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## UNSUNG HEROES ON DISPLAY

# Mural at George Moses Horton Middle School to honor Black trailblazers of Chatham

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The sheriff. The nurse. The teacher. The grocery store owner. Their jobs may be commonplace, but the Black people in Chatham County who broke barriers and first held these positions were anything but ordinary. Now, their accomplishments as trailblazers of the county will be

memorialized in a mural displayed at George Moses Horton Middle School in Pittsboro. The 18-by-26-foot glass-printed mural is full of color and life. It depicts seven Black figures from Pittsboro who made an impact, each one in a different vibrant color. Around the figures are images of schoolhouses, farmers, armed services members and other images critical to Black life in Pittsboro during the Reconstruction era.

At the bottom, underneath the figures, several children walk hand in hand toward a banner that depicts the central theme of the piece: “Truth. Justice. Reconciliation,” in large black lettering. The mural was designed and printed by Durham-based muralist David Wilson. His previous work includes honoring Raleigh’s Black history through a mural at the Chavis Community Center.

“I was really on board with it,” Wilson told the News + Record. “Depicting Black history is right down my lane. Then to connect this art to a history right in my backyard seemed like an ideal chance for me.” The muralist added that it’s been rewarding for him to work on a project with layers of history, story and message for the future. This mural will

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## Chatham News + Record sold to North State Media

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY — Chatham Media Group, the owner of the Chatham News + Record, sold the newspaper and its other print and digital news products to North State Media. North State Media is the owner of North State Journal, North Carolina’s only statewide newspaper. “We are excited to add the Chatham News + Record to the North State Journal family,” said Neal Robbins, North State Media’s president and the publisher of the North State Journal. “We believe the long-term viability of North Carolina’s independent press lies in local ownership and strategic business planning. This acquisition furthers our goal to elevate the conversation across North Carolina while ensuring local communities are part of that conversation.” In addition to its statewide edition, North State Journal will now have local editions in six counties — Chatham, Forsyth, Hoke, Moore, Randolph and Stanly.

“Over the coming weeks, Chatham News + Record readers can expect to see expanded content and new sections in addition to the award-winning local coverage they have enjoyed since 1878,” said Matt Mercer, editor-in-chief of the North State Journal.

Chatham Media Group’s owners — Kirk Bradley, Chris Ehrenfeld and Bill Horner III — acquired the Chatham News and Chatham Record from the Resch family in October of 2018.

The combined newspaper has consistently received top accolades from the N.C. Press Association annual awards. In 2022, the Chatham News + Record received first place in the General Excellence category in its division, the contest’s “best newspaper” prize, following up its second place and third place finishes in the two prior years of the contest.

“North Carolinians are served across the state by more than 40 small weekly newspapers like ours,” said Horner, who served as publisher and editor of the News + Record under Chatham Media Group’s ownership. “To be judged by our peers in the industry as the very best among those, and to have won more news awards than all but two of the state’s 150 news organizations, is a testament to our staff’s effort to bring Chatham County the very best newspaper and best news coverage available, whether in print or online.”

Horner, who first retired after a 31-year career with The Sanford Herald in 2016 — a newspaper founded by his grandfather, W.E. Horner Sr. — will leave the News + Record to pursue writing projects and volunteer work in his hometown of Sanford. He’ll continue to be involved in Chatham with his work as a board member of Communities In Schools of Chatham County.

“Kirk, Chris and I have committed a lot of resources, time and work in providing Chatham County with what is widely considered to be the very best small weekly newspaper in North Carolina,” Horner said. “The privilege of working with the staff in our Siler City office, and working with

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## THE GAME IS AFOOT



Photo by Macy M. Smith

Sherlock Holmes, played by Elsa Sandvik, observing and deducing the mysteries of ‘The Red Headed League’ and ‘The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle’ as part of the performance by the first ever show by Pittsboro Youth Players. The show came together at The Plant in Pittsboro on Saturday after just 10 rehearsals at Laura Sandvik’s Pittsboro home. Read more about how the cast bootstrapped the show together and uncovered community in the process on PAGE B8.

## School shooting threat called at Jordan-Matthews High School



CN+R file photo by Kim Hawks

Jordan-Matthews High School was on alert Friday after a threat of a school shooting circulated on social media. The threat also affected nearby schools in Randolph and Asheboro.

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jordan-Matthews High School received a school shooting threat Thursday and had increased police presence on campus Friday morning. Chatham County Schools officials say the situation is under control and nobody was harmed. “On Thursday evening, we received an anonymous tip through

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## NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR

# Cahoon-Tingle to bring planning experience to Pittsboro position

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — Randall Cahoon-Tingle has spent the last decade following the progress of one of the largest developments in N.C. history — Chatham Park. As a



Cahoon-Tingle

municipal planner, he said the project always intrigued him. Cahoon-Tingle was named Pittsboro’s planning director in April, and will now help oversee the project and other develop-

ment endeavors in town. “There are certainly a lot of economic opportunities here in Pittsboro,” he said. “I would definitely like to continue to see the downtown just keep getting better and better.” Cahoon-Tingle was born and

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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 **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, at the courtroom located at City Hall on 311 N. Second Ave. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

• The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will host two public hearings on the county budget. The first is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Monday, May 15, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro. The second hearing is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, at the Siler City Town Hall courtroom.

## OTHER

• Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of New Location, **The Salvation Army of Chatham County**, on May 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Location - 126 Village Lake Road, Siler City. The Ribbon Cutting will occur at 10 a.m. with a tour, open house and refreshments to follow until 11:30 a.m.

• Grand Opening/Art Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at **The Guild at Mosaic**, May 15, 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 249 Mosaic Blvd., Pittsboro 27312 - The Chatham Chamber of Commerce invites you to help celebrate this event with us.

• The **Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors** will meet on Thursday, May 11, at 7 p.m. at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, in 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, call.

• **The Chapel Hill Chorus** - combines with the Triangle String Quartet in performing the spring concert "Hands of Love." See [www.voiceschapelhill.org](http://www.voiceschapelhill.org) for more information. Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the University U.M.C. in Chapel Hill. Tickets available for regular admission and student admission - Kids 12 and under free. Tickets are available now and at the door. Try to buy tickets before the concert to avoid lines at the door. See [www.voiceschapelhill.org](http://www.voiceschapelhill.org) for more information.

• In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, and in conjunction with the Chatham County Public Health Department, **Chatham Community Library** will host an in-person film screening of "The S Word (2017)" on Thursday, May 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

• WEBB Squared, in conjunction with the **Chatham County Libraries**, is hosting 2-hour workshops for Black & Latino/a entrepreneurs in Chatham County. Three opportunities to attend throughout the county: 1. Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 at Wren Library, Siler City; 2. Thursday, May 25, 6 to 8 p.m. at Goldston Library, 9235 Pittsboro; and 3. Tuesday, May 30, 6 to 8 p.m. at Chatham Community Library, 197 N. Hwy. 87 N., Pittsboro. More information at [webbsquared.org](http://webbsquared.org)

• As part of a Food Literacy Center grant, **Chatham Community Library** will host "Learn About Food at Your Library: Digestive Health" on May 24 at 10 a.m. This program is free and open to the public, in the Holmes Family Meeting Room, Chatham Community Library, Pittsboro.

• The **Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District** is extending its application deadline for the Resource Conservation Workshop scheduled for June 25 to 30, at N.C. State. Interested students now have until May 15 to apply.

• **Chatham County Board of Health** is recruiting a new member of the public to serve on the Chatham County Board of Health. Any current Chatham County adult may apply, and the position will become available in June, 2023. Applications must be received by Wednesday, May 31, at 5 p.m. through the website linked below. The application can be completed online: <https://chathamnc.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeForm>. Applicants also may contact Lindsay Ray at 919-545-8302 or [lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov) to get an email version or printed copy. Those with questions about serving on the Board of Health may call 919-545-8391.

• The **Siler City Lion's Club** meeting for May at Dry Dock Seafood Restaurant, will be May 23 at 6 p.m. Join the Siler City Lion's Club, and see that you can make a difference in the world and your local community. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Together we serve!

• The **Goldston Public Library** is excited to announce the Goldston Book Club, every 2nd Monday of each month, from 2 to 3 p.m. Individuals who are interested in joining a book club can stop by the Goldston Public Library. For more information about the Goldston and other Chatham County Book Clubs, visit the following link: <https://www.chatham-countync.gov/government/departments-programs-i-z/library/adult-services/book-clubs-book-club-kits>.

--- **Chatham Community Library** is offering free in-person classes on Microsoft PowerPoint and Facebook in April. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found at [www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses). Call 919-545-8086 or email [reference@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:reference@chathamlibraries.org) for more information.

• Applications available for **Horton High School Alumni Association** Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. Descendants of a Horton High School alumnus or attendee of Horton High School are eligible to apply. High school graduates, college students and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Application is on our website: [hortonhighalumni.com](http://hortonhighalumni.com) Click: Scholarship - Deadline for application is June 1. Text Helen Dark at 919-548-4578 with your questions.

• The **Chatham County Council on Aging** will host a "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" support group the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Western Chatham Senior Center, Siler City. This group is geared toward old-

er adults who are primary caregivers and providers for their grandchildren. For more information, contact William Riggsbee at 919-742-3975 ext. 223 or email [william.riggsbee@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:william.riggsbee@chathamcountync.gov).

• The **Chatham County Council on Aging** hosts a Caregiver Support Group each Monday. The group meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 3 p.m. at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center, in Pittsboro, and the second Monday at 3 p.m. at the Western Chatham Senior Center, in Siler City. The fourth Monday of each month is a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform starting at 6 p.m. This group is geared toward family members who are currently providing short - or long-term care to loved ones. For more information or to obtain virtual meeting login information, contact William Riggsbee, family caregiver specialist, at 919-742-3975 ext. 223 or email [william.riggsbee@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:william.riggsbee@chathamcountync.gov).

• Basic Photoshop Classes for Seniors - The **Chatham County Council on Aging** is currently accepting registrations for a class where older adults can learn the basics of Photoshop, the popular photo-editing program. Photographers over 55 years of age who want to learn how to manipulate their photos and older adults without basic Photoshop experience are encouraged to attend. The class will be held each Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center, Pittsboro. For more information or to register, contact Alan Russo at 919-542-4512 ext. 238 or email [alan.russo@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:alan.russo@chathamcountync.gov). Space is limited.

• **Wren Memorial Library's** So... You want to be an entrepreneur? Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to noon. WEBB Squared will host a workshop entitled "So... You want to be an entrepreneur?" This two-hour workshop is geared towards Black & Latino entrepreneurs to learn about the different opportunities and resources to help them develop their business. --- Wren Memorial Library's Learn About Food at Your Library: Local Foods and How to Prepare Them, Monday, May 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The library will host a presentation and demonstration on "Learn About Food at Your Library: Local Foods and How to Prepare Them," on May 15 at 5:30 p.m. Registered dietitian, Tara Gregory, from N.C. Cooperative Extension, Chatham County Center, will lead the presentation. --- The library is located at 500 N. Second Ave., Siler City, N.C. 27344. For more information, call the library at 919-742-2016 or email [wren@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:wren@chathamlibraries.org). Information about all Chatham County Library branches can be found at [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org).

• **Community Meals:** St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Pittsboro distributes two meals each week for the benefit of the community. From noon to 1 p.m. each Thursday, the Pittsboro Community Lunch (in its 15th year!) provides healthy, ready-to-eat meals to all who come. Just arrive hungry! Then from 4:30 to 6 p.m. each

Tuesday, the Chatham Chuckwagon provides cooked/frozen entrees that are ideal for quick dinners. These meals are provid-

ed at no cost (although donations are welcomed!). Our volunteers invite you to join our efforts to preserve a caring and

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CHATHAM CARES COMMUNITY PHARMACY'S NEW DIRECTOR

# Pam Scheetz to continue clinic's goal of providing affordable healthcare

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Pam Scheetz and her husband have worked in Siler City for the last three decades. Scheetz spent most of her time at the E. 11th St. CVS as a pharmacist, but in January, she took on a new role as the pharmacy manager and executive director at Chatham County's only free clinic and pharmacy, Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy.

"We're there to help people that

are without insurance ... people that are falling in and through the gaps," Scheetz told the News + Record. "They can't afford their diabetes or blood pressure medications, and those are the people that we are there to serve."

Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy, located at 127 E. Raleigh St., is a non-profit clinic designed to address health disparities throughout the Chatham County. The pharmacy uses donations and grants to fund itself and serves around 350 clients per year.

The clinic is Chatham County's only

100% free healthcare provider, with the goal of serving low-income patients with chronic health conditions that require maintenance medications. Conditions treated by Chatham Cares include high blood pressure, diabetes and mental health disorders.

Scheetz was familiar with the pharmacy before being named director because she knew the previous executive director, Lynn Glasser, from her time as a pharmacist in Siler City. Scheetz said she was already retired when Glasser contacted her to take over the pharmacy.

"I was very aware of how the store got started and that sort of thing, and Lynn (Glasser) told me that he was ready to retire back in the summer and had asked me if I would consider taking it over," she said. "So, I came on staff in January."

Scheetz's role at the pharmacy is different from her previous jobs as a pharmacist. Instead of exclusively focusing on counting and bottling monthly supplies of medications and seeing patients, Scheetz now has to handle grant applications and handle inventory.

"The pharmacy is just one aspect," she said. "I came from a retail setting and then went into writing grants and interviewing for money ... that's outside of my comfort zone at this point, but I'm getting used to it."

Most Chatham Cares patients don't have access to Medicaid or Medicare because their income will be slightly above the threshold to qualify. At the same time, however, they don't earn a high enough income to purchase health insurance or their job doesn't provide a wide range of benefits.

Scheetz said the pharmacy is dedicated to helping patients connect to resources beyond what the pharmacy can provide.

"We have all the information to direct them to the food pantry, and we have some clothes in case there is somebody who needs a coat or needs a sweater," she said. "We can also help people with the paperwork to apply for disability and work them in the right direction to get that going."

All Chatham Cares pharmacists are volunteers, meaning no one at the pharmacy works for a paycheck. Scheetz said they're always looking for volun-

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**PAM SCHEETZ**, *Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy manager and executive director*

teers at the pharmacy, and if they were to find more, they could extend service hours.

"Several of our pharmacists are aging out and are wanting to retire," Scheetz said. "We did put out the call that we do need additional pharmacists ... it's just getting the word out and letting people know there's a need."

Scheetz said one of her main goals for the pharmacy is to share information about the clinic's services to other parts of the county. Currently, most Chatham Cares clients come from Siler City and surrounding communities. Scheetz wants to extend the pharmacy's service to be accessible by those low income individuals in the eastern half of the county, as well.

"Something like 26.2% of our population in Siler City falls below the poverty level, but we aren't the only side of the county with a need for this," she said. "So, rather than clogging up the emergency rooms and hospitals with people that get terribly sick because they can't afford their medicine, we're there to bridge that gap and to try to keep them healthy enough to keep them out of the hospital."

Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. People interested in seeking out services from Chatham Cares should contact the pharmacy at 919-663-0177.

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

## SOLD

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some incredibly talented young reporters and photographers over the last few years, has been immense."

"It has been an honor to be an owner of the Chatham News + Record for the past five years," Ehrenfeld said. "The newspaper has a 145-year history of bringing the news to the people of Chatham County. We are proud of the overall body of work that was produced during our ownership."

"Being a part of the

CN+R with Bill and Chris has been an interesting journey at an important time in the growth of Chatham County," Bradley said. "Today's media landscape makes it hard to survive as a stand-alone operation. When we purchased the paper from the Resch Family, our goal was to provide support for the importance of education and economic development in Chatham County told from a local perspective, while honoring the history of the paper. We remain hopeful that selling to North State Media will continue that vision and support the future of

Chatham County.

In addition to the News + Record's weekly print edition, the newspaper has an award-winning website at [www.chathamnewsrecord.com](http://www.chathamnewsrecord.com), the Chatham Life and Chatham 411 magazines, and three digital newsletters. They include the Chatham Brew, a four-times-weekly publication with more than 6,700 subscribers, the Chatham Scorecard, a weekly sports e-newsletter, and the Carpool, a monthly parent-focused e-newsletter.

The North State Journal plans to restart the newspaper's Spanish-language news project, La Voz de Chatham, which was put on hold a year ago.

Griffin Daughtry, local editor for North State Journal, will head the Chatham News + Record.

"I can't wait to get started in Chatham County," Daughtry said. "Our focus will be on delivering important news to every community while developing new beats and features that will highlight all Chatham County has to offer."

First published in 2016, the North State Journal's mission is to delve deep, engage with truth, help citizens find common ground, and fill a void in North Carolina's media landscape. The award-winning newspaper reaches readers in all 100 counties of North Carolina through its flagship print edition and its website, [www.nsjonline.com](http://www.nsjonline.com).

The North State Journal was the top award-winner in its division in the past year's N.C. Press Association content, taking 20 prizes and has taken home the general excellence award three times since 2016.

## Siler City Development Organization (SCDO)

**Downtown Grant Programs**  
**Downtown Façade Grant**  
**Downtown Building Rehab Grant**

*SCDO Board of Directors is now accepting new grant applications.*

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# VIEWPOINTS

CHATHAM SCENE | FROM FERRIS WHEELS TO JELLY AND JAM

## The Spring Chicken Festival combines classic small town fun with community



TAYLOR HEEDEN  
Columnist

I'm more than familiar with small town festivals. My dad works for Southern Bank in Mount Olive, N.C., and we always would spend the last weekend in April attending the Pickle Festival. From riding down giant slides on a burlap sack to going from tent to tent looking for the next unique seller or goods, all elements of a community festival bring a certain feeling of nostalgia for me.

On Sunday, the streets of downtown Siler City were packed with people for its annual Spring Chicken Festival. My two good friends from high school and college, John and Ashley, accompanied me on our excursion to find our own adventure at the Spring Chicken Festival.

We walked down Raleigh Street, where multiple food trucks were lined up to serve grub for festival-goers. From nachos and shaved ice to Ja-

maican jerk chicken and Polish pierogis, Raleigh Street was full of dining options.

I swore off buying anything from the festival, and while I managed to fend off the mouth-watering temptation of jerk chicken wings, I wasn't able to resist buying some other goods from vendor booths.

My friends and I made our way to the LongLeaf Hemp Company table, where we learned some of the in and outs of farming hemp in N.C. Jeff Marsh, one of LongLeaf Hemp Company's co-owners, explained the process of extracting delta-8 THC — one of the psychoactive cannabinoids present in hemp — from harvested hemp. Needless to say, my friends and I were enamored by Marsh's passion and knowledge on hemp farming, and interested in trying some of his products.

I left the hemp booth with new knowledge and Marsh's business card, and made my way to the next booth, which featured various jams and jellies. Ashley, who is also my roommate, spotted a coveted delicacy in our apartment: apple butter.



Staff photo by Nicki Witt

Families enjoyed many activities during Chatham's annual Chicken Festival this past Saturday, including a Ferris wheel!

Both of us instantly caved and went "halfies" on an eight-ounce jar, with the man behind the table probably wondering why two 23-year-old women were so excited about apple butter.

We went to a second jelly and jam vendor, and this is where my friends and I discovered

flavors only imaginable in our wildest dreams. They had the classic flavors like strawberry, grape or blackberry, but some proved to be truly unique, including coffee jelly, strawberry cheesecake jam, strawberry habanero jam and Cheerwine jelly. Yes, Cheerwine!

We were also treated to a

bluegrass rendition of Rolling in the Deep by Adele, although it was the Gipsy Danger Band who took the stage. I had no idea I needed to hear a bluegrass cover of the Grammy-award-winning song until I heard it on Sunday.

The Spring Chicken Festival is an important event for Siler City, as thousands of people walked through its downtown district. The event highlighted everything Siler City and Chatham County has to offer, from unique businesses to amazing people who make the county one of the best places to live and work.

I saw several people I knew through work, and I met some others through the different booths or just walking through the streets. Events like the Spring Chicken Festival help bring a community together, and when a community unites like that, it makes these events even more special.

Next year, I hope to attend the festival again, and maybe I'll be invited to partake in the Chicken Pickin' contest.

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## Being honest about abortion



ANDREW TAYLOR-  
TROUTMAN  
Hope Matters

How can any diverse group of people, including a community of faith, find common ground on abortion? North Carolina's new "abortion bill" (Senate Bill 20) was passed strictly along party lines. Every year there are Democrats and Republicans who vote solely on the candidate's stance on abortion. These differences seem impassable.

I turn to the wisdom of Cole Arthur Riley, a Black woman and author of "This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us." She defines activism as "the body of justice." Since justice is embodied or made flesh, "we can disagree on what activism should look like, but not on the necessity ... of your participation."

This claim runs counter to the argument that churches or people of faith should not take a stance on social issues like abortion. In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. heavily criticized Christians who refused to address the crises in society as making "a strange, unbiblical distinction between body and soul, between the sacred and secular."

If justice requires that we take a stand, how do we determine what is right? Especially when Democrats and Republicans offer contradictory opinions?

Riley has us approach the question differently: "There comes a point when we must ask ourselves who the judge is and how they came to be in that position."

S.B. 20 criminalizes abortion after 12 weeks except in the case of rape or incest, in which case abortion is legal up to 20 weeks, or up to 24 weeks if "there exists a life-limiting anomaly."

These restrictions take choice away from people and their doctors; instead, the power is given to the judicial system. The criminal charge of rape is decided in a court. And what exactly is a "life-limiting anomaly?" This abortion bill, which was rapidly written and approved, is vague about many specifics. Lack of clarity leaves open the possibility of litigation, including the prospect of criminal charges against health care workers.

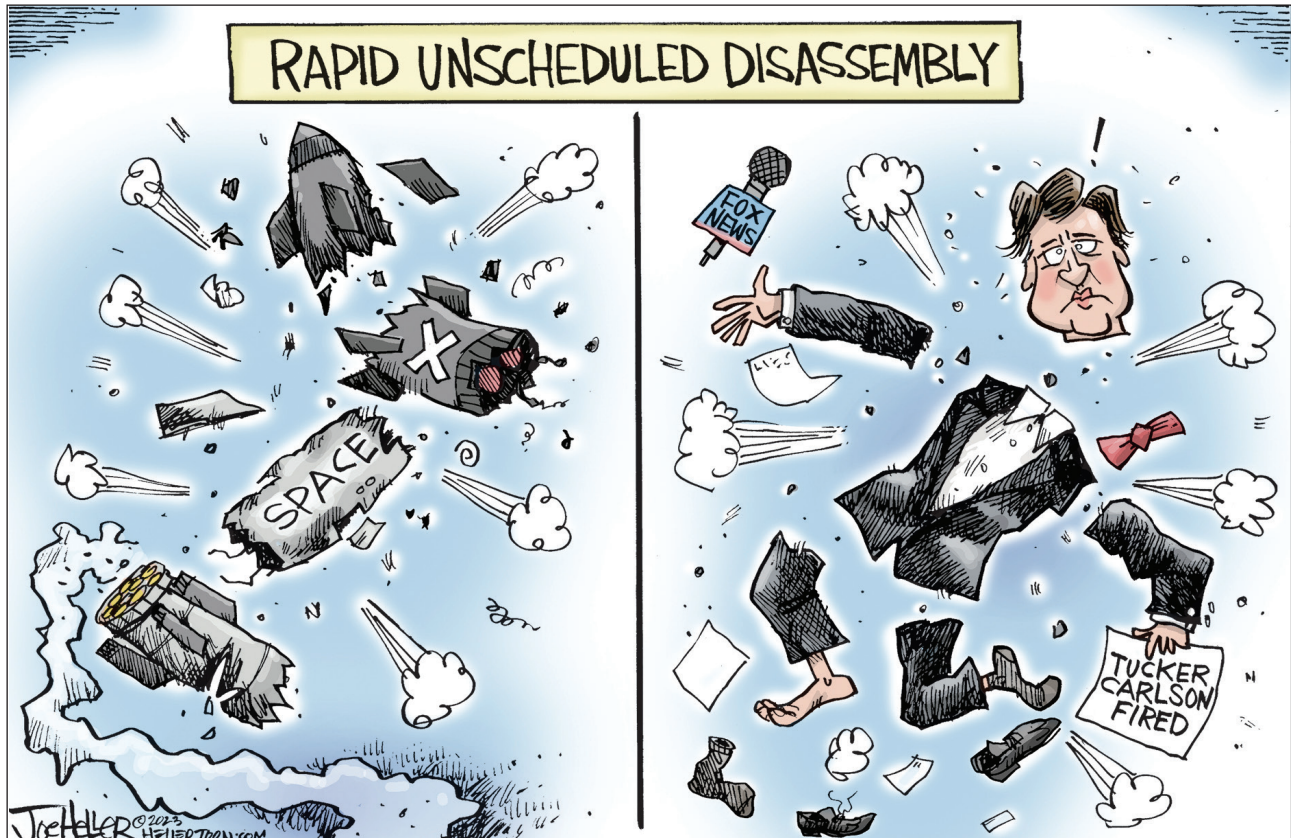
Riley maintains that "we must become honest judges." Whether we agree with this bill or not, let's be honest that the goal of S.B. 20 is to forbid the legal choices that people had under Roe v. Wade.

Then, Riley takes honest judgment a step further: "We cannot trust a society that makes judgments on the morality of a person without taking responsibility for how (society's) own morality has instigated the conditions that call for such desperate decision-making."

Life does not stop after birth. Faithful people can disagree about the specific issue of abortion while still uniting to address inequalities of racism and poverty in our community as outlined in the most recent "Community Health Assessment" by the Chatham Health Alliance.

If we are honest judges, we recognize there are unequal conditions in our society that we can collectively address: to increase access to quality food, medical care and affordable housing.

Thank you, gentle reader, for giving me your honest attention in this column. We are less likely to gain insight into the complexity of issues like abortion or of systemic inequalities like racism by surrounding ourselves with people who look like us, think like us and believe just like us.



GUEST COLUMN | DENNIS STREETS

## Florida — a model for the nation?

I was born and raised in Florida. I still return periodically to visit my roots and tend to the grave sites of my ancestors.

My family's history in Florida goes back to the 1800s. That may be why I was sometimes called a Florida cracker.

According to Wikipedia, "Florida crackers were colonial-era British, American pioneer settlers in what is now the U.S. state of Florida; the term is also applied to their descendants, to the present day, and their subculture among white Southerners."

To some extent I match the description of crackers portrayed in the 2006 book by Dana M. Ste. Claire, "Cracker: Cracker Culture in Florida History." My family enjoyed the sunshine state well before the time of air conditioning and protection against mosquitoes.

Today, though, I wince at the term "cracker" rather than feel proud. I don't want to be associated with a term used in the Elizabethan era "to describe braggarts and blowhards."

Why is this an issue for me now? I can credit Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who recently said that Florida is "the number one destination for our fellow Americans who are looking for a better life."

Mr. DeSantis, don't count me among this group — especially as you have led the state backward in my opinion. I really don't want to return to a state that appears to value guns over lives; seeks to further restrict a woman's right to choose; fails to address climate

change despite the recent devastation; makes race and gender contentious; shows disdain for those who are different and vulnerable; seeks to restrict learning and undermine education; and gets in a fight with Mickey Mouse.

I can recall my time at Seminole elementary in the late 1950s when nearly every day began with our singing of "Dixie": "I wish I was in the land of cotton. Old times there are not forgotten; Look away! Look away! Look away! Dixie Land."

Mr. DeSantis, I have no interest in returning to the "old times" when segregation and hate divided us, and prejudice and discrimination harmed many.

I much prefer the lyrics of Pete Seeger: "The truth shall make us free; the truth shall make us free; the truth shall make us free someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe — That we shall overcome someday."

Fortunately, I had parents, educators and faith leaders who valued integrity and decency, and were open-minded and respectful of others — I guess Mr. DeSantis would have labeled them "woke." Personally, I am interested in seeing our nation progress by appreciating and tapping the interests, knowledge, skills and talents of all people toward the betterment of all. Culture wars, led by bullies, is not a remedy for that.

Dennis W. Streets is the former director of the Chatham County Council on Aging.

### LETTERS

#### Gotcha last-itis

##### TO THE EDITOR:

Dennis Streets has a bad case of gotcha last-itis.

He writes in a manner that most readers immediately recognize as subtle left-leaning innuendoes that insult conservative thought. After all, we are a 50/50 nation and Mr. Streets certainly knows what he's doing. When a letter taking exception or suggest-

ing a disagreement to his opinion is published, he has a rebuttal; an "I must have the last word" impulse.

What I call a gotcha last response.

Mr. Streets, take the advice from someone who's been there. You are retired. I can relate because I went through the same retirement withdrawal issues. There's no longer a corporate identity and you are no longer the boss. N+R readers are not your employees,

and you do not necessarily get the last word anymore. Your liberal opinions are now open for scrutiny and dispute. It's possible someone will disagree and send a letter that will oppose your view. But, that's okay; don't take it personally. Please chill.

A gotcha last is too self-aggrandizing.

Gotcha last!

Philip H. Johnson  
Siler City



# VIEWPOINTS

## Spirit of volunteerism still makes this a good place to live



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

During my young life on the planet, I've called several places "home."

Born in Raleigh before it got too big for its britches.

Lived in Apex the first five years, back when there was some space between it and Cary.

Grew up just outside of Pittsboro when the population never grew larger than 1,200, according to the Compton's Pictured Encyclopedias my folks maintained in our living room bookshelf.

Got married; lived within Pittsboro; moved to an apartment outside; moved to take a job on the Asheboro daily newspaper; finally moved to an expanding Apex with my own family to go to work in a growing Raleigh.

If my math is right, then, that means I've got 67 in Chatham and eight out, almost three of which were at a little church in south-central Virginia while a seminary student.

None of this is meant to impress you that I have been a world traveler. Rather, it's to say I've had an opportunity to see and compare places. And while no place is without its blemishes and most places have more beauty marks than warts, I have noticed something about the place I now call home and have for years. And that is folks pitch in to help one another without expecting anything in return.

Granted, there are folks who do this at other places. But even if you didn't want to be relative, consider the absolute of

how many volunteers there are for so many organizations in and for our county.

Somewhere along the line, I had a directory of all the volunteer organizations. At the moment, it's Missing in Action but suffice to say there are many. And while they're good in their own way for their stated purpose, it's dangerous to single out any.

But there are the "big" ones — the Council on Aging, Boys and Girls Clubs, Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy, CORA and a host of others. There are the ministries and missions of local churches and parishes for the hungry, homeless, abused, downtrodden. And there are the smaller ones like SonShine & Blessings, a one-person outfit helping those who have trouble helping themselves. All of these worthy efforts welcome more of us to help more of us.

But permit me to cite one that proves the point about how people around here help others. Yes, it's a favorite of mine and, yes, I'm involved. But, yes, it's all volunteer. Name is Operation North State (ONS) and while it calls Winston-Salem home because that's where the volunteer — Terry Snyder — who leads it lives and oversees the operation from his basement. It helps folks across the state, including a recent event in Chatham — an all-day fishing festival on Jordan Lake for almost 40 wounded veterans. And when I say "all day," I mean all day.

There's one of these yearly, along with similar events at other lakes within the state. Host boaters put in the water at the break of dawn with a wounded veteran and a caregiver. They

spend the day fishing and fellowshiping. A snack boat patrols the lake, bringing, well, snacks.

Toward sundown, everyone comes in and goes to nearby Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for a bountiful meal that makes the tables groan — barbecue, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, hushpuppies, homemade cobbles. Food not consumed at supper is sent home with the vets, some of whom live alone and are just trying to survive.

And here's the volunteer part. In addition to management, all the food items come from nearby businesses, including local ones like Cowboy Cafe & Catering in Siler City and Virlie's in Pittsboro. Nearby churches offer food, space and folks to cook and serve. And host boaters come on their own dime to take part.

And it's all intended for two reasons: (1) to say 'thank you' to folks who served our country, some returning with major health and emotional issues and (2) to help those folk reconnect with life and the good parts of society. Hundreds of veterans across the nation take their lives annually and events such as the fishing festivals help prevent that.

So, are you busy? Probably so. We all are. But in the rapid, changing times we find ourselves in, find a cause for you to volunteer to be part of.

Chatham County is rapidly changing and evolving. And, frankly, to many folks, not all of it is especially good or desirable. Time will tell what is and what isn't.

But, in the meantime, get involved with an organization as a volunteer. It's one of the best things about living here.

## 'Fessing up



**JAN HUTTON**  
This Being Human Thing

OK, 'fessing up. To what? Nothing salacious; sorry. I'm just feeling proud of myself.

Well then, all the more reason to share. It really comes down to watching my fingers effortlessly gliding through a complex online banking concern. What a great feeling. Really!

That's it?! I can imagine some of you (younger folk) are mildly shaking your heads, and muttering under your breath, "What's the big deal?" The big deal is my white hair (or maybe silver?) in the eyes of our culture, generally signifies I'm of a certain age, and therefore relatively helpless in a technology-laden world. Since I'm older, let's treat Jan as if she knows little about computers.

And, of course, as everyone knows, older folks don't do technology (serious eye-rolling here). Thank you, culture, for my free "get out of technology pass." Which I don't want!

It's true, I'm baffled, occasionally, by a technology obstacle on my iPad. But, jeez, I'm human! Technology seems to change every other day (have you noticed?). Whatcha gonna do? My silver-haired response to that "whatcha gonna do" inquiry? Send an SOS... to myself.

But first, I'm taking a step back from this personal SOS and returning to my childhood. My parents bought me a chemistry set, which in my eyes was the equivalent of creating magic. Well, either that, or a big mess. However, let's concentrate on the magic. Pouring this and that into a test tube, and gently shaking, producing the awful smell of sulfur, or rotten eggs. Of course, there were other experiments that left a test tube frothing over, nonstop, covering the bathroom counter and dripping to the tile floor. Where was Mr. Clean when you truly needed him?

As a younger child, I felt proud of myself for following through on some complicated experiments. You may be thinking, "Gosh, she had a gift for chemistry." Nope, in high school, I received a C on my report card (you try loving the periodic tables).

Somewhere along the path of growing up, I faltered. Sciences such as technology, physics and chemistry began to seem like foreign lands to which I had no ticket. Academic exploration, excluding the sciences, was an entirely different story. Throw me in that pond and I was a happy, paddling duckling.

Do I know what created this divergence? Maybe because, as a female, I was continually fed a message during the '50s and '60s that girls can't do technical and science-y stuff? Who knows? So, yes, I felt stymied regarding sciences and technology. That door seemed to swing shut.

But, wait a sec, you've likely noticed that our changing world has become increasingly bound to technology. How the heck could I continue to function in light of my perceived science and techie deficits? Call someone for help! And I did, time and time and time again (some were even on speed dial). I called my wonderful, accommodating and dearly enabling friends for their kind assistance. And, yes, they're still my friends.

Then Covid-19 showed its face. Sigh. With an underlying health issue putting me at higher risk, almost all my avenues for requesting help just dried right up. SOS's for assistance hit the same wall all of us encountered with the pandemic — social isolation.

My science-y and techie deficits came to roost on my own doorstep. What does one do with guests on your doorstep? Invite 'em in for a friendly chat. Get to know 'em. And that's exactly what I did. I began actively asking myself questions, Googling those techie places where I was stuck. And just kept asking and experimenting, again and again, until more light began to enter my technology darkness. And I loved that light so much that I've just continued right on digging.

Did I emerge from the pandemic as a science-y and techie whiz? Are you kidding? I'm a late bloomer and will always be catching up. But now I have friends asking me for computer assistance. This silver-haired, older human being is grinning.

Hey, bring on the next challenge.

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## The world's most memorable sports rivalry



**D.G. MARTIN**  
One on One

Every year I buy the new edition of the World Almanac and Book of Facts. I like to check to see what the

book is telling the rest of the world about North Carolina.

This year's Almanac had some special good news about our state. It was hidden away on page 855. I will tell you more in a minute.

But first a little background.

Each year, I look to see who is included in Almanac's "Famous North Carolinians" section to see if there are any changes from last year's edition.

The list is unchanged for this year: David Brinkley, Shirley Caesar, John Coltrane, Stephen Curry, Rick Dees, Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Dale Earnhardt Sr., John Edwards, Ava Gardner, Richard Jordan Gatling, Billy Graham, Andy Griffith,

O. Henry, Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Michael Jordan, William Rufus King, Charles Kuralt, Meadowlark Lemon, Dolley Madison, Thelonious Monk, Edward R. Murrow, Richard Petty, James K. Polk, Charlie Rose, Carl Sandburg, Enos Slaughter, Dean Smith, James Taylor, Thomas Wolfe.

Because the James Webb telescope got so much attention last year with its magnificent views of outer space, I was sure that the Granville County native who gave his name to the telescope would make the list. But I was wrong. The list stayed the same.

I always check the recent presidential election results by county to see if there are any trends. The larger counties in population are becoming more and more Democratic while most of the smaller counties are trending Republican. Overall, the recent presidential contests were very, very close.

Otherwise, most years North Carolina gets very little attention from the Al-

manac. This year is different.

North Carolina got a very important mention in a section titled "World Almanac Editors' Picks: Most Memorable Rivalry Matchups."

The list contains ten memorable sports contests including:

Ohio State 42, Michigan 39, Nov. 18, 2006.

Connecticut 73, Tennessee 68, Apr. 9, 2003.

NY Yankees 6, Boston Red Sox 5, Oct. 16, 2003.

Argentina 1, Brazil 0, June 24, 1990.

Chris Evert Over Martina Navratilova, June 8, 1965.

Bjorn Borg bests John McEnroe, July 5, 1980.

Boston Celtics 108, Los Angeles Lakers 106, May 5, 1969.

NY Giants 5, Brooklyn Dodgers 4, Oct. 3, 1951.

Army 21, Navy 21, Nov. 27, 1926.

At the top of this list of these "most memorable rivalry match ups" is North Carolina 81, Duke 77 Apr. 2, 2022.

The Almanac explained why this event was listed first. "Given the historic

strength of their men's basketball programs, it seemed improbable that Duke and Univ. of North Carolina had never met in the NCAA tournament. So when the teams finally squared off in the 2022 Final Four with Duke's Mike Krzyzewski coaching in his 47th and final season, the matchup figured to be epic even before tip-off. The game did not disappoint; fans were treated to a back-and-forth affair, with 18 lead changes and 12 ties. Duke was up 34-37 at halftime, but neither team led by more than seven points at any time. Each team made three clutch three-pointers in the final two minutes, the last coming from UNC's streaky point guard Caleb Love to give the Tar Heels a lead they never relinquished. Though little consolation to Duke fans, North Carolina lost in the finals to Kansas, 72-69."

In our state where basketball is so important, having the lead sports story in this publication will please many sports fans, not just those from Duke or Carolina.

## America needs leadership to address debt crisis

House Republicans made a commitment to deliver an economy that's strong and a government that's accountable. With our nation now staring down a debt crisis as a result of years of reckless spending, yet again, we are following through on our promise.



**RICHARD HUDSON**  
U.S. House of Representatives

N.C. (R-Dist. 9)

The days of President Joe Biden's out-of-control spending in Washington are over.

Two weeks ago, we delivered for the American people with the passage of the Limit, Save, Grow Act. It will responsibly address the debt crisis while also limiting Washington's spending, saving your tax dollars, and growing the American economy.

Washington Democrats have tried to mislead you about the legislation, even saying it would cut funds for the VA or veteran benefits. You know me — I would never support something like that. The Left are using our nation's veterans as a political football to spread lies and instill fear to gain political advantage.

**House Republicans have delivered a responsible plan that would save \$4.8 trillion over the next 10 years 'I go on the principle that a public debt is a public curse and in a republican government more than in any other.'**

**JAMES MADISON, 4th President of the United States**

The truth is this legislation does not cut benefits but simply freezes spending at 2022 levels — levels once praised by President Joe Biden. It also reclaims billions in unused COVID-19 tax dollars, defunds Biden's IRS army of 87,000 agents, and requires single, childless adults to look for work while on welfare programs — all while preventing the U.S. from defaulting on its debt and protecting your hard earned money.

You and your family deserve answers and strong leadership, and House Republicans have delivered a responsible plan that would save \$4.8 trillion over the next

10 years, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

We have done our job. If President Biden and Senate Democrats don't like the plan we passed, they can offer an alternative and we can negotiate.

President Biden, former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer all have a long history of engaging in and supporting similar negotiations in the past. In fact, as Vice President, Biden led debt limit negotiations in 2011. Debt ceiling negotiations are nothing new, and recent polling showed an overwhelming 74% of Americans want President Biden and Chuck Schumer to negotiate with Speaker McCarthy.

Instead of presenting a tangible alternative, Senate Democrats and the President have wasted critical time and are placing our country's credit on the line. You deserve better from your elected leaders, and are too smart to fall victim of their political games.

While many in Washington play games with your tax dollars, I will always stand up for you and your family and stay focused on working across the aisle on common sense solutions to improve our community, state and nation.



# MURAL

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combine digital mixed media, large printing and glass to depict the colorful symbols of Chatham's Black life.

Wilson was contacted to make the mural come to life by the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham (CRC-C), which aims to honor Chatham's Black history and work toward reconciliation in the county.

Since the mural was officially approved by the Chatham Board of Education in August, Wilson has met with the CRC-C team monthly. He also coordinated a workshop with students at George Moses Horton Middle School (GMHMS) to teach them about the history depicted in the mural, and how to create historical art of their own.

"It was important to me for the kids to have a connection with the art, and with me as the artist," Wilson said.

GMHMS seemed a fitting place for the mural given its namesake. Horton was, in his own right, a Black trailblazer in the county. The African American poet was the first ex-slave in the South to get his work published after teaching himself to read and write.

The school honoring his legacy has now been a staple next to downtown Pittsboro for generations since it opened its doors in 1935, producing alumni who have gone on to be doctors, teachers, lawyers and served in every branch of the U.S. military.

This week, we talk to several members of CRC-C about the new mural, which will be unveiled at the school grounds in the coming weeks (date still to be determined) about the reason honoring these seven figures was so important, and their hopes for its impact on viewers.

*Responses were provided by the following CRC-C members: Jo Corro, E.H. Dark, Rev. Corey Little, Mary Nettles and Bob Pearson.*

**There are seven Black trailblazers depicted in the mural. Who are they and why are they important to the history of Chatham County?**

The mural features Rev. Rufus V. Horton, a minister, owner of a grocery store and author of "Can These Bones Live." He was also part owner of a funeral home and blood relative of George Moses Horton.

Cordie Glover Leake, better known as Mama Cordie. She was a midwife who delivered babies throughout Pittsboro and Hickory Mountain for 42 years. Many Black ancestors still in the county today were born by way

of her skills as a midwife.

Edgar Bland was the first African American to join the Chatham County Sheriff's Department. He was effective in ensuring justice in the county, including in the African American community.

Geraldine DeGraffenreidt was known throughout town as a leader with energy. She was committed to making sure there was a proper Black History Program for the county, which was held annually at the former Horton Middle School.

Lillie Rodgers, a teacher, is included to represent the importance of Black educators. She started the daycare at Mt. Sinai and Mitchell Chapel. She was also known for providing clothing for anyone in need.

Charlie Baldwin Sr. was a well-known farmer and political leader. He boarded teachers for Horton High School and was one of the leaders to start the Chatham County Fair in 1950. That is why you will also see a Ferris wheel in the upper left corner of the mural, to honor his contributions to the fair. Baldwin was also one of the leaders instrumental in starting the Chatham Community NAACP Branch July 15, 1957. His contributions also led to the start of the Chatham County Council on Aging July 8, 1974. Both of these organizations are still around and thriving today, largely thanks to Baldwin's contributions.

Finally, the mural depicts Isaiah Taylor who was a principal at Horton High School and the first Black Pittsboro Commissioner.

**How did you select which people would be included in the mural?**

The trailblazers were chosen by several residents from east Chatham County who knew this group personally and the contributions they made to the Black community. The selected individuals opened the doors for more achievements by Black residents and are the shoulders many people from Chatham County stand on today. These individuals, of course, represented only a portion of the great leaders from the local Black community.

**What inspired the creation of this mural?**

The Chatham Black community wanted a mural to show their indispensable contribution to the county's history and culture. The white history was well known, and the Black history unknown. The mural makes clear how much Chatham's life has been enriched by the Black community, churches, organizations and daily life. Being proud of the Black history for all to learn



Courtesy of David Wilson

**An early working concept for the mural at George Moses Horton Middle School in Pittsboro. The mural, developed by the CRC-C aims to honor Chatham's Black trailblazers.**

from and understand inspires all of Chatham's citizens to keep moving toward equal justice in all aspects of our lives together.

**What message do you hope the public walks away with after seeing the mural and learning the stories of those recognized on the mural?**

The mural is the product of a powerful process that combined the experiences of African American natives of Chatham County alongside the views and voices of non-African-American community members in solidarity to convey an overarching message that appreciates the value of all people.

We hope that the public takes away multiple positive messages. Firstly, such a mural serves as a powerful reminder of the valuable contributions that African Americans have made to this community, despite facing discrimination and exclusion for many years. There is a proud and prolific legacy of educational institutions that propelled Black people into significant cultural growth supported by military service persons, churches and hard-working families.

Secondly, it helps to counteract the negative stereotypes and prejudices that can often be associated with Black culture. We hope that others see a permanent piece of media that perpetually passes on a positive historical image of the African American community.

Thirdly, it highlights the importance of diversity and inclusion in our communities and encourages us to celebrate and embrace cultural differences. Although the mural depicts prominent African American people, an intentional anchor for the image is a multi-cultural group of youth whose hands are joined embracing the past and embodying the future where that cooperative community can be fully realized.

Finally, it serves as an inspiration to future

generations, demonstrating the resilience and strength of African American culture and providing a vision for a more equitable society that promotes truth, justice and reconciliation.

**Did CRC-C work with outside organizations to make this mural happen?**

Members of both the East Chatham and the West Chatham NAACPs and CRC-C participated in a committee

for about two years to develop this mural. Funding came from the Chatham Arts Council, Duke Energy Foundation, the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation and the Triangle Community Foundation.

**David Wilson and others who helped develop the mural spent time with students and teachers at the George Moses Horton Middle School. Why was it important to you all to connect this mural with the school community?**

We want the mural to be more than just a picture on the school wall. We want students to learn more about the Black experience in Chatham County and be outstanding contributing members of the community. In the future, we hope to develop a curriculum to accompany the mural.

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# DIRECTOR

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raised in New Bern, which he said started to go through its own development to become the city North Carolinians know today. However, municipal planning wasn't what Cahoon-Tingle imagined he would be doing.

He originally worked at the art department of the New Bern Sun Journal as a proofreader and page designer. After a major car accident, however, his path shifted.

"I realized when I was laying there on the stretcher that I was going to have to find a different job, so that meant going back to school midway through life," Cahoon-Tingle said.

He found himself at an information session at East Carolina University, and while he was there to learn more about the environmental health program, Cahoon-Tingle met Dr. Harold Stone, the director of the university's urban planning

program.

"He said I could just try it for a few minutes and see if I liked it, and clearly, I enjoyed it," Cahoon-Tingle said. "I chose planning because it seemed like it would be fun and interesting."

The New Bern native found himself working for Wilson County in its planning department. He went on to serve as a planner in seven other jurisdictions including Creedmoor, Sharpsburg and Angier.

He believes those jobs have given him a diverse experience into the different sectors of planning, which he said will be helpful in his new position in Pittsboro.

"In a very small town you are required to be very versatile," he said. "What that brings to this job is a broad knowledge base and a lot of experience in a lot of areas where a lot of planners will have no experience, and that's helpful."

A physical example of Cahoon-Tingle's experience as a planner can be found in Selma, N.C.,

where he worked as their planning and development director for almost four years.

While there, Cahoon-Tingle was responsible for the oversight of the Eastfield Crossing Business Park — an almost 400 acre mixed-use development which will be comprised of "a business park, retail, medical, professional space, hospitality, entertainment, senior living as well as single- and multi-family residences," according to the Johnston County Economic Development organization's website.

The Johnstonian News reported the project had been in the works for more than a decade before it broke ground on Aug. 24, 2021, but experienced delays because of the 2008 Great Recession and the Covid-19 pandemic. Cahoon-Tingle was responsible for the project from 2018 until he left Selma later that year, and he said that experience will be helpful in navigating the Chatham Park development.

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"Eastfield is like a smaller version of Chatham Park," he said. "I think that some of the ambivalence and some of the local feelings about those two projects are similar. There's a lot of similarities."

However, Cahoon-Tingle isn't just focused on expanding Chatham Park — He wants to see the downtown district grow with more local businesses, or as Cahoon-Tingle calls them, "mom and pop shops."

"It's interesting to see what options there are, but I think there's more opportunities for hospitality related places in that area," he said. "I do not see downtown as a place for your standard franchised, corporate types of businesses. I love the mom and pop shops, I'm so into the home-grown businesses, and I want to keep those here."

Some Pittsboro residents have expressed their concerns regarding Chatham Park and the growth it will bring to the historically small

community. Current estimates show over 60,000 people moving to Chatham Park over the next couple of decades, and Cahoon-Tingle said it's important to remember this growth isn't happening overnight.

"I do not believe that this is going to be something you blink your eyes for and Chatham Park is going to be finished — There's a great deal more to do," he said. "I think that it's human nature to want to jump ahead, but I believe that as it grows into what it's going to be, I believe that you're going to find that a lot of local people will look back and think, 'That's just what we needed.'"

Pittsboro's new planning director has several goals for the town he wants to see come to fruition, aside from Chatham Park and economic development.

As an avid walker, Cahoon-Tingle said he wants to see Pittsboro become more pedestrian friendly with more crosswalks, sidewalks and even electric scooters.

"I cannot walk to town hall from this beautiful office I'm in," Cahoon-Tingle said. "I cannot walk from town hall to the courthouse without changing the side of the street I'm on ... There has to be a way to be in Chatham Park and get to downtown without ever getting in a car. It can be done."

For Cahoon-Tingle, the few weeks he's been in Pittsboro have felt different than other jobs. He said this position is one where, for the first time, it feels like he's going home when he drives to work.

"This place has a very positive energy and it aligns most closely with my personal and professional aspirations," he said. "I've never felt that before ... There's just really an inviting attitude. I was pleasantly surprised that it's kind of hard to remember I'm in government."

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# THREAT

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the See Something Say Something reporting App regarding a potential act of violence involving firearms at Jordan-Matthews HS," a statement from Chatham County Schools said.

See Something Say Something is an anonymous reporting system that enables students to anonymously report an issue 24/7/365 through an app, hotline or website when they see or hear of a threat to their campus. The app was developed in the wake of the Sandy Hook massacre.

Further investigation found the threat was widespread

across the state and not unique to Chatham County Schools. The threat, which circulated widely on social media, does not specify a school, county or state, and appears to have caused panic in several states, including North Carolina, Florida and Alabama.

Multiple school districts in Florida reported the threat, leading to an investigation by the Martin County Sheriff's Office, which determined it was likely a hoax, according to ABC News affiliate WPBF.

CCS officials said law enforcement was immediately contacted Thursday evening and a sweep of the campus with a K-9 unit was conducted Friday morning to ensure no

weapons were present and to confirm the campus was safe for operations. The search found nothing.

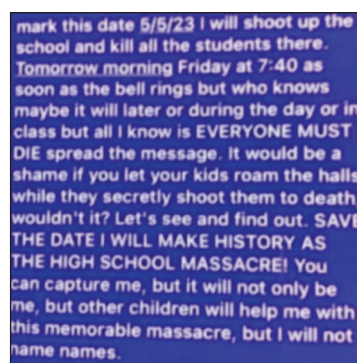
In preparation for school on Friday, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office decided to provide an additional law enforcement presence on the J-M campus. Arrangements were also made to have the K-9 unit return to the campus on Friday morning, CCS said.

J-M administration sent messages to both staff and families last night alerting them to the concern and letting them know that appropriate steps had been taken, according to the district.

Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson posted about the shooting threat on Facebook Thursday night. He called

it a "nonspecific threat."

"As always, we work closely with our county and local law enforcement agencies and school partners to solve challenges," CCS told the News + Record in a statement Friday afternoon. "Safety is our number one priority. We are committed to doing whatever is necessary to ensure that our students attend schools with safe environments. Safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see something, say something. Additionally, it is important to understand that those who participate in sending messages that disrupt schools in any way will be held accountable through disciplinary actions up to and including a recommendation for long-



Screenshot from Facebook

## A copy of the shooting threat.

term suspension from the school system."

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# OBITUARIES

## DOTTIE HENDERSON



January 4, 1944 ~ May 1, 2023  
Dottie Henderson, 79, of Pittsboro died May 1, 2023.

She was born on January 4, 1944, to the late Paul E. Jones and Bernice L. Collins of Parkersburg, W.V. Dot-tie served as a bank teller for many years with BB&T and the SECU. Later in life she switched careers and worked for Wake Radiology in Cary where she eventually retired. Dottie was preceded in death by her son, Rick Boston, her brother, Jerry

Jones and a step-grandson, Navy, CPO, Nicholas H. Null.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 40 years Ramsey Henderson, her two daughters, Kristina (Tim) Null, and Terrie Jude, her two step-daughters Rebecca Henderson and Robin Hay, grandchildren; Brandon (Jodi) Null, R.J. Jude, Mindy (Vince) Bower, and Lindsay (Dylan) Wade, step-grands; Casey Mason, Haley Mason, Logan Hay, Sydney Hay and Ashley Null Sanders; great-grandchildren; Kinli Bower, Kayden Wade, Karder Wade, Heath and Brooks Null; step great-grands, Hunter, Brett and Chase Null, Sydney and Hayley Sanders, and Dottie’s sister, Dianna Eaton.

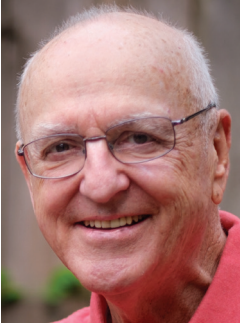
Dottie will be best remembered for her love of singing at church, family reunions, and other events, her guitar attempts, and her embroidery and crochet work. She owned her own business, Eye-Sew-Two for 15 years making custom gifts, specialty items and keepsakes. Dottie and Ramsey together were quite the entrepreneur couple, always staying busy, however every year they did manage to take some time away in the RV to their favorite place in Myrtle Beach. Dot-tie will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the New Salem Baptist Church with a fellowship reception that followed. A private inurnment was held in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation of the Carolinas, who are working to improve care for the patient and advancing research towards a cure, 1-800-473-4636 or <https://www.parkinson.org/carolinas>.

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## WILLIAM H. “BUDDY” MCALLISTER III



William H. “Buddy” McAllister III of Fairfax, V.A., succumbed to complications of Covid pneumonia May 1, 2023 at the age of 81, surrounded by his family. He was born in Durham, N.C., to Dorothy T. and Wil-liam H. McAllister Jr. He was raised in the nearby town of Pittsboro, N.C., along with his sister Margaret and brother Michael. It was in Pittsboro where he discovered his lifelong

fascination with the Postal Service, often visiting the local Post Office to observe the sorting of the daily mail. Later in life, he wrote of his hometown post office, “The mail doesn’t come to most residents of Pittsboro. They go to the mail.”

He was a proud graduate of the University of North Carolina receiving both Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees. A lifelong journalist, he found his vocation early in life when his Aunt Margaret gave him a toy printing press. He worked for The Washington Post from 1975 to 1999. He served as a reporter on the Virginia staff, became Virginia Editor on the Metro desk, and was promoted to the National Desk as a general assignment reporter. As a reporter he covered the Reagan White House, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs and the Postal Service. He was a mentor to young writers in the craft of reporting and writing and cherished his news-room relationships throughout his life. Prior to the Post, he worked at the Virginian Pilot and the Wall Street Journal.

He also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves as a Public Affairs Officer, rising to the rank of Captain in 26 years of service. After retirement, he continued to write for Linn’s Stamp News, continuing his lifelong love of the Postal Service and stamps.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Polly F. McAllister (nee) Farrell, his sons, William H. IV (Kathryn), Christopher F. (Leah), Jonathan T. (Karen) and Benjamin J. (Eliza), and seven beloved grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, V.A. 22031.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

## ELAINE MITCHELL LASATER



April 22, 1942 ~ May 5, 2023  
Elaine Mitchell Lasater died on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Parkview Retirement Village in Sanford. Elaine was born in New Hill on April 22, 1942, to Ivey Cornelia Bland Mitchell and William Carlie Mitchell. She graduated from Moncure High School and worked at Chatham Mills, before marrying Robert Joe Lasater. Later, she was a teacher’s aide at three Chatham County Schools: Pittsboro

Elementary, Perry Harrison Elementary as well as North Cha-tham School for nearly 30 years. Many knew her as the cashier at Lowes Foods (later Piggly Wiggly) in Pittsboro. She always had a smile and a kind word to share with everyone. Elaine was a very gifted singer, performing solos in church beginning at the age of nine. She was in many trios and quartets over the years. A devoted member of Hanks Chapel UCC in Pittsboro, she taught Sunday School and shared the gift of music given to her by God. Elaine sang in and at times led the Hanks Chapel UCC Choir for over 40 years.

She is survived by her beloved sister, Carolyn Pendergraft; her daughter, Drew M. Lasater; her son, John H. Lasater, as well as several cherished nieces and nephews. Elaine will live on in the memory of all who knew her, especially those who heard her sing the praises of her Lord. She has gone to add her voice to the choir of angels.

A celebration of her life was held on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Hanks Chapel UCC in Pittsboro (190 Hanks Loop Road) with Rev. Ray Gooch and Rev. Gary Leath presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Elaine to either Hanks Chapel UCC, the American Diabetes Association [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org), or the American Stroke Association [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org).

## DOROTHY (DOT) LUCELLA CHANDLER HARRIS



Dorothy (Dot) Lucella Chandler Harris at the age of 96 quietly went to her heavenly home on April 30, 2023. Dot was a Caswell County native born on November 15, 1926. She was the daughter of the late Dewey Otis Chandler Sr. and Emma Stanfield Chandler. She graduated from Anderson High School and was a member of Bush Arbor Primitive Baptist Church located in Caswell County.

After marrying Paul Harrell Har-ris in 1947, they started a family living on May Drive, Burl-ington, North Carolina. They moved to Silk Hope, Chatham County, in 1955 and raised four children. South Fork Friends Church and community became a major part of her life as she raised her children. She loved gardening, sewing, word search puzzles and cooking. Her famous chocolate pie and pear preserves became well-known throughout the commu-nity. Flowers and birds were some of her favorite hobbies. She will be remembered for her love of a good joke and reading the funnies. After raising her family, she became a teacher assistant for a special needs class at Chatham Middle School in Siler City, North Carolina. Each and every student held a special place in her heart. After retirement she joined the Siler City bowling league which she loved.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband after 62 years of marriage. Also preceded in death are siblings Ruby (Ross) Stephens, D.O. (Leona) Chandler, Wilbur (Mary Joyce) Chandler and Joe Chandler; son-in-law, Ray Johnson; and grandchild, Wesley Harris.

Family was an important part of her life and she leaves behind: sister-in-law, Patricia Chandler; four children Paulette (Odell) Grumble, Phyllis Johnson, Michael (Judi) Harris and Patricia (David) Harris-Fullen; five grandchildren, Matthew (Amy) Johnson, Stefanie (Bryce) Kincaid, Megan (Howie) Van Horn, Heather (Brandon) Miller, Josh (Abigail) Harris; nine great-grandchildren, Lilly, Mabry, Ansley and Chanley Johnson, Liam and Olivia Kincaid, Chandler Van Horn, and Micah and Isabel Harris; and as she would say one more Harris on the way!

The family would like to thank Mom’s caregivers, Cather-ine Wright, Sherry Jessup, Carolyn Handley, Dianne York, Erica Smith, Kierra Marsh, Jennifer Culberson and Caro-line Worsham.

A visitation for Dorothy (Dot) Harris will be held at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home located at 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City, North Carolina, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at South Fork Friends Church at 359 S. Fork Bethel Road, Snow Camp, North Carolina, on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 3 p.m. with Daniel Thames and Andrew Needham officiating.

## BILLY JAMES BRANSON

July 30, 1941 ~ May 5, 2023  
Billy James Branson, 81, departed this life on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Randolph Hospital.

Mr. Branson was born in Randolph County on July 30, 1941, son of the late Cecil and Lucy Hutchins Branson. He retired after 40 years of service from Collins & Aikman as a quality control personnel. Mr. Branson’s greatest love was fishing and spending time outdoors.

In addition to his parents, Billy was preceded in death by his daughter, Toni Cheek; brothers, Robert Branson, Fred Branson; and sister, Vonnie Thomas.

Billy is survived by his wife of 41 years, Lois Smith Bran-son of the home; brother, Cecil Branson and wife Donna of Asheboro; sister, Carolyn Butts and husband Charlie of Lill-ington; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Branson laid in repose on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, from 1 until 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 2 p.m at Chatham Memorial Park with Pastor Marcus Wall officiat-ing. Entombment followed in the park mausoleum.

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

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

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is serving the Branson family.

## LOUIS WILLARD HESS JR.

October 16, 1951 ~ May 2, 2023

Louis Willard “Sonny” Hess Jr., 71, of Cameron, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at Central Harnett Hospital in Lillington.

He was the son of the late Louis Willard Hess Sr. and Al-ice Jo Blake Hess. Louis retired from the United States Marine Corp, after serving twenty years. He was a member of the Ko’olau Lodge F.&A.M. in Kailua, Hawaii.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Chris Pipes officiating. The family received friends, prior to the funeral service at the funeral home from 1 to 2 p.m.

Surviving is his wife, Cynthia Hess of the home; step-daughters, Kimberly Williams of Aberdeen, Karen Odom of Rockingham; step-sons, Bruce Odom and Jona-than Odom, both of Sanford, Donald Hart of Bear Creek, and Charles Hart of Chapel Hill; sister, Carrol Hendrix of St. Mary, Ohio; brother, Russell Hess of West Virginia; and several grandchildren.

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

## KAREN BAILEY WALTON

Karen Bailey Walton passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023, at her home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lucille Hopkins and Cary Bailey; her brother, Herbert Bailey, and sister, Eleanor Watson.

Survivors include her hus-band of 56 years, Rev. George Walton; her son, Marc Walton of Olivia; daughters, Kari Walton of Sun Prairie, Wiscon-sin, Holly Walton of Olivia; one granddaughter; and a brother, Winston Bailey.

Karen retired from Central Carolina Community College after 19 years. She served in many capacities at Olivia Pres-byterian Church.

The memorial service was held with Rev. Curtis Norris and Rev. Bob Johnson presid-ing, on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Olivia Presbyteri-an Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Olivia Presbyte-rian Church.

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

## SUE NEIL VICTORIA JUSTICE BLYSTONE

August 5, 1932 ~ May 6, 2023  
Sue Neil Victoria Justice Blystone, 90, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, passed away at FirstHealth Moore Regional on May 6, 2023.

Sue was born in Fairmont, North Carolina, on August 5,

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LOLA TERRY BARBER

April 10, 1938 ~ May 7, 2023  
Lola Terry Barber, 85, of Siler City, joined her Lord and Savior on Sunday, May 7, 2023.  
Mrs. Barber was born on April 10, 1938, in Fentress County, Tennessee to Mose and Nina Beaty. Mrs. Barber spent much of her life in North Carolina, working for many years at Hadley-Peoples Manufacturing Company. In her later years, she resided at Genesis Healthcare (Siler City Center). Lola was a kind and thoughtful person and went out of her way to make connections with the staff and residents at Genesis Healthcare. She enjoyed visits from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her daily phone calls from her brother Charles. Lola always made sure she looked her best regardless of the occasion with beautiful floral blouses, painted nails and numerous pieces of jewelry. She enjoyed participating in the activities offered at Genesis, but her favorite was bingo where she won numerous prizes that she was excited to tell her family about. Her ability and opportunity to go outside became limited but she always made sure the bird feeders outside her window were full and especially loved watching the hummingbirds. Her final months were filled with health complications but she always fought hard and tried to remain positive.  
In addition to her parents, Lola is preceded in death by her brothers, Bill, Junior, and Kenneth; sister, Alice; husband Lawrence Barber; first husband Oliver Terry (d. 1969); and their children, Mike and Randy Terry. She is survived by her siblings, Charles, Bessie, and Ray; two children, Danny Terry and Debbie T. Grimes; grandchildren, Brandy G. Woody, Thomas Grimes, JD and Justin Terry, Crystal M. Paul; great-grandchildren, Anna, Jackson, and Elliott Woody, Kennedy, Houston, and Shephard Grimes, Emerson, Anderson, Jackson, Vivian, and Hollis Terry, Ethan and Kieloni Moore; and one great-great-grandchild: Adeline.  
The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home in Pittsboro, North Carolina, who have gone above and beyond to ensure Mrs. Barber's comfort in her final days and would like to request donations be made to UNC Health Hospice Care in lieu of flowers.  
The family will have a graveside service with the help of Jennings Funeral Home, and Lola will be buried in the Alticrest Cemetery in Jamestown, Tenn. next to her late husband Oliver Terry.  
Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Barber family.  
Memorial Tributes can be left at [www.Donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.Donaldsonfunerals.com).

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1932, to the late William Justice and Fannie Bullock Justice. She owned and operated Sue's Rainbow Daycare. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Vern Blystone; brothers, Carl Justice, Steve Justice, and Paul Justice; children, Vernon James Blystone, Timothy Blystone, and Barbara Jean Cameron.  
She is survived by a son, Kenneth Blystone of Sanford; daughters, Judy Wilson of Lillington, Karen Gee of Portage, Wisconsin, and Alice Payne of Sanford; a sister, Bonnie Justice Davis of Parkton; 18 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.  
A funeral service will be held at Turner's Chapel on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Bruce MacInnes presiding. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 1 to 1:50 p.m. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.  
Condolences may be made at [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

**BOBBY DEAN CAUSEY**  
December 3, 1958 ~ May 8, 2023  
Bobby Dean Causey, 64, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, May 8, 2023, at home.  
The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 11, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. Graveside services will be private.  
He was the son of Bobby Causey and Nancy Stone Causey. Bobby worked at Performance Fibers and later worked several years for N.C. State. He was a member of Sanford First Pentecostal Holiness Church.  
He is survived by his son, Travis Causey of Sanford; daughter, Tonya Carver of Cameron; sisters, Hilda Causey of Chapel Hill, Gail Johnson of Sanford; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.  
Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home in Sanford, North Carolina.  
Condolences may be made at [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

Suspect arrested for indecent liberties with child

A Virginia man has been charged after an investigation found he had taken indecent liberties with a child during an incident last November in Siler City.  
On May 7, the Chesterfield, Virginia Police Department assisted the Chatham County Sheriff's Office with the arrest of Alex Gerardi Jimenez Rodriguez, 48, of 2704 Addington Ave., Chesterfield, VA.  
The Chatham County Department of Social Services contacted the Siler City Police Department about the matter. Following an initial inquiry to determine the location where the crime occurred, the case was transferred to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.  
An investigation by the Sheriff's Office determined that Rodriguez had inappropriately touched a child who is a relative.  
Rodriguez is charged with one count of indecent liberties with a child and sexual battery. After his arrest in Virginia, he was jailed without bond. A court date will be set after his return to North Carolina.

Sheriff's Office names April's 'Exemplary Employees'

Each month, both a Sworn and a Detention / Non-sworn employee of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office are recognized as "exemplary employees of the month" for their exceptional performance, extraordinary dedication and service, team spirit, positive attitude, problem-solving skills and/or outstanding leadership.  
With this recognition, Sheriff Mike Roberson pins a Gold Exemplary badge on the employee to be worn for the month.  
The Non-Sworn Exemplary Employee for April was Dawn Stallings. Stallings is an outstanding asset to the Sheriff's Office, providing excellent customer service to the public as well as to each division of the Office. In the past month, she has assisted the public with 24 domestic violence protective orders while also following up with victims from other incidents. Stallings has maintained a track record of excellent performance while also training two employees new to Victim Services. Despite the extra duty of training the newest members of her team, Stallings maintains a thoroughly positive attitude and also makes herself available to anyone in the agency who needs help. She is well-respected by the court system staff, with whom she works closely, and is relied upon as a



Courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

New Chatham Sheriff's Office uniforms include more breathable, comfortable shirts and ballistic vests worn on the outside of the shirt.

go-to person from the Sheriff's Office to help with any domestic violence matter.  
The Chatham County Sheriff's Office's Sworn Exemplary Employee for April was Brandon Jones. Jones has recently taken a new assignment within the agency, overseeing the Sheriff's Office's RapBack/fingerprinting process. Jones's office is near the front entrance of the building, making him the deputy the public often sees first when they visit the Sheriff's Office. Quick to offer his assistance, not only to citizens visiting the Sheriff's Office but also his co-workers, Jones is a positive face for the agency. He consciously seeks the best for his team and the entire agency, consistently aiming to achieve results that well exceed minimum standards and expectations. In his new role, Jones has also taken on extra responsibilities, including helping recruit new individuals interested in work with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, assisting with sex offender duties, and processing background investigations. Not resting on his achievements, Jones also continually looks towards what needs to be accomplished next.

Sheriff's Office advises court staff on safety protocols

Chief Deputy Steve Maynor and Deputy Brent Ward met this week with the staff of the Chatham County Justice Center in Pittsboro to share important safety guidelines.  
Addressing employees who serve a variety of functions under the roof of the Justice Center — a group including judges, clerks, public defenders, probation, Guardian Ad Litem and Chatham 360 — the presentation covered general guidelines for several potential emergency situations, including active shooters, suspicious packages, severe weather, and power outages.

While the Chief Deputy emphasized that the court building boasts numerous security features — including X-ray screening of all who enter the building through its front entrance and video surveillance throughout — those security features aren't 100% foolproof. For that reason, he said, it's paramount for those who work in the facility to have back-up plans.  
"It's important to be prepared for those 'what if' scenarios," Maynor said. "No matter if it's in this building, or the grocery store, or whether you're going to the bank, the possibility of something happening is always there. That's the reality we're living in, so you've got to be mindful and ask yourself, 'What would I do in this situation? How would I react?'"  
Deputy Ward, a bailiff in the courthouse, said safety is also a group effort.  
"It takes all of us working together to keep this place safe," he said.  
The Chief Deputy and the bailiff noted that court is often a high-stress environment where sensitive issues such as child custody, divorce, and prison sentencing can trigger emotions. But he reminded those who work in that environment to stay positive and pro-active.  
"It's important not to put yourself in a doomsday mindset, that the world's coming to an end," Maynor said. "That's not what we're saying. We're just asking you to be mindful of these scenarios and to have a personal safety plan."  
He also presented an overview of the building, placement of elevators (and when and when not to use them), and the presence of panic alarm buttons throughout the court facility which staff can use to notify deputies in the event of an emergency.  
"We want to make sure that at the end of the day, each one of you goes home to your family," Maynor said. "We want to keep you safe."

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Join us for the Mother's Day Sunday Service on May 14 in the 10 a.m. service. Rev. Felica R. Thompson, will be the guest speaker at Holland Chapel AME Zion Church.  
The church is located at 360 Burgess Road, Apex.

Womack named Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina CEO

From Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina

SANFORD — Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina Board of Directors Chairperson, Joe Langley, announced Sarah Womack has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina. Womack has been serving as interim CEO since January following the departure of Daniel Simmons.  
Womack, a Sanford native, came to the Boys and Girls Clubs after a 12-year career at the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, a national organization committed to the fight against all cancers affecting women. During her time at the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, Womack handled a variety of responsibilities from accounting to marketing, communications, event planning and extensive work with their national Board and partners in conjunction with the CEO.  
"Sarah's tenure as our interim CEO has been nothing short of extraordinary," said Langley. "Her unparalleled expertise and visionary leadership have ignited a transformative spark within our organization. As we navigate the landscape of our three-county reach, Sarah's unwavering commitment to progress and innovation is precisely what we need to forge a bright future. We are poised for growth that will impact generations to come."  
Womack is succeeding Daniel Simmons, who departed the local organization in January for a role with Boys and Girls Clubs of America in Government Rela-

tions. Simmons served as CEO for 7 years, expanding from one club in Sanford/Lee

County to four clubs across three counties.  
"I am thrilled that the Corporate Board has selected Sarah as the next CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina," said Simmons, "Her professional experience, educational credentials, and leadership abilities make her the outstanding CEO this organization needs to build upon its improvements and growth during the past seven years. I am so happy for Sarah and for our Central Carolina Clubs, and I look forward to supporting Sarah and the organization in my role at Boys & Girls Clubs of America."  
"I am deeply grateful to our board for entrusting me with this opportunity. The work of the Boys and Girls Club is incredibly important to the strength of our four communities. It is work that is sometimes lifesaving and always life changing," said Womack. "I am thankful for the staff, volunteers and donors who continually pour into the lives of the youth we serve. We are giving hope and I am humbled to be a part of it."  
The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina started with a presence in Sanford/Lee County and now has clubs in Lillington, Pittsboro and Siler City. The organization serves youth ages 6-18 with out-of-school opportunities for academic success, fitness and healthy lifestyles, leadership opportunities and more.



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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JEAN S. HORNEY** late of 1434 Sunset Dr., Siler City, NC 27344, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Gavigan Law, PLLC, 10700 Sikes Place, Suite 375, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277, Attn. Timothy B. Gavigan, on or before the 20th day of July, 2023, 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 20th day of April, 2023. Patricia H. Neinast The Estate of Jean S. Horney Timothy B. Gavigan Gavigan Law, PLLC 10700 Sikes Place, Suite 375 Charlotte, North Carolina 28277 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** The undersigned, having qualified on the 11th day of April 2023 as Executor of the Estate of **DOROTHY K. MILLER**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of July, 2023 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 20th day of April 2023. Mark Miller, Executor of the Estate of Dorothy K. Miller C/o Gwendolyn C. Brooks Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM** The undersigned, Scott Palkoski, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ZENON PALKOSKI**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to present such claims to the undersigned in care of the undersigned's Attorney at their address on or before July 20, 2023, or this

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** The undersigned, having qualified on the 10th day of April 2023, as Executor of the Estate of **ROSINA BADALAMENTE**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July 2023, 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 20th day of April 2023 Clifford G. Simpson, Executor of the Estate of Rosina Badalamente Wendy C. Brooks, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 23 E 197** All persons having claims against **NEWBY JUDSON DARK, III**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 20th day of April, 2023. Justinn Casey Dark, Administrator 8321 Hobhouse Circle Raleigh, NC 27615 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** David G. Romelotti qualified before the Chatham County Clerk of Court on April 3, 2023 as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of **DANA PORCH ROMELOTI**, 2679 Building E. Sable Circle #102, Clearwater, FL 33761. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations, as required by NCGS 28A-14-1, having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the attorney designated below on or before the 19th day of July, 2023 or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payments to the undersigned. Payments and claims should be presented to: Eddie S. Winstead, III P.O. Box 1045 Sanford, NC 27331-1045. A20,A27,M4,M11,4tp

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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 above-named Executor. This the 11th day of April 2023. Scott Palkoski, Executor Estate of Zenon Palkoski Blaire D. McClanahan, Esq. c/o Law Offices of Cheryl David 528 College Rd. Greensboro, NC 27410 Telephone: (336) 547-9999 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 2023 E 000124** All persons having claims against **CYNTHIA CLEMMER MOORE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 20th day of April, 2023. Meagan Moore Frank, Administrator 1286 Sandy Branch Ch Road Bear Creek, NC 27207 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 23 E 220** All persons having claims against **JACK JUNIOR HENSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 20th day of April, 2023. Jack Gregory Henson, Executor 296 Howard Gilliland Road Siler City, NC 27344 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 23 E 222** All persons having claims against **COLETTE WILLIAMS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 20th day of April, 2023. Erskine R. Glover, Administrator 24 Quince Place North Brunswick, NJ 08902 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 23 E 230** All persons having claims against **WALTER J. ECKROTH**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 12th day of April, 2023. Barbara L. Bass Co- Executor

8596 Safflower Way Leland, NC 28451 Sherri E. Chasnovitz, Co-Executor 317 Waverly Hills Drive Cary, NC 27519 A20,A27,My4,My11,4tp

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS TOWN OF SILER CITY** The following item will be considered by the Siler City Planning Commission on Monday, May 8, 2023. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Siler City Court Room of the Siler City Town Hall at 311 N. 2nd Ave. The items will also be heard by the Town Council for Siler City on May 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Siler City Court Room of the Siler City Town Hall located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. **Legislative Hearings** R23-0501. Rezoning of a tract from Agricultural-Residential (A-R) to Highway Commercial (H-C), parcel being 2.560 acres ±, addressed as 17320 US 64 W (parcel number 13104), and being the property of JR US 64 W, LLC., represented by Jack Somers. R23-0502. Conditional Rezoning amendment of five tracts currently zoned as Office Institutional Conditional (O-I-C), parcels totaling 10.812 acres ±, addressed as 100 and undressed parcels Village Lake Drive (parcel numbers 80718, 80719, 80720, 80721, and 80724), and being the properties of Rudra Siler City, LLC., repre-

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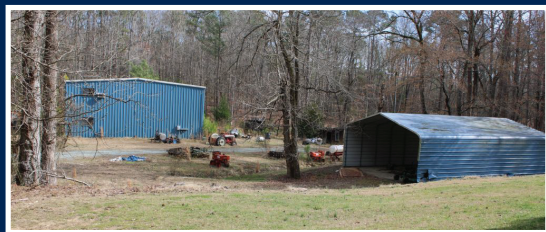
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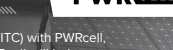
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outcome of the item are invited to attend the legislative hearing and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced item.

These are separate hearings: Interested parties may submit evidence and written comments. Written comments or evidence on these applications can be submitted by email to [jbaptiste@silercity.org](mailto:jbaptiste@silercity.org). Individuals desiring to speak must sign up by calling 919-726-8626 before 12:00 p.m. on or before the scheduled public hearing date.

The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Tammy Thomas at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or [tthomas@silercity.org](mailto:tthomas@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 Tammy Thomas al [tthomas@silercity.org](mailto:tthomas@silercity.org) o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This the 25th of April 2023  
William Shank, Executor of the Estate of James Arthur Shank  
3722 Lawrence 1187  
Miller, MO 27559  
Attorneys:  
Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A.  
206 Hawkins Avenue  
Sanford, NC 27330

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**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
FILE NO. 19 CVC 838  
COUNTY OF CHATHAM**

Plaintiff, vs  
HUBERT MATTHEWS, et al

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of WILLIAM MATTHEWS, JR. and spouse, if any, which may include The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of LORI MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, and The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of MICHELLE MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, and any other person or entity claiming thereunder; The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of JAMES E. MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, which may include The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of PAMELA COLE a/k/a PAMELA MATTHEWS and spouse, if any. The HEIRS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **JOAN H. ZEBLEY**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before July 31, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 27th day of April, 2023.

Mark O. Costley, Exec.,  
c/o Clarity Legal Group  
PO Box 2207  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515.  
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ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of DONALD MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, which may include The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of KEVIN TERRELL MATTHEWS a/k/a TERRELL MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, and The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISES of EARL B. MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder; and DORA LEE MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, and any HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEVEISES of DORA LEE MATTHEWS and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder. A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on May 4, 2023.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **MARIO FONSECA**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before July 31, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 27th day of April, 2023.

Anita Fonseca-Fiks, Exec.  
c/o Clarity Legal Group  
PO Box 2207  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **PEGGY BARD**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before July 31, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 27th day of April, 2023.  
Ruth Anne Bard, Exec.  
c/o Clarity Legal Group  
PO Box 2207  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **KATHY THOMAS JESSUP**, 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 July 27, 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.

**Town Hall Courtroom**, located at 311 N Second Avenue, Siler City, NC at **6:30 on Monday, May 15, 2023**, concerning a proposed ordinance **amending the Charter of the Town of Siler City**, as set forth in Chapter 16 of the 1989 Session Laws of North Carolina, as amended, to provide for election of the Mayor by all the qualified voters of the Town of Siler City for a four-year term. Following the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will consider passage of the ordinance at its regular meeting to be held on June 5, 2023.  
Kimberly Pickard, Town Clerk  
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Adam Gates Kerr  
Personal Representative  
Adam G. Kerr  
Kerr Law, PLLC  
PO Box 10941  
Greensboro, NC 27404  
Telephone: (336) 808-5028  
Fax: (336) 464-2819

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**FILE NO: 2023 E 000192**  
All persons having claims  
against **BARBARA ANNE**  
**STROWD**, deceased, late of Cha-  
atham County, North Carolina,  
are notified to exhibit the same  
to the undersigned on or before  
the 27th day of July, 2023, or

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**ALL PERSONS**, firms and corpo-  
rations having claims against  
**SHIRLEY RUDISILL MORTER**,  
deceased, of Chatham County,  
N.C., are notified to exhibit the  
same to the undersigned on  
or before August 5th, 2023, or  
this notice will be pleaded in  
bar of recovery. Debtors of the  
decedent are asked to make  
immediate payment.  
This 4th day of May, 2023.  
Christopher S. Morter, Executor  
Estate of Shirley Rudisill Morter  
c/o Roberson Law Firm  
1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 27th day of April, 2023.  
Richard Elvin Strowd, Executor  
2645 W Marion Avenue  
Unit 112  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
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**CREDITOR'S NOTICE  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified on the 12th of April 2023, as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES ARTHUR SHANK**, 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 26th day of July 2023, or this notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(Including Private/Home School Personnel)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA – Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Chatham County Public Schools proposes for Federal Funding for the 2023-2024 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open



to the public for review and comments during the period of May 17-19, 2023 in the office of Sara Self-Maddox, Director of Exceptional Children Program, located at Central Services - 468 Renaissance Drive, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**FILE NO: 23 E 240**  
All persons having claims against **ALEXANDER JOSEPH MASTEJ**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of July, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.  
This the 4th day of May, 2023.  
Thomas Joseph Mastej, Executor  
2182 SW Certosa Rd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 1372  
c/o Brenda Hadley  
514 East Third Street, Suite C  
Siler City, NC 27344

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**FILE NO: 2023 E 000253**  
All persons having claims against **JUDITH WEBER CHEWNING** , deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.  
This the 4th day of May, 2023.  
Anneke G. Chewning, Executor  
111 Gladbrook Place  
Mooreesville, NC 28115

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**FILE NO: 23 E 210**  
All persons having claims against **CHARLIE L. BLAND**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.  
This the 4th day of May, 2023.  
Saundra Gardner, Executrix  
495 Old Goldston Rd.  
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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**WILLOW OAK MONTESSORI**  
**IDEA - Part B (611) Grant**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Individuals with Disabilities

Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Willow Oak Montessori proposes for Federal funding for the 2023-2024, School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May in the office of Catherine Oudjit located at 1476 Andrew Store Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The CHATHAM COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR 2023-2024 has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and a copy is available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board, at the Manager's Office on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro and a copy is available at the Chatham County website: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/county-budget/recommended-fy-2023-2024-county-budget>  
The Board of Commissioners will hold two public hearings on the budget: One public hearing will be held at **6:00 PM on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center**, 1192 US HWY 64 BUS West, Pittsboro and the second public hearing will be held at **6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Siler City Town Hall**, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City. Residents may sign up to speak at either public hearing by filling out the online public input form that will be available on the Chatham County website May 9th or by contacting the Clerk's Office at 919-542-8200. Residents unable to attend the public hearings may also submit written comments to the clerk at [Lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:Lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov) or by mail to the County Commissioner Clerks Office at PO Box 1809, Pittsboro, NC 27312. All speakers will have up to three minutes to speak and staff very much appreciates copies of comments being submitted in writing to the clerk at [Lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:Lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov) so that all comments can be included in the official record. More information about the meeting will be posted by May 9th on the county website: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/board-of-commissioners/commissioner-meetings/calendar-with-agenda-min>

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**TOWN OF SILER CITY**  
**NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS**  
To: All Heirs, Known and Unknown of Howard Reives, Lacy Reives, Denorris Headen, Cece-lia Ann Edwards, and Jacqueline Yolanda Edwards.  
The Town has filed a Notice of Lis Pendens with the Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court pursuant to N.C.G.S 1-120.2. The ordinance enforcement proceeding pending before the Town Code Enforcement Officer is for violations of the Town Code of Ordinances under Chapter 8 Buildings, Article IV. Minimum Housing Standards. The real property affected by this ordinance enforcement proceeding is described as 904 14th St. and Tax Parcel Number 16771. The subject finding of fact order in said ordinance enforcement proceeding shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the owners of (including heirs) and the parties in interest in the subject dwelling.  
The Notice of Lis Pendens shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled. A copy of the Notice of Lis Pendens can be obtained by contacting the Town's Code Enforcement Officer at 919-726-8665 or [cgallimore@silercity.org](mailto:cgallimore@silercity.org).

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF PITTSBORO**  
The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom and at Chatham County Agriculture Center to consider the following item:  
1. A legislative Public Hearing request by the Town of Pittsboro Planning staff to consider text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance.  
The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request.  
**SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING.** The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 287 East Street, Suite 221A, on the Planning Department page under "Current Planning" at <https://nc-pittsboro.civicplus.com/>, and are available for inspection through e-mail. Please give reasonable notice to the Pittsboro Planning Department at (919) 533-5480 if accommodations for individuals with disabilities or impairments are required.  
The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software, and in person. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the

Town's website at [www.pittsboronc.gov](http://www.pittsboronc.gov). Please sign up with the Town Clerk, Carrie Bailey by 4:00 p.m. on May 22, 2023 if you wish to participate. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Carrie Bailey, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [cbailey@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:cbailey@pittsboronc.gov) by 4 p.m. on May 22, 2023.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**TOWN OF PITTSBORO**  
The Town of Pittsboro's budget or FY 2023-2024 has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and a copy is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro , NC. The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the budget at 7:00pm, May 22, 2023, at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, located at US Highway 64 West Business, Pittsboro, NC.

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Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [cbailey@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:cbailey@pittsboronc.gov) by 4 p.m. on May 22, 2023.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**FILE NO: 23 E 260**  
All persons having claims against **ANNE DYSART VARLEY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of August, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.  
This the 11th day of May, 2023.  
Margaret V. Markham, Executrix  
304 Aberdeen Terrace.  
Greensboro, NC 272403

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**23 E 69**  
Any persons having claims against the estate of **JUDITH ANN HOGAN**, of Chatham County, N.C. , who died November 9th, 2022 are notified to present them on or before the 11th day of August, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.  
This the 11th day of May, 2023.  
Timothy Michael Hogan, Executor  
7598 Moncure Pittsboro Rd  
Moncure, NC 27559  
c/o Tim Hogan Executor  
PO Box 253  
Moncure, NC 27559

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**23 E 255**  
Any persons having claims against the estate of **GERRIT VOGEL**, of Chatham County, N.C. , are notified to present them on or before the 11th day of August, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.  
This the 11th day of May, 2023.  
Jenny Vogel, Executrix  
20036 Webb  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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**SILER CITY SELF STORAGE**  
**("LIENOR")**  
P.O. BOX 143, SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA will hold this public sale of personal property at its storage facility on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Siler City, N.C. The sale will start at 1407 E. 11th St. (Behind Sir Pizza), then to 500 West 2nd St. (behind Maxway), then to 1112

S. Chatham Avenue.  
The following persons and property at 1407 E. 11th Street, Siler City, NC are subject to this lien sale:

Lucien E. Maynard, Unit 1031  
33 Clumnelly Lane  
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Margaret McKiever, Unit 1060  
911 12th St  
Siler City, NC 27344

Tina McKinney, Unit 1001  
2826 SW 12th St  
Siler City, NC 27344

Kathryn Price, Unit 1057  
808 N Fur St  
Siler City, NC 27344

Sabrina Spuiell, Unit 1018  
34 Page Blvd.  
Siler City, NC 27344

Tylan Thompson, Unit 1154  
1002 Lake Drive  
Siler City, NC 27344

The following persons and property at 500 West 2nd St, Siler City, N are subject to this lien sale:

Eric Bair, Unit 175  
106 Sunset Pl  
Carrboro, NC 27510

Barbara M. Bray, Unit 126 & 174  
3409 Coral Stone Circle  
Sanford, NC 27330

Faline Doolin, Unit 110  
4539 Bunton Swaim Rd  
Liberty, NC 27298

Jessica Lucas, Unit 149  
565 Bruce Phillips Rd  
Siler City, NC 27344

Nikia R Peoples, Unit 158  
463 Ed Clapp Rd  
Siler City, NC 27344

Robert Willett, Unit 199  
127 New Bern Pl, Apt 306  
Raleigh, NC 27601

The following persons and property at 1112 S. Chatham Ave. Siler City, NC, are subject to this lien sale:

Lena Brooks, Unit 334  
205 S 10th St, Apt C8  
Siler City, NC 27344

Pattie Cromer, Unit 244  
6853 NC Hwy 49N  
Liberty, NC 27298

Chad & Kristie Gaines, Unit 273  
514 S 2nd Ave  
Siler City, NC 27344

Kathy Ross, Unit 300  
PO Box 72  
Siler City, NC 27344

Jocelyn Wallace, Unit 335  
405 E 10th St  
Siler City, NC 27344

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### PITTSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Board discusses Climate Action Plan

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The board of commissioners met for its first regular meeting of May on Monday at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, where they discussed a resolution to create a Climate Action Plan (CAP).  
The resolution was originally discussed during the board's last meeting, but Mayor Cindy Perry said she felt it was important to bring the resolution back to the board for further conversations.  
“I’m very anxious for us to actually have an opportunity to make measurable progress on something that seems so unmeasurable,” she said.  
“This resolution is an important first step.”  
Climate action plans are tools designed to help the public understand what risks are associated with climate change — defined to be long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns — and create solutions to address

potential environmental issues.  
Pittsboro’s drafted resolution directs town staff to create a CAP, which would become a part of the town’s strategic plan. According to the resolution, the CAP would “prioritize rapid implementation of strategies that are both economically and environmentally beneficial, with special attention given to projects or technologies that also deliver resiliency of operations in the face of increasingly frequent and severe weather events, droughts, floods, electric power disruptions, and other natural disasters.”  
The resolution lays out a series of goals the CAP would address. Those goals include:  
• Ensuring municipal operations are energy efficient and prioritize conservation.  
• Expanding the town’s renewable energy sources, especially solar and geothermal energy.  
• Implementing sustainable transportation options, including, but not limited to, bike lanes, better sidewalks

and crosswalks, a local circuit shuttle bus, and public transportation.  
• Increasing the use of environmentally friendly products and services.  
• Promoting of sustainable land use practices, including greater density, walkability, bikeability, green roofs, permeable pavements, street trees and urban forests.  
• Identifying Pittsboro’s vulnerability to the changes in climate.  
Perry said she feels there are certain requirements that could be added to Pittsboro’s CAP if it were to be established. One idea she brought forth came from what Chatham County already mandates in unincorporated areas — builders must recycle construction debris.  
“This is a major contributor to filling landfills,” she said. “It would be my suggestion that we think about requiring that same kind of thing.”  
Perry went on to say while she herself isn’t a scientist or a specialist, she said her passion for the environment and its preservation has moved her to

learn more about what a CAP could do for the town of Pittsboro.  
“I’m not an engineer, I’m not somebody that has the high tech kind of knowledge to help me work with water quality issues or pipes or the merger with Sanford,” she said. “What I can say is I am very interested in the environment, I always have been ... It would be my hope that we can make some progress on climate change over the next little while.”  
Commissioner John Bonitz praised the proposed resolution, saying it’s an important step for the town to take.  
“I think from a policy making standpoint, I think of all the things this board could do, putting into words the consensus of this group ... I think it’s vitally important that we do that,” he said. “I’m glad this draft has been presented for everyone’s review, I hope people will think about it and perhaps at the next meeting we can consider approving that.”  
The resoution was not passed during Monday’s meeting.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### NEWS BRIEFS

#### JMArts receives Rising Star nomination

Jordan-Matthews High School received a 2023 Triangle Rising Stars Nomination for Best Ensemble for its production of “Shrek: The Musical.”  
2023 Triangle Rising Stars Awards will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at Durham Performing Arts Center. The show is hosted by Clay Aiken with a special guest appearance by Tony Award winner Beth Leavel.  
JMArts will cover the cost for student cast and crew to attend the Triangle Rising Stars Awards and is working now to arrange free transportation.  
More information about the nomination at [dpacnc.com/events/detail/triangle-risingstars-2023](http://dpacnc.com/events/detail/triangle-risingstars-2023).

#### WEBB Squared: So You Want To Be An Entrepreneur

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wren Memorial Library will host WEBB Squared on Saturday May, 13 for a two-hour workshop for Black & Latino entrepreneurs. Do you have a business idea? Work a hobby or hustle? Perhaps you already have a business and are seeking growth? Wherever

you are at, this workshop is for you!  
WEBB Squared is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to recognize and address the racial wealth gap by providing a supportive ecosystem around Black and Brown entrepreneurs living in rural counties in North Carolina.  
This program is free and open to the public.

#### Sen. Dan Blue and Rep. Robert Reives issue statement on Senate Bill 20

“Republican leadership has once again schemed behind closed doors and silenced the voices of both members of the public and members of the state legislature in order to force a harmful abortion ban down our throats. North Carolinians believe in freedom, including the freedom to decide if and when to start a family. The North Carolina GOP believe in hoarding their own power by any means necessary, including by putting lives in danger.  
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BOYS GOLF

Seaforth wins 2A mideast regionals



Photo courtesy of Seaforth Athletics

Seaforth golfers, from left to right: Gray Stewart, Ty Willoughby, Griffin Ching and Campbell Meador.

BY JEREMY VERNON  
News + Record Sports Editor

Facing some tough course conditions at The River Golf Club at Lake Royal in Louisville, every player on the Seaforth boys golf team got off to a rough start at Monday's 2A Mideast regional championships.

It wouldn't last long. Competing among dozens of teams, the Seaforth boys rallied to shoot 317 as a team, a score low enough to earn them first place in the team competition. In just their second season as a program, the Hawks have already made quite the name for themselves in the state golf scene.

"As soon as everyone was done, even if they were disappointed by their individual performance, they were all

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Photo courtesy of Seaforth Athletics

Seaforth freshman Ty Willoughby (center) and sophomore Griffin Ching (right) stand with the 2A mideast tournament director Monday afternoon.

BASEBALL

Knights, Bears and Jets earn playoff bids

BY JEREMY VERNON  
News + Record Sports Editor

Three of the five Chatham County baseball teams made their respective state playoffs after a regular season full of high-caliber play and high drama.

Jordan-Matthews was the only Chatham team to make the 2A state tournament. The Jets earned the No. 10 seed in the east region and hosted No. 23 SouthWest Edgecombe in the first round Tuesday night (game occurred after press time). If victorious, J-M will play in the second round Friday against either Roanoke Rapids or Farmville Central.

The Jets came into the state playoffs with a 13-10 overall record after winning the Mid-Carolina Conference regular season title at 10-3 in league play. Jordan-Matthews lost in the second round of the conference tournament to North Moore.

Last season, the Jets made the 2A tournament despite coming into the playoffs with a 7-16 overall record. J-M fell in the second round of last year's tournament to Roanoke Rapids, 9-6.

This year's Seaforth baseball team narrowly missed the 2A state playoffs. The Hawks were ranked No. 34 in the 2A east in the final RPI rankings, and only the top-32 teams in each division made the tournament.

Head coach Landon Jones' team ended its season at 13-11 overall, a dramatic improvement from the 3-13 campaign it had in 2022. Seaforth made it to the finals of this spring's Mid-Carolina Conference tournament before falling to North Moore, 7-2.

Leading the way for the Hawks at the plate this season have been soph-



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Jordan-Matthews junior Kelton Fuquay hits a pitch in a game earlier this season.

omore Cade Elmore (.347 average, 26 hits, 12 RBI), junior Dane O'Neill (.338, 24 hits, 21 RBI) and freshman Collin Dorney (.338, 22 hits, 11 RBI). On the mound, freshman Jaedyn Rader pitched the most innings for Seaforth (36.2), totaling a 2.29 ERA and 34 strikeouts against 15 walks.

In the 1A tournament, both Chatham Charter and Chatham Central earned bids. The Knights are the No. 2 team in the 1A east and played Southeast Halifax at home Tuesday, while the Bears were ranked No. 15 and hosted No. 18 Perquimans the same night. If both Chatham teams were victorious in the first round, they will play each other Friday

night in the second round.

The Knights have had a wildly successful season, entering the state playoffs with a record of 15-1 overall. Chatham Charter's only loss of the regular season came to Clover Garden School on April 5.

Head coach Bill Slaughter's team is hitting a combined .426. Four Knights' had at least 17 RBI, led by junior Aiden Allred (.479 average, 23 hits, 23 RBI). On the mound, sophomore Zach Cartrette was 6-0 with a 1.30 ERA and 60 strikeouts against just 17 walks. Cartrette is also batting .491 with a team-high 26 hits to

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SOFTBALL

4 teams make state tournament

BY JEREMY VERNON  
News + Record Sports Editor

All but one of the Chatham County high school softball teams made their respective state tournaments.

Representing the county in the 1A bracket are both Chatham Charter and Chatham Central. The Knights earned the No. 7 seed in the 1A east and faced Southside in the first round at home Tuesday (game occurred after press time). The Bears were seeded at No. 9 and hosted Bertie on Tuesday.

Chatham Charter entered the state playoffs with a 9-2 overall record. The Knights' 11 games played is among the fewest of any team in the state playoffs, but they have shown how talented they can be when they are playing.

The Knights averaged over 10 runs per game in the regular season and came into the state playoffs batting .452 as a team. Three Chatham Charter players have averages over .500 — freshman Kynzie Jordan (.757, 28 hits, seven RBI), sophomore Ella Ingle (.667, 22 hits, five RBI) and senior Hallie Edmondson (.549, 17 hits, 19 RBI).

In the circle, Edmonson has gone 5-0 with a 4.51 ERA and 58 strikeouts over 45 innings pitched.

Chatham Central (16-2), meanwhile, won the regular-season Mid-Carolina Conference title, but the Bears fell in the conference tournament finals to the Jordan-Matthews, 6-4, last Friday. Both of the Bears' losses this season have come to the Jets.

Head coach Drew Hackney's team is led at the plate by senior Jaylee Williams, who came into the tournament batting .576 with 34 hits and 22 RBI. Junior Cassie McKeithan hit .472 with 25 hits and 31 RBI, while sophomore Emma Burke hit .511 with 23 hits and 22 RBI.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Senior-led Chargers advance past 2nd round

BY SHELBY SWANSON  
News + Record Correspondent

After the Northwood boys lacrosse team built a 9-0 lead at halftime on Friday night in its second-round playoff game against crosstown rival Seaforth, the Chargers' players rushed over to the sidelines in celebration. Facing a significant deficit, most of the Hawks' players hung their heads as they trudged to the bench.

Seaforth would add two goals in the second half, but it wasn't enough to stop Northwood, as the Chargers easily claimed a

15-2 victory to advance to the third round, which took place Tuesday night (after press time). The win marked the first time the Chargers' boys lacrosse team has advanced past the second round of state playoffs, and now Northwood's seniors are looking to carry the team all the way to a state championship.

"We started the fall season saying we want to finish," Northwood coach Randy Cox said. "Finish, finish, finish. That seemed to be the word."

Northwood's top three goal-scorers are all seniors — midfielder Will Smith (63)

and attackmen Taylor Laberge (60) and Jason Walden (54). On the defensive end, they are anchored by seniors Taylor Zelfhof and Will Johnson.

All the seniors excelled during Friday's win. Smith, Laberge and Walden each recorded a hat trick, and Smith led the team with four assists. Johnson controlled 11 ground balls — so many that Northwood's bookkeeper had to keep track in the margins of their scorebook — and also kicked the game off with the Chargers' first goal late in the first

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Photo courtesy of Chiara Battisti

Northood senior Will Smith (2) had three goals and four assists in a 15-2 win over Seaforth last Friday.



SCORES & SCHEDULES

SCORES

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Softball

North Moore 15, Seaforth 0

Baseball

Seaforth 3, Chatham Central 2 (8 innings)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Track and field

Seaforth sweeps Mid-Carolina Conference Championships

Boys tennis

Clinton 5, Jordan-Matthews 2  
Clover Garden 5, Chatham Central 4  
Southern Wake Academy 7, Chatham Charter 2

Girls soccer

Triangle Math & Science 8, Chatham Charter 0  
Woods Charter 10, Clover Garden 0  
Eastern Alamance 8, Northwood 2

Softball

Jordan-Matthews 8, Bartlett Yancey 4  
Chatham Central 14, North Moore 3

Baseball

Chatham Charter 5, Clover Garden 0  
North Moore 11, Jordan-Matthews 1

Girls lacrosse

Union Pines 17, Seaforth 2

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Track and field

Northwood sweeps Central 3A Conference Championships

Girls lacrosse

Northwood 22, Wilson Fike 1

Girls soccer

Seaforth vs. N.C. Science & Math (6 p.m.)

Baseball

Jordan-Matthews 3, Bartlett Yancey 0  
North Moore 7, Seaforth 2

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Softball

Jordan-Matthews 6, Chatham Central 4

Boys lacrosse

Northwood 15, Seaforth 2

MONDAY, MAY 8

Boys golf

Seaforth wins 2A mideast regionals with low score of 317.

Girls soccer

Seaforth 4, Jordan-Matthews 1  
Woods Charter 16, Chatham Charter 1  
Northwood 1, Western Alamance 1

SCHEDULES

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Boys tennis

Seaforth vs. John A. Holmes (4:30 p.m., second round of playoffs)

Girls soccer

Jordan-Matthews vs. Northwood (6 p.m.)

Girls lacrosse

Northwood vs. West Brunswick (6 p.m., third round of playoffs)

Boys lacrosse

Northwood at Croatan (7 p.m., third round of playoffs)

Softball

Jordan-Matthews vs. Bartlett Yancey (6 p.m., first round of playoffs)  
Chatham Charter vs. Southside (7 p.m., first round of playoffs)

Chatham Central vs. Bertie (7 p.m., first round of playoffs)

Baseball

Jordan-Matthews vs. SouthWest Edgecombe (6 p.m., first round of playoffs)  
Chatham Charter vs. Southeast Halifax (7 p.m., first round of playoffs)  
Chatham Central vs. Perquimans (7 p.m., first round of state playoffs)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Girls soccer

Chatham Charter at River Mill (4 p.m.)  
Seaforth at Bartlett Yancey (6 p.m.)  
Northwood vs. Riverside (6:45 p.m.)

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Girls soccer

Woods Charter at Cornerstone Charter (6 p.m.)

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Track and field

Northwood in 3A mideast regionals at Franklinton (all day)  
Seaforth, Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central in 2A mideast regionals at Franklinton (all day)

Softball

Second round of state playoffs

Baseball

Second round of state playoffs

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Track and field

Chatham Charter, Woods Charter in 1A mideast regionals at Pender High (all day)

MONDAY, MAY 15

Boys golf

State championships

Girls soccer

First round of playoffs

ROUND

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quarter. Zelhof, playing on the closed defensive side of the ball, put his lacrosse IQ on display with a solid, fundamental defensive presence and vocal leadership.

Smith, Laberge, Zelhof and Johnson have been playing together since their days on a local rec team, the Chatham Cardinals. The four shared a laugh after Friday's win as they reminisced on the team's early days — Laberge admits that they weren't exactly stellar players when the group started playing together around the 4th grade — but by 8th grade, the team really picked up steam. As they began to beat middle school teams in Raleigh and Chapel Hill, their confidence and camaraderie grew. "We've all been playing for probably eight years," Laberge said. "This has

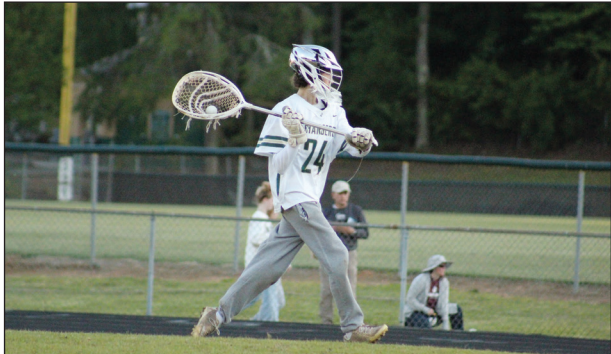


Photo courtesy of Chiara Battista

**Northwood freshman James Flanagan had eight saves Friday in the Chargers' win over Seaforth.**

kind of been the senior class for forever. The fact that we're able to go on a run here in our senior year is pretty good."

Cox said the Chargers made a major jump this past offseason. After a first-round loss in the state playoffs to Williams last spring, the seniors made it a point to take "ownership of the outcome," in their final year with the team.

This season, Northwood honed in on the tiny details — moving the

ball and moving off-ball while playing defense inside-out and on both sides of the ball. They're constantly analyzing and looking for improvements. Even after a 13-point victory, Laberge said the Chargers could have fared better in face-off situations and needed to clean up various offensive possessions.

As part of their leadership, the senior corps also makes it a point to involve their younger players, too. In post-

game interviews, Smith, Laberge, Zelhof and Johnson all shouted out freshman goalie James Flanagan, whose presence on the field exudes confidence in spite of his youth. Cox was also quick to point to Carson Fortunes' rise as a role-player for the team. Fortunes, a junior, is fourth on the team in scoring (39) despite playing lacrosse for just two years.

And, if Fortunes' celebration after slinging in a goal in the third quarter is any indication, the team is hungry for more. Long after Fortune's corn-on-the-cob celebration — the junior picked up his stick and moved his head back and forth in a chomping motion — had ceased, and the Chargers had packed their gear to head for the locker room, Cox stood on the sideline and grinned intently as he made his expectations clear.

"(We want) a state



Photo courtesy of Chiara Battista

**Northwood senior defender Taylor Zelhof (left) hounds a Seaforth attacker in last Friday's win.**

championship," Cox said. "We'll give it our best shot to get there but

a state championship would just be fantastic for these boys."

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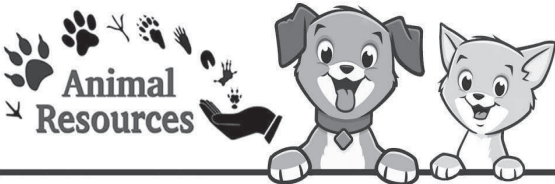
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## TRACK AND FIELD

# Seaforth, Northwood sweep conference championship meets

**BY JEREMY VERNON**  
News + Record Sports  
Editor

Last week was one for the history books for the Northwood track and

field teams.

Competing at the Central 3A Conference championship meet at Eastern Alamance last Thursday, the Chargers swept the team competitions. While

the win marked the girls' second conference title in a row, it was the first time the boys had earned the honor since 1985.

"It was really phenomenal to see them compete,

especially after coming up just short last year. Having most of those guys back and competing was great to see. They worked really hard to get back to this point."

The Charger boys won with a team score of 146, well ahead of second-place Eastern Alamance (14). Northwood saw three boys take first in individual events, led by junior Noah Nielson (800- and 1,600-meter races). Also claiming the top spot in their respective events were senior Ethan Wilson (110-meter hurdles) and senior Jack Nicholson (triple jump). Nicholson's 28 total points earned were the most by any Northwood individual at regionals.

On the girls side, junior Rokia Sissoko took first in the 400-meter race to go with two third-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. In the field events, junior Skylar Adams won the triple jump with a distance of 31 feet, 10 inches. In the pole vault, senior Sophia Cremeans claimed first with a final height of nine feet.

This marked the last tuneup for Northwood ahead of the 3A mid-east regional championships, which take place at Franklinton High on Friday.

## Seaforth sweeps MCC meet

Northwood wasn't the only Chatham County team to sweep its conference championship meets last week. The Seaforth teams also accomplished the feat while competing at their home track last Wednesday.

In the boys competition, four Seaforth athletes — sophomore Will Cuicchi (800-meter), sophomore Jack Anstrom (1,600-meter), freshman Jacob Winger (3,200-meter) and freshman Ryan Yoder (pole vault). The only other county runner to win a boys individual event last Wednesday was Jordan-Matthews' senior Ahmod McCrim-



Staff photo by James Kiefer

**Seaforth sophomore Claire Morgan won the pole vault event at last week's Mid-Carolina Conference championships.**



Staff photo by James Kiefer

**Northwood sophomore Julia Hall placed 10th in the 300-meter hurdles at the Central 3A Conference championships last week.**

mon, who took first in the triple jump.

"On the boys side, we came in knowing that in our events where we had a lot of strengths and a lot of bodies, trying to work with each other was the most important thing," said Seaforth coach Tommy Johnson. "I think you saw that with our pole vaulters and how they supported Ryan Yoder to his win in the pole vault, and then also Jack (Anstrom) doing four events and making sure Jacob (Winger) and Johnson Brekke had good races in the 3,200-meter race."

On the girls side, sophomore Malana Mclean won the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.20 seconds, freshman Cali O'Neill won the 800-meter run and sophomore Claire Morgan won the pole vault.

What stood out the most to Johnson was the way many of his girls grinded out points in

their events, even if they didn't make it on the podium.

"We had so many third-, fourth- and fifth-place finishes," he said. "Our girls were really trying to get us that extra point where they could get it, and that was really what was reflected in the final score."

Also shining in the girls competition was Jordan-Matthews' senior Jasmine Basillo, who took first in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races. The Jets also saw sophomore Rachel Woods win the 400-meter run.

Seaforth will compete as a team this Friday at the 2A mid-east regionals at Franklinton High. Last season, the Hawks placed 11th in the girls competition and seventh in the boys competition.

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## Council on Aging Weekly Activities Calendar

Monday, May 15  
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie**
- 9 a.m. - **Chair Yoga w/Liz**
- 10 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Jackie**
- 11 a.m. - **Activity w/Alan; Senior Games Golf at Siler City Country Club**
- 2 p.m. - **Table Tennis**
- 3 p.m. - **Caregiver Support Group**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **Cornhole; Diabetes Management Support w/Ann Clark**
- 10:30 a.m. - **American Red Cross Volunteer Opportunities**

w/Lesley Ireland

- 2 p.m. - **Geri-Fit**

Tuesday, May 16  
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie**
- 9 a.m. - **3G's Men's Group**
- 10 a.m. - **Woodcarvers; Cardio Drumming; Wal-Mart Shopping Trip (RSVP Jackie)**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Gym Orientation**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Mothers Day Tea and May Birthday Party**
- 11 a.m. - **Chatham Striders Walk & Learn**
- 1 p.m. - **Rummikub**
- 2 p.m. - **Zumba Gold Intro**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Cardio Drumming**
- 9:30 a.m. - **Arthritis Exercises (in-person and Zoom)**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Ping Pong**
- 1 p.m. - **Rook/Phase 10/Rummikub; "Bring Your Own Project" Gathering**
- 2 p.m. - **Fitness Room Orientation**

Wednesday, May 17  
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 10 a.m. - **Chair Yoga w/Liz; Coffee & Games w/Pittsboro Police Department**
- 11 a.m. - **Activity w/Alan**
- 1 p.m. - **Open Art Studio (Memoir Writing w/Jessica Bryan)**
- 2 p.m. - **Intro to Photoshop Class for Seniors (RSVP Alan Russo)**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10:00 a.m. - **Bible Study; Chatham Transit Changes w/Anna Testerman**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Nutrition Education w/Ann Clark**
- 12 p.m. - **Drive-Thru Shredding Event**
- 2 p.m. - **Crafting w/Kathryn**

Thursday, May 18  
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie**
- 9:30 a.m. - **Blood Pressure Clinic**
- 10 a.m. - **Crafts & Chat, Bingo w/Jo**
- 11 a.m. - **Chatham Transit Update w/Anna Testerman**
- 1 p.m. - **Games/Cards**
- 1:30 p.m. - **Line Dancing**
- 3 p.m. - **Gentle Yoga w/Liz**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Men's Coffee & Conversations**
- 9:30 a.m. - **Arthritis Exercises (in-person and Zoom)**
- 10 a.m. - **Bocce & Horseshoes; Music Jam Session;**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Mental Health w/Tammy Curry**
- 1 p.m. - **Book Club**
- 2 p.m. - **Geri-Fit**
- 3 p.m. - **Thursday Social - Mocktails & Trivia**

Friday, May 19  
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie**
- 10 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Jackie**
- 11:15 a.m. - **Stories w/Neriah**
- 1 p.m. - **Games/Euchre**
- 3 p.m. - **Jukebox Live! (Grateful Hearts)**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **Grief Support Group; Beginning Quilting**
- 7 p.m. - **Friday Night Dance (fee required for participation)**

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hanging out and were super excited to watch the team scores come in,” said Seaforth head coach Bobby Stewart. “As those were posted, they began to realize they performed really well as a group. They were pumped.”

Seaforth’s low-scorer Monday was freshman Ty Willoughby, whose score of 73 (+1) earned him medalist honors. The freshman got off to an amazing start and was -3 through 11 holes. Though he gave a few strokes back on the last few holes, the score was more than enough to help the Hawks to the front of the leaderboard.

Sophomore Griffin Ching shot a “well-earned” 75, according to Stewart, while freshman Campbell Meader’s 83 and sophomore Gray Stewart’s 86 rounded out Seaforth’s scores.

The Hawks were still eager to get practice time in even after completing their regional rounds yesterday. Many of them were disappointed in their individual performances and wanted to work on their games.

“No sooner had we gotten back in the parking lot to leave yesterday, but several of them were ready to go play again and were making plans to do it,” Stewart said.

That eagerness will serve the Hawks well as the prepare to compete in the 2A state championships, which will take place Monday and Tuesday at Longleaf Golf & Family Club in Southern Pines. Seaforth’s competitors will play two 18-hole rounds over the course of the tournament, a big jump from the 18 they played this Monday and the nine they normally

played during regular season matches.

While Stewart believes his team is in good spirits entering the state championships, he knows it will be a test of strength for his players’ minds and bodies.

“I think it will be a grueling mental test for these guys, just to perform at a high level for two whole days,” Stewart said. From a physical perspective, it’s going to be hot, and the course is going to be tough, but I like our mental fortitude, and I like the fight these guys displayed (Monday), in particular. I’m excited to see what they’re going to do, and I know they’re

super excited to have this opportunity.”

While Northwood didn’t qualify for states as a team, junior Patrick Baquero earned a spot in the 3A state championships thanks to his performance at the 3A mid-east regionals Monday. Baquero played his regional round at Highland Country Club in Fayetteville. He will compete this upcoming Monday and Tuesday at the “Red” course at Fox-fire Golf Club, just west of Pinehurst.

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# STATE

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The Bears also have a dominant pitcher in the circle in senior Mary Gaines, who is 15-2 this season with a 1.12 ERA and 79 strikeouts in 69 innings pitched. Last season, Gaines totaled just 59 strikeouts across 69.1 innings.

Jordan-Matthews was the lone county school to make the 2A tournament. The Jets (17-4) are arguably the hottest team in the area, as they entered the playoffs coming off a win over Chatham Central in last weekend’s Mid-Carolina Conference

tournament final.


In that game, junior Logan Gunter was 2-2 with a home run, a double and three RBI. Freshman Lilli Hicks was 3-for-4 at the plate and threw six innings on the mound, allowing two hits and three runs while striking out three batters.


Jordan-Matthews’ 17 wins entering the state playoffs are its most in a single season since going 19-7 overall back in 2017. The Jets earned the No. 8 seed in the 2A east and played Bartlett Yancey at home Tuesday night. In two previous meetings with Bartlett Yancey this season, J-M was 1-1 —

winning 12-5 on March 31 and losing 10-8 on April 25. If the Jets won Tuesday’s game, they will play in the second round Friday at home vs. either South Columbus or Farmville Central.


Making the 3A tournament for the second year in a row, Northwood earned the No. 32 seed in the 3A east and had to face top-seeded Richlands on the road Tuesday night.

The Chargers entered the state playoffs with an overall record of 5-17. Head coach Jesse Mann’s team has been hindered by injuries and a very tough conference slate.





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GIRLS LACROSSE

# Northwood girls continue playoff run

**BY JEREMY VERNON**  
News + Record Sports Editor

For the first time in program history, the Northwood girls lacrosse team has made it past the second round of the state tournament.

The Chargers (11-6) did so by defeating Wilson Fike, 22-1, last Thursday in their first game of the 1A/2A/3A playoffs. Head coach Larry Fritsche's team came into Tuesday's third-round matchup with West Brunswick (game occurred after press time) having won three straight games overall and with a home record this

year of 7-3.

Northwood finished the regular season at 10-6 overall and was third in their conference standings behind Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill with an 8-4 league record. The Chargers have averaged 14.4 goals per game this season while allowing their opponents 10.9 per contest.

The Chargers' high-powered attack is led by senior Mia Collins, who entered Tuesday's game with a team-high 74 goals. Junior Ryan Tinervin had 53 goals and 12 assists, while senior Grace Costa chipped in 48 goals and a team-

high 25 assists. Costa also led the team in both ground balls (102) and draw controls (75).

Last spring, Northwood won its first-round playoff game against Laney before losing in the second round to Holly Springs. Things are looking up for the program as a whole after compiling an overall record of 5-21 in their first three seasons from 2019 to 2021.

If the Chargers won their Tuesday game at home against West Brunswick, they will play either J.H. Rose or Carrboro in the fourth round at home on Friday. While Northwood hasn't played J.H. Rose this

season, the Chargers did defeat Carrboro, 21-9, back on April 24.

Chatham County's other girls lacrosse team, Seaforth, lost its second-round playoff game to Union Pines, 17-2, last Thursday. The Hawks finished the year with an overall record of 3-11, with two wins coming against Riverside-Durham and the other against Jordan High.

This was Seaforth's first season as a program. The Hawks will likely be back with a vengeance next spring as they continue to gel together and learn the game.

Head coach Charles Davis

expects his entire roster to return in 2024. Among those who will be back for Seaforth next spring are freshman Renee Rizvi (28 goals, seven assists), sophomore Jessica deBerjeois (22 goals, one assist) and freshman Mia Moore (22 goals, nine assists).

Northwood won both meetings with Seaforth this season. The Chargers defeated the Hawks, 19-4, back on March 6 and by a score of 20-8 on March 29.

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## PLAYOFFS

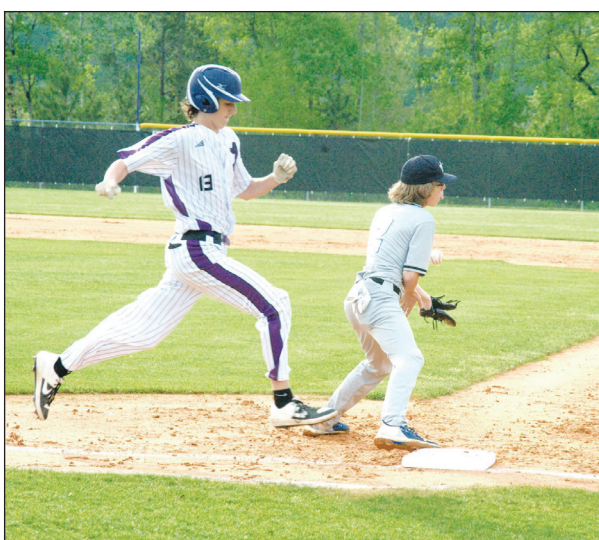
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go with 17 RBI.

Chatham Central (14-7 overall) finished the regular season third in the Mid-Carolina Conference standings and lost in the first round of the conference tournament to Seaforth. The Bears have now won at least 14 games in four of the past six seasons under head coach Brett Walden.

Central's top batter this season has been sophomore Matthew Murchison, who is hitting .400 and leads the team in both hits (28) and RBI (33). Murchison's seven triples are more than any other player in the county this season.

On the mound, junior Anthony Lopossay and junior Wesley Clewis have combined to go 8-4 with a 2.26 ERA and 111 strikeouts against 29 walks in 87.2 total



File photo by David Bradley

**Chatham Charter junior Jonah Ridgill (13) is hitting .477 with 21 hits and nine RBI so far this spring.**

innings.

Northwood was one of the final teams left out of the 3A state tournament. The Chargers were No. 36 in the 3A east in the final RPI rankings after going 7-15 during the regular season.

The Chargers, who will graduate eight

seniors this offseason, were led offensively by senior Seth Davis, who hit .311 with 19 hits and eight RBI.

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## CHATHAM SCHOOL BOARD

# Year-round school found not feasible in Siler City, study finds

**BY BEN RAPPAPORT**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Results of a study examining the possibility of a year-round school model for three Siler City schools feeding into Jordan-Matthews High School was presented before the school board Monday night.

The potential year-round model would provide an alternative to the traditional school calendar by providing nine weeks of instruction and three-week breaks throughout the year instead of the traditional long summer breaks and shorter winter and spring breaks.

Some studies from education consulting groups have shown the year-round model can mitigate summer learning loss and reduce staff and teacher fatigue in schools. Chatham County Schools examined the idea after being approached by principals in the Siler City area about the possibility prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Amanda Moran, CCS assistant superintendent for academic services, presented the study to the board during its monthly meeting Monday, the first such meeting at the new CCS Central Services Building on Renaissance Drive in Pittsboro.

The study concluded that the year-round model was not feasible in Siler City, primarily due to understaffing at community partner organizations and lack of community support.

According to a community survey conducted during the study, which received more than 550 responses from parents and residents, 47.8% of the community would not support the year-round model in Siler City. While a majority of respondents, 55.2% said they would support the model, other factors weighed into the feasibility study.

One such factor was childcare needs changes due to calendar shifts. The community survey asked if parents would need child care assistance, which 41.3% said they would need. Community partners — including the local YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, Communities In Schools of Chatham County and Hispanic Liaison — would help with childcare, but staffing issues at those partnerships has been an issue. Some of those partners reported to CCS that they may not have the necessary staff to support childcare

needs, based on the community survey.

After presenting the findings to the school board Monday night, Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson and other school board members agreed that the threshold of support would need to be close to 70-80% approval for the district to move forward with the year-round model.

He said, however, year-round school is something he would like to continue to explore because it provides options for families in the area. According to Jackson, Chatham County is the only school in the surrounding area without a public year-round school option.

"If I'm thinking about moving my family here and I want year-round, well part of that decision has already been made for me," Jackson said. "I think it's about giving our families, and future families, options in the Chatham school system."

As the district anticipates future growth, Moran told the board that consultants recommended the school board consider further study of innovative school models to include year-round calendar, magnet, or choice schools for staff and families. No official action was taken on this item.

**Other business**

- The school board approved official commencement dates for the 2023 school year. Graduation dates are as follows: Chatham School of Science and Engineering: 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, at the Agriculture & Conference Center (Pittsboro). Northwood High School: 10 a.m., Friday, June 9, at the Northwood Football Stadium. Chatham Central High School: 7 p.m., Friday, June 9, at the CCHS Football Stadium. Jordan-Matthews High School: 10 a.m., Saturday, June 10, at the J-M Football Stadium.
- Eight CCS students were chosen to attend N.C. Governor's School this summer. The four-week summer residential program is for gifted and talented high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts and unique courses. The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and does not involve credit, tests or grades. The CCS students attending are Marissa Kurz, Rokia Sissoko, and Christian Smith Pumalpa from Northwood High School; Andrey Ureña-Secena, Jacqueline Basilio, and Brooklin Quee from Jordan-Matthews High

## Teachers, get your applications in for a Bright Ideas education grant!

Teachers, are you looking for new opportunities to fund projects for your classroom? Central Electric is awarding up to \$15,000 in Bright Ideas education grants to local educators in K-12 classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year.

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POOL PROBLEMS

# Siler City looking for lifeguards to work at Bray Park this summer

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The town of Siler City is looking to hire lifeguards and pool managers for the Bray Park swimming pool for this summer, but Town Manager Hank Raper said finding people to fill the roles has been difficult.

“This is a learning year for us,” he said. “This is kind of a trial year to figure out the challenges of running it ourselves, what we need to do to be competitive, what hiring practices and recruitment efforts are most effective.”

Lifeguard shortages have been prevalent across the country, and Siler City is no exception. These shortages have been felt at all kinds of aquatic facilities, but according to a report from Sports Destination Management, municipal pools have struggled the most. Of the 300,000 public pools in the U.S.,

nearly 50% were impacted by the shortage and were forced to limit hours of operation or services.

Prior to this summer, the Siler City Board of Commissioners approved a request to terminate a contract with Carolina Pool Management, a company that handled the hiring of lifeguards, pool management and other pool operations.

Raper said the decision was made because the contract price increased dramatically, and it would cost the town less to hire their own staff.

“I think that was a good decision — we’ve hired a recreation coordinator who’s helping out with the pool and also going to lead us on special events going forward,” Raper said. “The challenge has been being able to hire the part-time, seasonal staff that we need to get to get this process off the ground.”

While the town has managed to hire several seasonal staff for

the pool, Raper said to provide the best quality service, more lifeguards are needed.

Incentives have been established to recruit more lifeguards, including a \$15 to \$16 hourly wage.

“We’ll pay 100% of all training and certification costs,” Raper said. “We also provide the uniforms so it’s no out of pocket expense.”

The requirements to become a lifeguard include a certification, and being able to pass a swim test. The certification classes for lifeguarding include 25 hours of trainings, which includes learning about CPR and First Aid skills, along with other important topics. The applicants must be at least 15 years old and must be able to work in the U.S.

Despite the incentives in place, there is one major caveat the town has faced when trying to find people to work over the summer.

“One of our arrangements with getting out of our prior contract was we have a one year non compete from people who previously worked with Carolina Pool Management, so we can’t hire the people who worked with us last year,” Raper said. “We’ve got to find our own team of people for this season, but we’re struggling to get people interested and involved.”

With the clause from the Carolina Pool Management contract, Raper is unable to hire anyone

who worked for the pool last summer. There is, however, a different kind of incentive for those who may look for fulltime employment after a summer at the pool.

Raper said if lifeguards, pool managers or other seasonal staff perform well and were interested in a fulltime career with the town, there are vacancies they could fulfill. The departments with the most vacancies are with the water and wastewater treatment plants, both of which

don’t require a college degree to work there.

“Not every job in the town requires someone with a college degree,” Raper said. “If you’re coming out of high school, we’ll give you will get you started with a job, and we’ll pay for the trainings and certifications you need for that, too ... These vacancies could be filled by someone we hire for the summer.”

If residents are interested in applying to be a lifeguard, they can go to [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) to apply.



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## Farm Bureau Scholarship Dinner

Chatham County Farm Bureau recognized six Chatham County high school seniors during a celebration Monday at Best Foods Cafeteria in Siler City. The scholarship program was designed to award students who want to have a future in agriculture. Four \$2,000 scholarships were given to those attending a four-year university and two \$1,000 scholarships were given to those attending a community college program. Shown, from left: Herbert Gaines (board member), Phil Gowins (board member), Matthew Sullivan (\$2,000), Sarah Emrich (\$2,000), Hasten Paige (\$2,000), Kallie Phillips (\$2,000), Connor Hammer (\$1,000), Charlotte Reece Cobia (\$1,000), Lynn Mann (board member) and Barton Mitchell (Chatham County Farm Bureau President).

# Siler City officials attend Chatham Chamber’s Development Debriefing

From the town of Siler City

Town of Siler City Mayor Thomas “Chip” Price III outlined the recent and future growth in Siler City during the Chatham Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Development Briefing on Wednesday, May 3.

Special emphasis was placed on the current Wolf-speed project, the downtown revitalization efforts made by the Wrenn Family, affordable housing projects on Campus Drive, which is currently under construction with 72 affordable housing units, as well as upcoming housing projects

just approved by the board of commissioners. Those projects include Fox Haven located off Lane Jordan Road, which will bring over 700 housing units, as well as Serenity Estates, which will bring more than 214 units.

The Town of Siler City also has over \$43 million current utility projects in process, including upgrades and improvements to the water plant expansion, the Chatham Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) site water tank infrastructure, water meter replacement and the Loves Creek flood study.

Town Manager Hank Raper along with Town

Clerk and Communications Specialist Kimberly Pickard, joined Price at the development briefing.

“It was a very informative morning with many great leaders and representatives from corporations like Mountaire Farms making Chatham County a thriving place to live and do business,” Pickard said.

“This event celebrated the growth and development throughout Siler City and Chatham County as a whole,” Raper said. “These are exciting times, and it is wonderful to have the opportunity to recognize the positive transformation coming our way.”

## STUDY

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School; and Estafani Merdia Lopez and Sara Turner from the Chatham School of Science and Engineering.

• Seaforth High School sophomore Kyle Stinson presented an update on his Student Leadership Academy. Stinson developed a curriculum for elementary school students to develop leadership skills. He told the school board the program yielded positive results, with students feeling empowered and excited.

“I expected to learn about how to be a leader, but I did not expect it to be this fun,” one student testimony from the program said.

Stinson said he would continue to develop the program during his next two years at Seaforth to continue helping

students.

• The board unanimously approved a new universal free breakfast program across CCS. This means breakfast will now be available for free to all students. The change does result in a \$.50 increase in daily lunch costs, to a total of \$4. This will result in savings of \$250 per year, per student if they participate in both meal services daily. Additionally, student meal debt will decrease across the district as a result of this change. CCS Chief Financial Officer Tony Messer said the change would result in some lost revenues, but the benefit to students’ health and wellbeing far outweighs the cost.

The next Chatham Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, at the CCS Central Services Board Room in Pittsboro located at 468 Renaissance Drive.

## Are You Protected From Disability Risk?

Like many people, you may try to stay healthy by exercising regularly, following a good diet and avoiding dangerous activities. But as we all know, life is unpredictable, and despite your best efforts, you may encounter an injury or illness that can leave you unable to work for several months — or longer. If this happened, would you have difficulty paying your bills? Or would you be forced to dip into investments meant to help you achieve long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement?

To help prevent these outcomes, you may want to protect yourself against the possibility of a disability. One good move is to build an emergency fund containing up to six months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Even if you never need this fund for a disability, it’s hardly a wasted effort, because you could use the funds for other unexpected costs, such as a major repair to your home or car.

But to feel truly prepared for a disability that could threaten your financial situation, you may also need to consider disability insurance. If you work for a mid-size or large company, your employer may offer group coverage as an employee benefit. This coverage can be valuable, but it may not be sufficient. For one thing, many employer-sponsored disability policies won’t fully replace your lost income. Also, some group policies may make you wait longer than you’d like before your benefits kick in. And these policies aren’t always “portable,” either — if you leave your job, you might also be leaving behind your disability plan.

For these reasons, you may want to consider purchasing a long-term disability insurance policy. However, the features of these policies vary greatly, so you’ll want to be diligent in choosing the policy that’s right for you.

What are the key features to compare among policies? For openers, look at the type of policy — is it noncancelable or guaranteed

renewable? With a noncancelable policy, the terms and premiums can’t be changed, but a guaranteed renewable policy can increase premiums.

Here are some other features to consider:

- Coverage amount — How much will you receive in benefits? You may be able to replace up to 100% of your after-tax income.
- Waiting period — How much time must pass from the onset of your disability until you start receiving benefits?

- Benefit duration — How long will you receive benefits? To protect against a long-term disability, you might want a policy that replaces income until your planned retirement age.

- Inflation coverage — How much will your benefits increase each year? Ideally, you’d like your benefits to keep pace with inflation and keep up with what you might receive from future salary increases or promotions.

- Definition of disability — If you choose an “Own Occupation” policy, you’ll receive benefits if you can’t work at the job you had when you became disabled. With an “Any Occupation” policy, you’ll receive benefits if you can’t work at any job based on your qualifications.

Clearly, there’s much to consider when choosing a disability policy. You might want to consult with a financial professional, who can help you pick a policy that fits within your overall financial strategy. But don’t wait too long — you may never need to use this protection, but you might like having it available.

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# POLICE REPORTS

From Chatham County Sheriff's Office

On April 26, John Monroy-Pulido, 32, of 23 Glendale Drive, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Zackary Gross for resisting, delaying and obstructing-non-physical, delaying, obstructing, and trespassing. He was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 24.

On April 30, Michael Alan Phillips, 50, of 2682 Mt. View Church Road, Moncure, was arrested by Deputy Conner Bussey for out-of-state fugitive warrant. He was issued a \$25,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 17.

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On April 30, Anthony Michael Colonello, 49, of 200 Vander Oldham Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Tyler Clark for assault and battery. He was issued a written promise to appear and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 23.

On May 1, Milvia J. Villatoro-Velasquez, 20, was arrested by Cpl. Robert Pelkey for simple assault and resisting a public officer. She was held on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 17.

On May 2, Milvia Villatoro-Velasquez, 20, of 477

Brittany Lane, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Conner Bussey for felony conspiracy, identity theft, and financial card theft. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 15.

On May 2, John Edwin Wackerhagen, 40, of 2900 Trice Atwater Road, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Jessie Taub for failure to appear-release order. He was issued a \$1,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on May 24.

On May 2, Michael Anthony Webster, 30, of 3006

River Forks Road, Sanford, was arrested by SSgt. Chris Burger for assault on a female. He was held on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 17.

On May 3, April Nicole Bain, 43, of 361 Old U.S. 1, Moncure, was arrested by Deputy Zaid Saleh for true bill of indictment. She was issued a \$10,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Catawba County District Court in Newton on May 8.

On May 6, Billy Wayne Temple, 47, of 79 Pinecrest Drive, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Reid Allshouse for assault on a female. He was held on a 48-

hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 17.

On May 8, Charles Phillip Trotter, 46, of 1304 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Chris Scales for indecent liberties with a child, sexual battery, manufacturing marijuana, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, possession of marijuana, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for drugs, and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was issued a \$150,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 15.

## Immigrant Community Advisory Committee discusses transportation, housing and communication

BY VALERIA CLOËS  
News + Record Intern

SILER CITY — The Immigrant Community Advisory Committee (ICAC) met last Wednesday to discuss three main topics to help the immigrant community of Siler City.

ICAC, composed of Chairperson Hanania Benitez, Vice Chairperson Norma Jisselle Perdomo, Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez and Victoria Navarro, with Siler City Community Development Director Jack Meadows talked through transportation, housing and communication.

These three topics are part of their "2023 Priority List of Recommendations," which will be presented to the Siler City Board of Commissioners in December to better serve immigrant residents.

### Transportation concerns

The committee, which has not met since March 8 due to lack of quorum — which means there wasn't enough committee members able to attend — started by discussing transportation, specifically pedestrian transportation.

ICAC acknowledged in its March meeting there are transportation projects in the works, specifically the Third Street rerouting project, but there are other areas in Siler City not as safe and accessible to pedestrians, Navarro said.

They consulted a list of priority projects created by the town of Siler City at a Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization meeting, which was then scored by N.C. Dept. of Transportation

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WHEN: 2023-2024 School Year

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The Irregulars in awe of the ring Wiggins managed to pickpocket. The moment was part of the performance at The Plant in Pittsboro on Saturday.



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The cast of 'Sherlock Holmes and the 1st Baker Street Irregular' celebrate their performance at The Plant Saturday.

# 'Sherlock Holmes' uncovers community in Pittsboro

CN+R Staff Reports

PITTSBORO — While the play itself was a mystery, one thing that wasn't hard to find on Saturday was joy. The Pittsboro Youth Players performed their first ever show at The Plant in Pittsboro on Saturday night. "Sherlock Holmes and the 1st Baker Street Irregular" drew more than 130 guests to the venue to watch the inaugural performance. "The experience of watching this group of actors perform

for all their friends and family members Saturday night left my heart so full," said Laura Sandvik, executive director of Pittsboro Youth Players. "They pulled off a strong show after just ten rehearsals in my living room, dining room or on the deck. They hadn't even stepped foot in the performance space until Saturday morning." After the great detective Sherlock Holmes solved the case on Saturday, Sandvik offered space for the cast to host a community talkback. An audience of

friends, family and community members shared feedback with the actors. Actors also shared how much they valued being able to perform on stage and keep their theater community together, Sandvik said. The ragtag show was put together after Pittsboro Youth Theater announced it would close in January. Sandvik and a group of dedicated young thespians decided they needed to take the stage in whatever capacity possible. Sandvik offered up her Pittsboro home

as a rehearsal space. She also enlisted the help of Artistic Director Samuel Walker Jr. Sandvik credits Walker's wisdom and a model of "trust the process," for Saturday's successful performance. "I could not have asked for a better cast or creative team," Walker said following the performance. "I am so proud of each and every person who helped makes this production possible." The experience of making the show come to life has in-

spired the two of them to work toward starting a new youth theater in Chatham County under the name Circle City Theatre Company. The company aims to begin programming in the fall. "My heart is completely full," Walker added. "I am still trying to find the words to help me sum up just how impactful this past Saturday was. 'Sherlock Holmes and the 1st Baker Street Irregular' left a strong imprint on the hearts and minds of Pittsboro."

## The Salvation Army of Chatham County moves into a new facility

From Salvation Army of Chatham County

The Salvation Army of Chatham County has signed a new leasing agreement and will be moving into its new location at 126 Village Lake Rd, Siler City, NC 27344. The move officially began on March 25 with the Open House scheduled for May 18.

The Salvation Army of Chatham County has been serving the county since 1984 with a goal to Do the Most Good for those in need, when the need is greatest. "We are thrilled with the new location and look forward to many more years helping the citizens of Chatham County" says Captain Chris Raymer, corps

officer for The Salvation Army of Chatham County. "During the last few years, especially with the Pandemic, many individuals continued to reach out for immediate needs, and our desire has always been to meet those needs without discrimination. We are grateful to continue serving with this new location."

We additionally are seeking help from volunteers to assist in handling upcoming events. Please contact us today about current volunteer opportunities with The Salvation Army of Chatham County along with our seasonal opportunities such as Bell Ringing and Angel Tree. If you are planning on attending, please

contact Rebecca Sommer-Petersen at [Rebecca.Sommer-Petersen@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Rebecca.Sommer-Petersen@uss.salvationarmy.org) today. For more information on The Salvation Army of Chatham County or to schedule an interview, please contact Nathan Lawson by emailing: [nathan.lawson@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:nathan.lawson@uss.salvationarmy.org)

## COMMITTEE

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(NCDOT). "DOT uses that scoring to help fund transportation projects," Meadows said. These projects have an estimated cost range between \$600,000 and \$3 million. Those scored projects, however, differ from the priorities of the community. If some of these pedestrian projects make it onto the State Transportation Improvement Plan, the federal government would provide 80% of funding and the state would provide the last 20%, Meadows said.

However, if projects are not placed in this plan, local funding would need to be sought out, he said. Meadows said to have local funding — for example private funding or grants — for future pedestrian projects, the committee could focus on the community priority list. Benitez proposed to call it "Community Priority Projects." But to get funding from the state, they would need to abide by the NCDOT priority list.

### Plans to address housing

The committee then turned its attention to housing issues, with a

focus on housing discrimination and rent cap plans. Benitez gave an example of a community member who had their rent raised twice in a year without fixes being made to their home, highlighting the issue of rising rent prices in the area. "A lot of immigrant community members are very vulnerable to these kinds of situations," Benitez said. Rent is increasing in Pittsboro, and residents are being forced to move to Siler City. This, in turn, raises rent in town, pushing out residents who can no longer afford the prices, Benitez said.

The immigrant community is particularly susceptible in these cases, she added. Benitez suggested reaching out to the immigrant community and encouraging them to share their experiences of discrimination — especially regarding housing — with the board of commissioners. This would encourage Siler City Commissioners to advocate and support victims of discrimination, Benitez said.

### Crucial communication

The ICAC's conversation surrounding housing segued to communication because, for some non-English speakers, it can be hard

to communicate with the town without access to documents in their native language. Documents available in English should also be available in Spanish and other languages to prepare for the new wave of immigrants making their way to the community with the county's expanding business landscape, Benitez said. Benitez mentioned the Language Access Plan, which "requires Federal agencies to examine the services they provide, identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency (LEP), and develop and implement a system to provide those services so LEP persons can have meaningful access to them," according to Lim-

ited English Proficiency. ICAC can recommend to the town commissioners to start preparing through the Language Access Plans — which already has several guides for addressing communication challenges — for a higher influx of non-English speaking residents, Benitez said. These conversations will help ICAC come up with a formal list of recommendations to present to the town commissioners in December 2023. ICAC's next meeting will be on 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, in the courtroom at Siler City Town Hall.

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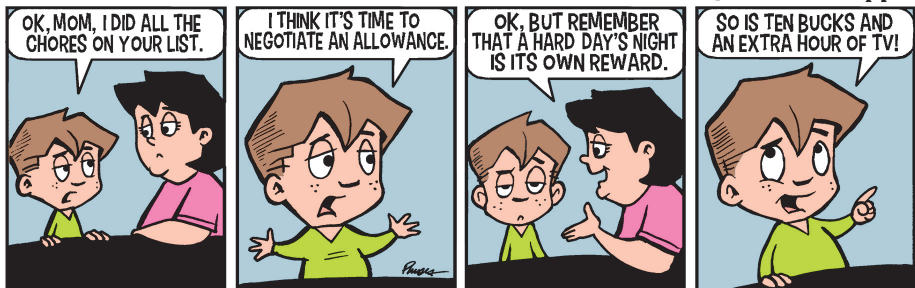
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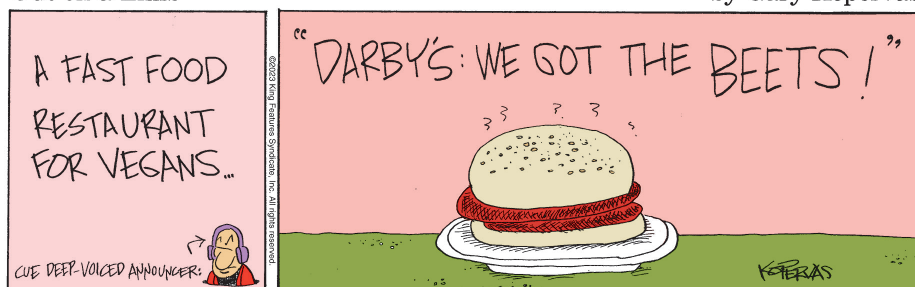
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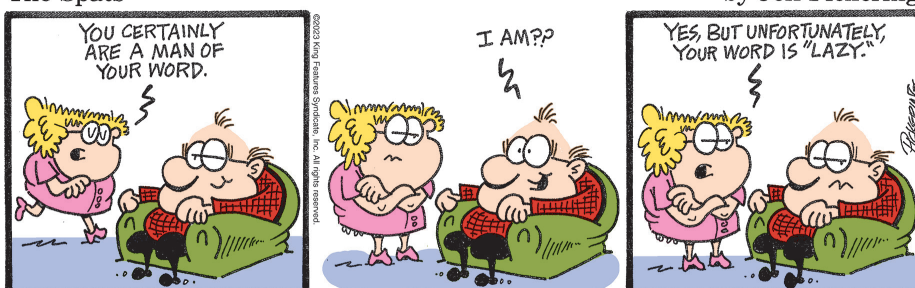
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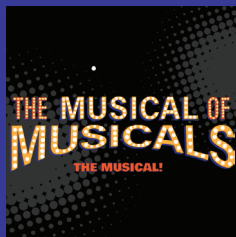
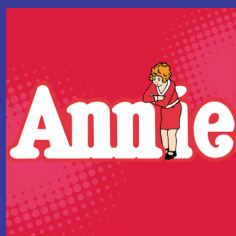
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7 Blue toon	2 Boding sign
12 Hubbubs	3 Signals "OK"
16 Honorary deg. for a jurist	4 Lucy's Amaz
19 Unicellular organism	5 House
20 Subdued, with "down"	
21 Receives a salary, say	
23 Boston baseballers	
24 Verb form in "I used to solve puzzles," e.g.	
26 Position of advantage	
28 Stuff in some viral genes	
29 How — (manuals)	
30 Detroit-to-Philly dir.	
31 Job opening	
33 Literary finale	
36 War deity	
40 Pre — (replace)	
44 What's allotted in soccer when a player is hurt	
46 Sell in stores	
49 Thinned out	
51 Bohemian lager	
52 "Fathers and Sons" novelist	
54 Notion, in Nice	
55 Story	
56 Lions' locale	
57 L-Q linkup	
58 "Little" co-star Rae	
62 In the best-case scenario	
65 Sibling who looks the same	
68 Japanese menu item	
69 Fall mo.	
70 Suffix of superlatives	
71 Korean, e.g.	
72 Molar requiring extraction, maybe	
76 Title for Gandhi	
78 "Good Will Hunting" director Gus Van —	
79 Virtuosos	
80 Screening airport org.	
81 Oddies	
82 Love deity	
83 Dog with a reddish, wiry coat	
88 Beirut's land	
92 Barney Fife portrayer Don	
93 Charred	
94 Retreat in the clouds	
96 Downs food	
98 Good friends	
99 River mouth features	
100 From scratch	
102 Horse's kin	
105 San Francisco's — Valley	
106 Aged	
107 Invention of Rorschach	
115 Painful podiatric problem	
119 Geronimo's people	
120 2003-16 Cowboys quarterback	
121 Large spoon	
122 "Peanuts" girl	
123 Former United rival	
124 Has —	
125 Lectern, e.g.	
126 Group of PC experts ... or what this puzzle's 10 theme answers are?	
6 "Wailing" instruments	
7 Rouse	
8 NYC cultural center	
9 Like many insensitive jokes	
10 Smells awful	
11 32nd prez	
12 Will Smith's role in "Men in Black"	
13 Ten: Prefix	
14 Hitter Mel	
15 Concorde, e.g., in brief	
16 Ointment base	
17 Thin, supple and graceful	
18 34th prez	
22 — fours (teacakes)	
25 Fern leaf prop	
32 "Salt" co-star Schreiber	
33 Port city near Buffalo, NY	
34 TV's Gomer	
35 Neighbor of Belg.	
36 Grande of pop, to fans	
37 Gun, as an engine	
38 Greek vowel	
39 Christmas party headwear	
41 Fuel efficiency stat	
42 Forecasts	
43 Found on a radio dial	
45 "What's —?" (Bugs Bunny's greeting)	
47 Like tilted type	
48 Break in the action	
50 State bird of Hawaii	
53 Marina del —	
54 Beginning ltr.	
57 Volcano in Calif.	
58 "We're in danger here!"	
59 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"	
60 Thailand, once	
61 Noted visitor to 60-Down	
62 Wife of Osiris	
63 Part of Russia's parliament	
64 Fox Sports competitor	
66 Webpage	
67 Pakistani city	
69 Lyric poems	
73 Occult cards	
74 Low-budget, in adpeak	
75 Other, in Oviedo	
76 Wrestling pad	
77 Stein drinks	
82 "Watermark" singer	
83 Apropos of 84 33rd prez	
85 Radio host	
86 Japanese menu item	
87 Tpk.s., e.g.	
88 Comea cover	
89 Still, at this late date	
90 Salami alternative	
91 Vein's cousin	
92 Japanese fencing style	
95 Sam of Sam's Club	
97 Actor Mineo	
101 Be victorious in "Same goes for me"	
103 "Same goes for me"	
104 Honoree on Mar. 17	
106 "I'm buying"	
108 Zilch	
109 Potter's oven	
110 Ran, as dye	
111 Sharp-lasting	
112 Brutus' "Behold!"	
113 Actor	
114 Burst (with)	
115 Hairy sitcom cousin	
116 Celestial ball	
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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by Linda Thistle

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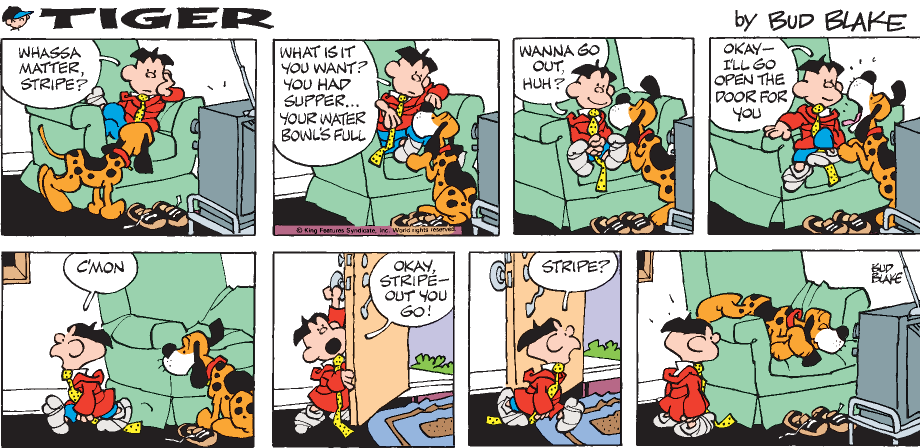
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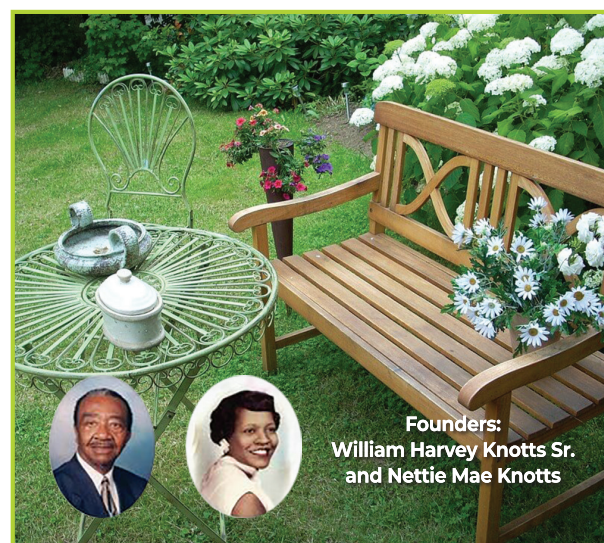
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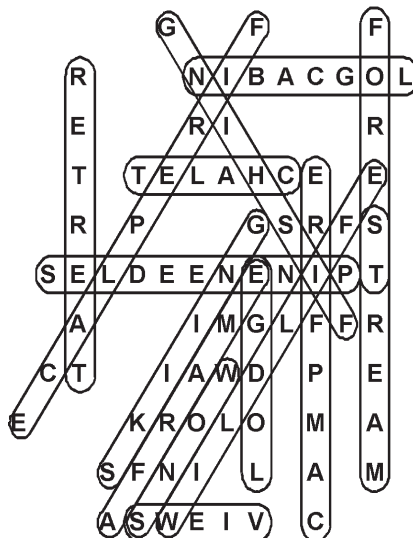
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**DEBBIE MATTHEWS**  
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Large sheet pan with a cooling rack on it

2 pairs tongs

Set oven to lowest temp, place pan, and cooling rack inside. Place flour in one shallow pan, buttermilk in another. Heavily season buttermilk with salt and pepper. Place both near cooktop. Remove chicken from fridge and set on plate near flour and buttermilk.

Place skillet on burner and fill to 1/3 full with clean vegetable oil. Heat to 350°.

As oil comes to temp, begin breading tenders, but not before; the buttermilk activates the leavening in the flour. If you prebread, the leavening will have been exhausted and you won't get the light uber-crispy texture in the finished product.

Using one pair of tongs for the coating and one to handle the cooked chicken, coat each piece in flour, buttermilk, and then again in the flour. Place four tenders at a time in oil, turning burner up slightly so the temp doesn't drop too much. Cook until golden brown. Flip, and cook other side until golden.

Place cooked chicken in oven to keep warm until all of the tenders are cooked.

Serve with honey mustard, ranch dressing, dip of choice, or a spritz of fresh lemon juice. A green salad is a good side for this fried dish of which you will probably overindulge.

### Country Style Steak

Mushroom Gravy

Roux:

2 sticks butter

1 ½ cups flour

Melt butter in small skillet and stir in flour until there are no clumps. Turn on very low and cook until it turns the color of peanut butter. Take off heat and set aside.

Gravy:

1 ½ pounds mushrooms, cleaned and sliced

1 large yellow onion, sliced into half moons

3 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil

3 teaspoons fresh thyme

1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, chopped very finely

2 tablespoons tomato paste (I buy it in the tube for these kinds of things)

1 cup dry sherry

1 tablespoon horseradish

6 cups beef stock

Roux

Salt and pepper

Heat a very large Dutch oven to medium.

Add butter or oil, mushrooms, onions, thyme and rosemary. Season and stir to coat veg in fat. Cover and cook for about 10 minutes or until the vegetables are swimming in the liquid they have released.

Uncover and cook on medium-high until the liquid has cooked off and the veg are lightly browned.

Add tomato paste and stir to distribute. When the stuff on the bottom (called fond) has turned dark red, deglaze pan with sherry. When almost all of the sherry has cooked off, add stock and bring to a boil.

Add roux one large spoonful at a time and stir in before adding the next spoonful. Keep adding and stirring until the gravy is thick enough for your taste.

Check for seasoning and reseason if needed. Take off burner but leave on stove.

Steak

3 pounds cube steak

4 cups flour

6 eggs

Vegetable oil for pan frying

Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 285°.

Make two-part dredge; place highly seasoned flour in a large shallow pan. Beat eggs and pour them into another shallow pan.

Heat a large heavy skillet to medium high, add a couple of tablespoons of oil. (You will have to keep adding oil as you cook the steaks, as the flour will suck it up.)

One at a time, coat steak in flour, egg, then flour again. Place in frying pan and cook on each side until just browned — They will finish cooking in the oven.

As they finish browning, add to the large pot of gravy until they are all cooked and in the gravy.

Cover Dutch oven and place in preheated oven.

Cook for 1 ½ hours until they are so tender you don't need a knife to cut them.

Serve with some type of starch (rice, mashed potatoes, egg noodles, or even grits.

Serves 5-6.

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