 2020 presidential election. Misinformation surrounding aspects of voting — ranging from the legitimacy of mail-in ballots, poll observers' duties and more — arose after former President Donald Trump claimed, falsely, that election was "stolen" from him, and some prominent Republican leaders and allies joined him in making claims of widespread voter fraud.

A total of 139 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives voted on Jan. 6, 2021, to object the Electoral College count, and in addition, tens of thousands of Trump's supporters raided the U.S. Capitol to attempt to stop the peaceful transfer of power — with some rioters carrying firearms, makeshift handcuffs and using banners and flags as weapons to force their way inside.

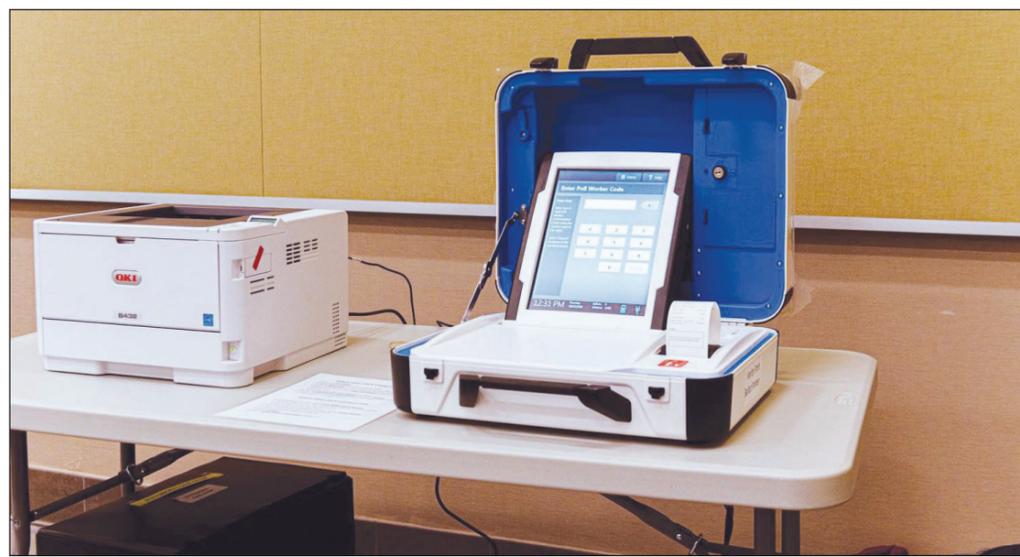
Even today, most polls show that roughly two-thirds of Republicans don't see Joe Biden as the legitimate winner of the 2020 presidential race; a third say violence may be necessary to "save" the country.

Despite claims of fraud across the country, Paschal says fraud or cheating hasn't occurred in Chatham's elections. She said the state's election laws lay out a system of checks and balances to ensure results are secure and accurate.

"We have a tendency sometimes to believe what we hear, and then sometimes, we still don't believe what we see," she said. "It's kind of hard to try to persuade someone who has that belief there's fraud."

Ballot tabulators and counters

Paschal said the most common question she gets are



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

A piece of equipment used by the Chatham County Board of Elections.

about electronic tabulators used to count ballots.

Some Chatham residents have expressed concerns, she said, regarding the devices, especially in an era defined by cyberattacks and hacking. Paschal said none of the machines used to tabulate, calculate and upload the results are connected to the internet. In fact, she said, there are physical seals on each machine to deter anyone from physically tampering with the tabulators and electronic poll books until it's time to count votes.

In-person early voting sites house tabulators overnight in secured, secret locations to make sure machines can't be tampered with.

Paschal said there are also audits conducted by the county's five-member board of elections during the "canvassing" phase of result calculation, which involves counting the ballots of randomly selected groups from each of Chatham's voting precincts. In these audits, the board wants to make sure the number of ballots matches the machines' count.

It takes days to audit and certify an election, she said, which is why results are considered unofficial for the first couple of weeks following Election Day. In North Carolina, elections are expected to be certified by

Nov. 18, the final day of the canvassing period.

"Voter history has to be extracted the day after the election for us to upload it," Paschal said. "[We need] to see everybody who voted, and we have to audit that as well so the voter history should match the total number of votes and ballots cast."

Paschal said during her time in Chatham County, there have been very few discrepancies between the machine and the board's hand count. At most, the machines have been off by just a couple of votes, which was due in part to human error, according to Paschal.

"Sometimes it's a human poll worker error where they didn't click the vote button when the voter put their ballot in the machine, but we can fix that manually," Paschal said. "Somebody may also want to go to their regular precinct (on Election Day) after filing a provisional ballot. We can see where they voted twice, and you can cancel one ballot. So that's why we have the canvass period, because we're still auditing actively."

Poll workers and observers

Poll workers and observers also play a critical role in the

voting process, and each serve at different capacities at polling locations across the county.

The board of elections hires its own part-time poll workers, each of which acts as a nonpartisan mediator to help move the voting process along smoothly; the political parties in Chatham County will also choose poll observers to watch the voting process at each precinct.

"They check the voters in at the check-in station, they also issue the ballots, and then we'll have a help station ... for any issues we may have with registrations or any other problems that we may have," Paschal said.

Chatham County also offers curbside voting for residents who have mobility issues or feel ill on voting days. These stations are manned by the board of elections' trained hired officials; training for those workers is underway now in preparation for this year's election.

"It's not our job to determine the reason that they're voting in their car," Paschal said. "If you read the oath, they understand the oath, they sign the oath, bring them a ballot — it's not our job to determine why they're in the car voting."

Poll observers are different from workers hired by the

board of elections. Observers are appointed by each of the political parties in the county to observe the election process. According to North Carolina election statutes, anyone can be a poll observer, but only those appointed by the political parties are allowed to be inside the polling location.

"They're allowed to look ... and they can get the voters names if they want to, but they are not allowed to interfere with the process," Paschal said. "They can't be getting up, going over to the tables — they can't even go talk to the voters. Most of the observers we have never done that."

'Come to the office to see

Paschal said she wants her office to be a place where residents can come and have questions answered regarding the elections process. In fact, she said the public is always invited to come to meetings held at the board of elections to see the process themselves.

"We don't have a lot of people attend our board meetings," she said. "So my suggestion would be to attend the meeting, come to the office to see what we do."

At the end of the day, Paschal said her board isn't there to advocate for any sort of partisan agenda. They're there to ensure election results are tallied in a fair and legitimate process laid out by North Carolina statute.

"Everybody has the right to pick who they want to vote for — whoever you vote for on your ballot, that's your prerogative," she said. "We provide the ballot, then we count the votes, and we go through all these audits scanning and picking things through."

Reporter Taylor Heeden can be reached at theeden@chathamnr.com.

NEXT WEEK: In partnership with a number of other media outlets, the News + Record will provide a special report on one new group's efforts to use old tactics to hunt for voter fraud — burdening elections officials along the way.



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LEGALS

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,O6,4tc

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,O6,4tp

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
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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,O6,3tp

CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified on the 14th day of September 2022, as Executor 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,O6,O13,4tc

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 above-named Executor. This the 22nd day 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,O6,O13,4tc

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 day 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
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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 day 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,O6,O13,4tc

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 of December 22nd, 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.
Kenneth Andrew Wright, Executor
c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-525 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Ann S. Shackelford, having qualified as Executor 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 Executor
c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312
S22,S29,O6,O13,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KATHY MELISSA MANNING NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **KATHY MELISSA MANNING**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Amanda Valmassol 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 Executor. This is the 22nd day of September, 2022.
Amanda Valmassol, Executrix
113 English Place
Morrisville, NC 27560
S22,S29,O6,O13,4tp

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 the 22nd day of September, 2022.
Grady Locklear, Administrator
385 Rolling Meadows Lane
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
S22,S29,O6,O13,4tp

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,O6,O13,O20,4tc

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) with whom the lienor deals: (a) Loletia Gail Sutton, 197 Alex Watson Road, Siler City, NC 27344 and (b) DiTech Financial LLC c/o CT Corporation System, 160 Mine Lake Court, Suit 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,O6,2tc

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 the 29th day of September, 2022.
Pamela Gay Cockman, Executrix
2385 Alston Bridge Rd
Siler City, NC 27344
S29,O6,O13,O20,4tp

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 the 29th day of September, 2022.
Elizabeth Lewis Corley, Executrix
181 Manco Dairy Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312
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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 documen-

tation of their residence. One-stop early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, October 20, 2022, to Saturday, November 5, 2022:
Chatham County Agriculture Conference Center (in lieu of BBOE Office)
1192 US-64 Bus, Pittsboro, NC 27312
Goldston Town Hall, 40A Corral Ave., Goldston, NC 27252
Paul Braxton Gym, 115 S. 3rd Ave, Siler City, NC 27344
CCCC Health Science Building (off 15-501) - 75 Ballentrae Ct., Pittsboro, NC 27312
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
Sunday 10/30/2022, 12 noon - 3:00 PM
Monday 10/31/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday 11/1/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
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
Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning September 9, 2022. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votemail.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

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Tuesday — Noon
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Monday — 5 p.m.
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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



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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
S29,06,013,3tc

Kathryn H. O'Connell, Executor
568 Roberson Creek Rd
Pittsboro, NC 27312
S29,06,013,020,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
22 E 547**
All persons having claims against **JO ANN D. HILLIARD**, 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.
Michael Jay Hilliard, Executor
3225 Old Graham Rd
Pittsboro, NC 27312
S29,06,013,020,4tp

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, October 17, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US 64W Business, Pittsboro NC 27312. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamcountync.gov by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:
1. A legislative request for a public hearing by Edward Holmes, Jr. for a General Use rezoning on Parcels 5837, 79837 and portions of 5276 and 5806 totaling approximately 84.842 acres currently zoned R-1 Residential to NZB Neighborhood Business, Cape Fear Township. In person testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item: Quasi-Judicial Request:

1. A quasi-judicial request for a public hearing by Lori Lay Thurber for Special Use Permit on Parcel 68864 for an in-home daycare center for up to 15 children at 3721 Old Graham Rd., Center Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.
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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
c/o Clarity Legal Group
PO BOX 2207
Chapel Hill, NC 27515
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
22 E 540**
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.

the following described real property, lying and being in Bear Creek Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the mouth of Meadow Branch where it flows into Cedar Creek and on East Bank of public road, and running thence with East margin of said public road North 12 degrees, West 54 1/2 poles to a point where the said public road enters High Falls and Coleridge black-top highway; thence, South 32 degrees East with said black-top road 36 poles to a point in Meadow Branch; thence, down said branch, its various courses 25 poles to the beginning station, containing 1.79 acre more or less. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0003166**
The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 27th day of September, 2022.
Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585
06,013,2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Siler City (the "Town") invites interested firms to submit a sealed **Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)** for the following: **SERVICES FOR WATER METER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**. Interested parties may submit Qualifications for an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Full-Service Implementation and Maintenance Program in order to improve the process of collecting monthly water utility meter data to enhance the level of service offered to customers. The AMI Full-Service Program will be implemented system wide in a short time frame, in order to maximize the benefits of the system. Interested parties are to submit qualifications for a turnkey deployment of approximately 4,200 metered accounts, followed by an ongoing maintenance program that includes network, AMI endpoints, and software maintenance as well as full-service data hosting and delivery to the Town. The requirements for Qualifications including instructions, requirements, and formatting for the SOQ, and complete scope of work may be secured at the Town of Siler City Town Hall, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344, 919-742-4731, by website at <http://www.silercity.org/>, or email cmcorquodale@silercity.org or cpettiford@silercity.org. Firms interested in being considered for selection should respond by submitting one original and three copies of the SOQ in a sealed envelope marked "Water Meter System Replacement" to Public Works Director, Town of Siler City, PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 by October 28th, 2022. Responses received after October 28, 2022 will not be considered. 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. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Tina Stroupe at 919-742-4733, 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 [919-742-4733](tel:919-742-4733) o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.
06,013,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled **COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, and all possible assigns and successors of **JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, and **DIANNA LYNN BANKS** and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of **DIANNA LYNN BANKS** and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **21-CvD-868**, the undersigned Commissioner will on **the 19th day of October, 2022**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the **courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon**, the following described real property, lying and being in Albright Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: **BEING all of Lot No. 8 of Piney Ridge Subdivision, Map One, as shown on plat recorded at Plat Cabinet 86, Slide 52, Chatham County Registry**. Subject to restrictive covenants, easements, and rights-of-way of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0065031**
The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled **COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. BRIAN EARL SHEFFIELD** and spouse, **SABRINA ROBERTS SHEFFIELD**, and all possible heirs and assignees of **BRIAN EARL SHEFFIELD** and spouse, **SABRINA ROBERTS SHEFFIELD**, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **21-CvD-754**, the undersigned Commissioner will on **the 19th day of October, 2022**, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the **courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon**,

is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 27th day of September, 2022.
Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO NOT EXCEED \$15,000,000

OF RETIREMENT FACILITIES FIRST MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS
TO BE ISSUED FOR THE BENEFIT OF GALLOWAY RIDGE, INC. Notice is hereby given that on Monday, October 17, 2022, a public hearing, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), will be held by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Chatham, North Carolina (the "Board of Commissioners"), with respect to the proposed issuance by the Public Finance Authority, a commission organized under and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 66.0301, 66.0303 and 66.0304 of the Wisconsin Statutes (the

"Authority"), of its Retirement Facilities First Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Galloway Ridge Project), in one or more series (the "Bonds"). The maximum stated principal amount of Bonds to be issued is \$15,000,000. The hearing will commence at 6:00 p.m., or as

soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, and will be held in the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US-64 Business, Pittsboro, NC 27312. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will consider adopting a resolution approv-

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ing the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are expected to be issued by the Authority pursuant to Section 66.0304 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, and the Bonds will be "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" within the meaning of Section 145(a) of the Code. The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be loaned to Galloway Ridge, Inc., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), and used to (1) finance a portion of the costs of acquiring, improving, constructing and equipping facilities at the Corporation's continuing care retirement community known as Galloway Ridge located at 3000 Galloway Ridge, Pittsboro, NC 27312, including, but not limited to, renovations and expansion of dining facilities and common areas (the "Project"), (2) pay a portion of the interest accruing on the Bonds, (3) fund a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds, if necessary, and (4) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority.

The Project will be initially owned and operated by the Corporation. The Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Authority payable solely from the loan repayments to be made by the Corporation to the Authority, and certain funds and accounts established by the bond documents for the Bonds. The principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will not constitute an indebtedness or liability of the County of Chatham, the State of North Carolina, or any political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, or a charge against their general credit or any taxing powers. The hearing will provide a reasonable opportunity to be heard for persons wishing to express their views on the merits and location of the Project, the issuance of the Bonds or related matters. Any person wishing to comment in writing should do so prior to such meeting to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Chatham, North Carolina, 12 East Street, P.O. Box 1809, Pittsboro, NC 27312, Attention: Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF CHATHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
 By: Lindsay Ray
 Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
 Dated: October 5, 2022

be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warranty is intended.

Address of property: **862 Dewitt Smith, Pittsboro, NC 27312**
 Tax Parcel ID: **0068546**
 Present Record Owners: Paul S. Jones, Jr.; Bryant D. Jones; Renee Jones Webster; Brenda Jones Simmons

The record owner(s) of the property, according to the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Paul S. Jones, Jr. and Bryant D. Jones and Renee Jones Webster and Brenda Jones Simmons. The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required from the highest bidder and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. After the expiration of the upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS residing at the property: be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is 30th day of August, 2022. Grady I. Ingle, Attorney for Substitute Trustee
 Ingle Law Firm, PA
 13801 Reese Blvd West Suite 160
 Huntersville, NC 28078
 (980) 771-0717
 Ingle Case Number: 4741-5428
 06,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30pm in the multipurpose room at the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 N Second Avenue, Siler City, NC to consider the potential project for which funding may be applied under the CDBG Economic Development program. The proposed project will be for the construction of a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank to provide water supply and fire flow for Wolfspedd and the Chatham-Siler City Advanced

Manufacturing Site in the amount of \$2.5 million. The project will include all site work, piping, valves, tank construction, electrical and related appurtenances for the erection of the proposed tank.

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 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. 06,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing in accordance with NCGS 158-7.1 on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 N Second Avenue, Siler City, NC to consider a request for an economic development incentive grant. The anticipated new capital investment for Wolfspedd is \$5 billion. This project will create 1,800 new full time permanent jobs at an average salary of \$62,522.00. The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners believes that this project will stimulate the local economy and will provide local economic benefits for the citizens of Siler City through an increase in sales tax revenues and the increased purchases of local goods and services. The public is invited to attend the hearing to express their viewpoints. Persons having questions may contact Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at 919-742-4731, jjohnson@silercity.org. Anyone wishing to submit written comments may do so by writing to the Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson, PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or jjohnson@silercity.org. 06,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY LEGISLATIVE HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a legislative hearing on Oct. 17, 2022 at 6:30pm in the in the multipurpose room of the Wren Memorial Library located at 500 N. 2nd Ave. Legislative hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:
 1. Henry de St. Aubin proposes to rezone 11.83 acres from Light-Industrial (L-I) to Heavy-Industrial-Conditional (H-I-C). The proposed use is a manufacturing, processing, creating of goods and equipment (concrete plant with batch silo, aggregate bin, conveyor, modular control center, truck maintenance garage/shop, truck washing facility, outdoor storage areas for gravel, sand, and other concrete materials). The subject property is located along the northern boundary of W. 11th St. (east of railroad and west of N. Chatham Ave.) and is identified as parcel # 15562 & 80791.
 2. Town of Siler City proposes to rezone ~4.078 acres from Light-Industrial (L-I) to General-Commercial (G-C). The subject property is located at 202 W. 3rd St. (west of railroad) and is identified as parcel # 16071.
 3. Town of Siler City proposes the following text amendment to the UDO: §307 Retention And Protection of Large Trees

(exemptions, golf course). The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. All persons interested in the outcome of the item are invited to attend the legislative hearing and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced item. The Planning Board will meet on Oct. 10 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such 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. 06,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC NOTICE

Non-Contiguous Annexation The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 N Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina to consider a request for non-contiguous annexation presented by petition by Tim's Farm & Forestry, LLC, G5 Investments, LLC Cambridge Southeast LLC, and DHG Megasite, LLC. The approximate 445.687 acre tract of property is located at Parcel, Address, 12580 (portion of) 72513, off US 64 West, 67263 (portion of) 20436 US 64 W, 63971, 20416 US 64 W, 12551, 20486 US 64 W, 12552, 20416 US 64 W, 61119, OFF US 64 W, 78171, 20266 US 64 W, 12553 (portion of), 558 BENJIE WILLIAMS RD, 12547, OFF BENJIE WILLIAMS RD, 82157 (portion of) OFF STOCKYARD RD, 76879 (portion of) STOCKYARD RD, 76966, OFF STOCKYARD RD, 12765 (portion of), OFF STOCKYARD RD
 The public is invited to attend the hearing to express their viewpoints. Persons having questions may contact Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at 919-742-4731, jjohnson@silercity.org. Anyone wishing to submit written comments may do so by writing to the Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson, P. O. Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or jjohnson@silercity.org. 06,013,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **REBECCA DIANE CLODFELTER**, late

of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney for the estate on or before January 6, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of October, 2022
 Barbara Jean York Clodfelter, Administrator
 Adam G. Kerr
 Kerr Law, PLLC
 PO Box 10941
 Greensboro, NC 27404
 Telephone: (336) 808-5028
 Fax: (336) 464-2819
 06,013,020,027,4tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LEE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 22 CVD 675

MARIA ISABEL MADERA, Plaintiff, vs ISMAEL GUEVARA ENRIQUES, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

To: ISMAEL GUEVARA ENRIQUES
 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:

Judgment for Absolute Divorce in Lee County, North Carolina

You are required to make defense to such pleading 40 days following the first date of this notice, no later than the 15th day of November, 2022. And upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for relief sought. This the 6th day of October, 2022

WILSON, REIVES, SILVERMAN & DORAN, PLLC
 Nathalie M. Doran
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 1502 Woodland Avenue
 Sanford, North Carolina 27330
 06,013,020,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **GLENDIA JEAN LINK**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before January 10, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 6th day of October, 2022.
 Vance W. Link, Jr., Exec., c/o Clarity Legal Group, PO Box 2207
 Chapel Hill, NC 27515.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS of Patricia Bassett Jackson STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **PATRICIA BASSETT JACKSON**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 3120, Chapel Hill, NC 27515, on or before the 29th day of December, 2022 or

this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of October, 2022.
 Norman Fullerton Jackson, Jr. Administrator for the Estate.
 Charles B. Carver CPA
 P.O. Box 3120
 Chapel Hill, NC 27515
 Telephone: 919-929-2149
 06,013,020,027,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 265

All persons having claims against **Sara M. Tomlinson**, 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.
 Michael Jay Hilliard, Executor
 3225 Old Graham Rd
 Pittsboro, NC 27312
 S29,06,013,020,4tp

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

FILE NO. 22 CVS 715
 TOWN OF PITTSBORO,

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION vs.

JOSEPH R. SANDERS, widower,

PATRICIA ANN PETTIGREW and husband, JOE PETTIGREW,

DAVID LEROY KENNEDY, JR. and wife, RENEE KENNEDY,

ROBERT THOMAS KENNEDY and wife, LYNN KENNEDY, and

WILLIAM ANTHONY KENNEDY, unmarried,

Defendants.

TO: WILLIAM ANTHONY KENNEDY

Take notice that a Petition has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is to acquire by condemnation the real property interests in certain real property in Chatham County, North Carolina described in the Complaint. You are required to file a response to the Petition not later than the 2nd day of January, 2023, said date being 120 days from the first publication of this notice in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 4th day of October, 2022.
 GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC
 By: /s/

Paul S. Messick, Jr.
 N.C. State Bar No. 2979
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PERSON 36, NORTHWOOD 34

Costly turnovers stall Chargers' comeback

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

PITTSBORO — Northwood's homecoming game in Week 7 against Person High was moved up a day to Thursday because of impending heavy rain and winds brought on by Hurricane Ian.

One might think having 24 hours less to prepare would lead to a sloppy, dull affair, but it was anything but.

Trailing by as many as 16 points in the second half, the Chargers mounted a furious comeback before ultimately falling short to Person, 36-34, at home Thursday night. In a game full of big plays and momentum swings, the Rockets (4-2, 2-0 Conf.) delivered the heaviest blows, including two interceptions returned for touchdowns that proved the ultimate difference.

Northwood head coach Chris Kenan told the News + Record he was proud of his team's second-half effort, but

he also said he still hasn't seen his team execute over the course of a full game this fall.

"I think this game shows you it's a tale of two teams," Kenan said. "The first half, it's a Northwood you've seen before. But the second half, when everyone's dialed in and committed, that's Charger football. Unfortunately we haven't put together a full complete game of Charger football yet."

Northwood (3-4, 1-2 Conf.) opened the game by scoring first, as junior Ashton Elliott ran for a touchdown to put the Chargers up 7-0, but it would be the last time head coach Chris Kenan's team scored points for a while.

Person scored the next three touchdowns unanswered, but managed to miss all three extra points, to make it 18-7. With the game in danger of getting out of hand, Northwood senior quarterback Will Smith led the Chargers down the field and

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Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Northwood senior quarterback Will Smith (2) extends the ball across the goal line in the Chargers' 36-34 loss to Person last Thursday.

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Seaforth bests Chatham Central for 2nd win; Jets fall to North Moore

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

At the start of September, Seaforth was still looking for its first win as a varsity program. But now, at the start of October, the Hawks have two wins on their resume.

The second came last Thursday, as Seaforth came from behind to defeat Chatham Central, 30-20, on the road. According to head coach Terrance Gary, the Hawks' attention to detail is what made the difference in the end.

"We had a sit-down talk at the beginning of the week about some things we wanted to focus on as a team, as a whole," he said. "They showed it this week in practice, and thankfully it showed up in the game. It was mainly just focusing on holding people accountable."

Seaforth (2-5, 2-1 Conf.) started the night playing from behind, as the Bears (1-5, 1-1 Conf.) drove down the field on their opening possession and scored on a three-yard run by junior Devonte Johnson to make it 6-0 midway through the

first quarter.

The Hawks responded with a touchdown of their own, as sophomore quarterback Joshua Brown scrambled and found junior Ethan Becker for a 58-yard score, but it wasn't long before Central retook the lead on another short touchdown run by Johnson.

Trailing 14-6, the Hawks could have let momentum get away from them, but instead, they rallied to score the next 10 points and entered the locker room at halftime with a 16-14 lead. Chatham Central wouldn't go away quietly, though, scoring on its first drive of the second half to take a 20-16 lead, which would be its last of the game.

Central's second-half touchdown also came from Johnson, who scored three times Thursday and has 388 yards and five touchdowns on 67 carries so far this season.

Like they had most of the night, the Hawks answered back with a long drive that eventually wound up inside the Bears' 10-yard line. On second down, Brown took the snap and had to evade several

Central defenders, but he managed to find a window of open space and threw a three-yard touchdown pass to fellow sophomore Walt Entekin to put Seaforth up 23-20.

Brown, who also threw two touchdowns in Seaforth's win over Jordan-Matthews in Week 5, has impressed Gary with his growth as a quarterback so far this season.

"He's catching up, and the game speed is slowing down for him," Gary said. "Making that transition from JV to varsity is a big leap. People are bigger and faster. The playbook is a bit more complicated. You have to analyze more and try to make an emphasis of not telling him what to do and letting him make decisions on his own."

Things quickly turned from good to great for the Hawks, who managed to force a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and recovered the ball at the Central 35-yard line. From there, Seaforth burned some time off the clock before putting the game away with a four-yard

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CROSS COUNTRY

Deep Woods Charter teams only get stronger

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL — Karen Hawkins has had some talented teams before, but none have been quite as deep as this year's Woods Charter cross country teams.

Coming off a 2021 season that saw the Wolves finish first in the boys competition and second in the girls competition at the 1A mid-east regionals, Woods Charter came into the fall with hopes of putting together an even more successful season.

On Sept. 27, Woods Charter competed in its fourth Central Tar Heel Conference meet of the season and swept both races. The boys won with a low score of 41, besting Chatham Charter's 59. On the girls side, the Wolves finished with 15 points, which was 30 points better than second-place Triangle Science & Math.

In the girls race, Woods Charter sophomore Anna Peeler placed first with a time of 21:02, 27 seconds faster than second place. Peeler, who finished ninth at last year's 1A regionals, set a new personal record at the meet last week.

"I felt really good," Peeler told the News + Record about the race. "I knew exactly where the trail was. In some meets, I don't know exactly where the course goes, so I have to slow down a little. I felt like I had an advantage because it was a home race. I felt like having my teammates cheer for me also helped me go faster. When I came in first, I was completely shocked."

Placing second in the girls race was senior Maddie Sparrow (21:29), while junior Ellie Poitras finished fourth (22:38). As the top returners on the girls side this season, Poitras and Sparrow have played a large part in Peeler's development from last fall.

"The girls really push and inspire each other," Hawkins said. "They hopefully understand that. Anna has really learned a lot from Ellie and Maddie, and she's kind of blossomed this year and has been more confident in her racing ability. All the girls train together daily, and that's been really helpful for them."

For the rest of the season, Peeler said she has personal goals of finishing top 10 at regionals and breaking the 21-minute mark in a race, something only four runners — including Sparrow and Poitras — accomplished at last fall's regional race.

On the boys side, Woods Charter didn't have a top-eight finisher, but the top six boys for the Wolves all finished between ninth and 16th. Leading the way was sophomore Alex Serrone, who came in ninth with a time of 20:13. Placing 10th, 11th and 12th right behind him were sophomore Ben Valentine and seniors Ian Gao and Ethan Galiger.

The top boys finisher at the meet was Chatham Charter senior Silas Christenbury, who came in second with a time of 18:50. The Knight also got a strong finish from Adam Reese, who came in fourth at 19:30.

Last year's 1A mid-east regional champions, the Woods Charter boys received a big boost this week with the return of senior Colin Thompson to practice.

Thompson, who finished 14th at last year's 1A mid-east regional in a time of 19:22.93, broke his collarbone while playing for Woods Charter's boys soccer team earlier in the season, and he was just recently cleared to resume running for the Wolves' cross country team.

VOLLEYBALL

Maya Sheridan, Josephine Valgus have Woods Charter rolling

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL — Arguably the top volleyball team in the county this fall season has been Woods Charter School, which moved to 12-3 overall Monday night with a home sweep of Northwood.

The Wolves, who are 8-1 in conference play, have won five straight matches since falling to Eno River Academy, 3-0, back on Sept. 16. In her first season as Woods Charter's head coach, Amanda Gough has the Wolves playing on a similar level to last fall, when they won a program-record 18 matches and reached the first round of the state playoffs.

Gough didn't have any head coaching experience when she accepted the head coaching job at Woods this summer. She credited the ease of the transition to her sophomore captain — setter Maya Sheridan.

"(Maya) came into the year without the title of captain, already ready for tryouts knowing that she had to run warm-ups and knowing she had to get people motivated



Staff photo by Nikki Witt

Woods Charter freshman Josephine Valgus (8) leads the Wolves in Kills (192) in her first season with the varsity team.

during practice," Gough said. "That was a great welcome to have that in my players already established ... "She's always the first person at practice and is the person who will send out a text after the game saying how great everyone did. Having that leadership already established

has been such a big help to me."

Sheridan is one of the few returners from last year's team. As a freshman in 2021, she led the team with 542 assists, or an average of 8.2 assists per set.

See **CHARTER**, page B2

Is Drake Maye the best recent UNC quarterback?

Outside of a horrid two-year stretch from 2017-18, the North Carolina football team has seen its fair share of strong quarterback play.

When I was enrolled at UNC, the Tar Heels transitioned from fan-favorite Marquise Williams to Mitchell Trubisky, who has a solid college career and eventually went No. 2 overall in the 2017 NFL Draft. And in 2019, a true freshman quarterback named Sam Howell came in and led the program to a 21-17 record over three seasons while setting numerous program records along the way.

As well as Trubisky and Howell played at UNC, they both lacked some desirable traits that have caused their professional careers to go somewhat awry. Just this week, Trubisky was recently benched by the Steelers in favor of rookie Kenny Pickett. Howell, meanwhile, slipped to the fifth round of the 2021 NFL Draft and is currently sitting on the bench for Washington behind Carson Wentz.

But UNC's new quarterback, redshirt freshman Drake Maye, looks ready to buck that trend. While he has only started five collegiate games, he's off to one of the best starts of any quarterback in the country — and his style of play already has pro scouts drooling over him.

So far in 2022, Maye has completed 69.7% of his passes for 1,594 yards, 19 touchdowns and just one interception, adding another 255 yards and three touchdowns on the ground.

Maye is tied for the NCAA Division-I lead in touchdown passes and is coming off a five-touchdown performance Saturday against Virginia Tech in a game UNC won by a score of 41-10.

Maye was named ACC quarterback and freshman of the week for his performance, but there are likely bigger goals in mind for the redshirt freshman. Chief among them, beyond his college career, is preparing himself for the professional level.

One thing Maye has going for him already is his quick decision-making. After taking the snap, Maye is lightning quick going through his reads, and he's not afraid to take the open check-down or scramble for yards if the situation calls for it.

One of the biggest gripes with Howell when he left UNC was his tendency to hold onto the ball too long while waiting for things to develop downfield. Howell was sacked 48 times in 13 games in 2021, but Maye has only been sacked nine times in five games this

season. Maye has already received praise from some big names in college football. On College Gameday on Saturday, analyst Rece Davis at one point said that UNC "probably has the best quarterback in the ACC."

During Saturday's game against Virginia Tech, The Athletic NFL draft expert Dane Brugler said on Twitter that, from afar, it "looks like Justin Herbert plays for UNC."

Herbert, the No. 7 overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft out of Oregon, is one of the top young quarterbacks at the professional level. Maye has a similar frame to Herbert (6-foot-6, 236 pounds) at 6-foot-5 and 220 pounds, and his ability to make plays outside of the pocket is also very similar to the former NFL Rookie of the Year.

The only hesitancy I still have about Maye's play, which has admittedly been fantastic, is the strength of the opponents he's played so far. Two of UNC's five games so far this season have come against Florida A&M and Georgia State. Of their other three opponents, the team with the best pass defense was Appalachian State, who is 42nd in the country in pass defense, allowing 202.2 yards per game.

The rest of the season should offer some clearer insights into Maye's abilities against tougher competition. After traveling to Miami this weekend, UNC will play four of its final six games against teams over .500, including a three-game stretch to end the year that features matchups at No. 15 Wake Forest and at home vs. No. 14 N.C. State.

If Maye continues to play well down the stretch, he could be considered one of the top returning players in all of college football in 2023. And because he has already redshirted a season, Maye will be eligible to enter the NFL Draft following his sophomore season.

Right now, the 2024-eligible quarterback with the most professional buzz is Southern California's Caleb Williams, who transferred from Oklahoma over the offseason and has the Trojans currently ranked No. 6 in the country with an undefeated 5-0 record.

Maye could put himself in the same conversation with Williams with another strong season in 2023. And if he manages to improve on his play, he could be in the conversation for No. 1 overall. If that ends up happening, he would be the first UNC player ever taken No. 1 overall. Trubisky, defensive end Julius Peppers (2002) and linebacker Lawrence Taylor (1982) each went No. 2 in their respective drafts.

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Through 15 matches this season, Sheridan has a team-high 203 assists to go with 61 service aces and 12 total blocks. The sophomore is a major reason why Woods is currently tied with Chatham Charter School atop the Central Tar Heel Conference standings this fall.

Another big reason for the Wolves' success this season is the emergence of several freshmen, including outside hitter Josephine Valgus.

The big question mark for Woods entering the season was how the Wolves would replace outside hitter Lexi Smollen, who led the team in kills with 474 as a sophomore last fall before transferring to Chapel Hill High School this summer.

The answer so far has been Valgus, who currently leads the team with 192 kills, almost 150 more than the next closest player.

"(Josephine) originally told me she played both right-side hitter and setter," Gough said. "I saw a stronger player within her, so I wanted to place her at outside hitter. I think that was the best move, having Maya be the setter and having Josephine be our best offensive option. She's been able to put a lot of kills away this season. She's really managed making adjustments when she makes a mistake and how to place the ball in order to get a side out or rack up those points."

Valgus is one of four freshmen currently on Woods Charter's roster. The Wolves also feature three sophomores, one junior and just two seniors.

Having such a young team adds to the excitement for Gough. While this past offseason was one of change and transition for the Woods volleyball team, Gough believes there is now a solid foundation in place to build on over the next several seasons.

"I'm so excited for the future. I feel

like we have a pretty good rhythm going with the players. A lot of the ninth graders are having a good time with it and bringing out all their friends to the games. It's definitely a morale boost to have that connection to the girls, and the eighth-graders we'll have coming up, I feel like they're just going to add to that. Things are going to keep getting better, in my opinion."

Woods' top competition this regular season has been Chatham Charter, which is tied with the Wolves atop the conference standings. The Knights swept Woods, 3-0, back on Sept. 13, but the Wolves got their revenge with a 3-1 victory on Sept. 29.

Chatham Charter, which only has six players on its roster, has been led offensively this season by senior Emerson Clark, who has 167 kills and 51 service aces so far this season. The Knights have two more conference matches this season — a Thursday meeting against 13-4 Cornerstone Charter and the their regular season finale at River Mill next Tuesday.

Last season, the Wolves and Knights split their two regular season meetings. Woods Charter ultimately got the last laugh, as it defeated Chatham Charter in the conference tournament to win the season series.

In the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference, Seaforth currently has the best record of any county team with a 10-3 overall mark and a 5-2 record in league play. The Hawks entered their match at Chatham Central High School on Tuesday on a three-match winning streak.

Central came into Tuesday's match with an 8-10 overall record and a 3-5 mark in conference play. Sitting behind the Bears in fifth place in the league standings is Jordan-Matthews, which is 4-11 overall and 1-5 against conference opponents.

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The MLB wants to go backward in the storyteller's game

Bigger bases, no more defensive shifts and a new pitch clock.



BEN RAPPAPORT
Columnist

Last month, Major League Baseball passed sweeping rule changes in an effort to change the game and make it a more fan-friendly experience.

It's no secret baseball has been losing fans over the past few decades and these rule changes are an attempt to wrangle those lost fans back to America's pastime. There's just one problem: the changes halt the evolution of the game.

I fell in love with baseball because it is a storyteller's game. Each pitch is a chance to learn about the players on the field and the stories beyond the game. If you pay close enough attention, you'll start to see the game within the game — the body language in between pitches, the cogs turning in a manager's mind as he decides whether to leave a pitcher in the game or call to the bullpen.

And yes, I have heard from many friends over the years that baseball is "boring" and that the game takes too long, but I contend that in itself is the beauty of the game. It is the sport with no clock. The pace of play is entirely controlled by players, particularly by the pitcher. It doesn't matter how long it takes, the winning team has to get 27 outs on defense and score more runs than the other team in nine innings.

As a pitcher toes the white rubber in a high tension situation, they can hold the ball just a little longer before firing toward the plate to ease his nerves. Or quick pitch the hitter when he stands outside the batter's box just a little too long. The pitch clock ruins this essential element of the game.

Those in favor of the pitch clock say fans want a faster game. The clock has long been tested in minor league play and brought game times down significantly. Minor league games this season have consistently clocked in at under 2 hours, 30 minutes — a time seen by many as ideal — and average game times have settled a little over it.

The new rule states a pitch clock of 15 seconds with empty bases and 20 seconds with runners on. The catcher must be in position when the timer hits 10 seconds, the hitter must have both feet in the batter's box and be "alert" at the 8-second mark and the pitcher must start his "motion to pitch" by the expiration of the clock. A violation by the pitcher is an automatic ball. One by the hitter constitutes an automatic strike.

This rule is incredibly strict and a harsh transition with changes expected to be implemented at the start of next season. The vote for the change was not unanimous, with most dissents coming from the MLB Players Association.

Cincinnati Reds first baseman and surefire hall of famer Joey Votto said it best when asked

what he loved about baseball. "I love that there is no uniformity to our game," he said on a Bally Sports Ohio broadcast. "It's my favorite part about our sport."

He said the great thing about baseball is there is room for every type of fan — those who keep score in handwritten scorebooks or those who tune out for four innings while shooting the breeze and drinking a beer.

I couldn't agree more, which is part of why I am so frustrated at these rule changes. I think about some of the pitchers who are so exciting to watch in the game today and those I grew up loving. One thing they had in common was their uncanny ability to control the pace of the game on their terms.

For example, one of the most fascinating pitchers today is New York Yankees starter Nestor Cortes. The funky lefty constantly changes his delivery to the plate and timing of his pitches in an attempt to throw hitters off their rhythm, and so far it's worked wonders with a season ERA of 2.44 and 12 wins, good enough to put him among the top 20 pitchers in the league. White Sox pitcher Johnny Cueto has a similar methodology by frequently changing his windup and timing — tactics that have made him a two-time all star and former league strikeout leader.

Both of these pitchers have built their success around messing with the pace of the game, a strategy that will soon go by the wayside with the new pitch clock. This rule change, along with the removal of defensive shifts detract from the evolution of the game.

Defensive shifts have become commonplace for teams to adjust the positioning of players if data shows a hitter

is significantly more likely to hit the ball to one portion of the field. It can result in some odd defensive formations like a second baseman in right field or a completely empty third base side of the diamond.

Shifts are a primary example of the increased use of data analytics in the game. Managers can realign their teams to make them more likely to get those elusive 27 outs. To me, it's part of the evolution of the game — more data to make decisions means better outcomes.

The rule change eliminates the shift in the name of "more action." Teams must now have two infielders on either side of second base and three outfielders. The unnecessary change, which was also opposed by players, moves the game backward.

If MLB wants to attract more fans to the game, it can't drag the game back as it evolves. Pitchers need to mess with the pace of play to throw off bigger, stronger hitters of today. Data is now an essential part of managerial and front office decision making on who to play and where to place them.

In many ways, MLB's rule changes detract from the story of the storyteller's game.

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SCORES AND SCHEDULES

SCORES		SCHEDULES	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27		TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4	
Volleyball	Jordan-Matthews 6, Cedar Ridge 1 Western Alamance 2, Northwood 1 Woods Charter 9, Chatham Charter 0	Boys soccer	Northwood vs. Orange (4:30 p.m.) Chatham Central vs. Graham (7:30 p.m.) Jordan-Matthews at Cummings (7:30 p.m.)
Girls golf	Chatham Central defeats Seaforth and North Moore with a low round of 160. Seaforth finished in third with a score of 179.	Volleyball	Seaforth at Cummings (6 p.m.) Jordan-Matthews at Carrboro (6:30 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28		THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6	
Girls tennis	Chatham Central and Seaforth compete at Beacon Ridge Golf and Country Club against North Moore.	Volleyball	Northwood vs. Chatham Central (6 p.m.)
Boys soccer	Seaforth 6, Bartlett Yancey 0	Girls tennis	Chatham Central at South Davidson (4:30 p.m.)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29		FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7	
Volleyball	Woods Charter 3, Chatham Charter 1	Football	Seaforth at North Moore
Girls golf	Chatham Central and Seaforth compete at Beacon Ridge Golf and Country Club against North Moore.	MONDAY, OCTOBER 10	
Boys soccer	Seaforth 6, Bartlett Yancey 0	Boys soccer	
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3		Jordan-Matthews vs. Graham (6 p.m.) Seaforth at North Moore (6 p.m.) Northwood at Person (6 p.m.) Chatham Charter vs. River Mill (5 p.m.) Woods Charter at Cristo Rey Research Triangle (4:30 p.m.)	
Girls tennis	Seaforth 8, Jordan-Matthews 1	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11		Girls tennis	
Girls tennis		Chatham Charter vs. Seaforth (6 p.m.) Jordan-Matthews at North Moore (6 p.m.)	
Girls tennis		WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5	
Northwood competes at Indian Valley		Girls tennis	
Girls tennis		Seaforth at Bartlett Yancey (4:30 p.m.) Chatham Central vs. North Moore (4:30 p.m.)	

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touchdown run by sophomore Broden Jones.

“The guys know that if we continue to grind, good things will happen,” Gary said of the fortuitous turnover. “We had a gameplan that I can’t really get into details about, but it paid off. The guys were excited about it. They know most of the things we do are on us. We have to hold ourselves accountable.”

At 2-1 in conference play, the Hawks are in second place in the league standings behind North Moore. The Hawks will have their chance to take first place this Friday, as they go on the road to take on the unde-

feated Mustangs (6-0, 2-0 Conf.).

Chatham Central, meanwhile, is back at home this Friday as it hosts Graham. The Bears lost last year’s meeting to the Red Devils, 41-6.

North Moore 67, Jordan-Matthews 7

Jordan-Matthews ran into a buzzsaw last Thursday at home against North Moore. Playing an undefeated Mustangs team, the Jets were overmatched and ended up losing by 60 points.

North Moore didn’t attempt a pass in the game, instead relying on 10 different ball-carriers to rack up 329 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. The Mustangs jumped out to a 35-0 lead after the first quarter

and never looked back.

Defensively, North Moore also intercepted two passes, one of which was returned for a touchdown, and it also scored off a 53-yard fumble return. The 60-point victory is the Mustangs’ largest of the season so far.

The Jets, who are 0-7 on the season and 0-3 in conference play, have been outscored by an average of 43.6 points per game. Jordan-Matthews will try to snap its losing streak this Friday on the road against Cummings, which is 3-2 on the season.

J-M and Cummings have played seven times since 2009, with the Cavaliers winning five of those games. Last fall, Cummings defeated the Jets, 57-0, at Jordan-Matthews.

Playoff picture

More than midway through the regular season, only two Chatham County football teams look like viable playoff candidates: Northwood and Seaforth.

The Chargers, who play at the 3A level and are currently 3-4 overall, made last year’s playoffs with a record of 4-5 overall and 2-3 in conference play, though they were one of the final few teams to earn an at-large bid.

For Northwood to feel good about its playoff chances this season it will need to win at least one of its final three games. That would put the Chargers firmly on the bubble, but two wins and a 5-5 record at the end of the regular season would obviously be

more appealing to the playoff selection committee.

Seaforth, meanwhile, is in solid position as things stand with a 2-1 record in conference play, but things are about to become much more difficult for the Hawks over the coming weeks.

The Hawks’ final three opponents of the regular season, North Moore, Cummings and Bartlett Yancey, have a combined record of 13-5 so far this season. Seaforth will likely need two wins to end the regular season with a 4-6 record and have a solid chance at making the 2A state tournament.

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scored on a keeper to cut things back to a one-score game at 18-14.

Momentum wouldn't stay with Northwood long, as Person immediately responded to Smith's score with a long touchdown pass to make it 24-14. On the Chargers' next drive, Smith was intercepted by a Rockets defender, who returned it to the end zone to quickly make things 30-16.

Northwood could have let the pick-six deter them from competing late in the game, but the mistake only strengthened the Chargers' resolve. After scoring a quick touchdown it 30-20, Northwood shaved the deficit to three points, 30-27, after a touchdown by receiver Antoine Brewington.

After forcing a punt on Person's next drive, Northwood looked poised to take the lead for the first time since the first quarter, but after driving into Rockets' territory, the Chargers were intercepted again by Person senior Julian Crawley, who returned the ball 99 yards for a touchdown to make it 36-27 in the fourth quarter.

"Turnovers are the nature of the game, but I just have to do a better job of getting our guys prepared," Kenan said. "I put those on me. I have to do a better job."

Northwood responded with a scoring drive, capped off by a 15-yard touchdown run by Smith with 5:34 left in the fourth quarter to cut the game to 36-34 — but it would be the final time either team scored Thursday night.

Crawley was the star of the show for Person, scoring twice on interception returns and adding both



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

The Northwood football team lost to Person, 36-34, at home last Thursday. The Chargers are now 3-4 on the season.

a rushing and receiving touchdown. Northwood held the Rockets to just 212 yards of total offense, but Person made the most of its opportunities to get revenge on the Chargers after falling to them, 21-7, at home last season.

Up next

Now 3-4 overall and 1-2 in conference play, Northwood is in fifth place in 3A East Conference 25 league standings behind Eastern Alamance, Person, Williams and Western Alamance.

The Chargers have a bye week in Week 8. They return to action Oct. 14 on the road at Orange High. Northwood defeated Orange, 34-6, at home last season and 6-8 all-time against the Panthers since 2005.

Kenan says the bye

couldn't come at a better time for the Chargers, who have been decimated by injuries at several key offensive positions. Against Person on Thursday, two Northwood receivers — Elliott and senior Drew Entekin — had to exit the game early. Kenan told the CN+R that Entekin's injury will cause him to miss the rest of the season.

"The bye is valuable to us because there have been so many injuries," Kenan said. "Hopefully we can get some guys back over the next few weeks and be better prepared for Orange. The injury bug hasn't been our friend this year."

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Saturday, October 29

We are excited to announce the LIVE PERFORMANCES for Pittsboro's annual Street Fair celebration. Our lineup includes local talent showcasing a wide variety of skills from dance, theatrical, jump roping, and music!

10 am: Welcome, National Anthem
10:15am - 10:35am: 7 Dance Centre: Ballet to clog. Acro to hip hop. Our world-class instructors empower dancers to find their own flare.
10:50am - 11:40am: Too Much Fun: A foursome packing rootsy, rocking, rhythm and blues for over 35 years, known for their "Genuine Danceability"
11:50am - 12:10am: Pittsboro Center for the Arts: A vibrant, professional-level community theater organization which teaches theater arts to and produces family plays for, with, and by area children and adults.
12:20pm- 1:10pm: Groove Street: This band's mix of songs includes influences from R&B, Soul, Beach, Gospel, Country, Rock, Blues and more. Come out & get your groove on!
1:20pm - 1:40pm: Bouncing Bulldogs: Based in Chapel Hill, they promote jumping rope for fun and fitness, and to help all children to grow physically, emotionally and socially. Education, good sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork are emphasized among all team members.
1:50pm - 2:40pm: Dowdy Boys: Singing songs of the Gospel
2:50pm - 3:10pm: Dance Connection: Committed to spreading joy through the art of dance, they focus on educating students in various genres of dance while building self-esteem and promoting personal growth.
3:20pm - End: Petty Thieves: A good time Tom Petty cover band from Pittsboro, NC

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Council on Aging Activities Calendar

October 10th through October 14th

Monday, October 10th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie
- 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/Liz (Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
- 11 a.m. - Bluegrass Music w/Original Haw River Crawdaddies
Western Chatham Senior Center
- 9 a.m. - Strong & Fit w/Olivia
- 10:30 a.m. - Science w/Alan
- 2 p.m. - Geri-Fit

Tuesday, October 11th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie (masks optional)
- 9 a.m. - 3G's Men's Group
- 10 a.m. - Woodcarvers; Bingo w/Joe & Coffee
- 11 a.m. - October Birthday Party w/Liz
- 1 p.m. - Rummikub
Western Chatham Senior Center
- 9:45 a.m. - Chair Exercises w/Olivia for Beginners
- 10 a.m. - Bingo w/Woodman Life
- 1 p.m. - Rook
- 2 p.m. - Fitness Room Orientation w/Olivia

Wednesday, October 12th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 10 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/Liz (in-person and Zoom)
- 11 a.m. - Seniors Helping Seniors - Boo Door Hanger Craft
- 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
- 10:30 a.m. - Diabetes Discussion Group
- 1 p.m. - Cornhole
- 2 p.m. - Crafting w/Kathryn (Beginner Christmas Cross-Stitch)

Thursday, October 13th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie
- 10 a.m. - Crafts and Conversation; Let's Move w/Jackie
- 10:30 a.m. - Diabetes Discussion Group
- 1 p.m. - Board Games and Cards
- 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
- 2 p.m. - Geri-Fit; Tea

Friday, October 14th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie
- 11:15 a.m. - Chair 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
- 10:30 a.m. - Stories w/Neriah
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National Disability Employment Awareness Month recognized by Chatham Commissioners

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution last Monday recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and commemorating its 77th anniversary.

The resolution was presented to Chatham Trades Executive Director Shawn Poe.

“Since 1980, Chatham Trades has been providing employment and training for Chatham County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities,” Poe said. “We have created an environment that treats each person with respect and equality.”

The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America’s workers with disabilities. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the workers with disabilities and their accomplishments.

“It is a time to encourage employers and others to recognize the value and talent that people with disabilities add to America and to Chatham County’s workplaces and economy,” Poe said.

This year’s theme, “Disability: Part of the Equity Equation,” celebrates the contributions of America’s workers with disabilities past and present, and showcases supportive, inclusive employment policies and practices.

“Our national recovery from the pandemic cannot be completed without the inclusion of all Americans, in particular people with disabilities,” said U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh. “Their contributions have historically been vital to our nation’s success and are more important today than ever. We must build an economy that fully includes the talent and drive of those with disabilities.”

Reflecting this year’s theme, Poe said Chatham Trades would continue to educate the public on disability employ-



Submitted photo

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution recently recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and commemorating its 77th anniversary. The resolution was presented to Chatham Trades Director Shawn Poe (left) by Commission Chairperson Karen Howard.

ment issues and its commitment to an inclusive work culture. These efforts include a video promoting Chatham Trades’ services, available at www.chathamtrades.org.

“Chatham Trades is proud to be a part of this year’s National Disability Employment Awareness Month,” Poe said. “We want to spread the important message that we value all perspectives, including those of individuals with disabilities.”

Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages — during October and throughout the year — by visiting www.dol.gov/NDEAM.

Siler City Police participating in ‘Faith & Blue’ weekend

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — This weekend will be a first for the Siler City Police Department: Chief Mike Wagner’s staff will be participating in Faith & Blue, an initiative designed to create engagement with the community through places of worship throughout town.

“This is the first time that our city is participating in it,” Wagner said. “We’re really excited about it.”

Faith & Blue was launched in 2020 to facilitate safer, stronger, more just and unified communities by directly enabling local partnerships among law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses and community groups through the connections of local faith-based organizations, according to its website.

Faith & Blue’s N.C. liaison Bob Beard said the initiative has become an important event for law enforcement across the country.

“It’s a four-day event every year, always the first weekend in October,” Beard said. “Events could be anything from a town hall meeting to a panel discussion with youth about gun violence, and the consequences of it, or something like that.”

Siler City’s Faith & Blue events will be hosted at three churches in town — Corinth AME Zion Church on Friday, St. Julia’s Catholic Church on Saturday and First Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Each church will have a different event. Corinth will host a question-and-answer forum with the police department; St. Julia’s will host a movie night, and First Presbyterian will host a

phishing and scamming awareness panel targeted for senior citizens in the community.

Wagner said he feels it’s important to engage with the community through events such as Faith & Blue. Connecting with residents is crucial in providing fair policing and establishing trust within the town between police officers and citizens.

“I’m really looking forward to just engagement, and to grow the trust and to create that relationship with the community,” Wagner said. “I hope that everyone has the opportunity to meet with members of our department to understand our dynamics, but more importantly, for them to be for them to engage with us directly.”

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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.

POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Sept. 23, Tony Cervantes Ortiz, 20, of 608 W. Second St., Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for a Domestic Violence Protection Order violation. He was placed on a 48-hour hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Sept. 27.

On Sept. 23, Carlos Mario Reyes Urrutia, 23, of 28 Tamarack Circle, Lot 303, Chapel Hill, was arrested by

Deputy Rami Amer for assault on a female. He was placed on a 48-hour hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Oct. 19.

On Sept. 24, Thomas Lee Saunders, 32, of 202 Post Office Road, Moncure, was arrested by Deputy Reid Allhouse for failure to appear. He was issued a \$260 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Oct. 18.

On Sept. 24, Jessica Mae Derrick, 39, of 2261 Edwards Hill Church Road,

Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Brooke Roberts for assault with a deadly weapon. She was placed on a 48-hour hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Oct. 17.

On Sept. 25, Camden Hunter Spinks, 23, of 3819 Old US 1, Moncure, was arrested by Staff Sgt. Chris Burger for assault on a female. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Oct. 19.

On Sept. 27, Shawna Leeann Green, 29, of 2696 Mount View Church Road,

Moncure, was arrested by Deputy Shannon Read for Domestic Violence Protective Order violation and resisting a public officer. She was placed under a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Oct. 5.

On Sept. 27, Jacquelyn Kate Lanier, 34, of 22 Young Way, Waynesville, was arrested by Deputy Andrew Gray for failure to appear. She was placed under a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Iredell County District Court in Statesville on Oct. 26.

Duke Energy awards funds to Siler City Development Organization

SILER CITY — The Siler City Development Organization (SCDO) has been awarded \$25,000 from the Duke Energy Hometown Revitalization Grant Program to help improve building facades and interior rehabilitation in downtown Siler City.

These funds, along with contributions from the town and community businesses, will support exterior and interior building improvements for downtown. SCDO offers an investment matching program to pay back portions of facade upgrades and building rehabilitation. Facade and building projects can be expensive, and this supports and incentivizes businesses to continue to invest and build up Siler City's economy.

For more information on the facade and building rehabilitation grants or to apply to the SCDO grant match-

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ing programs, please contact Dalton York, at dyork@silercity.org or 919-742-2323.

SCDO is a catalyst for the growth and sustainability of our town's economy and quality of life. In total, the program has supported more than \$50,000 in improvements in Siler City. SCDO is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.



Courtesy of SCDO
Officials from the Siler City Development Organization receive a \$25,000 Duke Energy Hometown Revitalization grant to help improve building facades and interior rehabilitation downtown.

IAN'S IMPACT

Chatham mostly spared by hurricane

CN+R Staff Report

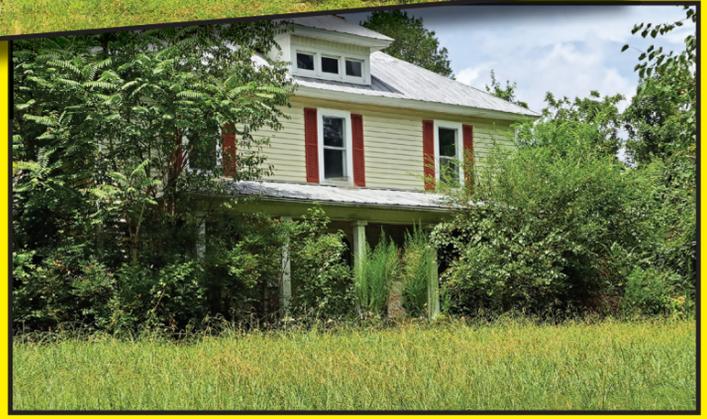
Winds and rain from Hurricane Ian — which was downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone by the time its impact reached Chatham County early Saturday morning — felled trees and powerlines and created widespread power outages, according to Steve Newton, the county's emergency management director.

More than 15,000 power outages were reported in the county on Saturday morning by Duke Energy, Central EMC and Randolph EMC, the utilities which provide power to Chatham residents. By Sunday morning, that number was down to about 1,700, and most of those were restored by day's end.

"I encourage residents to use this storm and power outage to assess their own preparedness for future emergencies," Newton told the News + Record. "How did they stay informed of the changing conditions? Did they have working flashlights, basic supplies and shelf-stable food to stay safe while crews restored power?"

Newton said preparedness information is available online at www.readync.gov and www.readychatham.org.

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Goldston's 'Old Fashion Day' set for Saturday

CN+R Staff Report

GOLDSTON — Goldston's 35th annual Old Fashion Day is set for Saturday, Oct. 8. The free, family-focused event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with handicapped parking available at Goldston Automotive, directly across from the festival location on Main Street.

With over 100 vendors participating, Old Fashion Day offers a mix of art, antiques, crafts, food, jewelry and fashion accessories, mums, candles, wreaths, pottery, home décor and clothing for your shopping pleasure. There will also be many county agencies providing information on services available to families in

and around Chatham County. While strolling the street, delight in a variety of specialty foods, including BBQ ribs, brisket, fish sandwiches, barbecue, chicken tenders, hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, sausage dogs, funnel cakes, pintos/cornbread, fried apple pies and Lions Club Ice Cream.

Inflate-A-Party Inflatables from Apex will provide activities in the kids Fun Zone from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; \$5 per child unlimited play wristbands will be available. Ubi the Clown will be displaying his talent, making balloon animals, hats, swords and flowers for the kids.

A returning attraction will test the climbing skills of big

folks and children as "The Climbing Place" will furnish a challenging rock wall and mini wall for youngsters. Pint-Sized Pasture (a petting zoo) from Broadway will join the festival, along with free pumpkin painting.

A portion of Main Street will be closed to traffic again this year and will be pedestrian-only. This area will host the food court with a variety of food and seating. Across Main Street, there will be a wide assortment of equipment including tractors, hit and miss engines, corn shellers and hand water pumps from C-Cape (Central Carolina Antique Power Equipment) from Sanford. Also, a chuckwagon will be on

exhibit to educate young and old about Western cooking history. A blacksmith will be on site with his forge doing demonstrations during the day.

New to the festival this year, Goldston Recreation will be hosting a corn-hole tournament. The event is in the back parking lot of the old BB&T bank building. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and play begins at 10 a.m. The cost is \$40 per team. Boards/bags will be provided (you may bring your own). First place wins a new set of corn hole boards; all proceeds go directly to the town's recreation department.

The festival is located at Exit 159 on U.S. Hwy. 421 between Sanford and Siler City

and is sponsored by multiple merchants in Goldston and the surrounding area. This event is coordinated by the Goldston Lions Club, and all proceeds go back to community projects and provide aid to the blind and visually impaired. The Lions will be collecting eyeglasses, hearing aids and "new/gently used" coats during this event. You can drop these off at the Lions Club ice cream tent or other times at Lizzie's Grill-N-Chill in Goldston.

Vendor registration is currently closed, but you can submit your name/e-mail for our 2023 event.

Contact Lisa Denkins at blenkins@embarqmail.com or call 919-721-1403.

Sanford StreetFest announces lineup

Saturday's festival features food, music, fireworks and more

CN+R Staff Report

SANFORD — Downtown Sanford StreetFest & Fireworks has announced the lineup for its 5th anniversary event, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8. This festival offers a

full day of music and performances, more than 15 food trucks, craft and artisan vendors, demos and — of course — fireworks. Festivities kick off at 1 p.m. and run all day.

The main stage on Wicker Street will open

at 2 p.m. with local favorite "The Simpletones," followed by legendary "Chairmen of the Board" with classic soul, rhythm and blues, Motown and funk music. This year's headline band is the "Part Time Party Band," known for its upbeat variety of pop, beach and top 40 hits.

A second stage at Depot Park will showcase local talent starting at 2 p.m. with Triple Pointe

Dance Academy. This full second-stage lineup includes King Kai, Dancers' Workshop, Magetsi, Prime Time Dance Academy, the Temple Teen Ensemble and Bryson Lyons Music.

StreetFest will also bring performances to Charlie Watson Lane. Black Belt Leadership Academy will demonstrate martial arts skills, Danza Azteca will perform traditional Aztec dances, and Tobacco Road Southern Drum will demonstrate traditional Lumbee dancing and drums. Imagine Circus' performers will roam the streets.

There will be fun activities for all ages. El Refugio will offer interactive Day of the Dead activities, the Boys & Girls Club will host a fun zone, and the Lee County Community Orchestra will lead a kazoo

parade. Festival-goers can also participate in a special scavenger hunt and commemorate the day with festival-themed selfie stations.

Downtown restaurants and shops will be open on their regular schedules. Food trucks will be set up around downtown offering a mix of American and International cuisines and both sweet and savory options. Craft and artisan vendors will join them on the streets. There will also be educational and interactive booths for the whole family.

As the live music winds down, head to Depot Park for a dance party with DJ B Free. Fireworks will light up the sky over downtown starting around 8:45 p.m., depending on weather.

The City of Sanford, Downtown Sanford, the Sanford Area Growth Alliance, presenting sponsor Central Carolina Hospital, and the Visit Sanford Tourism Development Authority encourage the whole community to join in on this annual celebration of Sanford.

View a full list of food trucks, a festival schedule and map, and more at www.sanfordstreetfest.com.

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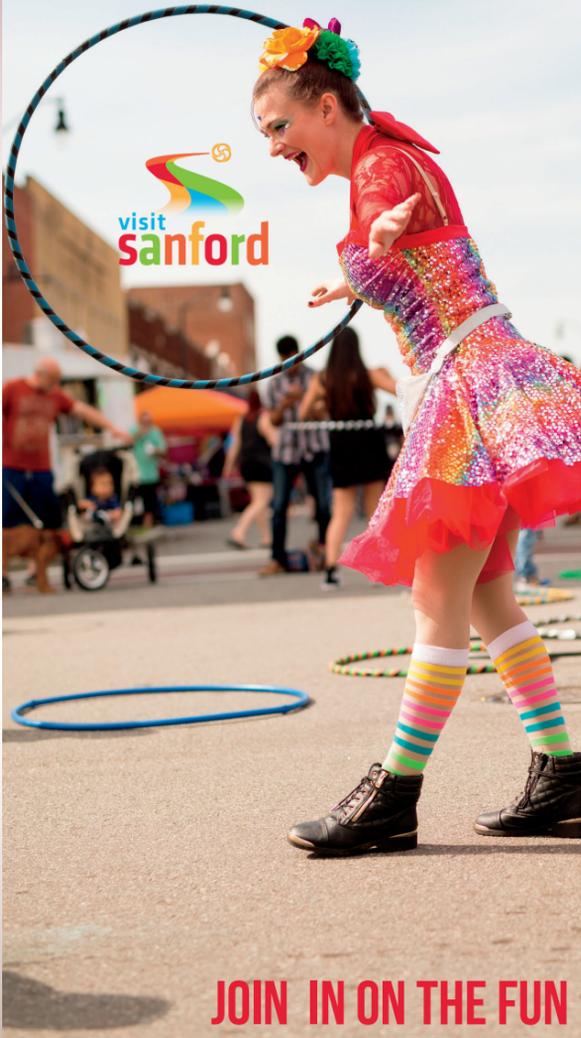
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8 eligible candidates submit applications for vacant Board of Education seat

Selection to be made, announced Thursday
CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Schools Board of Education has received applications from eight eligible candidates who wish to serve in the District 1 seat vacated by Melissa Hlavac last month.

Pursuant to school board policy 2115 and North Carolina General Statute 115C-37(f), the four sitting Board of Education members will interview the candidates beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, in the multipurpose room at George Moses Horton Middle School. Candidates will be interviewed individually. The Oct. 6 meeting is open to the public.

The board plans to announce its choice to fill the vacancy Thursday and swear in the new member at its regular meeting Oct. 10. The person selected to serve will be on the board until 2024, when the seat will be up for election. He or she may choose whether to run at that time.

The News + Record will announce the selection at chathamnewsrecord.com and on the newspaper's social media platforms.

Applicants for the District 1 seat are:

- Stanley Beeks, who most recently retired as deputy general director from a company that provides products and services in the fields of cryptography, eTravel documents, cyber security and artificial intelligence and is a former U.S. Marine, received his Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Wilmington University and his Executive MBA from the University of Delaware.

- Julie Bridenstine, a post-conviction staff attorney who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law.

- Henry Calderon, founder and CEO of a technology device company who has a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Framingham State College and who attended the U.S. Army Air Traffic Control Academy.

- Chris Fields, a regulatory reporting analyst at a financial services provider who has a Bachelor Degree in International Studies with a minor in Social

and Economic Justice from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Accounting from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- Deborah Hittel, a senior manager with a public health protection organization who received her Bachelor of Arts as a Double Major at Indiana University, did an international study abroad with the University of Kent-Canterbury and has Postgraduate Business Studies from Indiana University Kelly School of Business.

- Dustin Miller, a marketing consultant for Amazon product companies and Chatham County- and Chapel Hill-based businesses who received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Business Administration from the Bryan School of Business at UNC-Greensboro.

- Leslie Strohm, a higher education consultant on legal and governance issues who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from DePauw University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School.

- Timothy Winters, a Six Sigma Master Black Belt who works at a construction equipment manufacturer, has

a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University, a Master of Science in Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration from Kenan-Flagler Business School from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Two other candidates applied and then withdrew. They were Dana Gillispie, a licensed clinical social worker who works in private practice as a psychotherapist/clinical consultant, and Tracy Jordan, a fabric/interior designer and substitute preschool teacher.

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," she 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."

CHATHAM CHAT | CHAMBER'S CINDY POINDEXTER

'State of Chatham' set for Oct. 12

Chamber's president previews events, provides more updates

Cindy Poindexter, the president of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, is readying for the organization's "State of Chatham" event, set for next Wednesday at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro. We spoke with Poindexter to get an update about goings-on at the Chamber.

First off, what's new at the Chamber of Commerce?

Mary Bowman, a Chatham resident for more than 14 years, joined the Chatham Chamber team in August as an administrative assistant. She will work in the Chamber's Pittsboro office inside the Welcome Center at 37 Hillsboro St.

Tell us about the upcoming State of Chatham event...

A diverse group of business leaders and community members is expected to attend our Oct. 12 State of Chatham event, likely to become an annual gathering and featuring a comprehensive presentation of the latest data analyzing the well-being of Chatham County across social, economic, and environmental indicators.

Aaron Nelson, member of Community Data Partners and the president of The Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carboro will present the data. We will meet from 8:30 to 11 a.m., beginning with a full breakfast catered by 39 West Catering, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. Registration is open at <https://www.cucc.net/event-registration>.

We also have other events planned. On Nov. 12, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Chamber will host its 2nd annual Children's Business Fair at Mosaic at Chatham Park, where children will showcase their businesses and sell their products. I feel sure that the children will amaze attendees again this year with their drive and innovation. At the 2021 event, there were 17 participants, and we are planning for 20 to 25 this year. Cash prizes are awarded based on the most original, highest potential, and best presentation.

The Chamber will host its annual meeting and awards at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center on Nov. 15. Awards categories include Small Business of the Year, Distinguished Business Person, Young Professional, Chamber Ambassador, Chamber Board member for Exemplary Leadership, and Citizenship & Service.

Beginning in early 2023, the Chamber is looking forward to the second year of Chatham SPARK, a partnership with the Central Carolina Community College's Small Business Center and Mountaire Farms. Chatham SPARK is an entrepreneurial program geared toward new businesses. By the end of the program, participants will have gained valuable knowledge in many facets of business and will be trained to write an effective business plan.

The Chamber's annual golf tournament was held last week. How'd it go?

The 129 golfers, both Cham-



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Chamber

Cindy Poindexter, president and CEO of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce.

ber members and non-members, enjoyed the day. The weather could not have been any better!

There were 129 golfers at the Chamber's 34th annual tournament at Governors Club. Breakfast and lunch were provided, and volunteers on golf carts delivered snacks and beverages throughout the day. The top three teams were Edward Jones - Lee Shanklin team (1st place), Luck Stone (2nd place)

and Custom Building by TNT (3rd place). Contest winners were Denny Marcin, Zach Cartrette, Lee Shanklin and Larry Estep. Scott Maitland, on the Cambridge Hills team, won \$550 from a 50/50 raffle.

The Chamber was happy to hear good feedback and "thanks" from golfers after the tournament and is grateful to the following sponsors: Fidelity Bank - Presenting Sponsor; Welford Harris Ford - Hole-

in-One Sponsor; Life 103.1 WLHC-FM - Media; Carolina Commercial Contractors, Carolina Farm Credit, First Carolina Care Insurance, Mountaire Farms, Myrick Construction, New American Funding, and Sanford Contractors - Gold Sponsors; and Galloway Ridge and Mosaic at Chatham Park - Silver Sponsors.

What role has the Chamber/ is the Chamber playing in the VinFast/Wolfspeed projects?

Chamber staff met with Wolfspeed this past week and plans to meet with VinFast soon. The meeting with Wolfspeed was productive and facilitated a partnership with the Chamber.

The Chamber is here to offer support to businesses, build relationships, bridge connections, and to be a good partner. We are excited about the opportunities and boost to the economy that Wolfspeed and VinFast will bring to Chatham and look forward to collaborating and extending support. It is exhilarating to live and work in a county that has so much potential. We look forward to the job opportunities that will come with VinFast and Wolfspeed and are thankful that these two plants chose Chatham!

How can businesses get involved in the Chamber?

Attend Chamber events and join the Chamber if you are not already a member. There are many opportunities for Chamber members: networking, connections, marketing, increasing your knowledge through lunch & learns and public policy meetings, leadership development, advocacy, saving you money, and business credibility. Contact the Chamber for more information.

Siler City commissioners vote 4-1 to split town's planning department

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The town's board approved a policy change to split Siler City's Planning and Community Development department into two separate departments and fund two new positions at its meeting Monday night at Wren Memorial Library.

Commissioner Curtis Brown was the lone dissenting vote.

Town Manager Hank Raper brought the item before the board, saying this was the next step the town needed to take to prepare for the growth coming from Wolfspeed's planned chip manufacturing facility and other potential development at the

Chatham Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) site.

"The amount of development we're going to see in the next 10 years is radically different than what has been," Raper said. "We want to be sure that in every possible way we're prepared for what's to come."

The split he proposed would create separate Planning and Community Development departments, dividing the duties of Planning and Community Development Director Jack Meadows. The vote also created Community Development Director and a Code Enforcement Officer position to help provide more services to residents.

Most commissioners were on board with the idea of the split,

but Mayor Chip Price voiced his hesitation to split a department that Meadows has headed for about 20 years.

"I see the opportunity for a lot of friction between these two departments," Price said. "I'm not against this, but I think this is something which could show up at some point in time."

Raper told Price having two separate departments for planning and community development is what the town needs to accommodate growth, and that town staff would adjust to the split in a professional manner.

The town experienced a similar switch in its Public Utilities and Public Works departments earlier this year. Commissioner Cindy Bray pointed that out

to the board and asked whether this split was any different from the previous one.

"When we decided to split the public works department, we didn't have this conversation," Bray said. "That wasn't an issue, and I understand you want to hear what Jack (Meadows) thinks about this, but we have town manager to make decisions and sometimes he has to make tough decisions."

Commissioner Lewis Fadely told the board it was important to look at the split as a policy issue rather than a personnel issue.

"We don't want to cut the legs out from under our new town manager who we just hired this year," Fadely said. "We need to

be looking at where we want to go, where we are, and I think it's just another step in the process you have to deal with as a policy-making body."

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Haiges said he believed a split in the department was necessary in the long run for the town's success.

"In my mind, if we take we take the names out and put the positions next to each other, is this the right thing to do for the town?" Haiges asked the board. "I think it's the right thing to do for the town."

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

NEWS BRIEFS

CCCC offers grantwriting workshop

PITTSBORO — CCCC's one-day workshop, Introduction to Grantwriting, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, at the main Pittsboro Campus. Students will learn the basics of writing grants in a hands-on setting, including how to set and maintain a workable grant cycle, identify possibilities in the business community, and apply good storytelling practices to elevate a successful program. The cost is \$71.60; students should bring a bagged lunch and their computer. Register online at www.cccc.edu/ecd/find-classes/index.php?PublicationDepartment=Creative%20Writing.

with approximately 480,000 Americans dying each year from tobacco-related illnesses, and more than 16 million Americans suffering from at least one disease caused by smoking. Use of tobacco products such as cigarettes, vapes/electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco like chew or dip, cigars and pipes can contribute to cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and increases risk for tuberculosis, certain eye diseases and problems of the immune system including rheumatoid arthritis.

According to the 2021 Chatham County Community Assessment, one in nine adults in Chatham County say they use any tobacco product (11.2%), with the most common form being cigarettes (8.2%), followed by cigars (1.9%) and vapes/electronic cigarettes (1.1%).

The free virtual classes will start with an information session on Oct. 6, followed by three meetings. All sessions will be virtual and led by a trained and nationally-certified instructor. Participants will also receive:

- 2 weeks of nicotine replacement patches
 - QuitSmart materials
 - Support from other participants
 - Personalized pre-quit and 12-week quit plan
- All sessions are held

on Zoom from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on:

- Thursday, Oct. 6
- Thursday, Oct. 13
- Thursday, Oct. 27
- Thursday, Nov. 3

Those who have questions or want to sign up for the class should 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. They can also learn more at www.chathamcountync.gov/quitsmoking. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 5.

To learn more about the Chatham County Public Health Department, visit www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth and www.facebook.com/chathamhealth. More data on Chatham County tobacco use and other health topics can be found in the recent 2021 Chatham County Community Assessment at www.chathamcountync.gov/healthreports.

Silk Hope Ruritans plan Oct. 21 blood drive

The Silk Hope Ruritans will host a blood drive at the Silk Hope community building at 4221 Silk Hope Rd., in conjunction with the American Red Cross, from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21.

1st case of monkeypox confirmed in Chatham County

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — The N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services confirmed Chatham County's first confirmed case of monkeypox last week.

To protect privacy and in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Chatham County Public Health Department can share no further details about any individuals who test positive for the virus.

According to the NC DHHS monkeypox dashboard, as of Sept. 29, 2022, a total of 566 cases of monkeypox have been reported across North Carolina. Of those, 97% of cases have been in males; 70% of those diagnosed are Black. Just over 20,000 monkeypox vaccines have been administered. (The dashboard is updated each Thursday.)

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Anyone can get monkeypox. Primary symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches and backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills, exhaustion and respiratory symptoms (e.g., sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough).

Monkeypox's rash that can look like pimples or blisters that appears on the face, inside the mouth, and on other parts of the body, like the hands, feet, chest, genitals or anus. Some monkeypox cases start with a rash and then progress to include other symptoms. Others only experience the rash.

The virus can spread from person-to-person through direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs or body fluids. It also can be spread by respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during

intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling or sex. Monkeypox is not considered a sexually transmitted infection.

Testing for monkeypox is available. If you have had close, skin-to-skin contact with someone with monkeypox, or have bumps, sores, or a rash that looks like blisters or pimples, talk to your doctor or call the Chatham County Public Health Department clinic at 919-742-5641.

"Anyone can get monkeypox, though the risk remains low for most at this time," said Chatham County Public Health Director Mike Zelek. "Unlike COVID-19, monkeypox spreads mainly through close, skin-to-skin contact. We encourage all who meet the eligibility criteria for the monkeypox vaccine to make an appointment to get vaccinated."

Vaccines are available in limited supply, at no cost, for individuals with known or suspected exposure to monkeypox as well as those who meet the following criteria:

- Anyone who had close contact in the past two weeks with someone who has been diagnosed with monkeypox.
- Gay, bisexual or other men who have sex with men, or transgender individuals, who are sexually active.
- People who have had sexual contact with gay, bisexual or other men who have sex with men, or transgender individuals in the past 90 days.
- People living with HIV, or taking medication to prevent HIV (PrEP), or who were diagnosed with syphilis in the past 90 days.

If you meet any of the criteria above, call the Chatham County Public Health Department clinic at 919-742-5641 to learn more about a vaccine and to schedule an appointment. For additional op-

tions and more information, visit <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/monkeypox/MPXVLocations.html>.

Learn more about monkeypox at www.chathamcountync.gov/monkeypox. To learn more about the Chatham County Public Health Department, visit www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth and www.facebook.com/chathamhealth.

HOME COMING



The First Baptist Church of Siler City congregation and pastor, Jason Brogan, invite you to celebrate our 133rd Homecoming Sunday on October 9th at

11:00 a.m. Former pastor, Jim Wall, will bring the Homecoming message. 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.

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GO DEEP! PAST THE MAILBOXES...PAST THE BARN...THAT'S IT!
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MAYBE SHOULD HAVE STOPPED BEFORE THE BARBED WIRE FENCE?

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METEOROLOGISTS HAVE NAMES THAT SOUND LIKE WEATHER. IE "HURRICANE SCHWARTZ" AND "STORM FIELD." WHAT IF PEOPLE WHO REPORT TRAFFIC HAD THEIR OWN UNIQUE NAMES?...

JAM MILLER
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I HEARD THIS PLACE CHANGED HANDS RECENTLY.
YUP.
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MUDDY ROAD
GRAVEL PIT

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HAROLD, YOUR HAIRLINE IS RECEDING.
MY HAIRLINE IS NOT RECEDING...
...MY FACELINE IS ADVANCING!!

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YES, I REALIZE MY SANDWICH ISN'T THAT HEALTHY. I KINDA FIGURED THAT WHEN A PAPER PLATE COULDN'T SUPPORT IT.

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"The only thing left is a reality show about producing a reality show."

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ACROSS

- 1 Human rights org.
- 5 Costa —
- 9 Scored two under par
- 15 Apparel
- 19 Stars and Stripes, e.g.
- 20 Big whoops
- 21 Louisiana cuisine style
- 22 French girlfriend
- 23 Places to buy salmon fillets and such
- 25 Everyday routine
- 26 Metal beam with two flanges
- 27 Brainpower stats
- 28 Actor Bana
- 29 Overnight delivery, say
- 31 Regret deeply
- 32 Nothin' at all
- 33 Lauder of perfumery
- 34 Shutter strip
- 35 Breathable gym bottoms
- 38 Actor Alan
- 40 Vaping devices
- 43 Some tech. inst. grads
- 44 Trio after G
- 46 They're like lay-ups, but farther from the basket
- 48 Father, to a tiny tot
- 51 Like some artificial body parts
- 54 A snake injecting venom, e.g.
- 55 Become too warm
- 58 Like a bass voice
- 60 Napoleonic marshal
- 61 Coin that was worth 12 pence
- 65 Purvey
- 69 Often-flexed arm muscles
- 70 Paint coat applied to rough plaster
- 71 Brand of snowmobiles
- 73 Snow glider
- 74 Informal name for a herding breed
- 76 Congregated
- 78 Concealed
- 79 City development area
- 80 Dangler on a garment in a store
- 85 Most modern
- 88 Harper of "Far North"
- 89 Top worn on a safari
- 91 Snooze
- 92 Epoch
- 94 Opera solos
- 95 Tomb-raiding
- 97 Resembling a plate
- 103 Turner of the Washington Nationals
- 105 Check recipient
- 107 Tubular snack cake
- 108 Flat-fixing org.
- 109 Guard to keep something dry
- 112 Novelist Kingsley or Martin
- 113 "Despicable Me" villain
- 114 Very dry
- 115 Tiki bar drink
- 116 What nine answers in this puzzle suggest that you do twice?
- 118 Donate
- 119 Peeves
- 120 Les — (French for "some")
- 121 Emend
- 122 Tomahawks
- 123 Level
- 124 Indiana-to Ohio direction
- 125 Witty types
- 36 Word after big, cold or soft
- 37 Albert, in brief
- 39 For — (very cheaply)
- 41 Former rival of AT&T
- 42 Former Russ. state
- 45 First lady after Melania Trump
- 47 Move hastily
- 48 Lou formerly of CNN
- 49 Pop rocker
- 50 Rid of frost
- 51 Crank's cry
- 52 "Challenge accepted!"
- 53 Rum mixers
- 56 Coat after Melania
- 57 Lion chaser?
- 59 Hope (for)
- 62 Opposite of 58-Across
- 63 "You Be —" (1986 Run-D.M.C. hit)
- 64 Avian abodes
- 65 Savors Earl Grey, say
- 66 Funny
- 18 Arctic hazard
- 24 Gut feeling
- 29 Pine product
- 30 — v. Ferguson (landmark court case)
- 75 Torrid states
- 76 Untidy states
- 77 Afr. country
- 80 Keglers' org.
- 81 Karel Capek sci-fi play
- 82 Question starter in old Memorex ads
- 83 Total shams
- 84 Plotting in math class
- 86 Walked in water
- 87 Dermis or Pen lead-in
- 90 Turncoat
- 92 Most pasty
- 93 Phantom
- 96 "Yes, cap'n!"
- 98 Reporter on "Parks and Recreation"
- 99 Buds from the hood
- 100 Multi-roof temple
- 101 Winged bug with pincers
- 102 Intimidates
- 104 Sportscaster
- 106 "Für —" (piano piece)
- 109 Chronicle
- 110 Grand — (annual race)
- 111 Clearheaded
- 116 "— pasa?"
- 117 Dawn drops

Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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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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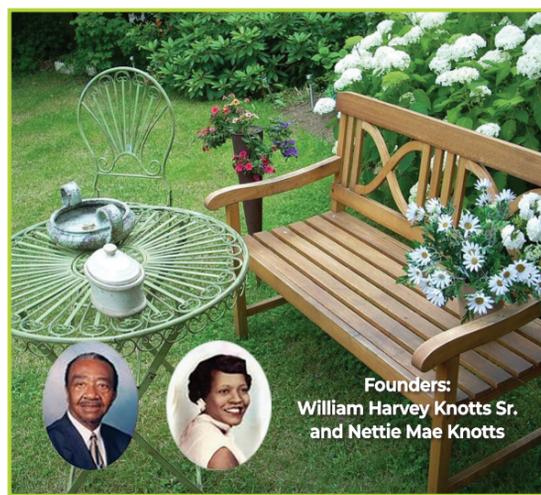
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7	9	5	3	1	4	6	2	8
6	4	2	7	5	8	3	9	1
8	3	1	9	6	2	7	4	5

Green is good

I'm an Aries, which is a fire sign, so according to every horoscope I've ever read (actually, TBH, I'm not that into it, so really, not many) the clothes I wear, the polish on my nails, my lipstick, the colors of my walls, even my hair should be one specific color: Red.

I will agree that red lips and nails have their place, I own both and occasionally wear them, usually for festive events. And, in the 80s, I had hair the red of diner ketchup (a thoroughly bad idea that I'll never repeat).

But you could look through my entire closet and dresser and the only red clothing you'd find is a scratchy red sweater and a clingy red sweater dress that I've only had the nerve to wear once.

There is though, a red that I avoid even more than scarlet clothing.

Old school red spaghetti sauce. My mom is half Italian, and when I was growing up she made it two or three times a week. The recipe's from her father, who, ironically was not the Italian parent.

I just never liked it. Or any red Italian sauce. Apparently, though, my mom's is the bomb because every time she made it people came running. One of my friends had spent time in Italy and said my mom's sauce was better by a mile. She used to make it for lunch each year for the crew of my friends that helped frost about 20 dozen of her Christmas cookies. Each year



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

A plate of steaming lasagna, ready to eat.

we'd have a waitlist for frosting elves.

Other than the Parmesan family (veal Parmesan, eggplant parm ...) there's one other dish made with spaghetti sauce that I love. It's the beef cannelloni at Marco Polo's Marketplace, the Italian/Chinese restaurant at Bush Gardens Williamsburg.

It's not that the park's red sauce is better than every other red sauce. It's because before covering the pan of stuffed pasta with red sauce, the whole thing is drenched in bechamel sauce (cream sauce).

And let's face it — cream

sauce is the frosting of savory foods. It's rich, fatty, delicious, and makes everything you put it on taste better.

But not liking one type of pasta sauce absolutely does not mean I don't love the pasta that goes under it. We eat pasta a few times a week. Heck, we had it tonight.

So, I came up with a lasagna made with a modified cream sauce. There's chicken, peas, and kale in an herbaceous bechamel. Then the whole thing is topped with Swiss cheese and bread crumbs. It's also a wonderful make-ahead dish. You can even freeze it. When I do freeze it, I wrap the

Chicken Lasagna with Kale and Peas

- 15 no-boil lasagna noodles, or more, if necessary
 - 3-4 cups shredded rotisserie chicken meat
 - 12 ounces frozen peas
 - ½ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 cup coarsely grated Swiss or Gruyere cheese
 - 1 cup chicken stock
 - ¼ cup panko breadcrumbs
- For the Sauce:
- 6 tablespoons butter
 - 8 large cloves of garlic, diced fine
 - 1 shallot diced
 - 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, minced
 - 1 teaspoon dry thyme
 - ¼ teaspoon fresh nutmeg
 - 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon kosher (or to taste)
 - ½ teaspoon pepper
 - 3 cups skim milk
 - 2 cups half and half
 - 1½ cups frozen chopped kale, thawed with all the water squeezed out

Preheat oven to 400°. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and shallots, saute about 1 minute stirring constantly. Add flour, herbs, and salt. Whisk and cook for 1-2 minutes.

Add milk, one cup at a time, whisking after each addition, and allowing it to thicken before adding the next cup. When all the milk is in, and it starts to gently bubble, remove from heat, stir in drained kale, and set aside.

Grease a 9x13 pan with cooking spray (or 2 8x8's). Cover bottom of the pan with lasagna noodles, half of the chicken, half the peas, ¼ cup Parmesan, 1/3 cup water, and 1½ cups sauce (if using 8x8's just cut all measurements in half and fill both dishes at the same time).

Repeat this layer once more. Lastly, top with a third layer of noodles, 1/3 cup water, 1½ cups sauce, and Swiss cheese.

Spray the underside of the foil with cooking spray. Cover the casserole with foil and bake for 40 minutes.

Remove foil, sprinkle evenly with breadcrumbs, and bake for an additional 10-15 minutes, or until top is golden brown and bubbly.

Let stand at least 20 minutes before cutting and serving.

whole thing in foil, then plastic wrap. I drop the bread crumbs in a zip-top bag, lay it on the wrapped dish, then wrap it in plastic a second time. Then you can bake your non-freezer burned product in the two stages it needs. Wrapped this way it's also the perfect dish to take to a friend or neighbor

(just add a note with cooking directions).

So Petey and The Kid may have to leave home and get their red sauce fixes on the streets, but when it comes to pasta, I've got 'em covered.

Thanks for your time.

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